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August 16, 2019

New Staff

A huge welcome to:

- Moe Imran the new Finance Controller.
- Mr. Raymond Mba the new Principal for Nus Wadeezulh School.

Lands and Stewardship Department

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In an effort to keep everyone safe and sound the Lands Department has “Berry Picking Kits” available for families of Takla Nation. The idea for these kits came out of a forestry meeting in January where it was identified that Takla Members face REAL health and safety issues when picking berries along the side of forestry roads. The kits have orange pylons and signs along with a flag that will let road users know that Takla Members are exercising their Aboriginal Rights in picking berries or collecting medicine or plants, etc. While this rain is a bummer for playing outside it is giving the berries a beautiful juiciness, so get out AND get picking!

Please contact Tessa at 250-645-4400 for more information or to arrange your berry kit pick up.

Emergency / Fire Safety update

For Emergency Preparedness I have been working with EMBC and the Bulkley Nechako Regional District to ensure that if assistance is required we can call on them. They have expressed their interest to support Takla Nation when called upon and coordinated with EMBC. The same agreement is also being worked on with the City of Prince George, to help with Emergency Support Services and to also include Takla Nation during the activation of their ESS Reception Centers.

Fire Department Operations: We are applying for funding that will go towards the purchase of Specialized wildfire equipment like Sprinkler home protection kits and





portable water tank / pump kits. I am working on the training program that will be delivered at weekly fire practices for volunteers that sign up. Information sessions and practices are to begin in September after community members return from seasonal harvesting.

If community members are interested in joining the fire department, please contact me at the Takla administration office or at firesafety@taklafn.ca and we can talk about training and how you can contribute to community safety.

Head start Program

We are pleased to share that the long-awaited Head Start building project will be starting soon in the community. Chief and Council along with the committee has been hard at work these past months working with plans, applications and awarding of contracts to make this a reality for the Nation. Over the next few weeks, there will be some preparation work starting in the community by the school. The plan is to remove some of the older buildings around the school area where the former Band Office exists. This will involve demolition of these structures and removal from the area to create more parking space and an open feel at both the school and the new Head Start building. A crew will begin some preparation work on the old band office next week, and then we will have demolition start on August 12, 2019. To keep the workplace safe, please ensure that any traffic or children are kept at a distance while this work happens.

We will continue to update you on the progress as it happens.

Student Registration

Student registration is scheduled to start on August 26, 2019. The plan is that the Nus Wadeezulh School staff will go house to house within that week and get the registration done.

Internet Users

Internet users in Takla will have to start paying for usage September 1, 2019.

These are the packages that can be purchased.

- Eagle Package - \$135
- Lynx Package - \$110
- Wolverine Package - \$90
- Porcupine Package - \$65

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dr. John in Takla August 19 – 21.
- Lab Day MORNING of August 21, 2019.
- Student Registration – Week of August 26, 2019.
- Start paying for Internet usage – September 1, 2019.
- Information session for volunteer fire training program – Being in September.
- School starts back up September 3, 2019.