

Whale Pass School  
Board Report  
September 2025

The word of the month is travel! As a staff, we spent several days at quality inservice in Thorne Bay. It made for some long days due to road conditions & logging, but we carpooled and had productive planning conversations along the way. Michelle & Laurie completed their archery training and Matt did kayaking. We are appreciative of the opportunity to share these activities with our students. We also completed sports physicals and toured the Thorne Bay greenhouse.

We made the most of the Neck Lake road being open over the Labor Day weekend and our ASC hosted a community barbeque. We are still waiting to deposit and utilize our ASC fundraising dollars as SISD works with TFCU to reassign signatory duties. We also recently hosted the Prince of Wales Health Network for a community “sunset” painting night with 12 participants (see attached photo). We continue to recruit community member involvement and hope to fully fill our ASC officer positions this year.

It seems quite important to give a shout out to Scott and our SISD maintenance team. They have also been braving the Neck Lake detour to bring us the items we need and to make unanticipated repairs so our classroom and bathrooms are ready for our Songahm Academic Program students. We thoroughly appreciate their support and send thanks to our district admin for allocating the maintenance team’s hours and materials.

By the time of the board meeting, Whale Pass MAP testing will be done and we will be fully involved in our fall program. We are looking forward to the many field trip opportunities and special guests that Michelle Dempsey, the program coordinator, has arranged. They include spelunking, fishery & hatchery science, timber management, tidepooling, and much more. We have already greeted our student families via zoom and will continue to involve them virtually for our ASC meetings, conferences and more. Staff member Matt Gore successfully created online content for the students to engage in prior to their arrival; check it out here:

<https://rise.articulate.com/share/5b3UCumO3W1rpWdzoZYMn3iNclW59IyU>

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Lapan  
Lead Teacher



Prince of Wales Health Network

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Had a blast in Whale pass Friday night at Dawn Sheets painting class. Thank you SISD for letting us put on this event at the whale Pass School and everyone who came out ... [See more](#)

