



## INITIATIVE: Truth & Reconciliation

### Cultus Lake Swilhcha Community School - Welcome Figure House Post Ceremony



Three years ago, we started our journey together. The Charlie-Davis family trusted us to build a place of belonging for their two eldest children and we took that responsibility very seriously. Now all four of their children attend our school and we continue to carry the responsibility of ensuring they thrive under our care.

This winter, Kwalhxameleq (Bill Davis), gifted our school with a House Post that he carved for us. Our staff, students and community are humbled by this gift. It reminds us of the importance of respecting the diversity of all people who make up our community. It reminds us to embrace learning, inclusion and reconciliation, and the importance of connection.

We have displayed this carving with pride where all students have access to it as a reminder that this place connects us all.

## IMPACT:

As a school, we commit to carry on our work with inclusion and reconciliation.



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*“After our two children started attending this school, we noticed a huge leap in their growth. Still, to this day, the care and attention they receive complement the efforts we put in at home. To acknowledge the hard work, care, and dedication to not just our kids but all students, I felt compelled to carve this humble little welcome figure house post.*

*The orange shirt acknowledges the losses and the survival of the residential schools. The two different-shaped hands show that our children with special needs might appear different, but they're still the same. They need the same love and attention as any undiagnosed child.”*

*~ Kwalhxameleq (Bill Davis).”*

