

September 23rd, 2026

Greetings Seycove Community,

In the Spring of 2025, our Seycove community came together to support the renewal of Turtle Island at the front of our school, continuing our work to create spaces that help us appreciate, learn from, and honour the land on which we learn together.

Central to that ongoing work is the name sĀyāmātān, “place of good water,” gifted to our school by the Tsleil-Waututh Nation in 2022. We are deeply grateful for this gift and recognize that receiving the name also brings an ongoing responsibility to honour it with care and intention. As a school community, we continue to learn what it means to live into this name, to deepen awareness and appreciation of the place where we learn, and to take meaningful steps toward Reconciliation in our everyday spaces and practices.

This year, two Seycove students have identified an opportunity to help us take another small but meaningful step in that journey with a new legacy project.

Seycove Secondary at sĀyāmātān: The Power of a Name

Goal: \$600

As part of their BC First Peoples learning, Adam and Neko have been exploring the question:

“How can I use my learning to help others see their role in Reconciliation?” Through their learning, they began thinking about the power of names and noticed that while our school was gifted the name sĀyāmātān, “place of good water,” in 2022, that name is not yet reflected consistently in the signage around our school.

The Power of a Name

Adam and Neko would like to change that. Their goal is to update the vinyl signage above our front entrance to more visibly include sĀyāmātān, helping ensure that the name we have been gifted, and our responsibility to understand and honour it, are visible as students, families, staff, and visitors enter our school. They also hope to bring this learning into our Grade 8 Retreat so that our youngest Seyhawks begin their journey here learning about the significance of the name and the place where they go to school.

How You Can Help

Community is one of our core Seycove values, and finding ways for our families to be part of our school, in both big and small ways, is **important to us**. We hope this project offers another simple opportunity for our community to contribute to something meaningful that will become part of the story of our school.

We are hoping to raise \$600 to help Adam and Neko bring this project to life. Like our Turtle Island project, we hope this can be a community effort. Families and community members who are able and interested are invited to



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contribute a small amount toward this shared legacy project. Every contribution helps us continue making our school spaces more reflective of the history, relationships, and learning we want to honour at Seycove. Donations can be made through the [SEYCOVE LEGACY DONATION LINK](#). If you choose to make a donation, please be sure to indicate that your contribution is for the “Power of a Name” Project so that the funds can be directed to this initiative. Tax receipts will be automatically issued by NVSD for donations \$5.00 and above.

You could also access the link through this QR code:



Looking Ahead

This project is one more step in a longer journey. We hope to continue making sĀyāmātān more visible throughout our school while also continuing the work begun through Turtle Island to develop outdoor spaces where students can learn, gather, and deepen their relationship with the land.

Why It Matters

Perhaps what we love most about this project is how it began: two students noticed something, asked why it mattered, and decided they could do something about it. We are proud to help Adam and Neko turn their learning into meaningful action and leave a legacy for the students who will come after them.

Thank You for Your Support

We are deeply grateful for every contribution and for the many ways our families and community continue to support our students and our school. We will share updates as the project moves forward.

With your help, we can continue to grow and honour our gifted name, sĀyāmātān, and create school spaces that reflect our relationship with the land and the community we are fortunate to be part of.

Thank you for the ongoing support to make Seycove amazing!

Sincerely,



Meghan Downie
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Seycove Secondary at sĀyāmātān

