



B.C. First Nations Head Start **Baby Welcoming Ceremony**

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A VERY SPECIAL EVENT WHICH HAS REALLY ENCOURAGED PARTICIPATION in Jan Stephens' Sechelt Head Start prenatal program is the Baby Welcoming Ceremony.

New babies are welcomed into the community at a gathering, given a cedar headband, a vest decorated with the double-headed eagle, and a laminated family tree.

Last year, one of the Elders even crocheted blankets for every baby! A nutrition student who worked with Jan last summer compiled a memory book for the babies with the Sechelt language, beautifully illustrated.