

•IY, SCĀĆEL! Good day POL students and parents!

- Throughout this slideshow, is written, audio, and visual information about the current moon. Please feel free to read and listen to all of the information in any order, and try out or skip any activities or information at your discretion!
- The following slides have discussion questions students may want to discuss with someone at home. It is completely optional, but some students who enjoy doing written journals might also want to try this to document their responses, either printed out or in a personal notebook).

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What do you see?

What do you notice?

What do you recognize?

Why do you think the artist drew that?



SXÁNEL- Bullhead Moon (April - May)

[Click Here](#) to hear the pronunciation

Signs of SXÁNEL:

In this moon, the PIOTEL (a group of three stars, called the Duck Hunters or also known as Orion's Belt) can be seen on the horizon.

Have you ever seen these stars? [Click Here](#) for more information on Orion's Belt.



Signs of SXÁNEL:

During SXÁNEL there is a big wind storm and soon after the big bullheads (a type of sculpin) appear on the shore. Go back to slide 2 or 3. Can you find the bullheads in the picture?

Have you ever spotted a bullhead? [Click Here](#) to see a photo and find some information on the bullhead.



Signs of SXÁNEL:

Swallows also arrive in the big winds. Go back to slide 2 or 3. Can you find the swallows in the picture?

[Click Here](#) to watch a video of swallows, imagine being able to see millions of Swallows at one time!



Weather:

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- What have you noticed about the weather the last couple of weeks?



SXÁNEL- Weather:

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It is during this moon that good weather becomes the norm.



Can you tell where this photo is taken?

****Hint**** It is around Sooke and the answers can be found in the speaker notes section of this slide.

However, the warmer days can also bring on sudden thunder and lightning storms!

[Click Here](#) to check out this video from a lightning storm on Vancouver Island!

Activities:

- What activities have you been doing for the last few weeks?
 - At home?
 - With family?
 - With friends?
 - At school?
 - Any extra-curricular activities?

SXÁNEL-Activities: Bullhead Harvest

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During this time, the WSÁNEĆ people would spend more time out on the water.

Why do you think the people would spend more time on the water?

During this moon the elder ladies knew it was time to take their baskets to the beach to gather the bullheads from under the rocks. They would poke sticks under the rocks and the big bullheads would say “SKA” (which is there name).

Sculpins are excellent at hiding! [Click Here](#) Can you spot the bullhead in this video?

[Click Here](#) for more information about the Pacific Staghorn sculpin, a local saltwater sculpin species.



SXÁNEL-Activities: Seaweed Harvest

This was also a time for harvesting seaweed (LEKES).

[Click Here](#) to find a guide to common seaweed found in the Pacific Northwest. Do you recognize any?



Want to find out more about seaweed harvesting on Vancouver Island? Check out this great news article from [YAM magazine](#).

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SXÁNEL-Activities: Grouse Hunting on the land

During this moon the halibut fishing ends, but during this time grouse could be snared in the woods.

Click these links for information on blue grouse, which are found locally:

<http://northislandexplorer.com/birds/bluegrouse.htm>

<https://www.bcoutdoorsmagazine.com/blue-grouse-getting-the-blues-is-a-good-thing/>



[Click here](#) to hear the mating call of the male grouse (you can hear this in spring at East Sooke!)

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SXÁNEL- Activities to try at home:

[Click Here](#) to watch a news clip on the process of harvesting seaweed.

What questions do you have? Perhaps you might wonder:

Are all types of seaweed edible?

Can seaweed grow flowers?

You can look into the following websites for more information...

<https://www.bloglovin.com/blogs/mud-puddles-to-meteors-10687911/project-pressed-seaweed-4469496699>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/seaweed/400176>

I notice ...

I think ...

Why is seaweed important to humans? To animals?



I wonder ...

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SXÁNEL- Activities to try at home:

[Click Here](#) for a step by step tutorial on how to draw a swallow.

Materials needed: Paper, pencil and eraser (optional: colouring materials)

Do you have access to a printer at home? [Click Here](#) for a printable template on how to make a 3D swallow.

Materials needed: Cardboard/cardstock paper, printer, scissors, stapler and/or glue