

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2021-2022 School Annual
Reports to the Superintendent**

Clayton Holland

Superintendent



School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2021-2022

School Name: Aurora Borealis

Principal: Cody McCanna

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Spring 2021 PEAKS Scores:

Math: 90.7% Proficient, LA: 80% Proficient, Science: No Data

Future Problem Solving

Junior Team won the State Bowl & will compete in the International Competition this summer virtually.

Robotics Team

Won the overall competition on the Kenai Peninsula
Placed 2nd in the State Competition for overall design

Girls Basketball won the Small Schools tournament

Boys Basketball got 2nd place in the Small Schools tournament

Six students had their art displayed at the Art Center

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School Name: Chapman Elementary

Principal: Larry Nauta

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The following students placed 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the VFW's Patriot Pen Writing Contest:

1st Place: Natalie Hinsberger

2nd Place: Zayne Adams

3rd Place: Jaxon Adams

The following students were winners in the VFW's "Flag Poetry Contest":

Kayliegh Webb 5th grade,

Josie Dubbe 6th grade

Asa Shafer 7th grade

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School Name: Connections Homeschool Program

Principal: Richard Bartolowits

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- Koda Poulin became Connections first student to earn an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.
- Battle of the Books
 - 7th & 8th grade (Soldotna) – represented KPBSD at state
 - 5th & 6th grade (Homer) – finished 2nd in state competition
- Anna DeVolld wins Chipotle/Earth Force Sustainability Challenge
- Anna DeVolld wins 2022 Alaska State Fair Scholarship
- Anna DeVolld wins 2022 Sons of American Revolution and Knight Family Essay Contest
- Sara DeVolld wins iDidAContest from Alaska Society for Technology in Education (ASTE)
- Tucker Blough wins Duck’s Unlimited Art Contest
- Myah Monicken wins Merit Scholarship from the University of Arizona.
- Justin Trail wins Heather Pancratz Memorial Scholarship from the Homer Foundation
- Justin Trail wins scholarship from Kachemak Board of Realtors
- Deborah Weisser wins Homer Elks Scholarship
- Andrew Napier should earn his Associates degree by the end of this summer and has earned enough college credits to enter Liberty University as a Junior
- Chloe Swanson receives scholarship to study dance at BYU Provo
- Program retained enrollment at a nearly 50% increase over pre-Covid levels
- 111 students earned their high school diploma (as of May 25, 2022)

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School Name: Cooper Landing School

Principal: Doug Hayman

Cooper Landing School was fortunate to be able to hold in-person school all year.

Annual Kenai River Fishing Trip - After two years of not being able to hold the annual Kenai River fishing trip due to the Swan Lake Fire and then COVID, the kids were thrilled that we were able to go this year. The trip was in September and volunteers from the local community donated their time and fishing boats/gear to take the kids out on a full day fishing trip down the river. The kids had a great time even though it was raining off and on all day.

Fundraising - We held our annual Christmas swag fundraiser in November. All the kids pitched in to help make the swags. Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful community, we sold approximately 90 swags and netted over \$800.

Christmas Play - Our annual Christmas play was held via Zoom just before Christmas break. The name of it was, *Have You Ever Wondered What Elves Do in the Summer?* We sent a YouTube link afterwards so that parents could share it with relatives over the holiday break. It was a very comical production and feedback from parents and community confirmed that it was the best play yet!

Battle of the Books – Another Battle is successfully in the books (no pun intended). Grades 3/4 took second place in the district, while grades 5/6 took third. The teams worked exceptionally hard and showed such enthusiasm for this favorite competition.

Pen Pal Project – Students in grades 3-6 participated in a national pen pal project sponsored by the United States Postal Service in collaboration with *We Are Teachers*. 25,000 classrooms across the country were partnered with matched classes to write one million letters with the goal of building friendships and understanding diverse perspectives. It was amazing to see that the classroom we were matched with was so similar to us! The kids each had something in common with their assigned pen pals and even Kristine, our paraprofessional who oversaw the project, had many things in common with the teacher of the other classroom. The students wrote back and forth three times. It was a fun project for the kids.

Skiing – Once again, the students enjoyed 6 weeks (once per week) of ski lessons at Alyeska Resort in February and March. The group of students and staff had _____ “bluebird” days meaning clear, blue skies and perfect conditions. The cost was paid by the PAC (Parent Advisory Committee).

Archery – Cooper Landing students in grades 4-10 competed in the NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) Bullseye Virtual Tournament on March 22. The program is a nationwide youth archery program developed in Kentucky in 2002. The students did very well this year and enjoyed the experience.

Alaska STAR Testing – We had 100% attendance for the state testing in April. We were well-prepared and had no issues with computers or software. In keeping with tradition, Mr. Gossard cooked a hot breakfast for all students on the first day of testing. Breakfast included eggs cooked to order, hashbrowns, sausage patties and orange juice.

Written & Illustrated – Each year at the end of the school year, one of the last projects is for the students to write a short story and illustrate it. The students pick the subject, whether it be their vacation to California or horseback riding lessons. The books are then printed and bound (all done in-house). We then record each student reading their story and send a link out to the community for their viewing pleasure. It is always something everyone looks forward to.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership – The PAC sponsored Cooper Gossard's attendance at the HOBY Youth Leadership Seminar in Anchorage in April. The seminars help sophomores around the country to develop their leadership skills and learn how to apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace, and community.

Denali Field Camp – Cooper Gossard was accepted into the Denali Field Camp teen expedition on a full scholarship. The course takes place in August 2022. He will have the opportunity to experience Denali National Park side-by-side with National Park Rangers, scientists, cultural specialists, and sled dogs, and will learn about the cultural heritage of Denali National Park.

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School Name: Fireweed Academy

Principal: Todd Hindman

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Activity Highlights:

Fireweed Academy stayed true to its “We Believe” statements and Mission, Vision, and Core Values by providing many opportunities for students, parents, teachers, and community members to develop: self-reliance, cooperation, reasoning ability, personal growth, and academic achievement. The school's activities also continued strengthening the climate and community of the school. Here are some of the monthly highlights:

August

- Restorative Practices Workshop for Staff
- Reintroduction of Restorative Practices Talking Circles in classrooms
- Parent Volunteer Campaign begins
- “Roots” Theme Launch
- Kagan Cooperative Learning in Math workshop

September

- Day Trip to Anchor Point campground for team building and other outdoor activities for Big Fireweed
- Wynn Nature Center visit for Little Fireweed
- Big Fireweed Harvest Festival / Open House
- Little Fireweed Open House / Title 1 Annual Meeting
- Alaska Center for Coastal Studies Marine Debris presentation at Little Fireweed
- “Roots” inspired outdoor mural installation at Little Fireweed.
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) celebration at Big Fireweed / WHE.
- Little Fireweed field trip to Islands and Ocean
- Big Fireweed work on the Burning Basket art installation

October

- Ellis Island Simulation at Big Fireweed
- Garden Harvest Lunch at Little Fireweed
- Fireweed Frescoes’ Cardboard Violin Workshop for Parents and Kids
- Restorative Practices Workshop for Staff

- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) celebration at Big Fireweed / WHE.
- “Communication” theme launch.
- Big Fireweed field trip to Anchor Point for a salmon egg take with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
- AASB’s Academic Policy Committee Training

November

- “Habitats” Theme Launch
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) celebration at Big Fireweed / WHE.
- Holiday Food Drive for the Homer Food Pantry at Little Fireweed.
- Title 1 Family Engagement activity
- Fall Title 1 Committee meeting

December

- Artist in Schools with Sankofa African Drum and Dance at Little Fireweed with community performance at Homer High School theater
- KBBI PSA Holiday recordings created by Little Fireweed
- KBBI tour for Big Fireweed
- Fireweed Frescoes Winter program performance.

January

- “Currents theme launch

February

- Title 1 Family Engagement Activity
- Battle of the Books celebration at Big Fireweed.

March

- “Journeying” theme ”launch”
- Dr. Suess celebration at Little Fireweed
- Ice fishing with AK Fish and Game for Little Fireweed
- Artist in Schools residency with local artist Sharlene Cline
- Fireweed Strategic Plan development

April

- Homer Harbor exploration with Alaska Center for Coastal Studies
- LinkUp performance for Fireweed Frescoes and students of Little and Big Fireweed with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra.
- Spring Title 1 meeting

May

- Fireweed Frescoes Spring performance at Homer High School Theater
- Wild Edge Farm visit for Little Fireweed

- Day Trip to Anchor Point campground for team building and other outdoor activities for 3rd through 5th grade
- A week of day trips for the 6th grade class including a Homer Wilderness Leaders Hike, exploration of Sadie Cove, and painting a new school sign for Big Fireweed
- 2nd Grade promotion
- 6th Grade promotion at Islands and Ocean theater
- Little Fireweed whale watching tour in Kachemak Bay
- End of the year Family BBQ at Karen Hornaday Park

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Principal: Christopher Brown

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School

- Alaska Alternative Schools Grant for varying school initiatives
- Donor-advised Homer Foundation Grants (David & Mary Schroer and Homer Incentive Fund)
- Title I Parent Engagement Activities, including “Lasers, Technology, and Family” night
- “For the Parents” Nights – Brian Partridge on “The Teenage Brain,” the REC Room on “Communicating with your Teen,” and KBC on taking college courses
- Food Security program (weekly Pancake Breakfast, Food Bags, Study Club snacks, Flex Garden)
- Flex Summer Gardening internships through Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies
- Continued focus on positive school environment through PBIS (including affective language), trauma informed care, and restorative practices
- Community-based physical education activities (Kevin Bell Arena, SPARC, etc)
- Adopt a Highway spit cleanup
- Artist in the School with David Brame and Bunnell Street Arts Center
- Eleventh Annual “Flex First Friday”
- Marine Biology partnership with Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies to construct CTD and sample waters of Kachemak Bay

Student

University of Alaska Scholars Award – Clara Stading
Masonic Outstanding Student Award – Kaitlynn Dawsey

Staff

Fullbright Hayes Center for Middle Eastern Studies intensive to Jordan – David Lefton
Teacher At Sea program through NOAA – Lindsay Martin

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School Name: Homer High School

Principal: Douglas Waclawski

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SCHOOL AWARDS

- * US World News & Report 2022
 - 5th Best School in Alaska
 - Top 5% of School's in Nation

ACADEMIC

- * National Yearbook Program of Excellence Award 2021
- * Telluride Association Summer Program Scholarship Winner – Alana Prescott
- * AP Computer Science – Perfect Score – Spencer Co

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES

- * 2nd Place at State – Boys Track
- * 3rd Place at State – Hockey
- * 3rd Place at State – Volleyball
- * 3rd Place at State – Girls Cross Country Running
- * 3rd Place at State – Girls Soccer

INDIVIDUAL REGION / STATE AWARDS

- * Long Jump State Champion – Track & Field – Caleb Evans
- * Shoot Put State Champion – Track & Field – Isabella Fisk
- * 100 Freestyle State Champion – Swimming – Jillian Crooks
- * 200 Freestyle State Champion – Swimming – Jillian Crooks
- * 100 Butterfly 2nd Place – Swimming – Carly Nelson
- * Top Hitter – State Volleyball – Gracie Gummer
- * TrigStar State Champion – Seamus McDonough
- * Painting State Champion = State Art Show – Mariah McGuire

Kenai Peninsula Writers Contest Winners

- * 1st Place Poetry Grades 10-12 – Serena Fankhauser
- * 1st Place Poetry Grades 9 – Ainsley Boss
- * 1st Place Fiction Grades 10-12 – Theo McDonough
- * 1st Place Non-Fiction Grades 10-12 – Olivia Glasman
- * 1st Place Non-Fiction Grade 9 – Rebecca Trowbridge

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School Name: Homer Middle School

Principal: Meghan Redmond

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- Homer Foundation David & Mary Schroer Grant \$3,000
- 8th grader, Natalie Farren, wins first place in the KPBSD juried art show
- Middle School Battle of the Books: 3rd place
- 8th grade Mock Interview day
- 7th grade Cold Water Survival Day
- Meghan survived her first year as principal 😊

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School Name: Hope School

Principal: Douglas Hayman

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Hope School students, families and staff has some wonderful times this school year. The first thing we want to share is about our Thanksgiving get together at the school. The students all enjoyed the time we spent together making our decorations. Our school kitchen filled the entire building with awesome seasonal fragrances of traditional holidays. As our parents, students and staff joined in conversations, it gave us all a sense of family, belonging and encouragement to work hard, play hard and be a team. Each family visiting was very kind and gracious in making sure they followed the Districts Covid Policies. We are all looking forward to our end of the year picnic outdoors in this warm and bright day.

Starting out the new year with our trips to Alyeska Ski Resort for our students was the annual highlight of activities. Staff, Parents and Students shared the memories of a lifetime together during the darkest part of the Alaska winter months. Skiing and snow boarding are very physical sports. These students enjoyed being able to get on the ski slopes with Parent Volunteers and Staff and enjoy themselves. One of the many events sponsored by our Hope School PTO. That's very much how we work together here at the Hope School building up each student, staff member and families.

We have several students with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 – 4.0. Congratulations are in order for Zachary Schwentor, Landon Stroh, Shaylee Peterson and Lillie Stroh. These students have worked hard to maintain their cumulative GPA. Our teachers have been there to help each student gain the learning experiences and skills they need to take with them in the furtherance of their individual pursuits of education. With much pride, we share this news and say that our school in its entirety is working together for the goal of all students being successful in their futures to the best of their abilities.

Excitement was obvious as our students stepped into the Readathon this year. They gained much reading skills. What an amazing job they did in competing, fundraising and they exemplified the spirit of Hope Schools dedication to learning. An example of this comes from one of our elementary students who read over 7,000 pages on her own.

Jolee Peterson is a student at Hope School. Additionally, she is our first student to become an Emergency Trauma Technician, while still attending school. She is dedicated to her position as at the Hope-Sunrise Emergency Services as a responder.

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School Name: Kaleidoscope Chart School

Principal: Dawn Grimm

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Awards and Recognitions

Hannah Hardesty – HEA Most Creative Poster for Safety Campaign

Special School Wide Projects/Activities/Events:

Family Engagement Activities

Science Night

End of Quarter Celebrations

5th Grade Play and Promotion (graduation)

Bingo for Books

Christmas Drive

After Testing Fun Night (3rd, 4th, 5th grade students)

Fundraiser with Believe Kids

Jason Leslie Art Studio (1 week residency with students and staff)

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Salmon Celebration (egg take, ice fishing, dissection, salmon release)

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School Name: K-Beach Elementary

Principal: Janae Van Slyke

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School Awards

- Jason Daniels was selected by the National Science Foundation to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
- Heather Baker was selected for being one of four Alaskan educators nominated and selected as a finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.
- K-Beach Elementary's sixth grade Kenai Peninsula Masonic Lodge Outstanding Student is Sebastian Duyck.
- Meghan Ross won the D.A.R.E. essay contest.
- Ava Cobbs in Mrs. Bybee's fourth grade classroom won the Homer Electric Association's (HEA) 2022 Electrical Safety Poster Contest for "Best Safety Message." She was one of only 3 winners from 55 entries this year.

School-wide Projects

- K-Beach Elementary has had 136 Positive Office Referral for this school year.
- K-Beach Elementary's fifth and sixth grade students partnered with Officer Berestoff of the Soldotna Police Department to learn about positive and healthy decision making.
- Battle of the Books- Many 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders participated in intermural Battle of the Books, and teams competed in the district competition.
- K-Beach partnered with Kenaitze to provide instructional support during the school day and an after-school program. On Friday, April 29th, we had a PBIS celebration where Kenaitze staff led our students in traditional dance as well as some of the games and activities that continue to be an important part of the culture, history, and traditions of the Kenaitze people.
- Mrs. Klaben's fifth grade class held a pet food drive during the week of December 6th. The supplies were donated to the City of Kenai Animal Shelter.
- Mr. Daniels' fifth and sixth grade class have organized a recycling program at K-Beach.
- Stream Keepers- All 5th grade students of K-Beach Elementary partnered with the Kenai Watershed Forum to care for the local Slikok Creek. With the help of community members and teachers, students worked to keep the stream healthy.
- Our Caribou Migration, fun run, raised \$20,625. The funds will help K-Beach Elementary purchase Chromebooks and educational software for our students. All students and all staff, with the participating of many families and community

members, participated in this event. This event promoted positive school and community relationships while encouraging healthy lifestyles.

- Roudy Zulkanycz is the new king of reading at K-Beach. Roudy read 9,000 minutes last summer. All students and staff read a combined total of 245,372 minutes.
- K-Beach Elementary's student leadership has volunteered in helping in the lunchroom, Kindergarten Round Up, and beautifying the school community.
- Mr. Daniels' fifth and sixth grade worked to improve the drainage in our school parking lot.
- Fifth and sixth grade students assisted the school counselor in teaching our kindergarten students social emotional learning lessons.
- K-Beach Elementary students harvested vegetables from our greenhouse and made soup.
- K-Beach Elementary had a virtual winter concert.
- K-Beach Elementary had an Open House for our families at the beginning of the school year to meet the teachers.
- K-Beach Elementary hosted various intramural sports including soccer, volleyball, basketball, and cycling.

Donations/Community Partnerships

- David and Kelly Brewer partnered with Hilcorp to donate \$25,000 to K-Beach Elementary for the benefit our wonderful students. Our plans are to use the donated funds to purchase new primary playground equipment.
- Operation Children First donated 25 full Thanksgiving meals to K-Beach families in need.
- The Kenai Rotary donated five bags filled with personal care items and blankets for Students in Transition.
- Several students participated in Shop-with-a-Cop at the Kenai Walmart.
- The Soldotna Lions Club donated Christmas gifts and clothing for selected K-Beach families.

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Principal: Loren Reese

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Individual Awards and Recognition:

Masonic Outstanding Student Tia Haukedahl

ELKS Lodge #2425 Student of the Year- Tia Haukedahl

UA Scholar- Isabella Katzenberger

School-wide Projects

KAHS offers a morning breakfast program which is run by the Soldotna United Methodist Church, Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, and the Halstead Family. These groups coordinate efforts to secure grant funding for the project, purchase food items, prepare the food and serve breakfast to our students every morning. Their tireless efforts provide a hot meal to many students that would otherwise go without. During the times the school was open, these groups were at school daily to greet our students.

Kenai Alternative continued to collaborate with 13 other alternative schools from Alaska. A virtual meeting was held in September. There all 13 schools discussed ways to better serve the alternative students in our state. Grants were awarded and the money was used to fund activities on the campus, such as cook outs and provided supplies for classrom projects. The state has indicated that they plan to award grants for the alternative schools for the coming school year. This year's grant award amounts totalled \$25,000.

This year KAHS had 22 graduates.

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School Name: Kenai Central High School

Principal: Daniel Beck

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ACADEMIC:

Elizabeth Moffett – National Merit Scholarship

UA Scholars (\$12,000) Malita Efta, Kaitlynn Gist, Hayden Hanson, Tyler Hippchen, Sydney Johnson, Erin Kozickowski, Audrey Larson, Elizabeth Moffett, and Leah Fallon

ATHLETIC:

KCHS Boys & Girls Cross Country Running:

Jayna Boonstra: Region Champion

Jayna Boonstra: State champion

Boy's Team placed 3rd at the State Meet

Girl's Team placed 2nd at the State Meet

KCHS Volleyball:

Region Champions

State Tournament 2nd place finish

KCHS Boys & Girls Swim & Dive:

State Champion:

500M Freestyle Koda Poulin

KCHS Boys and Girls Nordic Skiing:

Boy's State Champions

Girl's State Champions

Basketball Cheer:

Region Champions

State Champions

Hockey:

2nd place Region Tournament

4th place State Tournament

Wrestling:

Andrew Gaethle Region Champion

Talon Whicker Region Champion

Girls Basketball:

2nd place Region Tournament
State Tournament Participant

Track and Field:

Region Champions:

100M Jacob Begich

200M Jacob Begich

Boy's 4x100M Tyler Hippchen, Reagan Graves, Jacob Begich, James Sparks

Boy's 4x200M James Sparks, Ransom Hays, Reagan Graves, Tyler Hippchen

Girls' 4x800M Emilee Wilson, Jayna Boonstra, Emily Moss, Summer Foster

State Champions:

800M Gregory Fallon

Boy's 4x100M Tyler Hippchen, Reagan Graves, Jacob Begich, James Sparks

Boy's 4x200M James Sparks, Ransom Hays, Reagan Graves, Tyler Hippchen

Boy's Team 3rd place at State Meet

Girl's Team 3rd place at State Meet

Boy's Soccer:

Region Champions

State Tournament Participant

Girl's Soccer:

Region Champions

State Tournament Participant

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School Name Kenai Middle School

Submitted by Vaughn Dosko

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SPORTS

Soccer	Girls – First at Boroughs Boys – Second at Boroughs
XC Running	Finished in Top 10
Track	Boys – Second at Borough Girls – First at Borough
Basketball	Girls – First Boys – Second
Volleyball	Second at Boroughs
Wrestling	Finished in the Top 10
XC Skiing	Finished in Top 10

ACADEMICS

Math Counts	1st at State
Math Bowl	Many top place finishers
FPS (Future Problem Solving)	District Event was not held
Geography Bee	The state Geo Bee was cancelled
Spelling Bee	1st Place – Lucia Carson

Battle of the Books	7th & 8th Grade – 3 rd Place
After School Tutorial	Nov 8 – March 3 (Tuesday’s, Wednesday’s and Thursday’s)
Masonic Award	– 8 th Grade – Elsie Miller

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Band Concerts	4 Band Concerts throughout the year
Choir Concerts	4 Choir Concerts throughout the year

ACTIVITIES

WAK (Welcoming All Kids)	Middle School transition held August 6
Open House/BBQ	COVID
Spirit Week	September 13-17 April 11-17
Activity Nights	3 events were held
Hay Maze	COVID
Red Ribbon Week	October 25-29
Canned Food Drive	December 1-17
Character Counts	August 20 – May 13
SOM (Students of the Month)	Awarded Monthly in each grade level
Celebrations	1 st QTR and 3 rd QTR
Ice Fishing	March 3 (7th Grade)
Clubs	January 12 – February 23 (Wednesdays)
Volunteer Celebration	May 6
New Student Visitation	April
Aluminum Can Drive	April
Mini courses	May 16-17
6th Camp	May 9-11

Farewell Ceremony May 13

MEETINGS

Staff Meetings (monthly – first Wednesday of each month)

DRILLS

Fire Drills Monthly

Earthquake Drills Oct 21

ALICE Training August 19 and April 29

BUILDING USE

Boys and Girls Club
Kenai Police
Kenai Central Athletics
Salemantof Indian Tribe
Kenitze Indian Tribe

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School Name: Kachemak Selo

Principal: Michael Wojciak

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- Migrant trip to Washington D.C.
- Migrant trip to Juneau
- Elementary swimming trip
- Donald Giles Vocational Scholarship recipient
- UA Scholar Award recipient
- Masonic Award recipient
- Kachemak Selo garbage cleanup
- K-5 swimming lessons
- Alyeska ski trip
- Architecture design for new school
- Land's End Graduation
- Kachemak Selo and Beach garbage cleanup

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School Name: McNeil Canyon Elementary

Principal: Pete Swanson

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Staff Achievements

- Anne Love and Lenore Swanson collaborated with parent volunteer Miriam Linder on 29th consecutive, successful Artist-in-Schools grant that provided the opportunity for all students to work with collage art that told a story and then integrated their art with a piece of writing. Artist, Debbie Piper, was our Artist in Residence. Debbie provided an opportunity for all of our students to work on developmentally appropriate collage projects and collaborated with their teachers on the accompanying writing. McNeil students were very actively involved in this two-week program. This AIS grant program has had a tremendous impact on the entire school and continues to be a very real tradition.

Student Accomplishments

- Thomas Martin qualified for the State Spelling Bee. Thomas is a 6th grade student.

Co-Curricular Accolades

- K-6 Students competed in Battle of the Books.

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School Name: Moose Pass

Principal: Douglas Hayman

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Moose Pass School had a productive school year with many achievements to be proud of. The students were very happy to be in school all school year! Whether they were wearing masks or not, they're smiling faces were evidence of the joy that this school year brought them.

All students participated in putting on a holiday program with singing and dancing. Students helped design and build sets with the help of a great parent volunteer. They learned and practiced songs, and put on a performance that the community was very proud of.

All students were fitted for cross country skis this school year and participated in cross country skiing as part of their physical education.

All students participated in the downhill skiing program at Alyeska. This included six ski lessons in February and March. Students gained skills and confidence, and had a great time!

Students enjoyed many art lessons taught by a sub who was subbing for the secretary whenever she was out. All students learned art skills as well as art history and art appreciation.

Most students participated in a LEGO robotics program taught by a community volunteer. The 3rd and 4th grade LEGO robotics team (Moose Bots) competed at the GCI Virtual Qualifier Event and won the 1st place award for robot design.

All students participated in the district wide Battle of the Books competition. All students enjoyed reading all of the titles which were available at our school library.

All students participated in an Artisit in Residence program. We had a leather worker from Seward come for two days and make leather pouches with the students. Students learned leather working skills, patience and perserverence.

All students participated in putting together a talent show in the spring. Each student was given the opportunity to show off a talent. There was everything from skits and comedy acts to dancing, singing, circus acts and arial acrobatics. The students and community enjoyed it emensly!

We brought back 'end of the year fun activity days'! All students went on a hike to Vagt Lake, participated in the Salmon Celebration in Kasilof, and hiked to the beach on Trail Lake for a picnic lunch. Many parent volunteers joined in these activities, and it was a great way to wrap up the school year.

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School Name: Mountain View Elementary

Principal: Karl Kircher

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Celebrating Flexibility in a Social World

Our year began with a drive-by ice cream social where Mountain View staff operated stations out front of school as families rolled through to get ice cream and back to school information. Our year ended with close to 400 students and families in our gym for One School, One Book Family Movie Night. Those events represented the extremes of how we socialized with our families this year. Staff socializing with each other ran pretty much the same progression, as did student interactions with each other. Our staff found ways to both follow the district mitigation plans with fidelity and maintain the social fabric necessary for quality education. Largely, our families understood our consistent approach, “went with the flow” and took advantage of the social and academic opportunities we offered. We thank them for their support.

Celebrating Special Education

As Kenai’s only, open enrollment, Neighborhood School we are fortunate to have the staff and facilities to meet the specialized educational needs of students with a wide range of cognitive and emotional disabilities. Our department consists of: four, separate, structured programs to provide academic and behavioral programming for intensive and high needs students, and two resource teachers (primary and intermediate), and one extended resource program, and this Fall we will add an intensive needs preschool. With a staff of 8 teachers, a school psychologist, a speech pathologist, an occupational therapist and over 20 aides, we have the biggest special education department of any school in the district.

We are proud of our ability to meet diverse needs of any student who enrolls in our school!!

Our resource staff is committed to ensuring that each student meets his or her individual educational plan goals, and work along side regular education teachers to accomplish this. The variety of academic programs and support offered to meet these students learning styles and academic needs is a testament to our teacher’s dedication to student success.

Our Intensive Needs staff is dedicated to helping each of our most needy students reach their individual academic, life skills and social goals. The empathy with which they approach their jobs

is an inspiration for all our staff and an awesome situation for all of our students to experience. Are there hiccups that may disrupt the flow of the school day or cause temporary disruption in common areas? You bet there are; and every one of them is an opportunity for students and staff to witness these situations handled with consistency, care and compassion.

Our goal is to integrate our IN students into the fabric of our school as much as safety, and educational appropriateness allows. As these students succeed and achieve their goals, our general education students get the benefit of recognizing that significant obstacles can be overcome with the help of empathy, care and compassion. Some students may also take pride in the fact that their own presence and acceptance of their IN peers may have actually contributed to these students' success. Our hope is that all of our students will be prepared when they eventually find themselves in a situation where it is their turn to be the one who needs to act with compassion and empathy to someone in need.

In the last two years, two of our special education aides have gotten their special education teaching degrees and now work in the KPBSD, one here at Mountain View. Two more of our aides are now enrolled in degree programs.

Celebrating Our Staff Member of the Year

While every staff member doubled down and did what it took to deal with what this year through at us, there was one who "held down the fort" through thick and thin and was the unanimous staff choice for recognition. Our school nurse Martha Hughes, who was on the front line with our families with Covid 19 medical protocol. No matter the amount of affected students she had to deal with on any given day, she took the time to give clear information in an empathetic manner to every parent and guardian she spoke with. She exemplified the Mountain View's character traits of kindness and helpfulness with every interaction.

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School Name: Nanwalek Elementary / High School

Principal: Penny Bearden

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Sports:

Middle School Basketball:

Boys and Girls competed in the 2021 Kenai Borough Tournament (small schools).

Boys earned the Boys Sportsmanship award.

Girls took 3rd Place and earned the Sportsmanship award.

High School Basketball:

Boys Won the Runner-Up for the Region II Peninsula Conference. This earned them, the first opportunity that Nanwalek has had to compete in Anchorage at the 1A Boys Basketball State Championship.

They won the Sportsmanship award at the 1A BB State Championship.

Girls had their inaugural year. They competed in the Region II Peninsula Conference and won the Sportsmanship award.

Individual Basketball Awards:

(for Regionals) – Agrippina Jimmy, Trinity Huntsman, and Sean Moonin made the ‘All Conference’ team. Tikhon Kvasnikoff won the free throw contest.

(for State) - Matthias Evans x2, and Sean Moonin won Player of the Game. Sean Moonin also made the ‘All Tourney Team’.

Academic Student Awards:

Tikhon Kvasnikoff was our UAA Scholar.

Imiya Hernandez earned an Academic Letter (a new award for our school) and has a 4.0 GPA.

School Grants:

We were awarded approximately \$36,000 through the Chugach Cares award. We used this award to purchase air purification units for the school, and technology to support remote learning (including enough Chromebooks to have 1-1 Chromebooks for students, document and web-cams for teachers).

We received a classroom Innovation Station or “Fab Lab” through Youth Empowerment Services at Cook Inlet Tribal Council. (This lab includes a 3-D Printer, laser cutter, T-shirt press, and materials. We also received training and virtual and in-person support.

We received 3 days of virtual training with Apple Corporation.

Friends of the Homer Library gave books for each Nanwalek Student in K-12.

Staff:

Desiree Swenning (our Title I Paraprofessional) enrolled in the University of Alaska Southeast to pursue a Master’s in Education to become a teacher.

Sammuel Swenning earned his Type M Certificate for Sugt’stun Culture and Language.

Vanessa Stanley (was our custodian) passed the Para Pro Praxis Exam to become a Highly Qualified Title VI Paraprofessional.

Three Nanwalek Staff Members (Michele Lawrence, Randall Brown, and Myself) collaborated with local community members included in the Chugach Preservation Project to complete Sug’piak Pre-History through University of Alaska Fairbanks.

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School Name: Nikiski Middle/High School

Principal: Shane Bostic

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Middle School

NMHS Spelling Bee: Cameron Schwinn- 1st place @ NMHS

STEM: 1st place (intermediate) – 2 separate Nikiski Middle teams tied for 1st place in district. Milly Hornung, Adalynn Choate, Rainy Jenness, Ryenne Douglas, Sadie Porter, Halle Blades, Eden Nightingale

Future Problem Schedule: State Qualifier Team (intermediate level – FPS Global Issues Problem Solving.) Jackson Hooper, Elijah Brigham, Milly Hornung, Adalynn Choate. 1st place Action Plan Presentation (Global Issue Problem Solving Team.) Jackson Hooper, Elijah Brigham, Milly Hornung, Adalynn Choate. 3rd place (state) FPS Scenario Story Writing Contest (Halle Blades)

Camping Trip: 115 Middle School Students along with Teachers went on an overnight camping trip to Hidden Lake for their year end celebration.

Battle of the Books: 6th grade Battle of the Books team included Lorelai Kimball, Sadie Porter, Emerson Bostic, and Darren Powell

7th grade Battle of the Books team included Addison Perkins, Zander Stroh, Jackson Hooper, and Jayden Anderson

Outdoor Exploration: Feature story in the New York Times. Great partnership with Safari Club International. Certified 15 kids in hunter's educations. 35 students participated in the National Archery's School Program.

Challenger Center: The 6th grade students were awarded the Marathon grant for the Challenger Center in the fall and attended the Earth Odyssey mission, a perfect addition to their Earth Science curriculum.

The middle school students were awarded a grant for the Challenger Center in the spring. 6th grade students participated in the Climate Change workshop, the 7th grade students participated in the Mars Mission, and the 8th grade students participated in the rocketry workshop. In addition, all students completed activities from the Kenai Wildlife Refuge.

Middle School Athletics

Volleyball: 4th place @ Boroughs

Track & Field:

Wrestling: Rex Wittmer - Borough Champion

High School

Fine Arts: 31st Annual KPBSD Juried Art Show:

High School: Niles Broussard, Honorable Mention – Photography

Middle School: Kaleen Norman, 1st – Painting Honorable Mention – Open

Division of Election Artwork Contest

High School: Election book Cover (5 total winners) Oliver Parrish, Zoey Riley

Middle School: I Voted Sticker, Adalynn Choat

Senior Art Student of the Year: Jane Churchill

Performing Arts: More than 50 students (grades 6-12) were involved in this year's musical, Aladdin. This cross curricular project had students honing their acting, singing, dance, choreography, teambuilding, leadership, construction, CAD-Cam, and many other skills. Costumers created more than 100 costumes for the production. The community reaction was overwhelming, with standing ovations and sold-out houses. Financially, our program came out with a substantial balance, setting us up for success next year. We performed one musical number for a joint fundraiser with the basketball team, a preview for the 5th grade step up day, and a selection of songs for the Nikiski Senior center.

Band/Choir: All State Choir- Leora McCaughey, Emily Durfee, Levi Anderson. Borough Honor Band- Leora McCaughey, Maggie Greiner, Emily Durfee, Keegan Hupp, Rose Sonderland and Cadence Quantrell.

National Honor Society: 4 students were inducted into NHS this year.

High School Athletics

Wrestling: Simon Grenier State Champion, Mayaac Schmit- 3rd place in State, Sam Yerkes – 6th place in State

Track & Field:

Esports: Placed 3rd at State Competition.

Volleyball: 1st Team All- Conference, Jaycee Taurianinen. 2nd Team All- Conference, McKinlee Jeffreys, Rylee Ellis, Ashlynne Playle.

Girls Basketball: Rylee Ellis first team All-Region, McKinlee Jeffreys second team All-Region

Boys Basketball: Brady Bostic – All Region Basketball, multiple all tournament selections

Football: Denali All-Conference- Lineman of the Year, Charlie Chamberlain. 1st Team- Truit McCaughey, Half Back & Inside Backer. Charlie Chamberlain, Guard & Interior Lineman. Brady Bostic, Defensive Back. 2nd Team – Tim Goodnight, Interior Lineman.

All State Team: 2nd Team Offense – Truit McCaughey & Charlie Chamberlain. 2nd Team Defense – Charlie Chamberlain, Truit McCaughey and Brady Bostic

Caring for the Kenai: Jessica Perry placed 2nd at this year's competition.

Giving Back: The High School Foods class baked 95 pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving and 160 loaves of bread for Christmas to donate to the Nikiski Community Food Pantry

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School Name: Nikiski North Star Elementary

Principal: Jenna Fabian

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- Paulene Rizzo, first grade teacher, completed her Master's Degree.
- Sarah Segura, current Third Grade Teacher, is currently completing coursework to earn her Master's Degree.
- In September, NNS had a Kenai River Marathon Relay Team, "Shooting Stars of NNS."
- In October, NNS staff and our PTO held a "Pumpkin Walk." Staff carved pumpkins and entered them into the contest. Families walked along the sidewalk and voted for their favorite. Our PTO held a photo booth and served hot chocolate/cider to families that braved the cold winds and snow. 24 pumpkins were entered!
- Each week, we highlighted a "Mystery Staff Member," where we shared a fact each day of the week and classes guessed who it was. Each Friday, the staff member was revealed on social media and revealed to the school on Monday. 30 staff participated and were highlighted each week. This helped our whole school get to know staff members.
- Each week, we celebrated "Wacky Wednesday," where kids would submit jokes. During announcements, our staff would hear three jokes. One of my favorites? How do you get an astronaut's baby to sleep? You rocket! Two teams from Nikiski North Star earned 1st place for their Bridge Design in the KPBSD "STEM Design Challenge 2021-22." The two Nikiski North Star teams achieved the maximum score for their Toothpick Bridge performance (elementary division) – with both of their bridges holding over 5 gallons of water (over 40 lbs.) with no structural failures.
- Two NNS students, Emily and Morgan, were a part of the cast of Mary Poppins, which was put on by the Triumvirate Theater.
- *NNS met their Social/Emotional School Development Plan goal- Primary goal: By May 2022, 80% of Primary Students (grades K-2) will give an example of a time when they tried to calm themselves down when they felt mad, sad or worried as evidenced by Minute Meeting data. Actual percentage: 90% of students in grades 1 and 2 were able to share an example of a something they can do to calm down at school. 81% of students in grades 1 and 2 were able to give an example of a time when they tried to calm themselves down.
- According to school counselor Minute Meeting Data, 97% of students in grades 3-5 were able to name an adult they could talk to. 80% of students in grades 3-5

said it was easy to talk to an adult at school as evidenced by Minute Meeting data.

- NNS partnered with Charlie Simmons of Cook Inlet Counseling & Maria Reeve of Hospice of the Central Peninsula. Both community members ran small groups that were centered on grief and positive choices.
- Our PTO brought the Grinch and Santa on a Nikiski Fire Truck right before winter break. Two students visited Station 3 that day!
- NNS Teacher, Colby Way, read aloud to kids on Saturday morning, a total of 20 different times throughout the school year at Nikiski Hardware & Supply. Nikiski North Star and Nikiski Hardware & Supply were featured in the biggest hardware store magazine in the United States. Nikiski Hardware & Supply has partnered with NNS on projects-Big and small. Mr. Way taught 6th grade math students how to make planter boxes. The prototype boxes were cut by Nikiski Hardware & Supply.
- NNS participated in One School, One Book-Sponsored by Title I. Book events included Staff Read Aloud recordings on social media-13 different posts of staff reading aloud Chapters from the book! We held a door decorating contest and ended with the author of *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig* reading aloud to our school via Zoom.
- Our school hosted four nights of Music Concerts in April: Kindergarten & Modern Band, First/Second Grade, Third/Fourth Grade, and a Fifth Grade musical, *Pirates*. The turnout was GREAT on all four nights!
- NNS has partnered with local bakery-Kivi Creations and local restaurant-Treehouse Restaurant. For their birthday, staff can present their card at Kivi Creations for a free cupcake & student present their birthday card at the Treehouse Restaurant for their very own personal pizza.
- NNS is very thankful for the Nikiski Fire Department. They volunteer at our school often, from Fire Prevention week to cooking food on the last day of school.
- We had the Kenai River Brown Bears hockey team visit on two different occasions. The team was split up into teaching groups and was able to interact with each class.
- Our P.E. teacher, Mr. Way, with the help of several other teachers, built Cross Country, Basketball, and Track Teams from the ground up. Over
- Our Talent Show included 66 acts (Most featuring more than one student). Lots of brave students!
- Our PBIS Team supported "Schoolwide Celebrations" when classes reached 25 stars. NNS had 6 celebrations over the school year, which resulted in our school earning 150 stars for Safe, Respectful, Responsible, and Caring behavior.
- Our school highlighted "Star Students" this year. Staff were tasked with identifying students that exhibited Safe, Respectful, Responsible, and Caring behavior. Each Star Student had their nomination read aloud, received a certificate, their picture, and a keepsake sticker for families. Principal contacted each Star Student's family, which resulted in 171 personal phone calls to parents!

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School Name: Nikolaevsk

Principal: Michael Sellers

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Sports:

Nikolaevsk students Justin Trail and Lukah Kalugin carried the Ninilchik Basketball team to their first state championship win.

Justin Trail earned the following Track and Field medals for Nikolaevsk:

Regional Track and Field

- 1st place Boys High Jump
- 1st Place Boys Triple Jump
- 2nd Place Boys Discus
- 2nd Place Boys Long Jump
- “Outstanding Male Field Athlete”

State Championships

- 1st Place Boys High Jump
- 5th Place Boys Triple Jump

Academic accomplishments:

Nikolaevsk HS Graduate, Vera Fefelov graduated from Georgetown University.

Staff Honors:

Billeen Carlson named Alaska ASTE Teacher of the year.

Departures and retirements:

Brian Grieser, ½ year at Nikolaevsk school, K-5 teacher transferred to his beloved Port Graham to teach.

Jane Kilcher, 11 years at Nikolaevsk School Nurse resigned to devote more time to her TV career.

Natali Jones, 10 years at Nikolaevsk School, Itinerant School Counselor, moving to private sector

Stephanie Jones, 14 years at Nikolaevsk School, leaving to follow other career interests.

Michael Sellers, 15 years at Nikolaevsk and 17 with KPBSD, Principal, Retiring in search of greener pastures.

Jeri Trail, 5 years at Nikolaevsk, SpEd Aide, transferred to Connections.

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School Name: Ninilchik

Principal: Jeff Ambrosier

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Interior Conference 2A boys basketball championship

State Championship 2A boys Basketball 26-0

Landon Colburn multiple tournament mvp's- Regional and State 2A player of the year basketball

Many of our 3-8th grade students participate in STEM activities 4 days a week after school for 2 hours. This is put on by Project Grad. Makes for long days but the kids love the activities they participate in.

Kelly Witten our interventionist headed up our math fluency program with the help of 1 adult volunteer and 3 high school students practicing math fluency all year with k-6th grade. The younger students focused on addition and subtraction and the other kids did addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Progress was tracked throughout the year and quarterly awards were given.

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School Name: Paul Banks Elementary School

Principal: Jerry Stapleton

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We had a challenging but wonderful year at Paul Banks Elementary School. Our library received a \$3000.00 grant from the Homer Foundation which was used to grow and enhance our library inventory. We also had various donations from the community for the outdoor classroom, which included a tarp, benches, birdhouses, signs, and a stage. Additionally, our Read-a-Thon was a great success resulting in many students reading while raising funds for our school (over \$6000.00). During this time, we had a Bingo for Books. Each classroom participated in a school wide Zoom during which books were won for the Bingo prizes. An exciting ending to the week was a visit by Mr. Pederson and his daughter who delivered books on a dogsled team, corresponding with our dogsledding Read-A-Thon theme. We are very proud of our Peanuts.

We were excited to continue the Preludes Violin Program at the school this year. The full-time Opus violin teacher came every week on Tuesdays/Thursdays for K/1st students. Additionally, the teacher came and had a Monday/Wednesday afterschool program for 2nd graders. We were elated to have our Preludes Violin participants perform at our Art Extravaganza held in early May.

We were thrilled to be able to open the building to the community for the Art Extravaganza. The art show was set up in gallery style featuring two pieces of artwork for every child in the gym. The students also had one piece of artwork featured in the hallway. Family and community members were able to walk the halls of the school and see the wonderful art that our students had created. During the grade level blocks of time, students not only performed on the violin but also sang songs led by the music teacher, Tina Moore.

We had two assemblies this year, the first time in two years that we were able to meet as a student body. The first one featured a high school choral group from Michigan. The second assembly featured The Zodiac Trio performing clarinet, piano, and violin. The students had so much fun during these cultural events.

Using our greenhouse, the PTA came and grew potatoes. The classrooms helped harvest the potatoes and then the PTA cooked them for our students. This was a fun way for students to see that hard work has great benefits.

One of our yearlong projects was a bottlecap mural. A mural was painted, and students, family, and staff collected bottle caps all year. By the end of the year, the mural had been covered with matching colored bottle caps (same color as the mural) and students glued them on a plywood board creating a beautiful piece of artwork from recycled materials. The mural is set to be placed outside the school for the upcoming school year.

We did have various challenges, but our staff and students rose above every challenge and had a very successful year, full of fun and engaging learning opportunities.

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School Name: Port Graham School

Principal: Eric D. Hart

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The biggest thing that was determined to be the focus this year was a return to normalcy, identified by the staff, and community. We determined as a team to involve the community and invite them to participate whenever we could. We were successful in getting Sugtstun taught in the classroom, in person, and when we couldn't meet in person due to quarantine—Sugtstun was taught online. We had a successful Holiday program with the community invited, with about 50 people showing up. Folks reported that this was the first time they had seen some of their neighbors out of their homes. In the spring, we invited community participation in sea week---and all week event that involves staff, students, and community learning about the science and subsistence of the sea. This was done with collaboration with outside resources as well.

Individual accolades should go to Mia Dumont for teaching Sugtstun all year; the language, and the culture. Terry Lindeman successfully coached track, and held an end of the year track and field day. Lara Dillinger should be recognized for her excellent work with SOS (sources of strength), and coaching the 4-12 in resilience skills. Nicole, our first-year secretary was willing to do whatever it took to keep the school open and running. Finally, our Valedictorian—Tyson Breedlove—earned the UA's scholars award, and plans on attending University in the fall. Overall, in spite of the health challenges, a successful year. Finally, Eric Hart completed his two year mentorship and leadership (ASLI) program.

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School Name: Razdolna

Principal: Dr. Michael A. Sturm

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UA Scholar – Zasim Basargin

Enrolment back to normal

STEAM Team and Project GRAD Activities / Field Trips

Project based learning

CTE program

Attendance above 90% average

PBIS program

Parent Involvement in Site Council Meetings

Collaborative & Positive Staff Culture

Staff BBQ

Migrant Ed/ title 1 winter wonderland Day, Remote Learning Kits, Life jackets, Marine Classes

Fritz Creek Post Office Art Work – Mr. Aurand's Grade 2-3 Classroom

Battle of the books participation

Afterschool trapping program

Afterschool Gymnastics

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School Name: Redoubt Elementary

Principal: William Withrow

Staff Achievements:

*Redoubt Elementary continues to have success with our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support system. (PBIS)

Our new staff this year included Emily Manley; Secretary, Holly Frederickson; Kindergarten Teacher, Trina Murphy; Speech, Evan Endresen; Custodian, Teri Hammer; Sped Aide, Carly LeBlanc; Sped Aide, TJ Allen; Kitchen, Andrea Combs; Nurse, and Rose Kilby; Music.

*Retiring this year is Connie Todd; Custodian, Sherry Gladden; Sped Aide and Kim Christianson; Kitchen.

*Moving on this year is Josh Brantley; Frameworks, Kersten Gomez; 2nd Grade Teacher and Rose Kilby; Music Teacher.

Student Accomplishments:

*Spelling Bee winner this year was Lois Frederickson.

*Redoubt Elementary had 18 participants for the 4th, 5th, & 6th grade Forensics.

*Battle of the Books was held this year with a 3rd/4th grade team and a 5th grade team.

*Masonic Student of the Year was Kenneth Fine.

*Summer Reading Program was a big success with participants earning a pizza lunch, tee-shirts and celebrating with an assembly.

School Programs and Activities:

*Redoubt Elementary held three successful Scholastics Book Fairs this year with a parent night book fair in the spring.

*Our annual Bike Rodeo was a big success with about 100 students participating.

*One School One Book this year was “Charlotte’s Web.” Each family received one book to read with their family, students won prizes throughout the book. All students celebrated the end of the book with a movie of “Charlotte’s Web” and popcorn.

*Both 5th and 6th Grade students participated in the D.A.R.E. program.

The winning essay for 5th grade was written by Sienna Smith and 6th grade was Lois Frederickson. Both won a bike and helmet.

*End of year awards ceremony was held on the last day of school.

Community Support

*Fred Myers Rewards program continues to be an invaluable support to our school.

*Holiday Kindness this year supported 25 students with community donations.

*Food Bank canned food drive was a huge success with our “construction.” Local firefighters volunteered as judges along with Mr. Clayton Holland.

*Dr. Suess birthday was celebrated by local firefighters coming in and reading to our primary grades.

*SPD and Fire Department volunteered at our annual Bike Rodeo.

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School Name: River City Academy/Kenai Peninsula Middle College

Principal: Dawn Edwards-Smith

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- 32 Students participated in Kenai Peninsula Middle College Program earning 456 college credits.
- Largest graduating class yet of 19 students, including 16 students who completed at least one college course, others as many as 42 credits.
- Worked with two administrative interns, with Shea Nash being chosen as the next principal of RCA.
- Retirements of founding teachers of RCA - Dawn Edwards-Smith, principal and TAD DeGray, ELA teacher, with 25 years of service to the State of Alaska.
- Teacher Tim Wight will move to SOHI next year after being at RCA for more than 10 years.
- RCA & Middle College Students participated in athletics at their affiliate schools, including Homer High School, Soldotna High School and Kenai Central High School.
- Worked with KPC to offer Commercial Drone Pilot course at the college with 8 students completing the course prepared to take their certification test.
- Scholarships and awards were received by 20% of our graduating seniors.

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School Name: William H. Seward Elementary

Principal: Alan Haskins

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Hour of Code

Sea Week in cooperation with SeaLife Center done in person

Puffin Pen Pal with SeaLife Center

Ranger CJ in doing multiple activities with students of all grade levels.

Field Trips

Volunteers back in the building

LEGO Robotics

Battle of the Books

Migrant Education AfterSchool Tutoring Program

Online Spelling Bee

Able to maintain a Positive Climate and Culture for learning with Staff, Students and Community.

PTA

Artists in School Sean Ulman Writing with the 4th and 5th graders

Artists in Schools Music with Mrs. Jackson, partnered with Seward Music Association

GeoBee Online

Mrs. Pfeifferberger getting a grant to upgrade the Lego robotics \$4500

I would have to say the biggest achievement for William H. Seward Elementary was the ability to maintain a positive attitude for staff and students when we started school and still having to maintain COVID Protocol when everyone thought it would be over. Working thru the COVID Mitigation Plans and work with all the changes. The students, community and staff did a wonderful job this year.

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School Name: Seward High School

Principal: Henry Burns

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Scholarships

Wrestling State Champ 103 Aiden Schilling

Lydia: Olympic Gold Medalist, Olympic Silver Medalist, 2x AK pride of AK award, 5x AK state champion (multiple events)

FFA:

2021 National FFA awards earned (National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN):

(Gold = 1st, Silver = 2nd, Bronze = 3rd place):

Ag Mechanics and Technology Team - Silver award

Teak Barhaug, Corbin Kirchner, Casey Bryden, Trevor Guernsey

Extemporaneous Speaking

Aly Guernsey, Bronze

National Proficiency Awards

Tate Barhaug - Environmental and Natural Resource, Gold

Cody Bryden - Outdoor Recreation, Gold and National Finalist, \$1500

American Degree

Tate Barhaug - 2021-2022 State President, degree recipient

2022 District FFA Awards earned:

Employability Skills

Teak Barhaug - Gold

Aly Guernsey - Silver

Creed Speaking

Katie VanBuskirk - Gold

Jordan Hartman - Silver

Kate Norvell - Bronze

Extemporaneous Speaking

Teak Barhaug - Gold

Trevor Guernsey - Silver

Prepared Speaking

Teak Barhaug - Gold

Ag Issues (team) - Gold

2022 State FFA Awards earned:

** 23 awards in 10 different competitions with 6 members attending**

Creed Speaking
Jordan Hartman - Bronze
Katie VanBuskirk - Fourth

Star Greenhand
Katie VanBuskirk - Silver

Employability Skills
Teak Barhaug - Bronze
Aly Guernsey - Fourth

Prepared Speaking
Teak Barhaug - Gold, can move onto National competition

Extemporaneous Speaking
Teak Barhaug - Gold, can move onto National competition
Trevor Guernsey - Bronze

Veterinary Science - Team 1st, Gold, can move onto National competition
Katie VanBuskirk - Gold Individual
Jordan Hartman - Silver Individual
Kate Norvell - Bronze Individual

Environmental & Natural Resource (ENR) - Team 2nd, Silver
Teak Barhaug - Gold Individual
Trevor Guernsey - Bronze Individual
Aly Guernsey - Sixth

Ag Issues - Team 1st, Gold, can move onto National competition

Leadership Award - Trevor Guernsey, medal

Gold Proficiency - Teak Barhaug, Outdoor Recreation (Gold panning employment), moving onto National level

Silver Proficiency - Aly Guernsey, Outdoor Recreation (Inn/AirBnB cleaning & caretaking)

Star Proficiency Placement - Teak Barhaug

State Degree - Teak Barhaug, can apply for American Degree

Delegate Committee (State business meetings, 2 per chapter) - Trevor Guernsey

Nominating Committee (State Officer selection, 2 per chapter) - Jordan Hartman, Katie VanBuskirk

State Officer - Teak Barhaug, 2022-2023 President, becomes National Delegate with office

2022 Chapter Awards:

Star Chapter Farmer - Aly Guernsey
Star Chapter Greenhand - Jordan Hartman

Chapter Proficiency Awards
Aly Guernsey - Gold
Teak Barhaug - Gold
Trevor Guernsey - Silver
Katie VanBuskirk - Silver
Jordan Hartman - Bronze

Prepared by: Kim Barhaug, Iron Mountain FFA Chapter Advisor

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School Name: Skyview Middle School

Principal: Jill DuFloth

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Skyview Middle School is a comprehensive middle school with an enrollment of 376 full time students in seventh and eighth grade. This past year, SMS continued to provide a full array of elective courses such as art and vocational/technical education. SMS also provided many opportunities for students that needed additional supports as well as STEAM enrichment.

In the effort to meet the individual academic needs of our students, Skyview Middle School offers classes designed to remediate areas of academic deficit before students enter high school. Skyview offers intervention classes that utilize a variety of programing. Skyview also seeks to enrich the educational experience of advanced learners. Skyview offers Algebra and Geometry for high school credit, and this has enabled us to meet the needs of the advanced learner.

49 students were a part of Sources of Strength this year. Students began the year being nominated by peers as positive influences and continued to develop focus on being positive friends and mentors throughout the year. Hilcorp donated \$27K to our program and peer leaders decided to order a VersiCam to create t-shirts and make the program sustainable next year.

A bulk order of t-shirts and sweatshirts was purchased for the project. Additionally, the students built a calming zone with furniture and plants, fidget toys, and this has been a successful zone! A TV with inspirational quotes will be hung by the bulletin board.

Extra-Curricular Sports

Skyview Middle School continued to offer its traditional athletic program in 2021-2022, with over 140 participants in Soccer, X-country Running, Basketball, Wrestling, X-country Skiing, Volleyball, and Track & Field.

8th grade Girls A volleyball undefeated borough champs and special recognition from 32 AK State legislature

Wrestling Borough Champs, 2nd place at Tanana State Championship

8th grade Girls BB 3rd place boroughs

8th grade boys BB 1st boroughs

In addition to sports, Skyview continues to offer other extracurricular activities such as the Washington DC Trip, 2 Alyeska Ski trips and the first activity night since 2019.

Skyview students also value community service opportunities. This year, students contributed to “Operation Santa Paws” where students donated dog toys and treats and raised \$200 for Kenai Peninsula Animal Lovers, a canned food drive for the food bank, and raised money for “Water for Sudan” in response to a book read by students in language arts.

6th to 7th Grade Transition Day

On May 12th, students from our six feeder-schools came to Skyview to experience middle school and see a bit of what Skyview has to offer. While participating, students also experienced learning locker combinations, class routes & school layout, tips for success, and meeting staff and teachers. Soldotna High School Band and drumline performed during lunch time to promote the revitalization of Skyview music programs. This yearly event has helped students feel more comfortable making a successful transition to middle school.

Masonic Student of the Year: Winner: Spencer Dahlman

Nominees: Campbell Kincaid, Emma Glassmaker, Laurel Johnson, Alexis Simmons, Ethan Anding

Golden Hammer (Vocational Award): Ethan Pescoya

Outstanding PE Students of the Year: 7th Grade— Jillian Duncan, Kurt Estraras

8th Grade Crossfit— Teagan Kobylarz, Jady Stuyvesant

Outstanding Student Council Members: Emma Glassmaker, Lyna Percival

Best of Show Art Award Winner: Katie Cox

People’s Choice Art Award: Brody Linton

Perfect Attendance: Hayden Kowalkowski

4.0 G.P.A. (Entire year)

7th Grade: Dwight Brown, Braze Cassidy, Kathryn Cox, Kathryn DeBardelaben, Jillian Duncan, Aidan Hunt, Johana Jedlicka, Valarie McAnelly, Lucia Micciche, Rowan Peck, Ryan Queen, Araunah Stitt, Joseph Waugh, Shiloh Zichko,

8th Grade: Ethan Anding, Piper Bloom, Sarah Brown, Owen Buckbee, Spencer Dahlman, Isabella DeRaeve, Emma Glassmaker, Ryla Hunt, Campbell Kincaid, Brody Linton, Connor Marks, Emily O’Reagan, Alexis Simmons, Samuel Strouse, Jayden Stuyvesant

Both Years: Ethan Anding, Sarah Brown, Spencer Dahlman, Emma Glassmaker, Brody Linton, Connor Marks, Alexis Simmons, Samuel Strouse

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School Name: Soldotna Elementary School

Principal: Austin Stevenson

Masonic Award: Meagan Powell

Spelling Bee: Brock Martin

Presidential Awards: Brooks Burcham
Keegan Bross
Hayden Carr
Maegan Powell
Ashley Simmons
Rafe Vinzant

Test Scores:

According to NWEA MAP assessments SoEl Students made more growth than:

67.75% of US students in Math in grades 3-6.

67.25% of US students in Reading in Grades 3-6

64.75% Of US students in language usage 3-6.

Grade level highlights:

Third graders from SoEl grew more than 87% of US students in Math.

Fifth graders from SoEl grew more than 95% of US students in Math.

Fifth graders from SoEl grew more than 93% of US students in Reading

Sixth graders from SoEl grew more than 84% of US students reading.

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School Name: Soldotna High School

Principal: Sarge Truesdell

Assistant Principal: Tabitha Blades

Soldotna High School is a comprehensive high school in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District serving 659 students in grades 9-12. Over the past school year, SOHI has continued to provide students with a wide array of core course offerings as well as elective courses in fields such as music, Career and Technical Education, foreign language, and more.

Staff Accomplishments:

This was Mr. Truesdell's first year as a high school principal but his 24th year in education. This was Mrs. Blades's second year as the AP at SOHI but her 19th overall year. One of our tenured Language Arts teachers, Dr. Paul Marks, received his Ph.D. in Educational Technology this year. One of our well-respected paraprofessionals, Mr. Stanley Vogel, completed his 50th year in education in the state of Alaska. The full faculty focused efforts this year on rebounding from COVID and how to address learning gaps that have been created through two years of "classroom, interrupted." Facing immense challenges due to COVID absences and a district-wide substitute teacher shortage, SOHI introduced the idea of Flex Fridays to the KPBSD in an effort to provide teachers with the much needed planning and collaboration time that was being overtaken by the need to provide class coverages for one another. During third quarter, all of KPBSD followed suit. Even after the original need diminished, SOHI teachers elected to keep the Flex Friday format in an effort to provide more specialized interventions to students who were experiencing struggles academically.

Returning to Normal(ish):

For the first time since COVID became national news in March of 2020, student activities and athletics became commonplace again this year and the students at SOHI shined like the STARS they are.

Sports:

- Football finished 2nd in the state with Dylan Dahlgren as State Lineman of the Year and Brayden Taylor as State Defensive Player of the Year.
- Stars Wrestling took 4th at State (2nd at Regions) with individual champions: Sr Wayne Mellon at 171#, Jr Hunter Richardson at 189#, Jr Liam Babitt at 215# (2X champion), Jr Trinity Donovan at 145G# (3X champion). Additionally, Coach Neldon Gardner was Coach of the Year and Coach Eric Willets was Assistant Coach of the Year.
- SOHI Hockey had a phenomenal season taking 6th in the state competition.
- Swim and Dive teams also had a great showing with multiple athletes making showings at State. Abriella Werner, a SOHI freshman and first year diver, placed 4th at state in Dive.
- SOHI Basketball Cheer team traveled to state competition this year to participate for the first time.
- SOHI Boys Track and Field took 2nd at Regions and Girls Track and Field brought home the Region Championship.

- Boys Soccer took home the Region Championship and Girls Soccer has secured an at-large berth to ensure both teams will be ready to compete at State. Jolie Widaman, SOHI senior, was named Conference MVP for her amazing performance this season.
- SOHI's Outstanding Senior Athletes for 2021-2022 were Jordan Strausbaugh and Dylan Dahlgren.

Overall, 338 students at SOHI participated in athletics this year, meaning that 51.2% of the total student population belongs to at least one team on campus.

Activities and Academics:

- SOHI's Drama department came back to the stage producing a musical in the fall with
 - *Annie* and a one act play in the spring with *Arsenic and Old Lace*.
- SOHI's Battle of the Books Club was District Champions and took 2nd Place at State thanks to members Ivy Daly, Ali Powell, Bailey Conner, and Leihla Harrison.
- Student Council took the initiative to meet COVID challenges head on and hosted our first annual Homecoming Tailgate Concert. They also led a food drive which provided food to 16 local families, and a toy drive which provided holiday gifts to 73 local
 - children. They took on the daunting task of reinvigorating the Prom tradition after a three year hiatus and it came back to SOHI in full force with the theme of An Enchanted Forest. Hundreds of students came to enjoy and make memories with their friends and classmates.
- SOHI freshman Caleb Wohlers was named a Caring for the Kenai finalist.
- Soldotna High School's Art program flourished this year with more than fourteen District Art Show Winners.
- SOHI's 2022 Educators Rising program dominated at State Competition with three students qualifying for Nationals: Ashley Dahlman - 1st place - Lesson Plan – STEM, Ivy Daly - 3rd place - Exploring Supportive Staff, and Sophia Micciche - 3rd place - K-3 Children Literature.
- Our band and choir students did a phenomenal job with multiple qualifiers for state competition in Solo/Ensemble.
- Students in advanced level mathematics courses participated in the statewide TrigStar competition and SOHI students took 25 of the top 40 spots.
- Soldotna High School hosted its second annual Rising Stars Day which allowed incoming freshmen from Skyview Middle, IDEA, Connections, and Aurora Borealis Charter to come together to meet faculty and staff, form some bonds, and get questions answered.

Looking into the Future:

Soldotna High School faculty and administration have spent the greater part of the 2021-2022 school year planning for new ways to tackle the ongoing effects of the COVID learning gap.

Staff have developed high functioning Professional Learning Communities, developed specialized Credit Recovery Courses, and devised a plan to revamp and revitalize our Career and Technical Education offerings to provide greater relevance for our students.

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School Name: Sterling Elementary School

Principal: Denise Kelly

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Sterling Elementary was busy this year!

- We hired a new 3rd grade teacher. We also hired a Title 1 Literacy Tutor in the middle of the year. This was the first time that we had this position at Sterling.
- We successfully made it through the beginning of the school year with Covid protocols, masking, and contact tracing.
- In coordination with the Friends of Sterling Elementary PTO, we held a free Halloween Trick or Treat activity for our community.
- Our Title 1 Family Involvement Committee with donations received from our Sterling Elementary PTO held nearly monthly Family Dinner Initiative Challenges throughout the year to engage families in their children's learning at school. These were mildly successful in the responses from families.
- We held a One School One Book activity which provided all families a copy of the book Stuart Little, which culminated in a showing of the movie at the Orca Theater.
- We developed our first Title 1 School Wide Program plan for the 22-23 school year with the input of all of our stakeholder groups.
- We have continued success with our PBIS framework and continue to significantly reduce our office discipline referrals. In addition, our focus on kindness allows opportunities for activities across the school to promote kindness.
- The Sterling Masonic Lodge #22 continues to support reading at Sterling Elementary by providing bikes for a Bikes for Books program up to three times a year. Students read and report on the books they read to be entered into a drawing for one of the bikes. Students read over 200 books this past year as part of the Bikes for Books challenges.
- Our library aide continues to provide prizes and recognition to the two students in each grade level who checked out the most books during the school year.
- Students were very active this year. We have an afterschool Native Youth Olympics team that participated in the state's virtual competition as well as a couple of in person local competitions. We participated in the Healthy Futures AK program with students documenting their physical activity through the

year. We held a field day activity for all of our students at the end of the school year.

- Our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders participated in a Link Up! concert virtually with an Australian orchestra, playing recorders and xylophones as well as singing.
- Our 5th grade class participated in the Stock Market Game at the elementary level. They took 1st earning \$103,069.06 and 2nd earning \$100,028.86.
- Our students participated in the district's STEM toothpick bridge building though we do not have a Quest teacher.
- One of our teachers provided an afterschool robotics and coding club for students in 4, 5, 6 grades.
- We participated in a Zero Waste Challenge for a month where we used biodegradable forks and straws and reusable lunch trays. We decided to continue this and have submitted for a grant for metal sporks, biodegradable straws and reusable napkins.
- As part of our zero waste initiative, we have provided lunchroom waste to local hobby farmers instead of throwing it in the landfill.
- Our 5th and 6th grade students participated and ran booths at the annual Salmon Celebration in Kasilof.
- Four of our classes participated in the annual Kenai River Clean Up trip.
- We had The NED Show livestreamed to our classrooms to promote kindness and being true to yourself.
- Our 4th grade teacher hosted a student teacher this school year.
- Our students participated in the district's Battle of the Books for grades 3/ 4 and 5/6.
- Our students participated in the district's forensics tournament and several placed 1st or 2nd place in their category.

The following individual students and staff members were recognized this school year:

- Mykah Walgenbach earned our school's Masonic Outstanding Student of Year award.
- Harper Wight's artwork was selected to represent Sterling Elementary on next year's school calendar magnet.
- Denise Kelly was selected as the National Distinguished Principal for the state of Alaska.

Several teachers earned grants for their classrooms and the school:

- Two Hilcorp employees donated a total of \$15,500 to Sterling Elementary for family engagement and student extracurricular activities.
- Our campus beautification committee earned two grants for additional trees and flowers for our campus and habitat trail in the total amount of \$1400.
- Several teachers secured supplies through Donors Choose: flexible seating for the classroom, novel sets, reading café activities and supplies, science supplies, Reading + software, Spheros robot kits, cross country skis, We Matter Classroom learning materials, outdoor benches, IXL learning program, and birdhouses and binoculars for each class.

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School Name: Susan B. English

Principal: Scott Jonsson

During 2021-2022, Room/Building Use Agreements and Memorandums of Agreement were put in place to work toward the goal of making the school a hub of the community, after the 2020-21 school year suffered a lack of community activities due to Covid.

- Open gym resumes
- Open pool resumes, along with swim lessons
- Wrestling program initiated.
- After School Basketball Club recruits students to begin building a middle school basketball program
- Susan B. English partners with Seldovia Can Grow to build a hydroponics grow lab, producing food, which was donated to elders in the community.
- Robotics Club resumes
- In-school spelling bee
- Middle School Ceramics/Art course in the shop paves the way for two community summer programs (one for adults, one for children) in ceramics, organized through the Sea Otter Community Center
- Seldovia Arts Council utilizes the school over the summer for two events: Solstice Summer Music Festival & Seldovia Theatre Arts Camp.

An intensive needs classroom was created for an incoming kindergarten student with autism, along with training our special aide paraprofessional who spent two days a week working with this student 1:1.

High school students began using the 3-D printer.

Two open houses for middle/high school students.

Title I Program begins with an aim to promoting K-2 literacy as a primary goal, but a 3rd grader receives interventions as well.

Lunch program resumes Spring 2022, after no lunch program during Fall 2021.

School-wide field trip to Outside Beach, with expert, community guide to investigate biology in low-tide environment.

School-wide “Minute-to-Win-It” activity promotes fun, cohort collaboration, after breaking the habit of not mixing cohorts from previous Covid mitigation.

Open-air Christmas Concert, performed by K-2 cohort for community & school.

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School Name: Tebughna School

Principal: Christy Gomez

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Cook Inlet Tribal Council Innovation Station/ Fab Lab Grant: All students K-12 were engaged in all things STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) of culturally themed units and reflective of the Alaska State Standards and SCOPES.

Tebughna Foundation: We continued our Dene'ina Language studies via Zoom with our instructors Vide Kroto, Edna Standifer, and Michael Braun. Likewise, TF was kind to donate school day snacks for our students, sponsor our purchase of Tebughna School Sweatshirts, and our book purchase of the Battle of the Books for our teams this year.

Battle of the Books: Our 3 /4 team the "Tebughna Bookworms" tied for 4th place among the elementary schools in the KPBSD. Our participants were: Bethany Moon, Marie Dennis, Evalina Ollice, Selina Stephan, Andres Moon, Benny Villalpando, and Cage Standifer.

Tyonek Tribal Conservation District: In partnership with TTCD, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, we welcomed back our Salmon in the Classroom Fish Cycle with great success. From all stages, students gathered data, maintained the tank habitat, and said farewell to our Fry. Likewise, ADF&G Biologist Lucas Stumpf led a virtual salmon dissection where our students, staff, and community came together to assist in dissection, and identification, of all things salmon. TTCD staff also led virtual lessons on Cook Inlet Beluga with a special presentation with the Seward Sealife Center rehabilitation department with an update of Tyonek the Cook Inlet Beluga calf that was rescued a few year near our shores. Finally, we had our annual spring seed starts to help kick start our Tyonek Garden summer growing season. Students and community were also invited to our annual garden blessing for a good harvest this year. The TTCD is also hosting six Tebughna youth with internships this summer to maintain the Tyonek Garden from seed to harvest!

Senner Bird Lab/ University Of South Carolina: Our K-5 classroom participated in 8 virtual collectives with Dr. Nathan Senner and his team of dedicated, and engaging, graduate students on ecology and environment of the local shorebird, the Hudsoniun Godwit. Our kiddos also had the opportunity to meet with the team, explore our learning, do feather identification and illustrate. Likewise, David Goldenberg from the

Youtube channel, Minute Earth, gathered footage for the bird curriculum feature our students will be a part of next school year!

Southcentral Foundation/ Behavioral Health Aide Support: Our local Behavioral Health Aide, Robert Stephan, Jr., led a traditional beading practice with a talking circle with our middle school students to support indigenous health and wellness in our young people. Students completed beading projects, too, and talked about Dene'ina values and character development.

Project GRAD: Our partnership with PGKP was an amazing support for our students on social emotional learning curriculum, academic coaching, student/ family support, and postsecondary support in conjunction with the US Department of Education and the Alaska Native Education Program.

Participated in KPBSD Title VI activities from cultural curriculum, STEM kits, and a virtual participation of Chickaloonies- author and illustrator of a graphic novel with Alaska Native roots night.

Achieved our SEL goal of collecting 240+ feathers of the "Be a Good Chief" initiative, and celebrated our students success in making positive, resilient, and mindful choices as a student body.

Monthly Parent and Family Engagement Activity nights: Book Walk, Books for Bingo, Family Skate Night, Family Movie Night, Camp Read- A- Lot, Project GRAD STEM Night, Geography Bowl, ADF&G Community Fish Dissection and Identification.

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School Name: Tustumena

Principal: Doug Hayman

The first outstanding achievement was our Reading scores. With the pandemic still in full swing when we started the school year, there was plenty of reason to believe students would be at a deficit in all academic areas at the end of the year. But, even though we did have a few weeks where we had to mask, we did not lose any instruction time and by January, we were in full catch-up mode. By the end of the school year, our students were back up to pre-pandemic levels with our first grade students showing off with 100% “at low risk.”

We were fortunate to benefit from a Hilcorp Grant donated to our school via the Veideffer family. This \$25,000 grant to be carried over into next year but did finance this year, a school-wide reading promotion that included pizza parties, drones, and bicycles as reading incentives.

We did not receive a “Student Behavior” award, because there isn’t one (but there should be.) The climate of Tustumena is noteworthy. Teachers do an outstanding job of supporting appropriate student behavior in all aspects of the school experience. From bus drivers, to guest teachers, and parents, all are impressed by the courteous nature of the school.

Due to pandemic restrictions and advisories, we did not have our traditional fall carnival. This used to be a big fundraiser for our PTO and a big night in the community. Instead, our PTO organized a prize auction with dozens of donated prizes and the Tustumena staff put the carnival booths together so the kids could still have fun. We ran the carnival on the PE schedule and classes were allowed to come in, play games, dress up (Halloween) and win prizes. This activity speaks to the dedication of the Tustumena staff to improve the lives of our students. This same staff modified our traditional “Reindeer Games” at Christmas, again in order bring joy to the lives of our students while still keeping a focus on safety.

Our school also modified other field trips, Battle of Books, and Forensics as we moved back toward our traditions. Two trips that were fully “back to normal” were the Salmon Celebration and Beach Exploration. Tustumena’s ideal location near Johnson Lake and Kasilof Beach made these experiences easy to access and meaningful to our students.

We designed and implemented a new activity that we hope will become a tradition this year, Career Talk Tuesdays (CTT.) For four weeks following Spring Break, students grades 3-6 experienced presentations from 16 major career paths. The presenters represented community partnerships from the health care, manufacturing, education, hospitality, service industries, and more. Data was collected to determine current interests of students. This program had two objectives: To open the minds of students while they are young to the broad range of careers,

and, to help students understand that at some point (soon) they would be responsible for themselves and they should start thinking about the possibilities.

It is an honor to be associated with the staff and families of Tustumena. I will miss them as if they were my family.

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School Name: Voznesenka School

Principal: Michael Wojciak

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- Migrant trip to Washington D.C.
- Migrant trip to Juneau
- Migrant elementary swimming trip
- Upstream Academy participant
- HS Battle of the Books
- MS Battle of the Books
- Project Grad STEAM Team program
- Project Grad CHILL program
- Project Grad 3-5 Grade Peterson Bay day trip
- Project Grad CHILL kayak trip
- Land's End graduation
- UA Scholar Award recipient
- Alaska Performance Scholarship recipients
- Mae Ciechanski Scholarship Fund recipient
- Homer Elks Scholarship recipient
- Homer Emblem Club Scholarship recipient
- Masonic Award recipient
- East End Road Garbage Day Cleanup
- 3rd place State wrestler
- HHS Hockey team participants, taking 3rd place in State Tournament
- HHS football team participants
- PBIS school
- Cougar Code school celebrations
- Alyeska ski trip
- Secondary and elementary swim day
- Bookmobile visit to our school
- Two staff recognized for 25 years of service
- One staff recognized for 20 years of service

School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2021-2022

School Name: West Homer Elementary School

Principal: Eric Waltenbaugh

Please list the outstanding achievements of students, staff and/or your school for the past year. It is important that you share the following information; grants awarded, districtwide, statewide and national academic awards, regional and state athletic titles, special school-wide projects, etc. It is not necessary to list each member of a team or group unless it is pertinent to an individual award. Your submission may not be longer than two (2) pages in length. This electronic form must be emailed to Lisa Gabriel, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

Student Celebrations

- Kam Rodgers – State Spelling Bee
- Battle of the Books – over 30 students participated in the KPBSD 5th/6th grade and 3rd/4th grade

Teacher Recognition

- Krista Etwiler retired

Grants Received

- The Homer Foundation – Grant to purchase a poster maker for the school - \$3,000

Activities

- Cross Country - ORCA Fun Run
- Soccer
- Chess
- Robotics
- Flag Football
- Basketball
- Volleyball

Events

- May 6th, 2022 First Friday Gallery Walk
- Tile installation – Artist in Schools
- Orca Standing Ovarions Celebration of Achievement Assemblies 1x Quarter Goal setting and reflection
- May 17, 2022 –6th grade Promotion
 - HHS Grads visit WHE
- May 18, 2022 –Field Day
- May 19th, 2022 Campus Beatification Day