

*KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT*

**2014-2015 School Annual
Reports to the Superintendent**

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Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Aurora Borealis Charter School

Submitted by Larry Nauta

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Future Problem Solving State Winners Math Count six of the twelve top awards

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Chapman School

Submitted by Conrad Woodhead

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Yearly Activity Report For Chapman School 2014-15

- 10 (+1 PREK speech student) Pre-K Students enrolled at Chapman
- Chapman School receives 5 Star ASPI rating
- Chapman School receives positive media coverage from Homer News
- Chapman School continues to enjoy Fruit & Veggie state grant
- Paul Seaton iPad grant for Kindergarten
- Currently using the following computer programs: Accelerated Reading, Milestones, Read Naturally, Skills Tutor, Read Naturally, Accelerated Math, Star Math, Star Reading, Typing Master Pro, Lexia, Headsprout, Orchard, Raz Reading, My Writing Web, Discovery Ed.
- Active Groups at Chapman: Student Council, Chapman Parent Advisory Group, Site Council, Title I
- Weekly Intervention Meetings
- Positive changes to the school / Foyer New Logo & Other Benches, Gym - New Divider, Halls & some classrooms painted
- Fall & Spring Photos
- Salmon Egg Collection - Anchor River
- Community - HEA Yearly Open House BBQ held at Chapman, Youth Group Adult Basketball, Adult Volleyball, Timberwolves Basketball, Zumba, Anchor King Wrestling
- Child Find
- SPROUT Playgroup
- Fire Safety - Anchor Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Read Across America with School wide activities
- Matching iPad Grant from Homer Foundation grades 5th-8th
- Halloween Carnival
- Chapman School Open House well attended
- Sports: Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Junior High Wrestling, Track,

- Cookie Dough and Gifts & Things Fundraiser
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Senior Citizen Craft Bazaar
- Quarterly Awards Assemblies
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Assemblies and Classroom Visits by Community Members
- Music Concerts: Fall, and Spring
- Canned Food Drive for Community Thanksgiving Baskets
- Anchor Point Public Library - Cabin Fever Variety Show
- Artist in Residence through Bunnell Street Gallery - Deland Anderson
- Character Counts Behavior Incentive Program
- Spelling Bee - Winner Andy Nelson (placed 8th in State)
- 100s day activities school wide
- Parent Organized Snow Rondi Events at Chapman: Pinewood Derby
- Battle of the Books 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, 7th/8th Teams
- Science Fair grades 1st -8th
- Special Music Programs: Mass Band & Mass Choir
- Service Board Banquet
- Volunteer Appreciation Cookie Reception
- Student, Finn Heimbold, chosen as Chapman's Masonic Student
- Kindergarten & Pre-K Open House
- 2nd - 4th Grade Students - Two weeks of swimming lessons
- Registration for Pre-K / 14 students signed up
- Sixteen Kindergarten Students graduate
- Fifteen 8th Grade Students graduated
- Field Day
- All School/Community BBQ Last Day of School

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Connections Homeschool Program

Submitted by Lee Young

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Connections UA Scholars for Connections Homeschool Program

- Kaden Schrock
- Conway Seavey
- Ellery Steffensen
- Jacob Calligan
- Kaylee Fisher
- Lisa Wisner
- Ila Cobb
- Michael Sutton

- Emily DiPaolo was the recipient of the \$500 Vicki Webb Nelson memorial scholarship
- Connections student Whitney Owens is a published Author – Winston's Friendship Journey.
- Matt Thomas – Math Genius - AMC scores, qualified to take the American Invitational Mathematics Examination and scored 11/15. Highest score in State, highest score ever in State. TrigStar Exam: 94/100. Highest in school and District, third highest in State. The first Alaskan to take the USA Mathematics Olympiad (for the top 270 students in the country).
- Jessica Grant - \$8,000 merit scholarship recipient
- Jonathon Bruxvoort – KPC Tuition-free recipient
- Sullivan Jackson - \$1,000 Nikiski Senior Center scholarship recipient
- Sullivan Jackson - \$1,000 Kenai Peninsula Builders Association Scholarship
- Ellery Steffensen – Luke Spruill \$10,000 scholarship recipient

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Cooper Landing School

Submitted by Michael Hanson and Susanna LaRock

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During the 2014-2015 school year, Cooper Landing School (CLS) students experienced many successes and exciting opportunities. All of the students participated in the annual float and fish of the upper Kenai River; everyone caught fish and had a great day. The K-6th grades took six weeks of Gymnastics lessons at the Anchorage Gymnastics Association. All of the students participated in six weeks of skiing or snowboarding lessons at Alyeska. The 3rd-8th grade participated in a state wide archery tournament through the National Archery in Schools Program.

The school received a Rasmussen Art Grant, which funded an Artist in the Schools visit that focused on learning African and Caribbean drumming skills. The students spent all week learning about African and Caribbean drumming styles and cultures. Then at the end of the week they invited the community for a performance to show off their skills.

The students also benefitted from a Rasmussen Excursion grant which funded two field trips to the Anchorage Performing Art Center. The students also enjoyed a field trip to the Anchorage Museum to see the Lego Exhibit.

In addition, students worked with the Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce and Historical Society to create a trail guide for hiking trails in Cooper Landing. The brochure describes the locations and difficulty levels of trails in Cooper Landing and features the student's art work. The brochure will be available to the public at the Visitors Center.

This School year Cooper Landing School was honored to receive two awards from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development; the High Progress and Highest Performing Awards were both given to the school for the year 2014. The community was invited to the school to celebrate this achievement.

Cooper Morgan Gossard was the recipient of the Masonic Award at the end of the year. All students participated in a fundraiser to help pay for field trips for the next school year. All of the students wrote and illustrated their own book and invited the community to a traditional author's tea to present their works. Four Kindergarteners graduated, and we joined Hope School and Moose Pass School for an end of the school year celebration.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Fireweed Academy

Submitted by Kiki Abrahamson

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 schoolwide 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 Debbie Tressler, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

One of the many highlights at Fireweed this year was a week long STEM workshop with former award winning KPBSD teacher Sheryl Sotelo. Students in grades K-6 became “makers” for the week creating circuits, robots, bottle cars and go-bots.

A hydroponic gardening system was installed at our K-2 site, and this system produced greens and herbs that provided salads for lunches during the school year as well as many science exploration and observation opportunities. Along with our indoor gardening, the students have planted the school community garden adjoining our K-2 building. This is in its 3rd year of providing produce for our families and students, and embellishing our curriculum from late summer into the fall.

The Salmon in the Classroom program brought Coho Salmon eggs to an incubation tank in our 1st/2nd classroom. The developing and hatching silver salmon supported a number of science activities including salmon dissection, a trip to the Anchor River by K-2 students to learn about salmon lifecycles and sustainability, and numerous observations of the development from egg to Alevin to fry.

During our second quarter Theme Immersion students were introduced to two unique forms of transportation. First, a horse and carriage visited both Fireweed campuses and provided students the opportunity to broaden their understanding of transportation systems to include the workings of horsed drawn systems. Later in the quarter, a collaboration with Paul Banks’ Principal Eric Pederson brought a dog and sled to the K-2 campus to introduce the concept of mushing to our students.

The culminating project of our third quarter Theme Immersion was an Invention Convention held in the West Homer gymnasium that was attended by families, students of Little Fireweed, and community members. Students displayed and explained their responses to “Necessity is the mother of invention.”

6th Graders participated in two Justice Systems: Youth Court and a Mock Justice Circle. The Kenaitze tribe mentor Curt Shuey, wrote to us, "What an inspiring group of well prepared students, and such an education in the process of critical thinking and consultative communication! Thank you for the invite!"

We strengthened our connections to the Homer community with several trips to the Senior Center by our kindergarten students to sing and tell tales, and through Fireweed students' performances in collaboration with the Homer Youth Orchestra and with the Homer Shorebird festival.

For the first time Fireweed participated in the 3rd/4th grade level of Battle of the Books. And this same bunch of intrepid students started a school newspaper.

Older Fireweed students participated Linked Up with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra learning and performing with both singing and recorders. All Fireweed students contributed to the building and celebration of the Burning Basket Installation. They participated in the Shorebird Festival, Howl's Dirtbag Cleanup, The Center for Alaskan Coastal studies beach clean up. Salmon in the Schools was housed at the Fireweed K-2 site.

Students benefited from diverse Artists in the schools including Eddie Wood, percussionist; Ann Margaret Wimmerstedt: Encaustics artist and Sharlene Cline, Calligrapher and painter. After the completion of a student sampler of Encaustics work, we submitted their piece to the Homer Legislative Information Office. Students also participated in ceramics projects that included making soup bowls for a fundraiser for the 6th grade field trip.

Students benefited from authentic experiential education on field trips to Kennecott Mine and Root Glacier, Kasitsna Bay, and Seldovia; as well as exploring people and places that add to the cultural context of Homer.

Fireweed enjoyed equitable funding with other similar sized schools in the district as a result of HB278. We were able to hire aides and a full time Interventionist. This provided much needed support to cover duties and provide classroom assistance.

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School Name Homer Flex

Submitted by Karen Wessel

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Student leadership/peer educator in PHAT (Peer Health Program): Kaylynn Bunnell

Eight Graduates

Masonic Outstanding Student Award: Kaylynn Bunnell

UA Scholars Anton Kuzmin and Kaylynn Bunnell

Student leadership/peer educator in PHAT (Peer Health Program): Kaylynn Bunnell

Flex Improvisational Theater Troupe teaching West Homer 3rd/4th graders and

Fireweed 4th graders

Homer Spit Highway Cleanup

Community Service Project at Kevin Bell Hockey Arena

Flex "Garden of Eatin'" Partnership with Twitter Creek Gardens (CSA) and Homer

Soil and Water Conservation

Homer Foundation Grant for Stewardship of Planet/Nature Literacy

Homer Foundation Grant for Improvisational Theater Workshop

Artist in the School Grant for Encaustic Visual Art Workshop

Recipient of 5-year federal SAMHSA grant for Youth Mental Health First Aid through the State of Alaska DEED

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School Name Homer High School

Submitted by Douglas Waclawski

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Homer High students and staff have earned many academic, sporting and service awards this year. This is a credit to our students, our teachers and our supportive community. The awards earned include but are not limited to:

Sporting:

- Team Regional Champs
 - Girls Volleyball
 - Girls Cross Country Running
 - Girls Basketball
- Individual Awards
 - Megan Pitzman - Region XCR Champion
 - Sean Blaine - Regional Wrestling Champion
 - **Heather Harington – State Wrestling Champion (210)**
 - **Aspen Daigle – State Cross Country Ski Champion (Small Schools)**
 - Madison Akers – 2nd Team All-State (Basketball)
 - Jonas Noomah and Evan Boyer - 1st Place in Duo Interpretation (DDF)
- Team State Champs
 - **Girls Cross Country Running State Champions!**
 - Girls Volleyball - State Academic Award (Highest GPA)
 - Girls Cross Country Skiing - State Academic Award (Highest GPA)
 - Girls Basketball - State Academic Award (Highest GPA)
 - DDF – State Academic Award (Highest GPA)
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Academic

- 2nd place Caring for the Kenia – Danny Weist
- National Merit Scholar Finalist
 - Jonas Newmah
- National Merit Scholar Semifinalist
 - Evan Boyer
 - Patrick Latimer
- State Skills USA Competition
 - 1st place: Construction – Ian McCormick &
- HCOA Youth Artist of the Year – Lindsey Schneider
- F Magazine's Alaska Statewide Youth Arts and Writing Contest.
 - 1st place: Molly Mitchell – Essay
 - 1st place: Jonas Noomah – Flash Fiction
 - 2nd Place: Molly Mitchell – Poetry

Staff

- Alaska Cross Country Running Coach of the Year – Bill Steyer
- Region III Basketball Cheer Coach of the Year – Leona Alexander

Schoolwide

- US News & World Report Silver Medal Award

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School Name Homer Middle School

Submitted by Kari Dendurent

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Teacher Recognition

BP Nominees

Jen Booz

Lisa Fellows

Grants Received

December 9, 2014 Homer Foundation Grant with Dave Schroer \$3,000

School Climate and Culture Activities

August 14	7 th Grade Boot Camp (7 th Grade Transition Day)
August 17	Back to School BBQ HMS Staff
October 3	Participate in HHS Homecoming Parade
October 24	Activity Night
November 11	Crockpot Cook-off
December 12	Pep Rally
December 15	Staff Holiday Cookie Bake Off
December 8-12	Angel Tree and Share the Spirit Baskets
Feb 9-13	Share the Love Food Drive and Spirit Week
February 13	Pep Rally
April 1 & 2	Native Youth Olympics in PE classes
April 23	HHS Step Up day
May 15	Pep Rally
May 20	End of Year BBQ and Pep Rally

Parent and Community Involvement

August 14	7 th & 8 th Grade Orientation
September 17	HMS Open House
October 9	Host KPBSD Site Council Meeting
November 18	Host KPBSD Key Communicators Meeting
November 24	Brad Hughes – Local Artist Presentation
January 27	Homer Chamber of Commerce
April 3	Youth Photovoice Exhibit
April 27	The Teen Brain Explained
April 28	Host KPBSD Mass Band
May 18-19	7 th Grade Cold Water Safety and Marine Awareness
Sept-May Art Classes	Marine Debris Project with Alaska Coastal Studies and

Academic Achievement

December 11	Geo Bee Levi Dabney
January 14	Spelling Bee- Clayton Arndt
February 6 & 7	Math Counts in Anchorage
April 11	KPBSD Math Meet
April 24	Isabel Kulhanek Masonic Award Recipient

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Hope School

Submitted by Michael Hanson, Principal

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 schoolwide 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 Debbie Tressler, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

Another outstanding year at Hope School. Looking back, it seems amazing how fast the year went by; and how much we were able to accomplish.

First day back: We arrived back at school August 19th and found we had six new students bringing our total enrollment to 23 students! Two new families moved to Hope with a combined six school-age students and two preschoolers. WOW! The first weeks of school were all about getting to know these new students and help them adjust to a new school and a new community.

Major Activities: Hope students participated in a variety of activities this year, some new and some old. My memory is not as it used to be so let's just make a fun list of "some" of the activities.

- Mind of Mazes – October – Two teams – several awards
- Battle of the Books – February (two teams)
- Science Fair with Cooper Landing – K-12
- History – Wax Museum with Cooper Landing – April
- Math Trimathlon Challenge – May
- Developed a coed soccer team and had three different challenges with Moose Pass and Cooper landing!! Yeah!
- History – Mock Trial with Cooper Landing grades 6 – 12. Consisted of a real case currently before the Supreme Court - Gregory Elonis vs the United States. The issue was personal freedom of speech versus social media. Holding now for the Supreme Court to decide – but in Hope/Cooper Landing – We have a decision!!
- Two Masonic Student awards in May – Andrew Bishop and Benjamin Peck – Both students and their families attending the ceremony.
- Corridor Field Trip for intermediate students to Seward, K-BEQ – Kenaitze archeological site in Cooper landing, Cooper Landing museum in April.
- High school and middle school student field trip to KTUU studio in Anchorage and UAA Automotive Program, where our Hope 12th grader will be attending this fall. He is our UAA Scholar for the year and plans to continue his education at UAA.
- 2nd Annual Hope Talent Show for the Hope Community – May
- Final Day of School BBQ with Moose Pass and Cooper Landing – Yeah!

Makes me tired just looking at all the activities! But in reflecting back on our year, I think our greatest accomplishment was bringing into our family the six new students who arrived this year. Like larger schools, new students come from a variety of places and for different reasons; but in a small school, an influx of six new students, while certainly welcomed, is a bit of a challenge! We wanted each child to feel they had found a learning community where they were safe to learn at their own level and speed, and that they now had an entire educational family including teachers, aides, volunteers, and community that were going to help them achieve their absolute highest and most challenging level of learning. I think we accomplished that goal in a big way. On Thursday (Yesterday) five students drove with staff to Girdwood to see one of our new students play in a minor Little League Baseball game. When we showed up at his game, he smiled so big, and introduced all his "new" friends to his old friends at his old school. I would say that this young man's adjustment to his new school is one of Hope School's greatest accomplishments this year! I guess we can't call him the "new" kid anymore! He is just one of our many outstanding students attending Hope School.

SGM Pilot Program: Staff participated in the Pilot Program for Teacher Evaluation (SGM Pilot Program, set goals for our third graders, followed those students throughout the year with an afterschool reading program, and in the end, met our goal for those students. Other staff has been trained, and we look forward to implementing more goals next year and seeing those areas of improvement.

Hope Volunteers: In wrapping this up – One word about one of the greatest reasons for our successful year this year would have to be our wide base of volunteers. A quick look at what they bring to our overall educational program.

Two foods classes – One for Middle and one for high school co-taught by a retired chef and a currently active chef who just happen to live in the community of Hope! An awesome new music teacher who teaches choir two days a week for our primary students and is planning to develop an afterschool glee club next year!

Guitar lessons two days a week from a young man who comes by and works with students of all ages.

Reading Support: ***Big one here – One of our community members came in a four days a week and read with one of our second graders (one-on-one) who had been reading way below average on all standardized tests. We were very concerned about his low reading scores and wanted to find a way to help him. On Aims testing in the fall he was reading 7 WPM and with progress monitoring, afterschool reading program, and this volunteer's work, he has improved to over 60 WPM! One volunteer can make a big difference.

Afterschool Shop Class Academy – for Middle school and high school students. This was our school year – I am sure I will think of things I have forgotten – Hope School had a great year and we expect to hit-the-deck running for the fall to be ready to meet whatever new challenges come our way. Hey, maybe we will get seven new students? Even one more would be fun! Have a great summer.

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Kachemak Selo (56)

Submitted by A. Rothenberger

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- Battle Books 5-6, 7-8—5th place
- One Mason Award recipient
- Two Presidential Award for Academic Achievement
- Two High Flier Award
- Two Best Attendance Award
- Five(5) A-Roll and Principal's List academic achievers (Gr. 6-12)
- Four Kindergarten graduates
- Seven 8th grade promotions to high school
- Three 12th grade graduates
- UA Scholar recipient
- Sports Coop—Head of the Bay football, wrestling, soccer and Homer High Hockey
- Student government sponsored fund raising for student activities-\$4000
- Parent volunteers: Site Council, maintenance and new construction, field trips/class projects
- Russian language instruction
- Restructure of school administration—regional village of Razdolna/Selo
- Site selection for proposed building
- School achievement goals: Nonfiction composition, science assessment rubrics, CAFÉ 5 Math
- K-12 Swimming Lessons
- Teacher led inservice: CAFÉ Daily 5 implementation (K-5) LA and Math
- Outdoor lab activities and field studies
- Student clubs—student council, math, chess, electronics and homework clubs
- Construction workshops for students
- Field and picnic day activities
- Collaboration schedule—focus on unpacking new standards (LA/Math)
- New furniture and equipment
- Marine Debris cleanup
- Head of the Bay beach and highway cleanup (20 miles)
- Shed project for equipment and rotational materials
- Alternative/variance calendar

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science

Submitted by Robin Dahlman, May 2015

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 schoolwide 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 Debbie Tressler, Administrative Secretary, on or before June 1.

- Installed large scale art piece by artist Kate Demske reflecting our school
- 3rd/4th grade classes proposed social action project to City of Kenai to stencil storm drains to reduce waste entering our waterways with slogan designed by students: Keep it clean-Drains to stream
- Partnered with the Charis Place developing life links between students and elders in our community
- Nominated by the state of Alaska as a National Blue Ribbon School
- Science specialist and master field sketch artist, Kathy Hocker, provided incredible learning opportunity for students, staff and community
- Volunteer hours average 16 hours per day...this is only counting classroom hours. Hours for PTA, APC, etc are near 1,000 hours for the school year-incredible support
- Increased performance on students receiving intervention (particularly in primary grades...Example: Grade 1 had 100% of students falling below the 25%tile in the fall and only 18% of students falling below the 25%tile this spring.
- Shared our love of music with KPBSD Board by teaching them how to play Orff instruments
- High percentage of new to Kaleidoscope students who were reluctant to attend school at all...very high success academically and socially.
- Rich learning due to dedicated and protected collaboration time built into daily schedule
- Nature trail renovations underway-trail designed by students and committee members; signage designed by 5th and 6th grade students in partnership with Kathy Hocker

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name K-Beach Elementary

Submitted by Nate Crabtree

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Safe Routes To School Assembly – This was an assembly in which we partnered with the City of Soldotna to provide every student and staff a reflective winter beanie with the K-Beach logo. We increased the level of safety for every student and also promoted pride in the school.

Reading is Great in the Summer (RIGS) – Teachers worked to promote and foster a love of reading during the summer months. As a result of these efforts, students a staff read a documented 311,543 minutes during the summer months!

The Great Caribou Migration – This event that brought together *all* students, *all* staff, and *many* families to promote positive school culture and healthy lifestyles through exercise.

Jump Rope for Heart – K-Beach was one of the top fundraisers in the state for this event.

Niche Survey – This survey rated K-Beach the #3 ranked elementary in the state of Alaska.

Junior Achievement – K-Beach was the first school on the peninsula to host a JA in a Day last school year. This year three schools participated. 18 community members came to K-Beach and taught the students basic economic concepts.

Battle of the Books – K-Beach placed 4th in the district at the 3rd/4th grade level.

2015 Kenai River Spring Clean Up – K-Beach participated in the second Annual Kenai River Spring Clean Up.

Veteran's Day Assembly – K-Beach held the 15th Annual Veteran's Day Assembly to honor veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Kenai Alternative High School

Submitted by Loren Reese

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Masonic Outstanding Student- Raven Willoya-Williams

Elks Lodge #2425 Student of the Year- Raven Willoya-Williams

UA Scholars Award Recipient- Madeline McElrea

Global Technical Services NDS Award- Isaiah Metcalf

XTO Energy Outstanding Student Scholarship- Kayla Heinrich

School-wide Projects

KAHS offers a morning breakfast program which is run by the Soldotna United Methodist Church, Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, and the River Covenant Church. These groups coordinate efforts to secure funding for the project, purchase the food, prepare the meals and serve breakfast to our students every morning. These same individuals also coordinate efforts and help provide food and clothing for our students during the annual Grinch Day Celebration in December.

KAHS continued its partnership with the Kenai Food Pantry this year. This program is supported by the Kenai Food Bank. This partnership helped to ensure that the students in transition at KAHS were provided a box of food weekly as needed.

This year KAHS had 36 graduates.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Kenai Central High School

Submitted by Alan Fields

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Matt Widamen KPBSD BP Teacher of the Year

Jeremy Ruggiero recognized as a National Merit Scholar

Annika Oren Alaska Boys and Girls Club of America Youth of the Year

Caring for the Kenai Finalists

Kiera Stroh 1st place

Lisa Kroll 5th place

Kasey Paxton Top 12 Finisher

Lea Johnson Top 12 Finisher

English 10 Honors - completed two community service projects (collections for orphanages in Haiti and for the Leeshore Center, as well as a summer activities festival for elementary/middle school students)

Band/Choir All State and All National Northwest:

Alaska All-State Band: 8 students Choir: 5 students (2 first chair)

KPBSD Honor Band: 24 students

All Northwest Band 6 students

State Solos Band 7 students Choir 4 students (2 command performance)

State Ensembles Band 6 Events (22 KCHS Band students participated in State S&E)

Deborah Sounart was selected by the All-Northwest committee to be a presider at the Canadian & Australian Band Music Clinic presented at the All-Northwest Conference

KPBSD Art Show

Hannah Nusbaum, Best of Show (sculpture)

Lea Schmidtbauer, 3rd place photography, 3rd place sculpture

Drew Peterson, 1st place photography

Jairra Seidl, 3rd place in mixed Media

Rebeka Weeks, 3rd place in colored Drawing

Amanda Ritchie, Honorable Mention painting

Mariah Schloeman, 2nd Place printmaking

Cross Country Running:

Girls received academic award at State
Cross Country Girls Team 3rd in State
Cross Country Boys Team 5th in State
Allie Ostrander – State champion Cross Country
Riana Boonstra – 9th place- State Meet Cross Country
Jonah Theisen – 2nd place State Meet
Jordan Theisen – 6th Place State Meet

Football:

First Team All-State
Zach Kozcickowski- Lineman of the Year OL/DL
Jace Baker-OLB/Punter
Chase Logan-ILB/RB
Chris Lawson-OL
Andrew Wellborn-Longsnapper
Kyle Foree- Utility Player

Swim/Dive:

Mikaela Pitsch 6th place at State in 1 meter diving

Nordic Ski:

Boys and girls Region III Champions
Girls: Addison Gibson—8th place at State: Classic Race, 10th place at State: Skate Race, 10th place at State: Combined Race
Boys: Travis Cooper—1st place at State: Classic Race, 5th place at State: Combined Race

Wrestling:

Matt Van De Martin 5th place at State 138
Paul Steffensen 1st place at State 145
Ellery Steffensen 1st place at State 152

Track:

Allie Ostrander Fastest 3200 time in the Nation
Girls Region III Champions
(state results not available at the time of this report)

Soccer:

Girls Region III Champions
(state results not available at the time of this report)

Weightlifting:

CC Castelano broke 3 world records and tied 1
Kelsey Booth set and American record
9 other students set state records all in power lifting
KCHS had over 70 students sign up for the Crossfit open which was the highest school in the nation. In our region Lara Creighton finished 7th, Andrew Welborn finished 9th

Dan Verkulien Region III Soccer Coach of the Year for Girls

The graduating class of 2015 received substantial scholarships from various universities and other sources totaling over \$700,000.00.

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Kenai Middle School

Submitted by Vaughn Dosko

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<u>SPORTS</u>	
Soccer	Girls – Borough Champions Boys – Second at Boroughs
XC Running	Finished in Top 10
Track	Girls – Borough Champions Boys – Borough Champions
Basketball	Girls – Third Place finish Boys – Third Place finish
Volleyball	Second at boroughs
Wrestling	Finished in Top 5
XC Skiing	Finished in Top 10
<u>ACADEMICS</u>	
Math Counts	2nd Place in State
Math Bowl	1st Place in Homer
FPS (Future Problem Solving)	1st Place
Geography Bee	1st Place – Jacob Anderson
Spelling Bee	1st Place – Sorin Sorenson
Battle of the Books	7th & 8th Grade – 1 st Place
After School Tutorial	November 12, 2014 – April 10, 2015 (Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's)
Masonic Award	Damien Redder– 8 th Grade
<u>EXTRA-CURRICULAR</u>	
Band Concerts	5 Band Concerts throughout the year
Choir Concerts	5 Choir Concerts throughout the year
<u>ACTIVITIES</u>	
WAK (Welcoming All Kids)	August 14, 2014
Open House/BBQ	September 4, 2014 March 24, 2015
Spirit Week	September 16–20, 2014 February 16-20, 2015

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Activity Nights	September 21, 2014 November 16, 2014 December 14, 2014 April 24, 2015
Hay Maze	October 16, 2014
Red Ribbon Week	October 27-29, 2014
Book Fair	October 20 – November 1, 2014
Canned Food Drive	December 2-18, 2014
Character Counts	August 30, 2014 – May 17, 2015
SOM (Students of the Month)	October 3, 2014 November 7, 2014 December 5, 2014 February 4, 2015 March 5, 2015 April 6, 2015 May 4, 2015
Celebrations	October 29, 2014 April 2, 2015
Ice Fishing	February 27, 2015 (7th Grade)
Clubs	January 16 – February 20, 2015
Volunteer Luncheon	April 15, 2015
New Student Visitation	March 17,18, 19, 2015
Aluminum Can Drive	April 20 – 24 , 2015 1st Place
Mini courses	May 18-19, 2015
6th Camp	May 13-15, 2015
Farewell Ceremony	May 15, 2015
<u>MEETINGS</u>	
Staff Meetings	September 3, 2014 October 1, 2014 November 5, 2014 December 3, 2014 January 7, 2015 February 4, 2015 March 4, 2015 April 1, 2015 May 6, 2015
<u>DRILLS</u>	
Fire Drills	August, 2014 – May, 2015 (Monthly)
Earthquake Drills	October 15, 2014
ALICE Training	March 30, 2015

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BUILDING USE

AWANA's	September, 2013 – April 2014 (Sunday's)
HEA	November 2, 2014
Peninsula Midnight Sun	January – March, 2015
Little League Baseball	March – April, 2015
Kenaitze Indian Tribe	May 27 – August 4, 2015

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name McNeil Canyon Elementary

Submitted by Pete Swanson

Staff Achievements

- **Debbie Piper** wrote 22nd consecutive, successful Artist-in-Schools grant that provided the opportunity for all students to participate and perform in a circus performance. Circus instruction by a returning Artist in Residence, Jerry Falek, provided an opportunity for all of our students to work on developmentally appropriate stage performances. McNeil students were very actively involved in this two week program. This grant program has had a tremendous impact on the entire school and has become a very real tradition.

Student Accomplishments

- **Phineas Weston** qualified for the National Geographic State Geography Bee and **Gabe LeBlanc** qualified for the State Spelling Bee. Phin is a 6th grade student this year and Gabe is also a 6th grade student.
- Robotics teams placed in regional competitions.

Co-Curricular Accolades

- K-6 Students competed in Battle of the Books.
- Several entries and strong showing in the Forensics event.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Moose Pass School

Submitted by Jason Bickling

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Awarded "High Progress School" by DEED

Lego Robotics – Wendy Bryden (parent)
Archery in Schools Program - Jeff Bryden (parent)
Daily Library Read Aloud – Melanie Hornberger (parent)
Christmas Play Production – Christmas Around the World
Nordic Skiing for PE
Swim Lessons at Seward High School
Holiday Craft Bazaar
Battle of the Books
District Spelling Bee
Mind Amazes
Piano Lessons
Chinese Language
Home Economics
KFT Field Trip
Tour of the Shellfish Hatchery
Alaska Sea Life Center Visit
Artist Grant (book binding and making)
Local Artists came in and worked with kids

Moose Pass School participated in a number of exemplary activities both within the school and also some with Hope and Cooper Landing Schools including:

- Downhill ski lessons at Alyeska
- Online with Libraries
- Soccer and Cross Country Running
- End of year picnic and field day.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Mountain View Elementary

Submitted by Karl Kircher

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Mountain View embraced the “Neighborhood” School moniker and set about establishing a collective pride in our school for all stakeholders. Our staff, students and parents promoted this shared identity and vision (active kindness and community service) throughout the school and community. This initiative was an agenda item at every Mountain View Site Council meeting.

Events and activities included:

- Staff manning an art project booth at Industry Appreciation Days in August.
- Our after-school choir singing songs to and then dining with Veterans at the Veteran’s day celebration in Kenai.
- The Student Council working with Hilcorp to serve Thanksgiving Dinner at the Kenai Senior Center.
- Second grade students sing Christmas Carols at businesses throughout the Kenai area.
- Office staff coordinating with local businesses and our staff to provide a Christmas meal, presents and basic necessities for over 50 Kenai families.
- A school-wide art show focusing on kindness.
- The Kindergarten Classes running a “Pennies for Pets” campaign that raised \$450 for the Kenai Animal Shelter.
- Twenty-six staff, students and parents participating as a team (including making costumes) in the Walk and Roll for Hope and raising \$950 for Hope Community Resources and their work with local people with disabilities.
- Hosting a “Swing into Summer Reading” community concert performed by the Peninsula Community Jazz Orchestra.
- Adopting a City of Kenai flower bed for the summer.

By embracing the “Neighborhood School” moniker and seeking out opportunities for active kindness both in the school and the larger neighborhood our staff and students are beginning to build that collective pride. Students are feeling the two way benefits of kindness and community service while gaining the understanding of their role in the Neighborhood School.

Mountain View Elementary Staff set in process and monitored a site developed, school wide plan, including family participation, to teach positive conflict resolution skills. Students were empowered to respectfully resolve many of their own conflicts with their peers. They also saw this modeled when teachers resolved conflicts they had with students. Students had the knowledge that they would be treated with dignity and respect regardless of the situation they were in. When this practice was promoted in the home the stress level of our students was reduced there as well.

Key elements in this plan included:

- Finalizing last year's climate committee work on deciding what conflict resolution skills we would promote and designing a poster for all rooms in the school to display.
- Developing grade level lessons for all six strands of positive conflict resolution strategies. Teaching these lessons, one a week for the first six weeks of school and again at the beginning of second semester.
- Booths and activities and handouts at our Ice-Cream Social (attended by over 400 students and family members) to promote the Positive Responses to Conflict Wheel.
- Information at parent-teacher conferences.
- Surveys of all stakeholders to determine effectiveness.

Among other results, the surveys indicated that 70% of parents surveyed (120 surveys returned and evenly distributed across grade level) utilized the Positive Responses to Conflict Wheel strategies to resolve conflicts with their children at home.

Other School Events:

- JA in a Day. Every classroom at Mountain View Elementary was staffed for the entire day by volunteers from Junior Achievement. These volunteers educated students on workforce readiness and financial literacy.
- Community Readers. Prominent members for the community rotated through all classrooms reading aloud and sharing personal connections to the books they read from.
- Bike Rodeo. Kenai Police Department and Safe Kids taught bike safety, including a bike safety obstacle course, and provided helmets for a greatly reduced price for our primary students
- Soaring Eagles. Monthly recognition of students (1 per class) displaying strong work ethic and teamwork skills.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Nanwalek School

Submitted by Nancy Kleine

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Apple ConnectEd Grant – Nanwalek was the only school in Alaska, and one of 114 schools nationwide, to receive the ConnectEd Grant. This initiative intends to equalize access to technology to those students who are economically disadvantaged. With the installation of fast internet in Nanwalek in late fall, the timing for Nanwalek to receive this grant was perfect. Nanwalek received this grant after Principal Kleine, in collaboration with Jim White and Nanwalek teacher Penny Bearden, submitted an application which told the unique story of Nanwalek School. In December, Nancy Kleine, Penny Bearden (curriculum), and Jim White (IT) attended the ConnectEd National Kick-off in Dallas, Texas, where Nanwalek’s application was recognized as having excited those selecting recipients to do whatever is necessary to have ConnectEd aimed at improving instruction in ConnectEd schools. December – May, 2014-15, have been spent in strategic planning with Apple team members, vendors, KPBSD data processing, Nanwalek leadership team, and Nanwalek support staff team members. Weekly meetings with rigorous agendas has moved the project through:

- Collaboration to create a mission and vision
- Strategic planning to list opportunities, goals, and evaluation measures
- Communication planning
- An infrastructure survey
- Installation of equipment throughout the building (Apple TVs, storage units, server)
- Enrollment in Apple Care, a service to support the devices
- JAMF training for IT staff
- Instructional staff roll-out. Every teacher received a MacBook and iPad-mini; every aide received an iPad Air
- Kiosk during Sea Week for parents to create an Apple ID for students
- The first of seventeen days of professional development for the staff
- Planning for our student roll-out in mid to late August
- Creation of a Professional Development calendar for 2015-16

FACULTY AWARDS & PARTICIPATIONS:

ConnectEd Strategic Planning Team: Nancy Kleine, Penny Bearden, Eric Knudtson, Ann Evans, Kelly Yeaton, Kevin Seville, Thomas Evans, Jim White, Dustin Boeshart, Eric Soderquist, Tim Vlasak, Pegge Erkeneff, Christine Ermold, Apple Team and vendors

Golden Apple Award - James Reinseth, K-1 Teacher

Blended Learning Consortium Member – Penny Bearden, MS/HS Math & Science Teacher and ConnectEd Curriculum Coordinator

FASD Think Tank Members – James Reinseth, K-1 Teacher & Nancy Kleine, Principal

2015 Graduation Commencement Speaker (student-selected): Glendon Fraser

ACADEMICS & OTHER

UA Scholar: Xavier Romanoff

Valedictorian: Xavier Romanoff

8th Grade Honor Student: Carmella Tanape

SPIRIT OF YOUTH Recognition Awards for films on Exxon Valdez Oil Spill: Carrie Damian, Lavrentie Ukatish

Middle School Alaska Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP): Evan Evans, Nadia Evans, Katie Kinneeveauk, Aphanasia Kvasnikoff, Alexis Romanoff, Seth Tanape, Marcus Wilson

STEM of Voyage to Excellence Microsoft Program: Verina Ukatish

North Pacific Rim Housing Fire Safety Poster Contest – Isaiah Bales, Trayvonne Swenning-Phillips

SPORTS:

HS Boys Basketball: Regional Sportsmanship Award

Xavier Romanoff (Captain), Lavrentie Ukatish, Joshua Evans, Isaiah Bales, Uriah Huntsman, Jonathan Jimmy

Xavier Romanoff: **Second Team All - Conference**

HS Girls Basketball: Verina Ukatish, Kelsey Meganack, Amber Tanape

Native Youth Olympics:

Samuel Swenning, Lavrentie Ukatish, Terence Swenning, Verina Ukatish, Katelynn Romanoff, Carmella Tanape, Uriah Huntsman, and Alexis Romanoff

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS:

Nanwalek IRA Welcome for Teachers: Facilitated by Chief John Kvasnikoff, held at the IRA Council Community Center, gave orientation to village and culture.

Sea Week Community/School Collaboration: May 4-8 Sea Week planned collaboratively with the site council and community to provide culturally relevant learning in an active, action-packed week. Involved the Sea Lion Commission for sea lion bio sampling, seal dancing, Sug'piaq games and traditions, games, exploration of seaweed, invertebrates, and mammals on the beach and Nanwalek reef. Culminated in a Sea Week potluck with Native foods and awards for teachers, students, and contributors.

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Nikiski Middle/High School

Submitted by Dan Carstens

Middle School Fine Arts The following students placed in the borough art show: Kalei Biamonte – 1st Drawing, Jimmy Patrick – 1st Open, Shaylyn Stroman – 2nd Painting, Rosalie Anderson – 2nd Open, Andrew Wolverton – 3rd Ceramics, Trevor Mysing – 3rd Open.

Battle of the Books The 6th grade team took 2nd in the borough competition.

Quest The Mind A-Mazes 6th grade team finished 2nd in the Elementary division and had the 2nd highest device score while a mixed grade level team took 4th in the intermediate division. At the KPBSD Film Festival Jakobee Anderson produced/directed a movie which earned 3rd place.

Athletics The Nikiski MS girls repeated as Borough Champions in both Basketball and Volleyball. The Nikiski MS boys Basketball team were Borough Champions this year as well. Nikiski also had four Borough Wrestling Champions: Justin Cox, Dustin Mullins, Chase Olsen, and Brayde Wolfe.

Outdoor Recreation Class Jesse Bjorkman was able to take a group of students on a Moose hunt again this fall following the completion of their hunter safety course and certification. This is a program with Fish and Game facilitated by the Safari Club.

Drama In a collaboration between Nikiski North Star and NHS, middle school drama students and senior English students took on the topic of bullying. With seniors writing scripts and directing younger students in skits about bullying, bullying awareness week culminated with an important event for students at the elementary school. On Oct 9th, 30 high school and middle school students boarded a school bus and traveled to the elementary school. They assembled their show for both wings of the elementary school. It is hoped that the influence of the older kids in presenting critical information to the younger students will have a strong correlation in reducing bullying in both schools.

Events Local engineers visited the 8th grade science classes worked through a project with them and talked to them about careers in engineering and what steps they would need to take to become an engineer.

Awards Middle School Science Teacher Jake Doth, was named a 2015 BP Teacher of Excellence.

High School Grants The CTE department received a grant from the Alaska Department of Labor for a Checkmate King CNC Laser. The grant was written by Paul and Shanna Johnson. Nikiski M/H School received a legislative grant to upgrade our playing surface in the commons.

CTE Paul Johnson was named the KPBSD CTE Teacher of the Year. Paul Johnson and Vern Kornstad worked with their students to create a small inexpensive product that the class then produced to be marketed and sold this summer with all the proceeds returning to the CAD-CAM program and NMHS. Barry Hartman was able to offer two welding after school academy this past winter and spring. For the second year the Foods class worked with the Nikiski Food Bank to bake pies for their Thanksgiving food baskets.

Fine Arts Rina Oliva designed the Award for the AAEC Champion of the Arts award 2015. The following students placed in the borough art show: Lauren O'Brien – 1st Drawing/Colored and 2nd Drawing/Monotone, Tayalur Moore – 1st Painting, Alexa Schmidt

– 1st Open, Marilyn Davis- 2nd Drawing/Colored and 3rd Painting, Delaney Jensen – 2nd Mixed Media, John Rodgers – 2nd Photography

Battle of the Books High school took 4th in the borough competition.

Musical Theatre The Musical Theatre and Stagecraft classes performed “The Sound of Music” this spring over two weekends.

National Honor Society NHS held a food drive in the fall to help our local food bank. This spring students participated in roadside trash pick-up.

Athletics Football - The Nikiski Football team was the runner up in the state championship this year. The following athletes were 1st Team All-State/All Conference: Christian Riddall– Running back/Outside Linebacker, Ben Carstens– Tackle, Jacob Williams- Center, Nicasio Castro- Safety, Dennis Anderson- Quarterback, Luke Johnson- Guard/Inside Linebacker/Punter, Hunter Holloway- Wide Receiver, Jon McCormick- Defensive Lineman, Dylan Broussard- Safety.

Volleyball – Rachel Thompson was 1st team all-conference, Setter of the Year, and the Region III MVP. Laura Hufford was a Member of the all-region team. Nikiski Volleyball also received a donation from the Krogseng family and AA Dan’s Construction to create a regulation size sand volleyball court.

Wrestling – Luke Johnson (215 lbs.) and Nathan Carstens (160 lbs.) were State Champions. TJ Cox (120 lbs.) and Tylor Handley (152 lbs.) both took 2nd at the State Tournament, and Jon McCormick (195 lbs.) took 4th. All five of these wrestlers were Region Champions.

Basketball- The girls’ team had a 19-8 winning record and were 2nd in the South Central Conference and earned a state berth. They took 4th place at the State Tournament. Coach Scott Anderson was named the 3A Coach of the Year. Alison Litke and Rachel Thompson made the All-South Central Conference Team and Rachel was the Conference Player of the Year. Rachel also made 1st Team All State and was named to the State Tournament All Star Team.

The boys won the Nikiski Tip-off Tournament for the first time in eleven years.

Soccer- Rachel Thompson was named 1st team all-conference again this year and Brianna Vollertsen was named 2nd team all-conference.

Track & Field – Arianne Parrish was the Region Champion in the long jump and 2nd in the triple jump. Luke Johnson was the Region Champion in the discus and 2nd in shot put. Brittany Perry took 3rd in both the long jump and triple jump. The boy relay took 3rd in both the 4 x 100 and the 4 x 200.

Awards Tiffany Lopez was awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship which will cover all her schooling cost for ten years.

Community Involvement Nikiski Middle/High School continues to work with the community in different areas. The Art Department made 20 bowls that were donated to the Food Bank for auction. Artwork was displayed in Senator Micciche’s office with high compliments. Nikiski Nazarene, and the Nikiski Church of Christ provided for our hospitality rooms for various sports events. We again partnered with the Nikiski Freestyle Wrestling Club and they were able to host another wrestling tournament this year bringing athletes from around the state. Megan Fowler’s Special Education class shopped for a local assisted living home each week. As always many local businesses have helped support the school in numerous areas of need.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Nikiski North Star Elementary

Submitted by Margaret Gilman

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School Wide Projects

- Improving math skills as measured by Aimsweb testing was a goal for NNS this year. Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 met or surpassed the targeted rate of improvement that is needed for a year of successful academic growth.
- Nikiski North Star continues to use parallel block scheduling as an opportunity to provide small group instruction. This year the requirement building wide was that the small group instruction needed to be focused on math instruction.
- The advanced 4th grade math class compacted some of the 5th grade math standards so they would be ready to take 6th grade math (Course I) as 5th graders. This was put into place so that the students are ultimately prepared to take Algebra I as 8th graders. Algebra I as an 8th grader is a KPBSD Key Performance Indicator.
- Boys and Girls Club purchased the license for Reflex Math for Nikiski North Star students to use during the school day and as part of the after-school academic component with the Boys and Girls Club program. Reflex Math focuses specifically on math skill fluency.
- NNS and NMHS partnered together to bring Cindy Strickland, author of *Exploring Differentiated Instruction*, as a guest presenter to both groups at the August inservice. Nikiski North Star teachers implemented the use of KUDs (Know, Understand, and Do) as part of their lesson plan development and communication with students and parents.
- Nikiski North Star began the process of implementing a Tier II PBIS team to address the behavioral needs of the students who need more intervention than Tier I PBIS.

- Two new after school clubs were introduced at Nikiski North Star this year. "Girls on the Run" was an afterschool running program hosted in the spring. Thirty-nine girls participated in the culminating event, which was a 5K run at the Nikiski Community Recreation facility. The other new club was a theater production of "Romeo and Juliet". This production involved 20 5th graders and involved cooperation with NNS, Boys and Girls Club, and Triumvirate Theater.

Student Awards

- Rylee Ellis, 5th grade chosen as Masonic Outstanding Student
- Braeden Porter, 4th grade winner of NNS Spelling Bee
- Dianne Nasibog, 5th grade winner of NNS Geography Bee
- Liam Quiner, (grade 4), McKinlee Jeffreys (grade 5), and Simon Grenier,(grade 5) winners of the NNS Science Fair

Staff Awards

- Kris Barnes was chosen as BP teacher of the year nominee
- Adrienne Bostic was chosen as a representative to the KPBSD blended learning cohort
- Heather Baker and Kristie Cotroneo were chosen to attend the STEM learning workshop in Juneau, summer 2015

School/Community Connections

- KPB Assembly member Wayne Ogle and KPBSD school board member Joe Arness visited Nikiski North Star.
- Continued successful partnership with Boys and Girls Club and Nikiski North Star. Each day an average of 100 NNS students stay after school to participate in Boys and Girls Club activities.
- Nikiski North Star students took a school-wide field trip to Triumvirate Theater to partake in a play written by Joe Rizzo about the history of the peninsula and the Nikiski community mural. The play was performed by NMHS drama, debate and forensics students.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Nikolaevsk

Submitted by Michael Sellers

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- Nikolaevsk School was recognized by the Alaska Department of Education as a High Progress School
- Nikolaevsk School earned a 98% PBIS SET score and is now implementing Tier II of PBIS
- 2011 Nikolaevsk graduate, Mark Fefelov, graduated from George Town University, May 2015
- Chelsea Johnson attended the ANSEP Math/Science program
- KPB Middle School Math Meet-Chelsea Johnson made count down round and finished in the top 8
- Chelsea Johnson Completed Advanced Algebra during her 8th grade school year
- Michael Trail made it to the 2nd round at the Alaska State Spelling Bee
- Three runners qualified for and participated at ASAA State Cross Country Running Meet
- High school mixed 6 volleyball team Denali Conference champions
- High school mixed 6 volleyball team State ASAA runner-up champions
- Junior high boys basketball team took 2nd place at small school tournament
- High school girls basketball team Peninsula Conference champions
- High school boys basketball team Peninsula Conference runner-up
- High school boys basketball team took 4th place at ASAA State Basketball Tournament
- High school girls basketball team took 4th place at ASAA State Basketball Tournament
- Kilina Klaich selected as the Wendy's Heisman state finalist
- Bea Klaich selected as the Region II female coach of the year
- Steve Klaich served as Region II secretary-treasurer, ASAA board member, KPSAA small school representative and secretary

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Ninilchik

Submitted by Ambrosier

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Hannah Soplanda- all state honor choir

Multiple students receiving 4.0 awards for the year.

4 students earned perfect attendance for the 2014-2015 school year

Mikayla Clark- all academic award –track

3 high school students selected for the finalists in Caring for the Kenai- 1 student finished #5 and the other two were 6th -12th place.

1 student participated in the Voyage to Excellence School in May.

2 students Su Valley Crowley Classic All Tournament Team- girls Bball

2 students Ninilchik Invitational Tournament All Tournament- girls bball

Melissa Ehlers – All Tourney Regions

Krista Sinclair- All Conference

3 girls All Academic girls Bball

Austin White- all conference, all conference tourney, all NIT --- boys basketball

Tyler Presley- all conference, all NIT team, all Su- valley tourney— boys basketball

Sam Mireles- all NIT and all Su- valley tourney—boys basketball

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Paul Banks Elementary

Submitted by Eric Pederson

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Paul Banks Elementary has continued to work at providing a quality educational program that suits the needs of all our students. Some of the accomplishments we had in the 2014-15 school year are listed below:

PBE was awarded five stars by the State of Alaska as a *highest performing school*.

PBE conducted many great community and family nights. These include Bingo for Books, First Friday Art Extravaganza, Family Math and Science Night and Summer Activities Fair.

A week long Read-A-Thon around the theme of Pirates pushed many of our students into 'full-fledged' readers. The event also brought a lot of positive media press about our school.

PTA Winter Carnival and Spring Festival not only raised a lot of money for the PTA it provided an opportunity for staff to intermingle with parents and students in a fun setting.

The Winter and Spring Musical presentations filled the Homer High School auditorium to the delight of many parents, grandparents and community members.

The School took numerous field trips that exposed our students to the great outdoor activities that lay outside their backyard in Kachemak Bay.

The school partnered with 4-H and a local hatchery in the rendering of salmon in the classroom.

Our school was awarded a grant from The Homer Foundation to buy iPads and iPods.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Port Graham School

Submitted by Nancy Kleine

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ACADEMICS

Valedictorian: Cyrena Joseph

8th Grade Honor Student: Monique Cook

Battle of the Books:

3rd-4th Grade Team: 3rd in the District (one man team: Luke DeVault)

5th-6th Grade Team: 1st in the District, 5th in the State: James DeVault, Ryann Esteban, Tyson Breedlove

Honor Roll: Suzanne LaBelle

STEM of Voyage to Excellence STEAM Phase: Suzanne LaBelle & Rick Jager

Accelerated Reader Students who doubled quarter goals: Bobbi-Wu Smith, Luke DeVault

SPORTS Participation

Middle School Basketball: James Cook, James DeVault, Malachi Joseph, Monique Cook, Tyson Breedlove

High School Basketball: Cyrena Joseph, Suzanne LaBelle

Native Youth Olympics: Cyrena Joseph, Kobe Norman, Malachi Joseph, Rick Jager, Monique Cook

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

SUGT'STUN implementation: In collaboration with the Port Graham Village, Port Graham School completed the second year of Sugt'stun instruction implementation. The Title VII aide supported the language instruction in class, and through

attendance at the twice-yearly trainings held at the community center, taught by Nita Rearden. K-4 students had Sugt'stun class for 30 minutes per day all year. Grades 5 – 12 had Sugt'stun instruction for 45 minutes per day. Assessments to measure growth were given by language committee members each semester. This language program is supported by the leaders of Port Graham, with Chief Pat Norman in attendance at the trainings.

HEAD START integration into the school:

In August, KPBSD and Chugachmiut signed an MOA to allow Head Start to hold classes in the "Big School" in order for preschoolers to continue in Head Start. Principal Kleine and the Port Graham Site Based Council have met with Head Start staff regularly to collaborate and problem solve. The integration of Head Start into the school building has been very successful during this 2014-15 school year.

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Razdolna School

Submitted by Tim Whip

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Razdolna School is working towards more recognition within the state and borough. To achieve this goal, the student's art was used in over ten different events, ranging from hanging in Senator Micciche's office to designing posters for the Tustumena Sled Dog Race.

A Student Council was organized this year. It will provide the greeters to visitors as well as guide the staff in decisions for events, such as field day and school spirit days. The student council is in charge of a small school store that supplies basic supplies and water. Plans for expansion for next year are in the making.

The Site Council expressed the desire for more real world learning activities for their children. In response to that, all middle and high school students are CPR certified and had the opportunity to take classes in nautical skills, drafting, welding, small engine repair, construction, and sewing;. The upper elementary students were educated in basic first aid and wellness. Another concern for the community are the bears that are often seen around the school and homes. The state wild life biologist came to the school and taught the students about bear and moose safety.

A school goal was to have parents be more present at the school and participate in events. Razdolna has had a parent involvement activity seven of the nine months of school. These events have included our school wide PBIS kick-off event, and the whole school participation in plays done in Russian. Attendance has been higher at these events than in previous years.

Razdolna has been able to provide migrant students swim lessons. With the success of these swim lessons, Razdolna School is hopeful that a school wide swimming program can be offered next year.

Nina Reutov came to the school and held two parent/student involvement activities. The focus was on the old believer culture and how it fits in today's world. Students listened to the stories of their parent's and grandparent's life history and then viewed online pictures taken in the 1930's of old believer villages in China. The discussion and slide show was followed with students drawing their family tree.

Battle of the Books had higher a participation rate than in previous years, with more than 25 students involved.

The Yearbook had many fundraisers by students and because of this, the yearbook only cost \$5.

Awards for the year are:

- Hina Basargin – UA Scholar, Alaska Performance Scholarship Level 3, Kachemak Board of Realtors Scholarship, Icicle Seafood Scholarship, Project GRAD Scholarship, Masonic Outstanding Student
- Akilina Afonin – Ptarmigan Arts Visual Arts Scholarship
- Vasilisa Serebrekoff – Project GRAD Scholarship
- Faena Basargin and Domentian Reutov – Presidential Award for Academic Achievement
- Kirrikia Basargin – First Place, HEA Energy Efficiency Student Contest in Song, Lyrics, or Game category

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Redoubt Elementary #46

Submitted by Mary Helminski & John Pothast

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT REDOUBT ELEMENTARY May 30, 2015

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Redoubt continued focus on its efforts of the implementation of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system this year, and has found great success with it. The staff developed common expectations for student behavior in the school setting, explicitly taught those expectations several times through the year, and focused on acknowledging appropriate student behavior through a variety of individual and school-wide reinforcements. In addition, this year the school expanded our Tier II interventions into its structure. This new approach to student behavior has been an exciting addition to our school.

New staff this year include Jennifer Willets, Sped Aide, Naomi Parrish, 5th grade teacher, Samantha Pugia, Music Teacher, Donny Joachim, PE teacher & Rebecca Cole, 1st grade teacher.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Masonic Student of the Year – Chaz Bird

Forensics

Fourth through sixth graders participated in a school-wide forensics program this year. After a performance at Redoubt, winners of the school meet competed at the borough level in March.

Redoubt Spelling Bee

Classroom spelling champions from grades 4, 5, and 6 participated in the school bee, **B**randyn Hileman won the competition.

National Geographic Geography Bee

Parker Kincaid was Redoubt's geography bee champion and represented Redoubt at the state level. Grades 4, 5, and 6 participated.

Battle of the Books

Redoubt's 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade teams participated in the Battle of the Books competition this spring.

Math Bowl

Redoubt students participated in the District Math Bowl competition.

PBIS Program

Students and staff were active participants in the school's PBIS program. Students earned tickets by demonstrating respectful, responsible, and safe behavior. Students who earned five tickets in one week received a card to hang in the hallway. Celebrations, included cowboy day, Pajama/crazy hair day and a school wide extended outside recess day were planned as students reached card count goals.

COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Intramural Program

Redoubt's intramural sports program is an excellent program promoting fitness, skills acquisition, good sportsmanship and team spirit. Fourth through sixth graders participated in team sports throughout the school year consisting of soccer, flag football co-ed, and trash ball and Newcomb.

Band

Redoubt offered a beginning band program for 5th & 6th grade students. Advanced 6th grade band students participated in Skyview Middle School's Concert Band program throughout the school year.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Volunteer Involvement and Recognition

Volunteer involvement at Redoubt is active and successful recognized in April with gifts.

Community Organizations

Local community organizations such as the VFW, Soldotna Rotary, and Soldotna Elks Club provide funds for needy students as well as activities for students.

Local businesses continue to provide support.

Numerous local businesses provide support through donations of student rewards/prizes, etc. for various activities. Soldotna Trustworthy Hardware and Safeway E-Scrip Program have been an invaluable support to our school.

CES Fire Safety

The staff at Central Emergency Services provided fire safety education in classrooms.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SERVICE

Food Bank Fundraiser and Holiday Kindness Program

Redoubt staff and students ran numerous projects to make the holidays brighter for the community. A successful canned food drive and fundraiser collected non-perishable food and money for the local food bank during Thanksgiving.

Redoubt families received holiday dinners and gifts at Christmas through PTA's Holiday Kindness Program. Twenty Five Redoubt Families were sponsored this year.

Redoubt's 5th graders - Kids helping Kids community service project provided over 18 handmade fleece blankets with toys for needy children. Blankets were distributed through the Kenai police department. Students raised money by selling candy-grams during the holidays.

Jump Rope for Heart – students learned about the importance of heart health while at the same time having fun jumping rope and raising money for the American Heart Association.

Family Activities

A variety of family activities were offered, including a Family Fun Run, Walk your Child to School Day, family reading nights, Love of Reading Month activities, a Halloween parade, Family Math and Science Night, Bingo for Books, Annual Bike Rodeo,

Book Fairs

Two book fairs were held this year.

Elf Shelf

This is an annual PTA sponsored program that offers students a holiday shopping opportunity.

Box Top & Campbell soup labels Fundraiser

Redoubt PTA redeems box tops & soup labels for money for our school. Students who bring in box tops & soup labels are entered into a weekly drawing.

E-Script Fundraiser

Redoubt is a registered school at Carrs/Safeway. Each time a registered user make a purchase Redoubt receives a percent of the sale.

Halloween Parade

Students, staff and parents enjoyed the school wide Halloween parade in the school gym. Students and staff enjoyed showing off their creative Halloween costumes to parents and visitors.

Winter Carnival

Redoubt PTA sponsored Redoubt 3rd Annual Winter Carnival February 28th 2015. This was a community event, a variety of games booths along with a silent auction and raffles were held. Funds were raised for student equipment.

Kenai River Cleanup Day

Redoubt's 4th and 6th grade students participated in the 2nd annual Kenai River Cleanup Day. All the trash that was collected on Friday was brought to Centennial Park where Keith Baxter of the (KRPGA) presented the award of Most Trash Picked Up By a School: Redoubt Elementary 1840 lbs. Participating students (176) from Redoubt each received a new rod and reel combo from the Kenai River Professional Guide Assoc. (KRPGA) and the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of this event.

Funny River Fire

Redoubt Elementary was utilized by the American Red Cross as a community shelter during the Funny River fires in May/June of 2014. The school was converted into a makeshift shelter to house and feed displaced families. Daily community meetings and press release meetings were held in the school library.

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

Boys and Girls Club

We hosted their after-school program at Redoubt again this school year. Boys and Girls Club provided a program of academic help, crafts, physical activity, and snacks for students after school until 6:00 pm every school day. Clubhouse manager, Michelle Hayman did a fantastic job.

Fun Fest

This popular, after-school mini-carnival was held three times this year. Students paid \$4 to participate in a wide variety of crafts and games. Refreshments were sold by the PTA.

Powerschool

Powerschool is an important tool in our effort to maintain excellent communication with parents. Many parents are using Powerschool to access student and school information.

School Blog

Our school blog is active and continues to provide parents easy access to school activity information, forms, newsletters, school supply lists, photos and more.

End of Year Activities

Redoubt ended a successful school year with field day, a school picnic, and student awards assemblies.

New Electronic VariQuest Die Cut Machine

Thanks to Redoubt's PTA, we have a new electronic die cut machine. This cutter has been invaluable to our staff and volunteers in designing up to date, bulletin boards and classroom projects.

Ski Program – Redoubt PTA purchased 37 pairs of skis for students. A student ski program has been implemented through our PE program. We are looking to expand this as an after school program for students.

Archery Program – Redoubt PTA purchased 6 sets of bow and arrow kits for our students. An archery program is planned to begin in the fall of 2015/2016 school year.

Help Counter

This was Redoubt's third school year using Help Counter. This valuable internet based program continues to prove its worth by providing an excellent means tracking visitors, volunteers and students as they enter and exit our school. This program has become an essential tool at Redoubt.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name River City Academy

Submitted by Dawn Edwards-Smith

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Community

- Hosted three “Kids’ Night Out” fundraisers
- Volunteered at the Sterling Community Center Annual Auction/Dinner
- Job Shadows at Kenai Wildlife Refuge, Central Emergency Services, Department of Forestry, City of Soldotna, and CPH many others
- ELA classes gave a Forensics presentation to Tustemena Elementary
- Weekly student involvement outside of school with Soldotna Community Library

Academic

- 100% Direct alignment and individual student progress on the Alaska State Standards
- Science courses are now completely aligned with the NextGen Science standards
- ELA Classes held two successful debate weeks
- Students participated in our 5th Annual RCA Poetry Slam
- Model United Nations – Sent four teams to UAA
- Social Environments classes field trip to Fort McGilvery
- RCA’s First High School Level Battle of the Books team placed fourth
- Future Problem Solving Team attended State Tourney, and placed 4th
- School-wide Celebration of Pi Day with cross-curricular activities
- 52% of students take at least one online class
- 32% are enrolled through JumpStart at KPC
- 41% of students and 56% of graduating seniors participated in Saturday School – generating 335 additional student hours of school time

Extra Curricular

- 13% of middle schoolers participated in sports at Skyview Middle
- 15% of high schoolers participated in sports at SOHI
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Graduates

- 10 students graduated from RCA this year - the largest class yet.
- Graduates had over \$15,000 in scholarships
- 70% of graduates hold industry certifications or college credit

First group of 7th grade to 12th grade RCA students: 100% with college credit

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name William H. Seward Elementary School

Submitted by Mr. David Kingsland

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School

Alaska Reward School, one of forty-one schools recognized in Alaska

5 Star ASPI score from DEED

\$10,000 Award from Hour of Code

School Yard Habitat Project

School Library - Birthday Book Program

Sea Week in cooperation with the SeaLife Center

Running, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Forensics,

Movement and Dance

Salmon Husbandry with Alaska Fish and Game

Two Library Book Fairs

Swimming Lessons: Kindergarten – 5th grade

Books and Bingo

Junior Achievement

Veterans Day Program

Winter/Spring Music Programs

Jump Rope for Heart

Field Day

Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads

Family Ocean Science Night

First, and Second Grade Science Fair

LEGO Robotics

Battle of the Books

Trimathlon

Play Everyday

Staff

David Kingsland – Nominated for a Bammy Award

Agusta Lind—Masters of Education in Counselor Education

Leigh Ray - Alaska Humanities Forum, Educator Cross-Cultural Immersion Prgrm.

Education Week – interviewed three staff members

Students

Spelling Bee

Geography Bee

Forensics, 7 first and second place ribbons

State Jr. Native Youth Olympics

5th Grade – Denali Science School, Denali National Park

Major Community Partners

Boys and Girls Club

Kenai Fjords National Park

U.S. Forest Service

Alaska SeaLife Center

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Qutekcak Native Tribe

Junior Achievement

Seward Teen and Youth Center

Wells Fargo – Hands on Banking

Seward Parks and Rec.

Seward Community Library and Museum

Christo's

Rotary Club

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Seward High School

Submitted by Trevan Walker

The staff and administration at Seward High School continue to refine and improve the processes, within the Hybrid Model, to provide opportunities for student success.

- Placed a certified teacher into an extended day program to provide credit acquisition in Social Studies, facilitate interventions, and supervise an organized study hall.
- Expanded Algebra and 9th Grade ELA instruction by adopting Blended Learning within the master schedule.

Seward High continues to be a strong presence in local, regional, and state academic, athletic, and artistic competitions and local performances. 126 of 184 students were involved in at least one organized co-curricular activity. With many students involved in multiple sports and clubs, there were 412 total participants in all of the activities offered at Seward High. This represents 224% student co-curricular participation.

The Seahawks football team made playoffs for the first time in 10 years.

Paige Carter-Kurtz and Carrie Anderson received All-Region Volleyball Honors.

The Girl's Cross Country team were Runners-up at both Regions and State. They were led by Rubye Lindquist with a 5th place state finish and Brooke Wedin with a 6th place finish. The Boy's Cross-Country team were Region Champions and State Runners-up. They were led by Hunter Kratz with a 3rd place State finish and Michael Marshall with a 5th place finish.

The Seward High Wrestling team qualified seven wrestlers to compete at the State Tournament.

Michael Wolfe, Alex Pahnno and Ronnie Jackson on the boy's side and Kiana Clemens, Jasmine Perea and Maria Jackson on the girl's side all received All-Region Basketball Honors.

Seward High competed with schools from around the state in the juried National Oceans Science Bowl Art Show. Bekah Dean won 1st place in 3-D and Ruby Lindquist received 1st Place in Mixed Media. Mary Ramirez got 1st place in the Printmaking category and Lydia Thomas won 1st place in Functional Ceramics at the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's annual Art Show, Visual Feast.

In the fourth year of existence, the Seward High Debate Team posted a 1st place small schools finish. Emily Brockman was a first place state finisher in Original Oration. Also, the Reader's Theater team, comprised of Robin McKnight, Josephine Braun, Hunter Doan, and Emily Brockman were first place State finishers.

Seward High continues to pursue and expand our community partnerships by hosting guest speakers, placing students in Mentorships, participating in field trips, and participating in state and local initiatives.

Guest Speakers included:

Nurse Yolanda Ifflander

Local inventor, Mark Techenbrock

Aero-space engineer for Boeing, Dave Petchuzal

KPC Process Technology Coordinator, Sandie Gilliland

CJ Rea and Fiona Ritter of Kenai Fjords National Park

Local historian Doug Capra.

Field trips:

Engineering-Zip line to investigate the physics behind building the course and Newton's laws of motion

Tour of Seward Electric Department with John Foutz.

Met Andy Baker who is the designer of the Alaska Sea Life center heat exchange system, Jesse Moe who is the design engineer and founder of Lime Solar, Katie Croft-from Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP) for turbine blade design activity

State Crime Lab to learn about all the engineering that goes into crime scene investigations (drug/alcohol testing, fingerprinting, DNA analysis, bullet and wound entry trajectories, blood spatter room etc)

AVTEC to learn how the 3D printers work and see the rest of the programs in action

Local Initiatives:

Over 50% of Mr. Reising's students had some involvement with the greenhouse through business planning, statistical analysis and prediction, and getting their hands dirty. Students harvested 374.5 ounces of loose leaf greens which were sold to the school district and delivered directly to Student Nutrition Services.

A group of the Upward Bound students are serving as citizen scientists for the Bear Creek Flood Board. By building quad-copters from components and developing an understanding of GIS software, the students are mapping and providing invaluable data for areas prone to flooding. This information will be used to assess risk and allocate resources.

Seward High senior, Malia Acovak, was a 2015 winner of the Gates Millennium Scholarship.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Seward Middle

Submitted by Jason Bickling

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Athletics/ Activity Awards:

Volleyball: 3rd Place Boroughs

Wrestling: 1 – 1st Place, 3 - 2nd Places, 3 - 3rd Places

Track:, 5 - 2nd Places, 4 - 3rd Places

Forensics: Team State Semi-Finalist, Boys Individual 2nd overall, Archery:

SecondYear having a competition team – 13 competed at state competition (one female missed qualifying for nationals by one place)

Successfully transitioned 6th graders into the Middle School

21 students getting credit for HS Algebra

Facebook Page up and Running

Seaview Outreach Presentation on Bullying

Social Studies class video conferenced with the former UN General and former child soldiers in Uganda

Suicide Prevention presentation by North Star Behavioral Health

Marc Swanson presented on how to make digital stories

Student created Yearbook

Human Trafficking presentation from a representative from Anchorage's Covenant House

DARE in 7th grade health class

Life Alaska Presented on Organ and Tissue Donation

Nutribullet Uni Project Grant – Smoothies for Students

Spanish Elective

Bone expert came in and did a bone articulation with science classes

KFT Marine Science Program

Green Crab invasive species and water quality monitoring programs.

Ocean 180 Science Program

37 Guest Speakers in Careers Elective

4 drama productions

Challenger Center

Nordic Ski / Snowshoe Trip to Soldotna for all 6th graders

Hatching Salmon Project
Collecting Algae with Park Service
NPS Centennial Celebration
Ice Fishing Trip
Made and Installed Bird Boxes on Local trails
Learned Fly-fishing
Orienteering on Local Trails
Local plant and animal identification

Seward Community Foundation Grant to support our Foods class which teaches student nutrition and how to cook from scratch, using natural ingredients. The foods class cooked a Thanksgiving dinner for family in need as well as food for the Seward School Board Meeting.

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Skyview Middle School

Submitted by Sarge Truesdell, Principal & Tony Graham, Assistant Principal

Skyview Middle School is a comprehensive middle school with an enrollment of 391 full time students in seventh and eighth grade. SMS continues to provide a full array of elective courses such as band, choir, art, technology, vocational education, and foreign language. SMS continued this year to offer sections of reading, math, and language arts remediation to students who scored below 330 on the 2014 SBA tests. SMS has a part time Quality Schools tutor in the building who directly serviced over 30 SMS students on a daily basis this year. These students averaged a 56 point increase on the 2014 Math SBA. The use of IXL Math was expanded this year to include not only Tier II and Tier III intervention but as a Tier I intervention in all math courses at SMS, it showed a great benefit with students who used the program seriously. The Skyview Middle School morning school tutoring program continued in 2014-15 with 44 students participating throughout the year. A Title VII program was continued at SMS this year and proved to be beneficial in assisting both struggling and successful Alaska Native students to build tighter connections to school and increase academic performance. Preliminary 2014 SBA results are promising on initial review with many of students showing significant improvements in not only gaining proficiency but in average scale scores as well.

Staff Accomplishments

Mr. Sarge Truesdell successfully completed his fourth year as the principal of the Middle School. His leadership in guiding the Site Council, staff, students, and parents through the Soldotna Schools Reconfiguration process has been outstanding. Skyview Middle School is excited and worked hard during the transition to the Skyview building to become Skyview Middle School. Skyview Middle School had Shannon Dwyer as one of 5 finalists for the District as BP teachers of the year.

Masonic Student of the Year: Hannah Delker

Masonic Student of the Year Nominees: Hannah Delker, Aliann Schmidt, Danica Schmidt, Haley Buckbee, Darby McMillan

SMS Spelling Bee Winner: Clara Moore

Geography Bee Winner: Joseph McCloud (qualified for State Competition)

Outstanding Band student of the year: Aliann Schmidt

Outstanding Choir student of the year: Kortney Birch

Chamber of Commerce Students of the Month-2014-15:

September 2014 – Jeremy Kupferschmid – 8th

October 2014 – Ray Chumley – 7th

November 2014 – Haley Buckbee – 8th

December 2014 – Ayla Read – 7th

January 2015 – Aliann Schmidt – 8th

February 2015 – Whitney Benson – 7th

March 2015 – Aidan Whitney – 8th

April 2015 – Timothy Cashman – 7th

Perfect Attendance:

Mackinley Baxter
David Belger
Ilyse Cable
Denali Lombard
Athalia Quiner
Kayli Smith
Thomas Wells
Kaiden Wilshusen

4.0 G.P.A. (Entire year)

Asia Angeles Hanson	Whitney Benson
Erika Bennett	Cameron Blackwell
Kortney Birch	Timothy Cashman
Brittani Blossom	Autumn Chumley
Haley Buckbee	Ray Chumley
Hannah Delker	Faith Glassmaker
Ruth Frederickson	Jacob McConnell
Caleb Matson	Clara Moore
Darby McMillan	Jersey Truesdell
Aliann Schmidt	
Danica Schmidt	
Aidan Whitney	

Outstanding Effort in History (writing and producing YouTube historical lesson):

Athalia Quiner
Timmy Opheim
Kristina Bybee
Katelynn Kimes
Sissy Williams

Aliann Schmidt
Danica Schmidt
Kalyn McGillivray
Kodi McGillivray
Marlayna Saavedra

Reading Remediation

Our Read 180 program continues its success at taking long term, below grade level readers, and moving them into proficiency or better as measured on the SBA Reading Test. Data on the program demonstrates that it continues to be of high value to Skyview Middle School and to students who go through the program. CBM, Lexile, and SBA results all confirm the program is doing what it is designed to do in helping students to fill in learning gaps in the area of reading comprehension and fluency. The area where the program needs to expand is in the area of decoding and finding ways to meet the needs of students with decoding issues will be the next step in this area.

Spanish II

For the seventh year in a row, Skyview Middle School Spanish II students worked with Redoubt Elementary School first graders teaching Spanish lessons. SMS students chose the lesson content, developed the lesson plans, and created visuals and games to aid in the delivery of instruction. Sixteen SMS students visited Redoubt where they actually delivered a Spanish lesson. This Teaching Experience Project once again proved beneficial, both to the SMS students as well as the Redoubt first graders, and is a project we will continue in the future.

Student Council

Student Council saw an expanded role at Skyview Middle School. Along with ongoing projects that are discussed below the Student Council planned and organized all of Skyview Middle School's under the guidance of Mrs. Sheila-Margaret Pothast students undertook all aspects of the quarterly student activity events. They volunteered for setting up and taking down the events, helped choose themes and ordered decorations, undertook deejay responsibilities, and organized alternate activities such as ice cream sundae bars, cupcake decorating, movies, etc. Student attendance and feedback demonstrated the success of the events and this student empowerment will continue far into the future.

SMS Student Council members also sponsored a non-perishable food drive during the Thanksgiving season. Homerooms competed to see who could bring in the most items of food and winners were treated to special prizes at Turkey Trot and in Homeroom. In total, Skyview Middle School donated all collected food items to the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank.

Student Council Advisors helped organize the SMS Talent Show and coordinated volunteers for Parent Teacher Conferences both semesters.

7th Grade Transition Program

In early August, young people arrived at Skyview Middle School from K-Beach Elementary, Sterling Elementary, Tustumena Elementary, Redoubt Elementary, and Connections. Making new friends, learning locker combinations, class routes & school layout, tips for comfort zone, Google docs and Smart Board technology, they also had time for games, team building, and creative expression through locker decoration and a transitions collage. In addition to being on campus for two days and learning to navigate their new daily schedule, everyone received a T-shirt, and a backpack with helpful school supplies to help get them off on the right foot. Student participating in the program had great success at Skyview Middle School both behaviorally and academically.

Extra-Curricular Sports

Skyview Middle School continued to offer its traditional athletic program in 2014-15. With over 400 participants in Soccer, Cross Country Running, Basketball, Wrestling, Cross Country Skiing, Volleyball, and Track & Field.

Borough Champs:

Skiing: Jeremy Kupferschmid

Track - 1st Places at boroughs

1. David Michael-400, 800, 1600
2. Jeremy Kupferschmid-100, 4 X 400 Relay Team
3. Brittany Taylor-100, 400, 4 X 100 Relay Team, 4 X 200 Relay Team
4. Danica Schmidt-Discus & High Jump

Wrestling – 1st place boroughs

1. Cobe Young 80 lbs
2. Logan Craig 95 lbs
3. Bradi Martin 130 lbs
4. Joseph McCloud 167 lbs

Boys Soccer – 1st place boroughs

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Soldotna Elementary

Submitted by Teri Diamond

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6th Grade Students of Excellence and our Students of Excellence Program

We recognized 34 sixth grade students moving onto the middle school next year. Of those 34 students 9 of them were recognized for the Academic Excellence Award with a grade point average above 90%. Three students were recognized for academic achievement. Our Masonic award student this year was Abby Radeck. We also recognize students monthly at our Students of Excellence Assembly which includes recognition of attendance, citizenship, and academics.

Writing

5th and 6th Graders also participated in the Soldotna Elks Americanism Writing Contest. 6 students were recognized for their writing at a the state level, with Colton Sorhus taking 1st, Rhys cannava taking 2nd, and Micheal Keyes taking third. Colton also place 2nd at a national level.

Enrichment

We offer a Quest program at our school, and also provide some similar opportunities for our enrichment block students. Several students from this group participated in Mind of Mazes, and several of the films they created in enrichment were shared at the district film festival. Three teams also attended the Tri-Mathalon in Seward with Ryder Geisler being the chess champion, and our other group taking 2nd overall and 1st in the Lightning round.

We also had a number of other school/district events including our Spelling Bee, with Josie Moore taking 1st and our Forensics Competition with several of our students moving on to district competition at Tustumena.

Reading

More opportunities abounded with our two Battle of the Books teams, a 3rd and 4th, and 5th and 6th. In addition to this reading program we also have our Summer Reading Program, SMORES, (Summer Months are open for Reading) as well as our Reading Counts program throughout the year in which students can read and

accumulate points. We have a year round assembly to celebrate this which includes our local Senator.

Physical Fitness

We are fortunate to offer a variety extra sports including our after school gymnastics, and our State Hoop Shoot. Brayden Taylor took 2nd in the state for our Hoop Shoot. We also recognize two students yearly for their athleticism and this year we recognized Dawson Fox and Avery Hart.

Service

Our students participated in a variety of service projects this year to raise funds for children in need, as well as to support our community. These included Jump Rope for Heart in which our students raised over \$3000, Pennies for Patients, our Christmas Kindness Program to help our families in need. Our classes 2nd-6th participated in our Kenai River Clean-Up to maintain this incredible resource.

The Arts

We also celebrated the Arts this year with an Artist in Residence. We were able to provide our students with a two week opportunity with drummer and Storyteller Eddie Wood. In addition, we created a school wide sculpture, a "pour painting" which was designed after the work of artist Holton Rower. Several of our teachers have been integrating more arts across the curriculum. Mrs. Diamond was recognized by the Alaska Arts Education Consortium for her support of Arts In Education.

We also had a variety of music recognitions for our students who participated in our after school guitar class, beginning band, and intermediate band. We also offered our 6th grade students the opportunity to participate in music instruction before school at Skyview Middle. Our students also participate in a primary music program, an intermediate talent show, and two band concerts a year.

Parents/Community

Through the year our Parent Pack in conjunction with staff offers a variety of experiences for our students and families. These include our family movie nights, fun fest, our book fair, our holiday Wonderland, and our Dr. Seuss celebration Breakfast. We also have our Souper Lunch where parents or guardians come for the day and have lunch with their child. Outside of this we logged over 3000 hours of volunteers and parent participation this year. This has far exceeded years past!

Incredible Teachers

Although all of our teachers do an incredible job, three were recognized by BP for Teachers of Excellence. They include Shaya Straw, Elizabeth Kvamme, and Katrina Cannava!

Superintendent's Annual Report 14-15

School Name Soldotna High School

Submitted by Todd Syverson

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Soldotna High School has completed another great year. The School reconfiguration effort went extremely well thanks to the efforts of our students, Student Council, Staff and Community all working together. SoHi's Afterschool Media Center (7:30 am – 5:00 pm) has been an excellent addition for students needing a place to work and/or needing additional support after the regular school day. The addition of our Soldotna Alternative program (SALT) has made a major difference for those students needing a different educational delivery. We are hoping to grow our SALT program to two classrooms in the near future.

Soldotna High School continues with its great success in athletics and activities. Listed below are this year's accomplishments:

- * Jackson Blackwell selected to attend the ATCA Youth training in Juneau.
- * Mission Aviation Repair Center (MARC-local pilot and airplane mechanics) a local community organization volunteered weekly with our SALT program.
- * Battle of the Books placed 3rd in State.
- * SoHi Football won the state championship for the medium school for 3rd year in a row. SoHi student was selected as player of the game.
- * The Soldotna High School Child Development class provided free daycare as part of the classroom teaching.
- * SoHi completed the Hour of Code (basic concepts of Computer Science)
- * During PT Conferences SoHi hosted 5 workshops to help parents and students with future colleges, goals, and their futures.
- * Guitar class students played at the Heritage Place for the residents, they also play at Kaladi Brothers Coffee shop in Soldotna regularly.
- * Six SoHi students competed in the Reno Tournament of Champions.
- * Ten Skills USA students competed and placed in their events this year.
- * 26 SoHi students passed their Alaska Food Worker Card which gives them better employability skills.
- * SoHi students volunteered for the Clash of the Culinary Kings fundraiser for the Kenai Food Bank. They helped with set up, clean up, bussing, washing dishes and serving food. Great experience for them.
- * Sadie Fox placed 1st in the Oosik Classic Women's 25K and Levi Michael placed 2nd in the ski race.
- * SoHi Teacher James Harris was nominated for BP teacher of the year.
- * SoHi students competed in the SST competition and set new records and 5 students placed in events.
- * SoHi Child Development classes volunteered at KPC for their Climate conference (taught kids about climate, animals, and our environment).
- * Green Club students attended the Climate conference and helped plan and organize their part of the event.
- * Cinderella's Closet provided 58 students with items and since it was started has helped 454 people.
- * SoHi collected 895.5 pounds of aluminum cans for the Kenai Aluminum Can Round Up this year.

Soldotna High School continues to strive for excellence and has the goal of leading our School District on the path of continual improvement. Thanks for a great year!

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Soldotna Montessori Charter School

Submitted by Mo Sanders

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 schoolwide 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 Debbie Tressler, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

Our mission is to prepare students to become citizens with a global perspective and to enrich their academics and social awareness within a Montessori environment.

Achieving this mission is dependent on high-quality, Montessori-trained teachers and staff:

Teacher Training:

2014-15 Teacher Training for Montessori: 6 teachers attended national Montessori Conventions, 10 staff members attended the state Montessori convention. Two new teachers enrolled in a 29-month Montessori certification training and in a summer course focusing on teaching to students with special needs in a Montessori context.

In alignment with Montessori practices of hands-on learning, participating in field studies, understanding and gaining a deep respect for the natural world, and engaging in community service, our students participated in:

- Nine-week volunteer support at the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank: all fifth graders
- Nine-week volunteer support at Riverside Assisted Living: all fourth graders
- Nine-week volunteer support at Soldotna Senior Center: all sixth graders
- Leave No Trace Environmental Camp for all 4th -6th graders
- UAF Field Station at Kasitsna Bay Overnight Studies for all 4th – 6th grade classes
- Sixth Grade Swimming Lessons for two weeks in April
- 5th and 6th grade Band
- Field Studies at all grade levels
- Challenger Center Missions for Fifth and Sixth Grades

- Adopt-a-Stream: monthly monitoring of Soldotna Creek: all 4th – 6th grades
- Raised \$594. At a school mini-carnival For Water for Southern Sudan after reading the true story of a boy raised in drought conditions in Southern Sudan.
- Built a raised-bed garden for the school.

Other Accomplishments:

Conscious Discipline is a school-wide program designed to promote self-regulation and connection. It is directly aligned to Montessori principles of global understanding, tolerance, and self-direction.

- Conscious Discipline implementation continued with professional development for all staff/all classrooms
 - Three new teachers attended national level training for Conscious Discipline

Other School Events:

- Battle of the Books for Grades K-2 and 5-6
- State Spelling Bee – school champion represented SMCS at the State Bee

Parent Volunteers:

Volunteers contributed 1309 hours at SMCS this year. three parents volunteered over 100 hours each. One parent volunteered 185 hours!

Academic Policy Committee:

The SMCS Academic Policy Committee, a nine member committee established by state statute to oversee the charter school curriculum, met six times during the year from August through June. Agendas and minutes are posted at the school and electronically.

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Soldotna Prep School

Submitted by Curtis Schmidt, Principal

Soldotna Prep School is a 9th Grade academy that works hand in hand with Soldotna High School. Soldotna Prep has an enrollment of 190 full time students all of whom are in the 9th grade. Soldotna Prep offers appropriate grade level courses in Language Arts, Biology, Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Geometry, and Alaska History. SPS provides a full array of elective courses for 9th graders such as Geography, Sport Specific Training, Lifetime Activities, Health, Band, Choir, Art, Ceramics, Technology, Vocational Education, and Spanish I. SPS also works in conjunction with KPBSD Distance Delivery to offer students access to curriculum not offered in our traditional program or as an option to the classroom setting. Students accessed course work in Algebra, Computer Applications, Employability Skills, Health, Geography, Geometry, and Foreign Language. Students from Soldotna Prep SPS also offered this year sections of math and language arts remediation to students who scored below 300 on the 2014 SBA tests. Soldotna Prep implemented a daily schedule and teaching assignments that contributed to the increased success demonstrated this year. Teachers are organized into core teams with one history, math, science, and language arts teacher per 100 (approx.) students. The four teachers work as a team and have a common prep time where they meet periodically together to develop and plan core teaching methods as well as design interventions for struggling students.

Staff Accomplishments

Mr. Curtis Schmidt successfully completed his first year as the Principal of Soldotna Prep School. His leadership in guiding the Site Council, staff, students, and parents through the Soldotna Schools Reconfiguration process and establishing Soldotna Prep School has been outstanding. Soldotna Prep School had the following teachers nominated as BP teachers of the year: Vernel Schnieder, Will Chervenak, Nathaniel Erfurth. Soldotna Prep also had teachers Angela Brown, Elizabeth Swaby, and Heather Swanson participate actively on District Committees in Curriculum Development and Distance Learning.

Masonic Student of the Year: Kellie Arthur

Masonic Student of the Year Nominees: Jode Sparks, John-Mark Pothast, Hannah Wells, Dominique Conner, Cody Quelland, Ashley Jones, Emily Pieh, Alice Han, Kellie Arthur

Chamber of Commerce Students of the Month-2014-15: Michaela Renfro, Matt McEntire, Jaela Hubbard, Selby Hill, Tre Rybak, Delaney Risley, Ashley Jones, Andrew Winslow

Perfect Attendance: Tovia Bremond-Hilton, Drake Dimmick, Emily Pieh, Jode Sparks, Megan Fenton, Tre Rybak, Cheyenne Vroman

4.0 G.P.A. (Entire year): Jode Sparks, Ethan Bott, Derek Evans, William Gross, Alice Han, Selby Hill, Jaela Hubbard, Ashley Jones, Madeline Kindred, Melia Miller, Teyha Naylor, Emily Pieh, Cody Quelland

Elected Student Council Officers for 2015-2016: Caroline Cho, Jode Sparks, Kellie Arthur, Delaney Risley, Nathaniel Patat

Credit Acquisition and Student Behavior

Compared to previous 5 years data for Soldotna Area 9th graders Soldotna Prep School experienced significant gains in the percentage of students earning 6 or more high school credits, the percentage of students who are on track for graduation, and a large reduction in the number of students earning 5 or less credits. 77% of Soldotna Prep's students will have earned 6 or more credits and Soldotna Prep will have 87% of the 9th grade class be on track to graduate in 4 years. This is in comparison to the previous 5-year average of 69% earning 6 or more credits and 75% of Soldotna Area 9th graders being on track to graduate in 4 years. Additionally, 35 % of our students will have actually earned more than one year's worth of high school credit at the end of their freshman year and the number of students who are far behind pace to graduate in 4 years has been reduced by 65 percent when compared to the 5 year average.

Here is the final data for the 2014-15 School Year for Soldotna Prep Academic Performance:

189 Total Students

146 (77%) --- Passed all classes and on pace for 6 or more credits for the 2014-15 school year.

164 (87%) --- Passed all classes or had only one F and are on pace for 5.5 or more credits for the 2014-15 school year.
 (18 students (10%) earned only 1 F this year)

25 (13%) --- Had 2 or more F's and are **not** on pace for 5.5 or more credits during the 2014-15 school year. All of these students have been referred to Summer School for the 2015 Summer Session.

(5 students earned 5 credits, 9 students earned 4.5 credits, and 11 students earned 4 or less credits)

(*****7 of 11 students earning 4 or less credits experienced significant attendance issues (15 or more absences both semesters). 3 of the 11 students in this demographic transferred into our school during the second semester with 0 – 1.5 credits earned.*****)

2014-15 data (break down by credit earned)

<u>Total Students</u>	<u>8 or more</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>4 or less</u>
189	19	7	28	17	75	18	5	9	11
100%	10%	3%	15%	9%	40%	10%	2%	5%	6%

Another very impressive success has been our ability to cut the number of student discipline incidents in half and 71% of our students have not been sent to the office for any reason during the 2014-15 school year.

Extra-Curricular Sports

Soldotna Prep School, in conjunctions with Soldotna High School offered a traditional athletic program in 2014-15. With over 150 participants in Soccer, Cross Country Running, Swimming and Diving, Football, Cheerleading, Basketball, Wrestling, Cross Country Skiing, Volleyball, Baseball, Softball, and Track & Field.

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Sterling Elementary

Submitted by Denise Kelly

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The 2014-2015 school year started off with 6 new teachers and a new principal. Sterling Elementary held many special school and community events, such as:

- A Back to School BBQ was held before school opened for students to meet teachers and bring supplies before the first day;
- A separate Open House was held two weeks after school started so that teachers could provide classroom information and parents could talk more specifically with teachers about their children;
- K – 6th grade students participated in an afterschool Art Club run by one of our teachers;
- Trunk or Treat, which provided a safe place for children to go Trick-or-Treating on Halloween was successful;
- Falcon Fun Night offered by the PTA provided activities for students and parents to participate in together;
- Two music and band concerts were provided, one in winter and one for spring;
- PTA hosted a Western themed carnival for families to spend the night with fun and games;
- At least 6 PBIS celebrations this year honoring the positive student behaviors of being safe, responsible and respectful;
- Through PBIS, classrooms earned the Super Star Class of the Month by showing they were able to follow the expectations across different settings in the school;
- The Golden Pom-Pom was introduced as a way to honor individual students for extraordinary exhibitions of safe, responsible and respectful behaviors;
- Kinder-Fair provided future Kindergarteners and their parents the opportunity to register for Head Start and Kindergarten. Many local community resources had booths to provide info for parents, and engage children in early literacy, health, and safety activities;
- AMP Parent Night provided parents an opportunity to take the AMP in the same manner that their children were to do it in the upcoming weeks;
- Reading Is Fundamental book distributions hosted by our PTA provided three free books to children during the school year;

- The School Habitat Trail was completed and used by classrooms. It is being leveled out and widened for easier access for all.
- A fund raiser was held to raise funds for our school greenhouse, which is being revived by several staff members.
- An awards assembly and all school talent show was held on the last day.
- Sterling is hosting our first annual Summer Reading Program for the summer of 2015. We will be hosting 4 Summer Reading Days during the summer for students to hear a story, participate in an activity, and trade books for new ones to read.

Four classroom teachers received grants to participate in trips to the Sea Life Center in Seward.

Teachers participated in PLCs with their grade levels.

During the school year, students participated in:

- Grades 3/ 4 and Grades 5/ 6 Battle of Books;
- Elementary Forensics tournament, where students in grades 4 through 6 competed in a school tournament, with high scorers representing the school at the Borough Elementary Forensics Tournament held at Tustumena School;
- Students participating in the Jump Rope for Heart. Students jumped rope and raised money for the American Heart Association;
- K-6 students participated in Healthy Futures, which encouraged students to get outside and exercise;
- All grade levels made at least 3% growth in their reading scores!

The following individual students were also recognized:

- Anna Williams's artwork was selected as the piece most exemplary of Sterling Elementary and will be proudly displayed on next year's school calendar magnet;
- Sarah Rice was selected as this year's Masonic Outstanding Student in recognition of her steadfastness, perseverance and kindness as well as her strong academic work.

The school was able to share the facility with organizations that provided other positive activities for the students:

- Sterling Judo Club
- Sterling Girl Scouts

Partnership is being developed with the Sterling Community Center.

One classroom works closely with the Sterling Senior Center for community involvement.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Susan B. English

Submitted by Mr. Alan Haskins

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To Mr. Dusek,

Susan B. English this year had a huge achievement, with the struggles of a school with declining student enrollment, the students have really begun to embrace the importance of using the distance education component that is offered at KPBSD in order to have a well-rounded education.

The staff of SBE are beginning to embrace the importance of the Student Growth Maps. Also the staff came up with a vision for the school that will help us guide and direct us: "Making Education Relevant" so this vision will help us to offer courses that achieve it. I would like to say that the staff is working hard to incorporate the community expertise, into the classroom, which is very nice to see, this is a huge accomplishment as it has not always been that way.

The most visible Award was the Sea Otter Boys winning the 1A State Championship. This award was truly a community effort from the fundraising to the basketball camps put on locally and the ones the boys attended throughout the state. The community support has been incredible and people

An exciting school-wide project that has gone through the discussion stage and is now into the funding stage, is on the Digital Learning Consortium. This is a great project that fits perfectly into our Vision of Making Education Relevant to the students of Susan B. English.

Tim Haller a Junior at Susan B. English, was part of the Stock Market Game sponsored by The Alaska Council on Economic Education, Mr. Bierer the math teacher used this activity to relate real world math to the students. Tim was the 1st place finisher in the state.

Community Service this year has the students of Susan B. English helping with the restoration of the Russian Orthodox Church, in partnership with the community and the area Russian Orthodox Church members, the students are busy scraping paint off and preparing the exterior for new paint.

Susan B. English has 3 graduates and all 3 are going on to college or technical training, this is wonderful, that each student realizes the importance of gaining a degree or certification.

Alan Haskins, Principal
Susan B. English

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Tebughna School

Submitted by Marilyn K. Johnson

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 schoolwide 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 Debbie Tressler, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

The secretary at Tebughna School is retiring after 20 years of continuous service to our students, staff, parents, and community. Although this will be a huge loss, her daughter has accepted the secretary's position and hopefully will continue for the next 20 years.

We had 9 students qualify for the Tebughna Challenge end of the year field trip. They were able to travel to Seward to spend an overnight at the Sea Life Center. All expenses, travel and admission, were paid by Exxon Mobile. Without the financial assistance of Exxon Mobile it would have been very expensive for our small school to support this wonderful field trip.

The Tebughna Foundation was awarded a grant to support our school. They have provided an aide, Brian Masuda, to assist our middle school and high school students and staff in the areas of math and science. They have provided two professional development sessions, Talking Circles and Kil. The Talking Circle process is a cultural way to help students open up and talk about their feelings and the Kil program is to help students realize their strengths, areas of concerns and to realize what their future dreams are and what they need to do to achieve those dreams. The Tebughna Foundation has provided us with two entertainment pieces which also included parents and community members' attendance. Samuel Johns performed rap tunes and spoke about abstaining from drugs, alcohol, and physical violence. Lowery Begay is a Native dancer and a storyteller. The Tebughna Foundation also purchased pizzas for our students as a celebration of our students increasing their Ed Performance scores by an average of 77.81 scale score increase in Language Arts, an average of 79.06 scale score increase in Math, and an average of 122.66 scale score increase in Reading.

The Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (TTCD) is another outside entity that is very supportive of our school. They have provided science experiments for our student body which includes hands on experiments (watershed, life cycle of salmon, flower dissection, made pumpkin muffins with students, and of course, helped the students plant seeds for our community garden. When the sets were large enough, we all helped to transplant them in the garden and attended the blessing ceremony.

Promotion certificates were given to two kindergarten students and two eighth grade students. The following is the list of 40 awards (small trophies) presented: Best Attitude (4); Citizenship Award (4); Most Improved Reader (4); Most Improved Writer (4); Most Improved Math (4); Best Behaved (No detentions) (12); Honor Roll (8); 9 certificates for the Tebughna Challenge students; one Masonic Lodge award for "Outstanding Student of the Year". We also presented 2 plaques; one to the Tebughna Foundation and the other to TTCD.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Tustumena Elementary

Submitted by Doug Hayman

1. School Culture

Initiatives:

- School-Wide SGMs. We researched best practices and incorporated collaboration as a means to having a common understanding of what SGM's are and how they can be used to increase student learning. This year, every teacher did at least two SGMs but most (11/13) did three in order to take advantage of the opportunity for college credits. We monitored the evolution of the SGMs as well as the progress of student achievement collectively during our staff meetings, collaboration meetings, and in-services. The main adjustment for next year will be options for continued refining and use of SGMs. Each teacher will minimally do one SGM while others may select to do up to four. They will be encouraged to refine at least one of the SGMs they did this year by continuing to focus on the same assessment. This two year data set will support district goals of selecting and refining appropriate assessments for the use in SGMs.
- Another initiative we spent some time on was standards-based report cards (SBRC) for intermediate grade levels. Our primary teachers have been successfully implementing these for some time and it was thought that transitioning to school-wide use of SBRC would be seamless. We were wrong. There was some parent concern and some inconsistencies of implementation. We addressed the parent concerns by increasing our intentionality of communication with parents during conferences and by having a building level parent meeting. We have not received negative feedback since the parent meeting but there is still work to be done in order to consistently use the SBRC as they were intended. We will begin this work by first making a plan. As part of our School Improvement Plan (SIP) we have already drafted the professional development and collaboration time to address this at the staff level. We will recruit district level professional development support in September so time is not lost.
- We have also drafted our 2015-2016 SIP to include research and development of a school-wide enrichment model.
 - a. **Professional development –**
- As mentioned earlier, our school-wide work on SGMs has been the major focus of our professional development time. Every teacher has seen every other teacher's SGM at least three times collectively. Smaller work-groups have then used the district level SGM Tool to analyze their SGMs. What this equates to is every teacher has read and analyzed at least 12 SGMs other than their own. For the teachers that have participated in the college credit class, the number of analyzed SGMs ranges from 20-36. The result is a building of professionals that can consistently develop appropriate SGMs that meet district and state requirements plus analyze the data contained within the SGM in order to provide feedback to themselves or other teachers that will have a positive effect on student learning.

- Other professional development included standard-based report card use for intermediate teachers, using science as a mode for inspiring writing, and creating a system that will provide enrichment opportunities for all students. This has resulted in a continued focus on enrichment for the following school year. Our intension is to create a culture of providing enrichment-type learning opportunities for all students on a regular basis. The model is likely be similar to that of schools designed exclusively for Gifted and Talented instruction. Our model will not be full time, but will include the same strategies.

Celebrations this year.

- Our students have demonstrated that they **receive a world class education.**
- (I believe) We are the only school in the state that successfully **implemented a school-wide SGM model.**
- We **completed our SYH project** which our entire community will benefit from.
- By partnering with the Boys and Girls Club we **expanded club hours** into before school, in order to **support the needs of our community.**
- And finally, although it is difficult to quantify things that “Don’t” happen, we celebrate the culture of a school where parents are happy with the service our school provides (as quantified by the Site Council survey completed on April 27, 2015). Plus, as a staff member stated in her response to my request for input on things we should celebrate, *“Perhaps it should be celebrated as an accomplishment that we have collaborated well with organizations in the community or maintained a positive atmosphere with few discipline referrals ...”*.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Voznesenka School (53)

Submitted by Michael Wojciak

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 schoolwide 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 Debbie Tressler, Administrative Secretary, on or before June 1.

- UA scholar recipient
- 2 Presidential Awards for Academic Achievement
- Alaska Performance Scholarship recipient
- Masonic Outstanding award recipient
- Project Grad Scholar recipient
- School Board representative
- Second Team All-Conference QB
- Honorable Mention All-Conference FB
- First Team All-Conference MLB
- Honorable Mention Punter
- ASAA sanctioned football team
- ASAA sanctioned wrestling team
- Club Status cross country team
- Club Status soccer team
- Middle School wrestling
- Middle School soccer
- Elementary wrestling
- Construction class
- Home Economics class
- Yearbook class
- PBIS implementation
- School renovations
- Secondary Battle of the Books
- Elementary Battle of the Books
- Fundraising events
- East End Road garbage cleanup
- School-wide beach day
- Field day celebration
- Additional PE equipment
- Garden Fair
- Awards Assemblies
- Student Council
- Blended Learning conference attendee
- Caring for the Kenai finalists
- Intervention Program
- Data Day implementation

Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name West Homer Elementary School

Submitted by Raymond Marshall

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, district wide, 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 Debbie Tressler, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

West Homer Elementary School has worked hard to provide a well-rounded, outstanding academic program for students. In 2014/15:

- West Homer Elementary School (WHE) was recognized by the state of Alaska as a 5-Star school.
- WHE was recognized by the state of Alaska as a *High Progress* school.
- WHE was Ranked 2nd in state of Alaska by NICHE <https://k12.niche.com/west-homer-elementary-school-kenai-cook-inlet-township-ak/>
- WHE had one very deserving teacher nominated for the BP Teacher of Excellence Award: Judy Gonsalves.
- WHE Librarian, Lisa Whip, was presented with the KPBSD's coveted Golden Apple Award.
- WHE's Battle of the Books Grade 3-4 team placed 2nd in district.
- WHE is the only elementary school in the state of Alaska to have a Youth Court. For the 2014-2015 school year we had 10 active participants, 2 students with perfect scores thereby being sworn in as judges, and we participated in the State Youth Court conference.
- WHE conducted a Writer's Fair that was a great success.
- WHE sent Representative Emma Sulczynski to the state spelling Bee and representative Parker Lowney to the state Geography Bowl and Parker placed 11th in the state of Alaska.
- WHE school 6th grade student Sylvester Gaona received the Mansonic Outstanding Achievement Award.
- West Homer Elementary continues to offer a locally relevant academic programs in outdoor education which takes advantage of our close proximity to Kachemak Bay. This is exemplified by our school's working in conjunction with the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game as part of the Kachemak Invasive Species Monitoring program.
- WHE is also quite talented musically, with our music and band students providing concerts twice yearly to rave reviews.
- Athletically, WHE students were offered many sport and club opportunities from which to choose: soccer, cross country running, X-country skiing, volleyball, wrestling, rugby, archery, basketball and gymnastics.

- West Homer student maintain garden boxes that were established in 2011-2012 with a People's Garden Grant and gardening grant from the Alaska Department of Natural resources. We utilize our annual crop of potatoes for a Potato-fest event and feed every student in the school as well as dozens of parents.
- WHE had two competitive Lego Robotics Teams this year: At the First Lego League Kenai Peninsula Competition the **Brick Heads** won "best robot Design" and the **Squirrels in Space**, were in first place for points earned in robot missions after two rounds, but were beat in the last round by a former WHE team, **Your Mama's Lama's**, who are now is now in high school. Both WHE teams went on to compete at the state competition in Anchorage.
- West Homer Elementary School has a very positive, enthusiastic, growing PTO that is focused on supporting and improving education and programs for students.