

*KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
SCHOOL DISTRICT*

2015-2016 School Annual  
Reports to the Superintendent

**Sean Dusek,  
Superintendent**



# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Aurora Borealis Charter School

**Submitted by** Larry Nauta

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Two of our Future Problem Solving teams qualified for state competition.

Future Problem Solving Global Issues Team: 1st place in state

Melita Efta

Chloee Swanson

Shelbie Naylor

Bailey Epperheimer

Presentation of Action Plans

1st Place

Melita Efta

Chloee Swanson

Shelbie Naylor

Bailey Epperheimer

3rd Place

JulieAnn Nye

Gavin Langham

Aiden Burcham

Telotha Braden

# Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Chapman School

Submitted by Conrad Woodhead

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## Yearly Activity Report For Chapman School 2015-16

- 10 (+1 PREK speech student) Pre-K Students enrolled at Chapman
- Chapman School receives positive media coverage from Homer News
- Chapman School continues to enjoy Fruit & Veggie state grant through most of the year
- 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
- Attendance Chart and school wide attendance incentive program
- Weekly Intervention Meetings
- Fall & Spring Photos
- Quarterly Family Ed Nights
- Middle School Shop Program Up & Running
- 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
- Student of the Quarter lunches with Mr. Woodhead at Cheeky Moose
- Fire Safety - Anchor Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Joint Fire Drill with Anchor Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Read Across America with School wide activities
- Matching iPad Grant from Homer Foundation grades 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>
- 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
- Students attend HCOA sponsored concerts in Homer
- Senior Citizen Craft Bazaar
- Quarterly Awards Assemblies
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- SVT Healthy Choices Presentations 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 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
- Character Counts Behavior Incentive Program
- Spelling Bee - Winner Kimberly Abbott
- 100s day activities school wide
- Two Chapman School students attend ANSEP
- Battle of the Books 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Teams
- Science Fair grades 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>
- Special Music Programs: Mass Band & Mass Choir
- Volunteer Appreciation Cookie Reception
- Concert: Ray Troll Band
- Chapman Presents at School Board / Linda Brady receives Golden Apple
- Student, Jonathen Bice, chosen as Chapman's Masonic Student
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students - Two weeks of swimming lessons
- Field Trips
- Registration for Pre-K / 17 students signed up
- Retirement Community Potluck for Donna Austin & Linda Brady
- Sixteen Kindergarten Students graduate
- Eight 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students graduated
- Field Day
- All School/Community BBQ Last Day of School

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Connections

**Submitted by** Richard Bartolowits

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- Four Time State Champion Wrestler – Seth Hutchinson (Competing with the Soldotna Stars, previously a Skyview Panther)
- State 3A Basketball Player of the Year – Madison Akers (Competing for the Homer Mariners)
- Caring for the Kenai Finalist, (Sleeping Bag Drive for Disaster Preparedness) – Owen Meyer
- Full scholarship to St. Olaf College in Minnesota – Sergius Hannan
- Rose L. and Anna M. Busch Endowment @ \$2,000 per year – Madison Akers
- William George King Memorial Scholarship @ \$5,000 – Madison Akers
- National Merit Semifinalist – Jayce Miller
- Presidential Scholar’s Program Semifinalist – Jayce Miller
- Jack Kent Cooke Semifinalist – Jayce Miller
- Kenai Masonic Lodge Scholarship @ \$1,000 – Jayce Miller
- Dr. Paul Isaak Memorial Scholarship from the Central Peninsula Health Foundation @ \$1,000 – Jocelyn Riske
- Alaska Performance Scholarship – Cyrus Cowan
- Alaska Performance Scholarship – Andrew McClure
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Skills USA State Competitions and an invitation to the National Competition in Kansas City – Colton Fankhauser
- Superior” ranking at the State of Alaska School’s Activity Association competition for piano – Jayce Miller
- First Chair Bass at the Alaska All-State Music Festival – Sergius Hannan
- Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee, Bowling Scholarship (Combined athletic and academic) – Mason Yamada
- National Christmas Tree Essay Contest Winner (Trip to Washington D.C. to light the Christmas Tree) – Anna Devolld (Grade 5)
- All-State Solos and Ensembles Festival – Ashley Martin
- Anthropology Student-intern with Dr. Alan Boraas – Andrea Krol

- Kachemak Bay Board of Realtors Scholarship @ \$1,000 – Shy Walter
- V.F.W. Scholarship – Anchor Point – Shy Walter
- Kachemak Bay Campus of Kenai Peninsula College Scholarship – Shy Walter
- People to People Student Ambassador to Australia Invitation – Colton Fankhauser
- Battle of the Books (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for Homer Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for Soldotna Team
- Battle of the Bookis (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for Homer Team

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Cooper Landing School

**Submitted by** Susanna LaRock

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.

During the 2015-2016 school year, Cooper Landing School students experienced many successes and exciting opportunities. All of the students participated in the annual float and fish trip on the upper Kenai River; everyone caught many fish and a fun time was had by all. The K-4<sup>th</sup> graders took 4 weeks of gymnastics lessons at Anchorage Gymnastics Association. All of the students participated in 6 weeks of snowboarding or ski lessons at Alyeska

This year Cooper Landing School received an Excursion Grant from the Rasmussen Foundation. This grant made possible two field trips to Anchorage to see performances at the Alaska Junior Theatre. Students enjoyed the Dino Lights show and Scrap Arts Music show.

Cooper Landing School was very proud of our 3-4 Battle of the Books Team. The Mighty Lynx took first place in the district. The team went on to the state competition in which they took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

This year all of the 4 and 5th graders participated in the National Archery in Schools Program. Each of the archers competed in a statewide virtual tournament. Hunter Harrison competed in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys division and ranked 12<sup>th</sup> out of 42. Cooper Gossard competed in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys division and ranked 34<sup>th</sup> out of 46. Leihla Harrison competed in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls division and ranked 21<sup>st</sup> out of 36.

We had two Masonic Award winners at Cooper Landing School this year. Linnaea Gossard, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, won in the Middle School/High School division. Hunter Harrison, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, was our Masonic Award winner in the Elementary School division.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Fireweed Academy

**Submitted by** Kiki Abrahamson

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One of the many highlights at Fireweed this year was the continued work on STEM and STEAM projects with former award winning KPBSD teacher Sheryl Sotelo. Students in grades K-6 became “makers” for the week creating flashlight circuits. Sheryl also got us set up with GLOBE data collection.

A hydroponic gardening system continues 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 spring we added an outdoor greenhouse to our repertoire. This is in its 4th 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 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 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. This year we had a two headed specimen. Coowe Walker from KBNERR came in to share her work with collecting data from juvenile salmon streams near the mouth of the Anchor River providing students with an extension to the activity.

The culminating project of our third quarter Theme Immersion was a Structures Expo held in the West Homer gymnasium that was attended by families, students of Little Fireweed and WHE and community members. Students displayed and explained their entries into the Critical Structures of Humankind. Several of the students took their structures, presentation boards and digital enrichment to the Fireweed School Board Presentation.



We strengthened our connections to the Homer community through Fireweed students' performances in collaboration with the Homer Youth Orchestra and *Linked Up* with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra; learning and performing with both singing and recorders. Students also participated in Bunnell Street Art Institute's Artists in the Schools *Animalia* performance and we brought Ray Troll for a performance for both Fireweed and WHE as well as an art exploration with his technique of crayons and 3D glasses. We were once again invited to create a table station for a Discovery Lab at Islands and Oceans. Fireweed students contributed to the building and celebration of the Burning Basket Installation. They were also active participants in the Center for Alaskan Coastal studies beach clean-up. .

Students benefited from authentic experiential education on extended spring field trips. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class went to Talkeetna. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classes went to Port Graham where we were immersed in Sea Week activities with Port Graham students and staff. The K-2 took their first overnight trip to the AGEYA center.

This year Fireweed is faced with addressing budget cuts and as a result has eliminated two certified positions. The Principal Teacher for the past 19 years submitted her resignation.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Homer Flex

**Submitted by** Christopher Brown

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Project AWARE Grant – continued implementation of Mental Health Counselor position and Youth Mental Health First Aid initiative

Suicide Prevention and Postvention Grant – State of Alaska grant focused on suicide

Perfect Attendance Award – Colton Morris

Artist in the School Residency – local ceramicist Melisse Reichman

Homer Foundation Grants – local grants to fund Artist in the School residency and field trip to Seward to explore both the natural world and post-secondary opportunities

Certified Nurse's Assistant certification – Jenna Kilcher

JumpStart Credits at KBC – Owen Fell

Kenai Borough Honor Choir/All-State Honor Choir – Anna Richtback

Kenai Borough Honor Choir – Cassidy Lush

Leading Scorer: Varsity Hockey – Dimitry Kuzmin

Masonic Award – Duncan Hall

DOT Adopt a Highway

Center for Alaska Coastal Studies Beach Cleanup

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**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:

Homer High was awarded the US World News & Report Silver Medal Award for being in the top 5% of school in the nation in 2016.

## Academic

- Aurora Waclawski - National Merit Scholar Finalist
- Lindsey Schneider – National Merit Scholar Commended
- Kyle Carroll - National Merit Scholar Commended
- 2015 AP Scholar
  - Lindsey Schneider
  - Elise Webber
  - Daniel Wiest
- 2015 AP Scholar with Honor
  - Aurora Waclawski
  - Nolan Bunting
- Alicia Steiner - 3rd Place – Caring for the Kenai
- Rowan Biessel -4th Place – Caring for the Kenai
- Nolan Bunting – 1st Place Skills USA Extemporaneous Speaking
- Greg Smith – 1st Place Skills USA Construction
- Hayden Chase – 1st Place Skills USA Welding

## Athletic

- Team Region Championships
  - Wrestling
  - Boys Cross Country
  - Girls Cross Country
  - Girls Softball

- Team State Championships
  - State Championship – Wrestling
  - State Championship – Girls Cross Country Running
  - State Runner-up – Girls Basketball
  - State Runner-up – Boys Cross Country Running
  - Best Small School Finish – Nordic Skiing
  - Academic Award – Boys Cross County Running
  - Academic Award – DDF
  - Academic Award – Volleyball
- Individual Championships
  - Timmy Woo – Wrestling
  - Alison Wells – Wrestling
- Individual Awards
  - Madison Akers - 3A State Player of the Year
  - Nolan Bunting – State DDF Student of the Year

**Music**

- National Honor Solo Ensemble - Falcum Greear
- Command Performance State Solo Ensemble (Duet) Megan Kirsis & August Kilcher
- Command Performance State Sole Ensemble – Homer High Swing Choir

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Homer Middle School

**Submitted by** Kari Dendurent

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## Student Celebrations

Kelli Bishop Masonic Student of the Year

Spelling Bee- Larry Dunn

Geography Bee- Owen Glasman

## Parent Volunteers

Julianne Super- HMS Volunteer of the Year

## Teacher Recognition

BP Teacher of Excellence Nomination

Jen Booz

Dan Olson

Linda Rourke

## Grants Received

Homer Foundation Grant with Dave Schroer \$ 3,000

August 13 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation

August 14 7<sup>th</sup> Grade SMART Start

August 16, HMS Staff BBQ

September 3 Open House

September 14 Pink Martini Assembly with HCOA

October 13 Fall Music Concert

October 26-30 Book Fair

November 20 Crock Pot Cook Off

December 1-18 Share the Spirit and Angel Tree

December 4 Pep Rally

December 5 Staff Holiday Celebration

December 11 Holiday Cookie Bake Off

December 11 Activity Night

December 15 National Geography Bee

December 15 Winter Concert

December 21 Share the Spirit SGA Basket Delivery

January 14 Spelling Bee

February 1 Pennies for Pasta Campaign

February 5 HMS Staff Trained and Certified Medic/First Aide

February 8 Battle of the Books

February 9 Building Student Resiliency – HMS Professional Development Series

February 13 Math Counts

February 22-26 Spirit Week

February 26 Pep Rally

March 4 Pennies for Patients Coin Drop at Alaska USA \$1200 +

March 4 Activity Night

March 8 Music In Our Schools Band Concert

March 9 KBBI Coffee Table – Kari Dendurent

April 21, Bake for Good – Quest

May 3 Spring Concert

May 5 KPBSD Middle School Math Meet

May 13 Pep Rally

May 13 Activity Night

May 18 End of Year BBQ and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assembly

# Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Hope School

Submitted by Michael Hanson and Patricia Truesdell

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Another outstanding year at Hope School, and it is hard to believe it has come to an end!

To start off the year, we took the entire school and parents on a field trip to Kasitna Bay in Homer. We traveled to Homer the second week of school and spent five days on an educational trip including a boat ride out to the science center. The students spent time on the beach and in the science lab learning all kinds of information about marine science and marine biology. The time in the evening just enjoying being together was also a fun way to sort of "bond together" for a fun back to school activity. Great trip for sure!

Others activities for the year included:

- Mind of Mazes 1<sup>st</sup> place Intermediate Division: River Skaaren, Liam Bureau, Ben Peck
- Battle of the books- Placed 5<sup>th</sup> for our 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade team
- First ever – Hope Cross Country Club Middle School and High School Club met this year and actually traveled around the KBPSD participating in various meets. They had a lot of fun, and Hope students and staff traveled around and watched them compete.
- River Skaaren played basketball for Seward for the full basketball season.
- Hosted a Science Fair – K-12 April 2016 – Included Cooper Landing and Moose Pass Schools
- Halloween Carnival – October
- Pie Auction in November
- ASTE Ididacontest Awards
  - Liam- 1st place in Photo category
  - Wesli and Ryder- 1st place in Documentary category
  - Murphy and Ryder- 3rd place in the Book category
  - Wesli- 5th place in the Book category
- Math Triathlon – in May, 2016 with our Quest Teacher
- Two Masonic Students awarded in April – River Skaaren & Wesli Dykstra

- BP Teacher of the Year Finalist – Ms. Truesdell
- In April four Hope students went to Washington DC and New York with Ms. Truesdell and had a very educational exciting adventure.
- Development of Leadership Club & cooking club – Sixth graders – Six week Program sponsored by Ms. Truesdell and volunteer Mr. Bob Yoter
- New Project: FFA/4H/Greenhouse/High Tunnel - Students are working on developing a charter for FFA – They have had their first meeting, elected officers and are in the processing of writing their bylaws and constitution. A summer position of a Vista volunteer will be working to assist students and community members in planting two community garden boxes, working on plans to get a 4H club AND completing a community survey and plans for a greenhouse for the school and/the community. It may be a regular greenhouse or a high-tunnel. The students have been researching and studying possible plans for projects for the school and the community. More to come on this. The Vista volunteer may be working to develop the survey and work on the plans, fund raising, etc. . . . So we can move forward on building the green house or high tunnel next school year.
- Hope Music Program performed the Christmas Musical – *Scrooge* in December and had a lot of fun. Our music volunteer/stipend person attended the music training this spring and is excited to use the new music technology and collaborate with other music teachers.
- Introduction of Reader’s Theater for the K-4 group of students. We moved part of the big stage into the Primary Room and introduced Reader’s Theater two afternoons a week. This was a strategy from the Student Growth Map for our reading teacher in order to bring up student reading scores. The data is showing it is helping with the reading scores. We introduced a lot more oral reading, performing small plays out loud, and poetry. Next year, we plan to do an actual forensics program.

Another great year in Hope, and one in which the students did a lot of growing, and the teachers worked hard to keep up with them. Please come by and visit! The Hope students and staff love and welcome visitors. It was a good year and we are extremely proud of the work we have accomplished and look forward to being back August 23, 2016. Have a great summer!



# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science

**Submitted by** Robin Dahlman, May 2016

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- Received recognition as a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School
- Continued to provide personalized learning opportunities for a wide range of student interests and abilities
- Received Arbor Day Grant for 2016
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes partnered with local tunnel garden to learn about “treasures we harvest from the earth”
- Partnered with Kenai Watershed Forum to enrich our science curriculum and teaching and exploring with students
- Partnered with the Charis Place developing life links between students and elders in our community
- Volunteer hours total 3,871 hours averaging 100+ hours in a week....this is only counting classroom hours. Hours for PTA, APC, study trips are near 1,000 hours for the school year-incredible support!
- Increased performance on students receiving intervention and refined ways to personalize successful strategies and plans as a collective team with our staff/
- Shared our love of integration across all disciplines with KPBSD Board by bringing a class experience to the Board meeting
- 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
- Participated in school-wide learning on best practices for fully emerging into a school family
- Nature trail welcome sign installed and nature trail extensions made in partnership multiple community partners; design of sign was collaborative effort with students and staff

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** K-Beach Elementary

**Submitted by** Nate Crabtree

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**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 330,000 minutes during the summer months! We are shooting for half a million reading minutes this summer

**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.

**Box Tops** – Students and families collected over \$1000 worth of box tops that will benefit the school.

**K-Beach Film Festival** – Students in grades 4-6 participated in the first annual K-Beach Film Festival.

**K-Beach Chess Club Tournament** – Many students in grades 3-6 participated in the second annual K-Beach Chess Club Tournament.

**K-Beach Future Problem Solving Team** – Quest students in grades 3-6 participated in the future problem solving competition.

**Junior Achievement** – K-Beach was the first school on the peninsula to host a JA in a Day two years ago. This year three schools participated. 19 community members came to K-Beach and taught the students basic economic concepts. The JA in Day Coordinator stated that K-Beach is the model school for the state for welcoming community members into the building.

**Battle of the Books** – K-Beach placed 1st in the district at the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade level.

**2016 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 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran's Day Assembly to honor veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces.

**PTO Events**

- Pumpkins in the Playground
- Bingo for Books
- Family Game Night
- Family Movie Night
- Kids Go Shopping
- Multiple Book Fairs
- School wide field trip
- School wide BBQ
- Quarterly Caribou Celebrations

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Kenai Alternative High School

**Submitted by** Loren Reese

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## Individual Awards and Recognition:

Masonic Outstanding Student – Kody Vaught

ELKS Lodge #2425 Student of the Year-Daria Lee

UA Scholars Award Recipients – Jennaka Papp and Marissa Goode

## School-wide Projects

KAHS offers a morning breakfast program which is run by the Soldotna United Methodist Church, Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, and the River Covenant Church. These groups coordinate efforts to secure grant funding for the project, purchase food items, prepare the food and serve breakfast to our students every morning. Their tireless efforts provide a hot meal to many students that would otherwise go without. KAHS also continued their partnership with the Kenai Food Pantry. Students in transition receive extra food support through this partnership. Graduating seniors from KAHS worked with the Kenai Job Center to help prepare them for life after high school.

This year KAHS had 32 graduates.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Kenai Central High School

Submitted by Alan Fields

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Mikala Salzetti recognized as a National Merit Scholar Commended Student and selected as BP Scholar

Spirit of Youth Award received by Joslyn Chipman

State Future Problem Solving Champions Dominik Efta, Nimi Pollock, Vitalia Strait, and Hunter Hanson (all freshmen)

#### Math:

Drake Thomas first place in the American Mathematics Competition AMC-12

Sarah Fouty first place in the American Mathematics Competition AMC-10

Drake Thomas highest TrigStar score for the State of Alaska

#### SkillsUSA:

2015-2016 State SkillsUSA Performance Based Assessment Conference in Anchorage

Brianna Bushnell – 3rd place Culinary Arts

Mara Yougren-Brown – 1st place Job Interview

Andrew Agosti – 1st place Restaurant Services

Mara Yougren-Brown – 3rd place Restaurant Services

Liam Floyd – 2nd place Technical Drafting

Colton Sterling – 3rd place Oxy Acetylene cutting

#### Choir All State Music:

The choir had Raymon Machen-Gray selected as 1<sup>st</sup> chair tenor in All-State Mixed Choir. Raleigh Van Natta and Raymon Machen-Gray selected for Command Performance Choir along with the Women of KCHS Chamber Choir.

#### Cross Country Running:

4A Girls Team Champions

Football:

Team State Runner-up

State Academic Award

Zach Kozickowski first team offensive and defensive lineman as well as lineman of the year

Andrew Welborn first team running back and linebacker as well as offensive player of the year

Chase Gillis fist team defensive back

Zach Tuttle state utility player of the year

Wrestling:

Zach Kozickowski 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Weightlifting:

Cipriana Castellano World Champion in the International Powerlifting Federation (set two world records in the back squat and the deadlift)

Kelsey Booth set the American record in the USAPL in the back squat

Track:

Josh Jackman State Champion Long Jump

Soccer:

Boys 2<sup>nd</sup> place in State Tournament

State All-Tournament Team: Kevin Ramos, Max Dye, and Zach Tuttle

Greg Zorbas United States Distance Learning Association Best Practices Gold Level Award for excellence in distance education

The graduating class of 2016 received substantial scholarships from various universities and other sources totaling over \$266,000.00.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Kenai Middle School

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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/Boys – Second at Borough
Basketball	Girls – Second Place finish Boys – Second Place finish
Volleyball	Second at boroughs
Wrestling	Finished in Top 5
XC Skiing	Finished in Top 10
<u>ACADEMICS</u>	
Math Counts	1st Place in State
Math Bowl	1st Place in Homer
FPS (Future Problem Solving)	1st Place
Geography Bee	1st Place – Tyler Hipchen
Spelling Bee	1st Place – Sorin Sorenson
Battle of the Books	7th & 8th Grade – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
After School Tutorial	November 12, 2014 – April 10, 2015 (Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's)
Masonic Award	– 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Veronika Budyona
<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, 2015
Open House/BBQ	September 10, 2015 March 24, 2015
Spirit Week	September 14–18, 2015 February 15-19, 2016

Activity Nights	September 18, 2015 November 13, 2015 December 11, 2015 March 25, 2016 May 6, 2016
Hay Maze	October 16, 2015
Red Ribbon Week	October 26-30, 2015
Book Fair	October 19 – November 2, 2015
Canned Food Drive	December 2-18, 2015
Character Counts	August 30, 2015 – May 18, 2016
SOM (Students of the Month)	October 2, 2015 November 6, 2015 December 4, 2015 February 3, 2016 March 4, 2016 April 5, 2016 May 3, 2016
Celebrations	October 28, 2015 April 1, 2016
Ice Fishing	February 25, 2016 (7th Grade)
Clubs	January 20 – February 19, 2016
Volunteer Celebration	April 29, 2016
New Student Visitation	March 14, 17, 18, 2016
Aluminum Can Drive	April 18 – 22 , 2016 1st Place
Mini courses	May 18-19, 2015
6th Camp	May 10-12, 2016
Farewell Ceremony	May 15, 2015

MEETINGS

Staff Meetings	September 2, 2015 October 7, 2015 November 4, 2015 December 2, 2015 January 6, 2016 February 3, 2016 March 2, 2016 April 6, 2016 May 4, 2016
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DRILLS

Fire Drills	August, 2015 – May, 2016 (Monthly)
Earthquake Drills	October 15, 2015
ALICE Training	August 25, 2015 and November 17, 2015

BUILDING USE

AWANA's HEA Peninsula Midnight Sun	September, 2015 – April 2016 (Sunday's) November 2, 2015 January – March, 2016
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# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Kachemak Selo School

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**Submitted by** Tim Whip

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- Battle Books 5-6, 7-8
- One Mason Award recipient
- Two Presidential Award for Academic Achievement
- Three Best Attendance Award
- One Kindergarten promotion
- Three 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotions to high school
- Four 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduates
- UA Scholar recipient
- Sports Coop—Head of the Bay football, wrestling, soccer and Homer High Hockey
- Student sponsored fund raising for student activities-\$3000
- Field Trips
  - Anchorage Museum
  - Hidden Lake (paddle boarding)
  - Homer Book Store/Public Library
  - Recycling Plant
- Parent volunteers: Site Council, maintenance and new construction, field trips/class projects
- Russian language instruction
- K-12 Swimming Lessons
- Teacher led in-service w/Razdolna: CAFÉ Daily 5 implementation (K-5) LA and Math
- Outdoor lab activities and field studies
- Monthly beach clean-up
- Student clubs—student council, math, chess, electronics and homework clubs
- Construction workshops for students
- Field and picnic day activities
- Collaboration schedule—focus on Russian Language
- Book Talk on Bi-Literacy
- New furniture and equipment
- Marine Debris cleanup
- Head of the Bay beach and highway cleanup (20 miles)
- After school construction academy at HHS
- One Alaska Municipal League Safety Award
- Alternative/variance calendar
- Awarded Sea Grant w/Razdolna School
- Increased student engagement through: Reading Literacy Carnival, Literacy Lantern Night, swimming, field trips

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** McNeil Canyon Elementary

**Submitted by** Pete Swanson

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## Staff Achievements

- **Debbie Piper** wrote 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive, successful Artist-in-Schools grant that provided the opportunity for all students to create a mosaic tile art piece of their own. Local tile artist and McNeil parent, Josh Nordstrom, was our Artist in Residence. Josh provided an opportunity for all of our students to work on developmentally appropriate mosaic tile designs. McNeil students were very actively involved in this two week program. This AIS grant program has had a tremendous impact on the entire school and has become a very real tradition.

## Student Accomplishments

- **Matfey Reutov** qualified for the National Geographic State Geography Bee and **Eryn Field** qualified for the State Spelling Bee. Matfey is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student this year and Eryn is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student.

## 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 (37)

**Submitted by** A. Rothenberger

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Moose Pass School had many outstanding achievements in 15-16, including:

- Quarterly Site Council Potluck—Students and Parents
- Lego robotics competition—Wendy Bryden (Parent)
- Halloween carnival
- Trail Lake Lodge Christmas
- Holiday Christmas Program—A Garfield Christmas
- Desserts From Around the World—Students and Parents
- Sportsman Club Donations and Raffle
- Holiday Craft Bazaar—Students, Parents and Community
- Winter Ornament Fundraiser
- Winter Rendezvous Bake Sale
- Battle of the Books
- Downhill Skiing Lessons at Alyeska
- Nordic Skiing around Trail Lake
- Spelling Bee Champion
- Archery in Schools Program –Jeff Bryden (Parent)
- Field trip to K’beq’ site—including study on native carving
- Kenai Fjords Tour
- SeaLife Center
- Mind Amazes
- Math Bowl
- Trimathalon
- Chinese Language
- Mother’s Day craft fair
- A Week of Hiking on the Eastern Peninsula
- Swimming Lessons
- Daily Library Read Aloud—Melanie Hornberger (Parent)
- Year-End Rummage Sale and Auction
- Year-End Eastern Peninsula Small School BBQ-Hope, Cooper Landing, MP
- \$4000 in Fundraising for FY16

# Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Mountain View Elementary

Submitted by Karl Kircher

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Mountain View Elementary has completed its second full year of implementing a school developed, K-5 social-emotional curriculum based around positive responses to conflict. We included substantial outreach to families with this information as well. **This May 2017 parents responded to a survey about this initiative** with the following responses: **96%** reported seeing the Positive Responses to Conflict Wheel poster displayed at school, **91%** reported their student having talked to them about the 6 positive strategies for resolving conflict and **87%** reported that either they or their student had used the 6 positive strategies for resolving conflict at home. The survey returns included 37 overwhelmingly positive comments about the effectiveness of the program. In addition **92% of students responding** to a survey reported having used the strategies to resolve a conflict at school. We are proud to be helping students create an emotionally safe environment at school and helping families do the same at home as well.

We have begun the next steps in this process with presentations to our staff on the **effects of childhood trauma on our students and strategies for interacting with these students to develop their resiliency and confidence to succeed in school**. Next year we will be rolling out school wide expectations and professional development for Tier 1 behavior interventions in this area.

Mountain View Elementary continued its efforts to get our students out in the community for service projects. **185 of our students participated in community service projects outside of the school this year**. New projects for this year included planting lilac trees at the City of Kenai Community Flower Garden with a grant we recieved from the Alaska Forestry Council, and cleanup of the Forest Avenue Park, woods and beach access.

Mountain View Elementary had an awesome year for volunteers in our building with **an average of 96 volunteer hours a week in our building**.

Mountain View Elementary continued its strategic goal of improving our student's math competencies through the use of the PLC process. This year's most impressive statistics were that **94% of our 1<sup>st</sup> graders scored above the 25<sup>th</sup> national percentile ranking on the spring AIMSweb Mcomp Assessment**, and that 74% of our 4<sup>th</sup> graders made their annual decile gain on the Spring Performance Series Math Assessment. Next year we will have a compacted 4/5 math curriculum for high performing students to be on the track for taking Algebra in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Nanwalek School

**Submitted by** Nancy Kleine

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## **Nanwalek School ConnectED Grant Implementation**

- Student Rollout August 18, 2015 with community, Apple, and KPBSD District
- President of the United States mentions Nanwalek School in his September 2, 2015 Kotzebue Address: <http://www.c-span.org/video/?327870-1/president-obama-remarks-kotzebue-alaska>
- Principal Kleine invited to speak on Presidential Panel at National Indian Education Conference in Portland, with Senior Advisor from the White House and Apple CEO, October 17, 2015
- Nanwalek ConnectED Initiative mentioned by KTVA, KTUU, KBBI, Homer News, and by multiple other newspapers nationwide
- Every Early Release spent in ConnectED Collaboration
- 17 Days of Professional Development with Apple
- December 7, 2015 KPBSD Board Presentation
- April 18 Spring ConnectED Showcase Celebration
- Nanwalek School chosen for Case Study by SRI

## **Nanwalek School Recognized in Press for Retention of Sugt'stun Language**

- <http://homernews.com/homer-news/local-news/2016-02-10/nanwalek-works-to-save-dying-native-language>
- National Native News: <http://www.nativenews.net/monday-january-4-2016/>

## **Chugachmiut Language Grant partnership Initiated with Nanwalek School**

- Grant will promote retention of language and culture
- Local Education Coordinator will implement Culture Heritage Kits
- Sugt'stun Teacher will partner with certified teacher at school

## **University of Alaska UAA Scholar**

- Lavrentie Ukatish

## **High School Boys Basketball Team – Coach Kevin “Auggie” Seville**

- Co-Captains: Lavrentie Ukatish and Joshua Evans
- Team members Isaiah Bales, Marcus Wilson, Justus Evans, Uriah Huntsman, Johnathan Jimmy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uriah Huntsman was recognized on the Peninsula All-Academic team/regions</li> <li>• Uriah Huntsman made the all-tournament team in Seldovia tournament</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nanwalek Middle School and HS Girls Basketball Programs Initiated – Coach James Doering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved as teams for 2016-17</li> </ul>
<p><b>Spirit of Youth Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carrie Damian</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nanwalek Student Service Project launched</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created and approved by Nanwalek Site Council</li> <li>• Required for graduation beginning 2016-17</li> <li>• Initiative will be presented to the KPBSD Board</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nanwalek Children’s Choir Initiated</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members included second – fifth grade students</li> <li>• Performed at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring ConnectED Celebration</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nanwalek Science Fair April 1, 2016</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades 6-12, under the direction of Penny Bearden</li> </ul>
<p><b>Staff Recognitions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penny Bearden completed requirements for her Masters in School Administration</li> </ul>
<p><b>NYO Students (Village-Sponsored Event)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terence Swenning, Seraphima Ukatish, Verina Ukatish, Aphanasia Kvasnikoff, Katelynn Romanoff, Alexis Romanoff, Severan Demas, Lavrentie Ukatish, Seth Tanape, Uriah Huntsman</li> </ul>
<p><b>ConnectED Student Awards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gavin Kvasnikoff, Margareta Demas, Juanita Wood, Annie Tanape, Paula Evans, Abigail Kvasnikoff, Severan Demas, Theresa Evans, Verina Ukatish, Marcus Wilson</li> </ul>
<p><b>Principal’s Award:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katelynn Romanoff – Academics, Attendance, Sportsmanship</li> </ul>
<p><b>Student Internships:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Lavrentie Ukatish: Chosen to do a Career Internship through PGKP partnership with Kenaitze Tribe. This is a 6-week on the job training with Kenai Aviation during summer 2016.</li> </ul>



# Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Nikiski Middle/High School

Submitted by Dan Carstens

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**Middle School Fine Arts** The following students placed in the Borough Art Show: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Ami Olsen & Christian Chikoyak; 3<sup>rd</sup> place Tatiyanna Murphy & Michael Weathers; Honorable Mention Dylan Harris, Adrienne Stynsberg & Petie Deveer.

**Battle of the Books** The Middle School team took 1<sup>st</sup> in the Borough competition and 7<sup>th</sup> place at the Alaska State competition.

**Quest** The Mind A-Mazes team received the Judge's Choice Award and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Spontaneous Challenge. Jakobee Anderson and Joe Yourkoski earned 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Intermediate Division. Trista Apted place 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prime Factorization and the Elementary "Trimathlon" Meet. Jakobee Anderson received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Future Problem Solving Scenario Writing Contest.

**MS Athletics** The Nikiski MS girls took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Borough Basketball Tournament. The Nikiski MS Volleyball team took 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Borough Tournament. Nikiski also had five Borough Wrestling Champions: Jaryn Zoda, Chase Olsen, Mason Payne, Simon Grenier, & Mike Eiter. Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at Borough Wrestling were Ayden Fleming, Koleman McCaughey, George Napoka, Caileb Payne & Hamilton Cox. Jakobee Anderson placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Borough Wrestling Meet.

**Outdoor Recreation Class** Dylan Hooper & Jesse Bjorkman were 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. Twenty-eight students were certified in Hunter Education.

**Events** The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class wrote a grant to go watch Baranov's Castle at the Triumvirate Theater that our High School DDF team performed.

-The SeaLife Center presented to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science class concerning Marine Debris.

-Dawn Musgrove from the LeeShore Center came to discuss anti-bullying, conflict resolution & self-esteem with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. She also came and made a presentation about sexual harassment to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## **High School**

**Fine Arts** Zykiah Cooney took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State Art Championship for Mixed Media, and Tayalur Moore was an Honorable Mention in Sculpture.

**Battle of the Books** The High School team took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Borough Competition.

**Musical Theatre** 70 total kids from Nikiski High, Middle and North Star Elementary participating in a major musical production of "The Wizard of Oz" in a collaborative effort between schools.

**DDF** Ross Halliday was the state champion in Extemporaneous Commentary.

**National Honor Society** NHS solicited toys for the Toys-for-Tots program. Many NHS member were Peer Tutors. This spring students participated in roadside trash pick-up.

**Athletics** Football - The Nikiski Football team was the Greatland Conference Champions and the runner up in the state championship this year. Nikiski was also the Academic State Champions for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row! The following athletes were All-State: Luke Johnson - Co-Linemen of the Year, Jon McCormick – Co-Defensive Player of the Year. **1<sup>st</sup> Team Awards** - Cade Anderson – Quarterback, Luke Johnson – Tackle, Jon McCormick – Guard, Hunter Holloway – Wide Receiver, Luck Broussard – Kicker, Matthew Minium – Outside Linebacker, Luke Johnson & Jon McCormick – Inside Linebacker. **2<sup>nd</sup> Team Awards** – Rykker Riddall – Halfback, Corin Cooper – Fullback, Jon McCormick – Long Snapper, Rykker Riddall – Outside Linebacker, Dylan Broussard – Defensive Back, Ian Johnson – Interior Line.

Volleyball – Melanie Sexton & Ayla Pitt were named First Team All-Region. Lauren O’Brien was named to the Good Sport Team for regions.

Wrestling – Luke Johnson and TJ Cox were State Champions. Nathan Carstens placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at State. TJ Cox was voted the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the State Tournament. Luke Johnson, TJ Cox and Nathan Carstens were all Region Champions as well.

Basketball- The Nikiski boy’s team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at Regions and earned a berth to the State Championship where they placed 6<sup>th</sup>. They were able to travel to Hawaii over the winter break and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Makahiki Hou Invitational. They also won the Nikiski Tip-off Tournament for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. The following were named to the South Central Conference 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Conference: Cade Anderson, Nathan Carstens, & Hunter Holloway. Luke Johnson was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Conference. Reid Kornstad was the Conference & State 3A Coach of the Year.

Ariane Parrish and Hallie Riddall made the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference for the South Central Conference and Ayla Pitt and Kelsey Clark made the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference.

Track & Field – Competition will not be completed until May 28, 2016.

**Awards** Caring for the Kenai Evangeline Cox and Marguerite Cox were the first place winners with their “Breath for Pets” project. Katlyn Moore and Drew Davis were also in the top 12 finalists.

- Savannah Rizzo is the second alternate for the U.S. Senate Youth Program.
- Our intensive needs program led by Megan Fowler and assisted by her aides Callie Seater, Angela Smith, Kristin Peek, Kristina Stadleman and Jen O’Brien received the 2016 Inclusive Practices Award.
- Language Arts teacher Carla Jenness was awarded the Bread Loaf School of English Lit for Life Scholarship from Middlebury College.

**Events** Nikiski High School Collaboration with the Nikiski North Star student council and teacher workshop on Visual Literacy happened on April 19<sup>th</sup> at NNS. During the first part of the day Anna Widman and Debbie Harris presented information on the new visual literacy standards and hosted a teacher discussion. During this time six high school students cleaned and prepared the playground for a mural of the United States to be re-painted. The second half of the day the high school students helped the NNS student council paint the mural that they started earlier in the day.

- US Senator Dan Sullivan’s staffer Elaina Spraker came to talk to 11<sup>th</sup> grade US History and 12<sup>th</sup> grade government classes about the relationship between the Federal Government and Alaska.
- Vern Kornstad was able to offer a welding after school academy this past spring.
- Motivational speaker Jesse LaBeau spoke to the entire student body this spring.

**Community Involvement** The DDF team performed the historical puppet play Baranov’s Castle for about 900 kids over the course of 3 weeks at the Triumvirate. The foods class made many pies for the Food Bank to distribute at Thanksgiving. 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 the attendance of students who are considered chronically absent (missing more than 15% of the days) was a school goal at NNS this year. We made introductory calls inviting those students to open house and welcoming them to school. We also called home every time any student on that list was absent and offered to assist them with rides or gas cards to facilitate attendance. With the exception of two students, all students of the 20 on the list had an improved attendance rate for the 2015-2016 school year.
- This year 13 of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students successfully completed Course 1 Math which places them in position to take Algebra 1 as 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- PBIS Tier II was implemented this year at NNS with three students. It was entirely successful with two of the students. One student had a dip in behavior during the last month of school and further interventions may be necessary.
- The NNS scheduling committee worked to develop a new instructional schedule which will be implemented in 2016-2017. The new schedule has targeted and strategic times by grade level for intervention/enrichment. This “shining stars time” will provide intervention/enrichment opportunities for all students in the grade level at a specific time.
- NNS started a new fundraiser tradition with the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Jog-a-Thon held on May 13. Students procured pledges from family and community members for running during a 40 minute period. Every student participated in the running and more than 60% of the students raised funds. The students ran a total of 4316 laps and raised more than \$6500.

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#### Awards

- Braedon Porter, 5<sup>th</sup> grader, chosen as Masonic Outstanding Student
- Kailey Stynsburg, 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, winner of NNS Spelling Bee
- Brady Bostic, 5<sup>th</sup> grader, winner of NNS Geography Bee
- Giaseena Nicks, 4<sup>th</sup> grader, and Braedon Porter, 5<sup>th</sup> grader, winner of NNS Science Fair

#### School/Community Connections

- NNS hosted its first ever Veteran's Day Assembly. Parents and community members were invited to join the students in honoring the veterans in our community. Assembly member Wayne Ogle and school board member Joe Arness attended the event.
- Continued successful partnership with Boys and Gils Club and Nikiski North Star. Each day an average of 100 NNS students stay after school to participate in Boys and Girls Club activities.
- Boys and Girls Club purchased the license for Reflex Math and Nikiski North Star PTA purchased the license for IXL math and language arts for use in the 2016-2017 school year at Nikiski North Star.
- The entire NNS student body took a field trip to Triumverate Theater to watch the show, Baranov's Castle performed by the NMHS drama class.
- The NMHS art class partnered with the student council at NNS to repaint the maps and other murals on our playground.

30 Nikiski North Star students performed as munchkins in the NMHS production of the Wizard of Oz. The NNS students practiced at our school with staff member Paulene Rizzo and then visited NMHS for the dress rehearsal and performances.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Nikolaevsk School

**Submitted by** Michael Sellers

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**Nikolaevsk School was selected for a National Title 1 Distinguished School Award.**

**Megan Hickman** received a basketball scholarship to attend UAF and will be playing for the Nanooks.

**HS Cross Country:**

Region II Champion: Greg Trail

State Qualifiers: Greg Trail, Jonah Fefelov, Michael Trail, Megan Hickman, Chelsea Johnson

**JHS Cross Country:**

Top 10 in Borough Runners:

Zachary Trail (4th in Borough Meet)

Justin Trail (top finish: 8th)

Elizabeth Fefelov (top finish: 7th)

Justina Fefelov (top finish: 7th)

**JHS Basketball:**

Undefeated season! Girls Small Schools Champions!

Boys Small Schools Champions!

**JHS Volleyball:**

Small School Champion

**Mixed 6 Volleyball:**

Conference Champions

4th Place at State

**High School Girls Basketball**

18-9 Record

2nd Place Conference Tournament  
4th Place State

**Girls 1A State Selection for Basketball:**

First Team: Megan Hickman  
Second Team: Serafima Kalugin  
1A Player of the Year: Megan Hickman  
State 1A Girls Coach of the Year: Bea Klaich

**High School Boys Basketball**

Season record 23-7  
1st Place at Rumble Tournament  
2nd Place at Rex Rock Tournament at Point Hope  
1st Place at Nenana Invitational Tournament  
2nd Place Peninsula Conference Tournament  
2nd Place at 1A State

**Boys 1A All-State Selection for Basketball:**

Second Team: Nikit Fefelov  
Third Team: Neil Gordeev

**Elementary Basketball**

Undefeated Season: 6-0

I attended the Coaching Boys into Men training in Juneau  
Region II Secretary/Treasurer  
KPSAA K-12 Representative, Executive Board Secretary  
ASAA Board of Directors representative from Region II

**Conference Coach of the Year:** Bea Klaich

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Ninilchik

**Submitted by** Ambrosier

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Penny Connealy was awarded the Alaska Seas and Watershed Grant

Peninsula conference champion for girls basketball

Girls bball Ninilchik Invitational Championship winner

2 peninsula conference all academic awards for girls bball

Peninsula Conference champion for boys basketball

Peninsula Conference Boys coach of the year

State Champion boys 1A basketball

Austin White MVP State 1A tournament

1 peninsula conference all academic for boys' bball.

Caring for the Kenai 2 finalists

DC Close up for all government students



# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**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 2015-16 school year are listed below:

PBE continues to be a five star school awarded 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 Wild West 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 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.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Port Graham School

**Submitted by** Nancy Kleine

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<p>Port Graham School Technology Implementations:</p> <p>Homer Kachemak Bay Rotary Club Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:1 Kindles transferred from Nanwalek</li> <li>• \$1,000 grant for eBooks</li> </ul> <p>Chugach Alaska iPad Grant \$10,000 &amp; Port Graham Corporation iPad Grant \$4200:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of 1:1 iPads</li> </ul>
<p>Cross Country Running Club Initiated in Fall 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved for MS and HS teams for 2016-17</li> <li>• Team Members: Griffin Breedlove, Caleb McMullen, Ashton Meganack, Bobby-Wu Smith, Logan Breedlove, Azmaria Esteban, Zeth McMullen, Ashlen Malchoff, Koa Smith, Tyson Breedlove, James Cook, Malachi Joseph, Monique Cook, Nick Meganack, Suzanne LaBelle, Kobe Norman</li> </ul>
<p>Basketball Coop with Susan B. English HS Girls Basketball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players: Monique Cook, Suzanne LaBelle</li> <li>• Awards: Monique Cook – Stepping Up Award</li> <li>• Awards: Suzanne LaBelle – Best Attitude</li> </ul>
<p>Volleyball Coop with Susan B. English School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malachi Joseph, Suzanne LaBelle, Monique Cook</li> </ul>
<p>Voyage to Excellence Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryann Esteban, James Cook, Monique Cook, Rick Jager</li> </ul>
<p>Port Graham Student Council Initiated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members: Ryann Esteban, Tyson Breedlove, James cook, Malachi Joseph, Monique Cook, Nicholas Meganack, Suzanne LaBelle, Rick Jager</li> </ul>
<p>Port Graham Book Club Initiated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members: Jocelyn Joseph, Monique Cook, Ryann Esteban, Azmaria Estaban</li> </ul>
<p>NYO (non-school)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malachi Joseph – fundraised all funds; walked trail regularly to practice with Nanwalek team</li> </ul>

# Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Razdolna School

Submitted by Tim Whip

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

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. Ten students took and passed the Hunter Ed course offered at Razdolna this year. Students were involved in afterschool programs that included drama club, knitting club, sewing, and football.

A school goal was to have parents be more present at the school and participate in events with their children. The parents and students built an ice rink for the school by paving a large area, laying out plastic sheeting, using 6x6's as a boarder and then filling the rink with water/ice. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate this year and the ice quickly turned to slush. Even with the weather students and parents did get a few days of skating in. The blacktop is a year round draw for basketball, 4-square, etc. for students and parents.

This year Razdolna School took the K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Bay Club for swimming lessons. When the students were not taking swimming lessons they were learning how to rock climb or learning about the beach at Mud Bay with their teachers. With the success of these swim lessons, Razdolna School is hopeful that a school wide swimming program can again be offered next year.

Students participated in the Battle of the Books again this year. They read all the books and enjoyed their time reading as well as the battles with other schools.

Razdolna and K-Selo applied for and attained a Sea Grant through the University of Alaska. Teachers will be taking classes and planning for combined activities between the two schools.

There were five graduates at Razdolna this year. There were four boys and one girl graduating. This is a first for Razdolna not only for the number of graduates, but

also for the number of male graduates. The school would like to thank Gavril and Fenya Basargin for the use of their shop for graduation, Vassa Reutov and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for planning and setting up, and all the parents for providing a wonderful meal afterwards.

Awards for the year are:

- Isavra Basargin – UA Scholar, Alaska Performance Scholarship, Kachemak Board of Realtors Scholarship, Icicle Seafood Scholarship, Project GRAD Scholarship, Masonic Outstanding Student, Presidential Award for Academic Achievement, Ptarmigan Arts Visual Arts Scholarship
- Faena Basargin – Presidential Award for Academic Achievement

# Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Redoubt Elementary #46

Submitted by William Withrow

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT REDOUBT ELEMENTARY May 30, 2016**

### **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 Samantha Rogers, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher & William Withrow, Principal.

### **STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Masonic Student of the Year – Quinton Cox

#### 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, Lainey Wattam won the competition.

### National Geographic Geography Bee

Emma Hunter 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. Redoubt has reached full implementation of the tier two PBIS program, check-in/check-out. This year our of Celebrations, included game day, electronics afternoon, fun activities in classrooms and a school wide extended outside recess day were planned as students reached card count goals. End of year PBIS celebration was an explosion of color as over 400 shirts were tie-dyed by staff and students. The tie-dyed shirts were worn by everyone the last day of school.

## **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, archery, flag football co-ed, and trash ball and crazy intramurals (student's choice).

### Band

Redoubt offered a beginning band program for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Advanced 6<sup>th</sup> 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 a week of snacks and goodies in the staff lounge.

### Community Organizations

Local community organizations such as the VFW, Soldotna Rotary, Jumpin' Junction for donating their jump house for our three Fun Fests 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. Fred Myer Rewards program 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. Soldotna Police Department for Dare training and ALICE training.

**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 provided by Soldotna Rotary and gifts at Christmas through PTA's Holiday Kindness Program. Twenty Five Redoubt Families were sponsored this year.

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.

Backpack Program

In partnership with the Soldotna Church of Christ Ms. Caston's kindergarten students filled over 17 backpacks with non-perishable food each week. Students pick up their filled backpack each Friday and returned their empty backpack the following Monday. This program was a huge success. We plan to continue the program in the fall.

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.

Book Fairs

Three 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.

### Fred Myer Community Rewards

Redoubt is a registered school at Fred Myer Community Reward Program. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Carnival February 20<sup>th</sup> 2016. 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the 3rd annual Kenai River Cleanup Day. Redoubt students picked up over 1440lbs of trash. 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.

## **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, Johnathan Nagasako 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.



### Public Performance Site License (Movie Licensing)

Under the direction of the KPBSD Redoubt was able to obtain a public license to show licensed movies in the school during student reward days and or for fundraising purposes. This is an annual renewable license.

### 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.

### Help Counter

This was Redoubt's fifth 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.

### Building Improvements

New Carpet was installed in the school hallway and in entryways in December of 2015.

A 40 foot storage connex placed out back in April of 2016.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** River City Academy

**Submitted by** Dawn Edwards-Smith

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## Community

- Students volunteered at the Sterling Community Center Annual Auction/Dinner, the Kenai Senior Center Dinner & Theater, and the Democratic Caucus.
- Job Shadows at Department of Fish & Game, Central Peninsula General Hospital, Odie's Deli, Heritage Place, and many others.
- Hosted our first high school activity night – more than 50% of our high school students participated.

## Academic

- Held our first and second Fed Ex Days – 24 hours to deliver an innovative project that meets standards and serves the school.
- Transitioned to the new Empower Learning Management System.
- Model United Nations – Sent four teams to UAA
- Design & Engineering standards were implemented in all science classes.
- World History Classes hosted the Human Rights Summit
- 100% Direct alignment and individual student progress on the Alaska State Standards
- ELA Classes held two successful debate weeks
- Students participated in our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual RCA Poetry Slam
- Increased offerings for credit recovery and resource room.
- Middle School Battle of the Books team placed fourth
- Increased intervention services available to our students
- Team-taught freshmen classes in ELA, World History, Biology and Math
- 36% of high school students take at least distance online class
- 34% juniors and seniors are enrolled through JumpStart at KPC

## Extra Curricular

- 20% of students participate in extra-curricular activities at their neighborhood school

## Graduates

- 9 students graduated from RCA this year.
- Graduates had over \$30,000 in scholarships
- 89% of graduates hold industry certifications or college credit (78% of have earned college credit)

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** William H. Seward Elementary School

**Submitted by** Mr. David Kingsland

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## **School**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher Jenna Fabian and 4<sup>th</sup> grade student Samantha Insalaco meet **President Obama** at Exit Glacier to honor the kick-off of the initiative, *Every Kid in a Park*.

Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Training for Students

Bluegrass and Scrap Art Music Concerts

U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Decorating Project

Art for Parks – National Park Service

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

Veterans Day Program

Winter/Spring Music Programs

Jump Rope for Heart

Field Day

Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads

Family Math Night

First, and Second Grade Science Fair

LEGO Robotics

Battle of the Books

Migrant Education Afterschool Tutoring Program

AK Healthy Futures Challenge *Play Everyday* Fall and Spring Challenges

Rare Disease Day (Dup15q)

School Program - 100 Years of National Parks – History, Natural Resources and Culture Brought to Life Through Dance, Song and Visual Arts

**Staff**

Nickole Lyon, BP Teacher of Excellence

**Students**

Spelling Bee

Geography Bee

Emblem Club Essay Contest Winners, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Forensics

State Jr. Native Youth Olympics

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Denali Science School, Denali National Park

District Finalist, PTSA Reflections Program-Visual Art

**Community Partners**

Boys and Girls Club

Emblem Club

PTSA

Lions' Club

Kenai Fjords National Park

Alaska SeaLife Center

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Qutekcak Native Tribe

Seward Teen and Youth Center

Seward Parks and Rec.

Seward Community Library and Museum

Eureka Pizza

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 are proud of our accomplishments within our continuous improvement model to provide opportunities for student success.

- 7 of 13 certificated teachers are using Blended Learning instructional models.
- 6 sections, within our Master Schedule, are Blended Learning models.

Seward High continues to be a strong presence in local, regional, and state academic, athletic, and artistic competitions and local performances. 118 of 181 students were involved in at least one organized co-curricular activity. With many students involved in multiple sports and clubs, there were 346 total participants in all of the activities offered at Seward High. This represents 191% student co-curricular participation.

Seward High Cross Country earned State berths for both the men and the women. Hunter Kratz was the State Runner-Up and the Region III Champion. Ruby Lindquist finished third at the Championships and was the Region III Champion.

Susannah and Moriah Doepken qualified for the National Debate, Drama, and Forensics meet in Salt Lake City in June.

Seward High School Art Students competed with adult graphic designers from in and out of state to create the new logo for the 2016 Mount Marathon Race, Seward Halibut Derby and Seward Silver Salmon Derby. Blaze Havnen's design was chosen for the Silver Salmon Derby and Jonah Deboard's design was chosen for the Halibut Derby. Heleana Backus received first place in the Printmaking category of the KPBSD Art Show. Seward High School students also participated in the Art For Parks show honoring the Kenai Fjords National Park. Heleana Backus took first place in HS painting, Megan Mullaly took top place in the Ceramics portion.

Seward High School's National Honor Society volunteered for the Seward Music and Arts Festival, ran a stuffed Animal Drive to benefit the Arc of Anchorage, conducted a food drive for He will Provide, and completed a "pie a teacher" fundraiser for a nonprofit which cleans up Ocean Debris in Alaska.

All students in Seward High's Culinary Arts earned their Foods Card for the State of Alaska.

Guest speakers:

Jake Collins-Financial Advisor, Edward Jones

Alex Pahnno-AVTEC student in Industrial Electricity Program

Doug Capra-retired KPBSD Teacher and local historian

Kima and Dasha Hamilton-authors and spoken word instructor

Yolanda Ifflander-KPBSD nurse

Chrissy Forgione-Sea View Clinician

Joe Nyholm-Seward High graduate and Sports Nutritionist

Stacey Schaffer- a Level Two CrossFit instructor from the Apex Gym

The Seward Flyers were busy using drones to map watersheds prone to flooding for the Flood Board. Using mission-planning software to program the hexacopter, the students were able to acquire aerial imagery, which was then sent on to UAF's GIS school for processing. The resulting data helps the Flood Board decide where to allocate resources and monitor sedimentation over time.

Marine Biology students had an extremely relevant year. Students conducted a Marine Debris Survey for NOAA, conducted research projects through the Alutiq Pride Shellfish Hatchery, and monitored plankton at the UAF lab in Seward.

The students continued to supply the school cafeteria with produce from the greenhouse. The greenhouse produced lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, herbs, carrots, peas, and cucumbers, which brought over \$500 throughout the school year. Students from all classes were engaged in this project-based learning which focused on science, business, and statistics.

Two Physical Science students partnering UAF lab for project with Isochrisis and salinity.

Seward High's very first Audio Video club made a corporate video for AVTEC's Culinary Academy. They liked our video so much that they just offered one of our members the opportunity to get paid to make a video for every department of AVTEC over the summer!

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Seward Middle School (14)

**Submitted by** A. Rothenberger

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Seward Middle School witnessed a number of outstanding achievements in 15-16, including:

## **Notable Academic and Grant Achievements:**

- Coats for Kids—Seward Rotary Club
- May School Board Catering—Seward Middle Foods Class and Captain Jacks
- Seward Middle Park Project Grant—PTSA and Seward Community Foundation
- Technology Mini-Grant—Seward Community Foundation
- AVTEC Art Showcase
- Music with a Member of Black Water Railroad—Andy Zamarripa
- Project American Sign Language—Dean Engelhaupt and Renee Estelle
- ALICE Emergency Drills
- Student Leadership Team Activity Nights, Fundraisers and Spirit Weeks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Mind Amazes
- Project Guitars Class—Bob Barnwell, Kayce James, Seward Music Association, and Heidi Zemach (Parent)
- Music in School Grant Contest Winner—Carole Tallman (Community Member)
- Project Ukulele Class—Myla Liljemark and the Seward Music Association
- Bluegrass Workshop
- Spoken Word Poetry Slam Workshop—Homer Council of the Arts and Dasha and Kima Hamilton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Spoken Word Poetry Slam—Matthew Stanley (Student)
- Project Coding Class—Steve Fink
- Holiday Strings Performance--Barnwell
- Four Drama Productions—Shelly Walker
- Blended Learning Symposium (iNACOL)
- SLT Canned Food Drive

- Alaska Society for Technology in Education (ASTE) Student Award Winners—Madilyn Moore, Jack Gunter and Joshua Park (Students)
- State Geography Bee Top Placer—Joshua Park (Student)
- Students of the Month
- Quarterly Honor Roll
- UAF and Seward Marine Center Science in Schools
- Math Bowl Placer—Max Pfeiffenberger
- 24-8<sup>th</sup> Graders Receiving HS Algebra Credit
- 8-8<sup>th</sup> Graders Receiving HS Geometry Credit
- Student Created Yearbook
- Kenai Fjords Tours Marine Science Program
- Two Seward Music Collective Productions
- Ice Fishing
- Challenger Center—PTSA Grant Award
- Algae Study at Fourth of July Creek
- Hatching Salmon Project
- Life Alaska Organ and Tissue Presentation
- Anchorage Covenant House Presentation
- Bayfront Maritime Center Wooden Boats Presentation
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Overnight at Trail River

**Notable Athletic Achievements:**

- Native Youth Olympics Top Placers—Tommy Cronin and Priscilla Stoltz
- Skyview Wrestling Invitational Rubber Chicken Award—Michael Honebein
- 800 Meter Boys Record—Connor Spanos
- 200 Meter Placers—Connor Spanos and Ally Chryst
- State Archery Competition--
- Six “6 Minute Mile Club” T-Shirts
- Seventeen “7 Minute Mile Club” T-Shirts



## Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Skyview Middle School

**Submitted by** Sarge Truesdell, Principal & Jill DuFloth, Assistant Principal

Skyview Middle School is a comprehensive middle school with an enrollment of 406 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 also continues to provide many opportunities for students that need additional supports. One form of aid is that Skyview offers sections of reading, math, and language arts remediation to students who scored below the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile on the Edperformance assessments. In addition, SMS has a part-time Quality Schools tutor in the building who directly serviced over 67 SMS students on a daily basis this year. Skyview also continues to provide morning school tutoring program, with 59 students participating throughout the year. Additionally, the Title VII program also proves to be beneficial in assisting both struggling and successful Alaska Native students to build stronger connections to school as well as increase their academic performance. Finally, a new program at Skyview that is designed to help students is Focus on Learning or FOL. This addition to the daily schedule offers students the opportunity to sign-up for additional help from teachers to improve their academic scores, as well as affords the opportunity for enrichment and exploration in a variety of activities. There has been a tremendous amount of positive feedback about this new addition from teachers, parents, and students alike.

### **Staff Accomplishments**

Mr. Sarge Truesdell successfully completed his fifth year as the principal of the Middle School. His ongoing leadership in guiding the Site Council, staff, students, and parents has resulted in another successful year. Skyview Middle School added seven new members to the staff this year, four of which were core academic instructors and three were in student support services. Skyview also added a brand new assistant principal this year, Jill DuFloth, who brings 18 years of teaching experience to the position. Skyview Middle School also had three staff members whose names were submitted for the BP Teachers of Excellence Award: Andrea Eggleston, Matt Fischer, and David Patat, were recognized by the students and families they serve. An addition to the course schedule this year was the implementation of *The Fourth R* health curriculum. This research-based program is intended to help promote healthy lives by teaching good decision-making skills. The Fourth R consists of a comprehensive, school-based program designed to include students, teachers, parents, and the community in reducing violence and risk behaviors. Its premise is that young people can be taught to make good decisions, and can be shown positive relationship models that will demonstrate alternatives to the negative examples they frequently see in the world around them. Finally, Skyview Middle School also gave considerable effort to continue to strive to become a model PLC School. The weekly schedule was arranged in order to provide teachers the collaboration time to meet and focus on student learning and achievement. Teachers were able to discuss standards, goals and objectives, create common assessments, analyze data, and share instructional best-practices. Teachers used common prep times, weekly PLC meeting times, and district early-release afternoons, to accomplish their PLC tasks and goals. Creating high-functioning PLC's with the goal of higher student achievement and learning is an ongoing endeavor at Skyview. We are committed to continuous improvement in order to produce better results for the students we serve.

**Masonic Student of the Year:** Whitney Benson

**Masonic Student of the Year Nominees:** Cameron Blackwell, Tim Cashman Ray Chumley, MaCady Musgrave, Ituuau Tuisaula

**SMS Spelling Bee Winner:** Tiffany Chesley

**Geography Bee Winner:** Gabriella Rogers (qualified for State Competition)

**Outstanding Band Student of the Year:** Ryan Cannava

**Outstanding Choir Student of the Year:** Matthew Martinelli  
**Golden Hammer (Vocational Award):** Whitney Benson  
**Outstanding PE Students of the Year:** Tanner Ussing and Kilei England  
**Outstanding Student Council Members:** Eve Downing and Jacob McConnell  
**Best of Show Art Award Winner:** Chance Reynolds

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

August/September 2014 – Cameron Blackwell – 8<sup>th</sup>  
October 2014 – Hosanna Van Hout – 7<sup>th</sup>  
November 2014 – Mollee Verba – 8<sup>th</sup>  
December 2014 – Alexis Gomes – 7<sup>th</sup>  
January 2015 –Ituau Tuisaula– 8<sup>th</sup>  
February 2015 – Sierra Kuntz – 7<sup>th</sup>  
March 2015 – McCady Musgrave – 8<sup>th</sup>  
April 2015 – Zachary Burns – 7<sup>th</sup>

**Perfect Attendance:**

John Einerson  
Jaron Kenner  
McKinley Baxter  
Christopher Edelman  
Sara Heinz  
Jacey Kosto  
Renee Rogers  
Joseph VanHout

**4.0 G.P.A. (Entire year)**

Erika Arthur	Mackinley Baxter
Madelyn Barkman	Whitney Benson
Adison Beck	Cameron Blackwell
Zachary Burns	Galen Brantley
Olivia Davis	Autumn Chumley
Ethan Evans	Ray Chumley
Carson Fischer	Eve Downing
Kaytee Hackett	Casey Earll
Sierra Kuntz	Faith Glassmaker
Nicholas McConnell	Janna Krieger
Joshua Pieh	Bailey Leach
Abby Radeck	Jacob McConnell
Grace Wahl	Jersey Truesdell

**Reading, Mathematics, and Language Arts Remediation**

In order to better meet the academic needs and challenges of our students, Skyview Middle School has classes in place that are designed to remediate areas of academic deficit before students move on to high school. Skyview has Reading, Mathematics, and Language Arts intervention classes that are centered on programing such as Read 180, Scholastic Scope, IXL Math and IXL Language Arts. Students in these courses are provided additional time and more in-depth instruction in order to solidify conceptual understanding and build-up deficit skills. Students are benchmarked and progress monitored with the goal of gaining proficiency.

**Student Council**

The Student Council at Skyview Middle School continues to provide enriching experiences for our students while caring for our community. The student council is an inclusive program under the guidance and direction of Sheila-Margaret Pothast. This group plans and organizes activities such as the quarterly student activity nights. They volunteered for setting up and taking down the events, helped choose themes and ordered decorations, undertook deejay

responsibilities, and organized alternate activities and games. Student attendance and feedback demonstrated the success of the events and this student involvement will continue to provide positive, fun opportunities for students in a safe and caring environment.

SMS Student Council members also demonstrated support and involvement in our community by sponsoring several fund-raising activities. A food-drive was held for the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank where 1,234 lbs. of food was donated. In addition, a Penny Drive was held in which students raised \$840 for the KPBSD's Students In Transition Program. This amount was supplemented with an additional donation by generous members of the staff that made the total amount \$1000. Finally, the student council also held a bake sale raising \$676.27 to benefit the Kilbuck School which lost their building to a fire this year.

### **6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Day**

In early May, young people arrived at Skyview Middle School from our six feeder-schools: K-Beach Elementary, Sterling Elementary, Tustumena Elementary, Redoubt Elementary, Soldotna Elementary, and Montessori, to spend the day on campus. The purpose of this event was to give new students a glimpse of what the "Skyview Experience" was all about. Students took part in a number of activities including, swimming, bingo, scavenger hunt, trivia, a fashion show and lunch. While participating, students also were able to experience making new friends, learning locker combinations, class routes & school layout, tips for success, meeting new staff and teachers, and let's not forget—fun! Feedback from students was positive and has established greater comfort in making the successful transition to middle school.

### **Extra-Curricular Sports**

Skyview Middle School continued to offer its traditional athletic program in 2015-16. With over 400 participants in Soccer, Cross Country Running, Basketball, Wrestling, Cross Country Skiing, Volleyball, and Track & Field.

#### **Borough Champs:**

Cross-Country Running: Zack Burns and Hosanna VanHout

Cross-Country Skiing: Jack Harris

Track - 1<sup>st</sup> Places at boroughs—Boys and Girls

- Cameron Blackwell-1<sup>st</sup> place Girls 400 m, 1<sup>st</sup> place member of Girls 4.400 Relay
- Galen Brantley-1<sup>st</sup> place Boys Discus (new borough record—131' 3")
- Holleigh Jaime-1<sup>st</sup> place Girls Hurdles, 1<sup>st</sup> place member of Girls 4x200 Relay
- Tyler Morrison-1<sup>st</sup> place Boys High Jump, 1<sup>st</sup> place member of Boys 4x200 Relay, 1<sup>st</sup> Boys Long Jump
- Ituuau Tuisaula -1<sup>st</sup> place Girls Shot Put, 1<sup>st</sup> place Girls Discus (new borough record—99' 4")
- Tanner Ussing--1<sup>st</sup> place Boys Shot Put (new borough record—44' 7") 1<sup>st</sup> place member of Boys 4x100 Relay

#### **Wrestling – 1<sup>st</sup> place boroughs**

- Kaytee Hackett 90 lbs.
- Zack Burns 110 lbs.
- Brayde Wolfe 125 lb.
- Hudson Metcalf 138 lbs.
- Tanner Ussing 190 lbs.
- Aaron Faletoi Heavy Weight

Basketball—1<sup>st</sup> place boroughs Boys and Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Volleyball—1<sup>st</sup> place boroughs 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls

Boys Soccer – 1<sup>st</sup> place boroughs

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Soldotna Elementary

**Submitted by** Teri Diamond

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As I reflect on the past school year and begin to examine all of the wonderful things our staff and students accomplish in a year's time I am always amazed, and the swiftness with which a school year passes begins to present itself.

There were several academic achievements which Soldotna Elementary can proudly celebrate. Teaching in a collaborative manner our Quest teacher teamed with our general education teachers to develop differentiated instruction which included a STEM model. This encompassed not only our Quest students, but allowed all students from our upper grades to participate in these engaging hands on activities. The result was the formulation of several great teams, allowing us to place 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Trimathalon for KPBSD, and third place in Mind of Mazes. In addition, our Stock Market team took first place, a challenging and admirable feat. We also honor a Masonic student yearly, this year being Nate Johnson.

Our students participated in the Geography Bee, spending time to discover the great attributes of our world, the Spelling Bee, and the District Forensics in which we placed in numerous categories while learning the art of public speaking. Our school promoted reading by participating in Battle of the Books, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade, in addition to a Reading Counts competition for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. To motivate our students in technology we partook schoolwide in a 'Hour of Code.'

It is important to mention the nearly 6% increase in student fluency for students to move beyond the 40%tile as well, demonstrating hard work by our teachers and students.

Our community outreach partners included Fish and Game, Alaska Troopers, Sealife Center, local historians, Brown Bear visits at recess for team building, Exxon, CPES, Wildlife refuge, Dump, Post Office, local farmers, Kenitze, PCHS, Co-op Extension and Schoolyard Habitat to name a few.

Soldotna Elementary prides itself in a few philanthropist projects a year. This year the focus was on Pennies for Patients, and on a local note, working with Soldotna Church of Christ for our Back Pack Snack program for our families in need. Our Christmas Kindness was a success which supplied 20 of our families with full meals over the holiday season. In addition our community also participates in Toys for Tots.

Our families are an integral part of our community and we strive to have them be part of our school family being present as much as possible. To do this we had a “Souper Lunch” inviting parents to have lunch with their children, Holiday Wonderland for students to purchase gifts for minimal cost for family members, Walk Your Child to School Day, and Science and Art Nights.

Of course, although we don’t have state athletic titles as listed in the preface, we do have a great deal of opportunity for our students to participate in fun and healthy competition. This included Gymnastics, a month long after school event, Hoop Shoot, as well as afterschool basketball.

To promote arts we offer a variety of musical options including beginning and advance band, with some of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders participating in middle school band in the morning, a talent show, choir, and guitar lessons for those who are interested.

As you can see we offer a plethora of activities and although few come with “academic awards” or “regional or “state titles, “ what they do offer is a collaborative caring culture that offers experiences that will nurture and strengthen character and sportsmanship as well as teaching the importance of hard work and grit.

## Superintendent's Annual Report 15-16

School Name Soldotna High School

Submitted by Tony Graham and Randy Neill

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 on or before June 1.

Soldotna High School has completed a great year with new leadership. SoHi's Afterschool Media Center (7:30 am – 5:00 pm) has been another successful year for students needing a place to work and/or needing additional support after the regular school day.

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

- \* Soldotna Bible Chapel a local community organization volunteered weekly with our SALT program.
- \* Battle of the Books placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the district and tied for 5<sup>th</sup> at State.
- \* SoHi Football won the state championship for the medium school for 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
- \* The Soldotna High School Child Development class provided free daycare as part of the classroom teaching for the 4<sup>th</sup> year.
- \* SoHi's Students in Transition Drive was a success. SoHi collected over 346 items for our students in need in the KPBSD district
- \* SoHi SkillsUSA members did fantastic at the CTSO Conference in Anchorage! This is the first time in 17 years that SkillsUSA members that competed earned at least one medal! 709 students attended the Conference and 272 of those students were SkillsUSA members
- \* SoHi Teacher James Knoebel was nominated for BP teacher of the year
- \* SoHi students competed in the SST competition again this year and put in a lot of hard work to improve themselves.
- \* Cinderella's Closet provided 67 students with items and since it was started has helped 521 people.
- \* The 27<sup>th</sup> Visual Feast KPBSD Juried Student Art Show was in Kenai in April! Approximately 150 Middle and High School art pieces were displayed from Soldotna, Kenai, Nikiski, Seward, and Homer! Twenty pieces of Sohi's Freshmen through Senior artwork are sporting ribbons. Daisy Nelson, a senior at Sohi placed 1<sup>st</sup> in three categories this year.
- \* 27 SoHi students passed their Alaska Food Worker Card which gives them better employability skills.
- \* SOHI hockey and volleyball made state tournament. Each won the sportsmanship award for the state tournament.
- \* SOHI Softball team won a berth to the state tournament June 2-4 in Fairbanks.
- \* Soldotna High School students won more than \$1,000,000 in scholarship money 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:**

2015 – 16 Teacher Training for Montessori: 4 teachers attended national Montessori Conventions, 10 staff members attended the state Montessori convention. Two teachers continued their second year of enrollment in a 29-month Montessori certification training. Two teachers completed the second of a 2-part course focusing on teaching 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 Ridgeway Montessori Pre-School: fourth graders
- Nine-week volunteer support at Bishop's Attic: fourth graders
- Nine-week volunteer support at Soldotna Senior Center: all sixth graders
- Leave No Trace Environmental Camp for all 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> graders
- UAF Field Station at Kasitsna Bay Overnight Studies for all 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes
- Sixth Grade Swimming Lessons for two weeks in April
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades
- Maintained a raised-bed garden for the school and worked with Kenai Soil & Water Conservation District to improve the school grounds by adding bird houses.
- Harvested potatoes and shared many of them at a family night on International Peace Day in September
- Built an outdoor study area near the raised-bed garden

**Other Accomplishments:**

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

- Conscious Discipline implementation continued with professional development for all staff/all classrooms
  - Ten members attended national level training for Conscious Discipline

**Other School Events:**

- Battle of the Books for Grades K-2, 3-4 and 5-6
- State Spelling Bee – school champion represented SMCS at the State Bee

**Parent Volunteers:**

Volunteers contributed over 1500 hours at SMCS this year.

Two parents volunteered over 100 hours each. One community member volunteered over 112 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 on the school blog.



# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Soldotna Prep School

**Submitted by** Curtis Schmidt, 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, on or before June 1.

Soldotna Prep School is a 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Soldotna Prep implemented a daily schedule and teaching assignments that contributed to the 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:** Soldotna Prep had no new hires for 2015-16 school year which made for a much more cohesive staff. Prep staff participated in many KPBSD Committees and Professional Development opportunities this year with teachers represented on the Match Curriculum, CTE curriculum, and Foreign Language curriculum committees. Soldotna Prep also greatly increased participation in the Caring for the Kenai contest and was awarded over \$2000 for the school to use for future events. The school also partnered with Alaska EPSCoR to conduct classroom lessons in Biology and Geography this year.

**Masonic Student of the Year:** Haley Buckbee

**Masonic Student of the Year Finalists:** Haley Buckbee, David Michael, Hannah Delker, Kourtney Birch, Dalton Hatten, Erika Bennett

**Chamber of Commerce Students of the Month:** Kourtney Birch, Dalton Hatten, David Michael, Hannah Delker, Cody Nye, Brock Kant, Sydney Juliussen, Madylyn Brennan, Megan Eskue

**Caring for the Kenai Contest winners:** 6<sup>th</sup> placed overall, Victoria Giles, Sponsor Awards were granted to Allison Towell, Jeremy Kupferschmidt, Erika Bennett, Hannah Delker, Harley Copenharve, and Madelyn Brennan.

**Perfect Attendance:** Hali Andersen-Currier, Dalton Hatten, Logan Craig, Alexis Giles, Trevor Marks, Marlayna Saavedra

**4.0 G.P.A. (Entire year):** Asia Angeles-Hanson, Erika Bennet, Haley Buckbee, Hannah Delker, Porter Evans, Sydney Juliusen, David Michael, Cloe Milbauer, Cody Nye, Marlayna Saavedra

**Elected Student Council Officers for 2015-2016:** Mika Wong, Aliann Schmidt, Haley Buckbee, Hannah Delker, Brennan Werner, Derek Lewis

**Credit Acquisition and Student Behavior**

Compared to previous 5 years data for Soldotna Area 9<sup>th</sup> graders Soldotna Prep School experienced a slight decrease in the percentage of students earning 6 or more high school credits, a slight increase the percentage of students who are on track for graduation, and a small reduction in the number of students earning 5 or less credits. 62% of Soldotna Prep’s students will have earned 6 or more credits and Soldotna Prep will have 76% of the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> graders being on track to graduate in 4 years. Additionally, 29 % 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 2 percent when compared to the 5 year average.

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

173 Total Students

107 (62%) --- Passed all classes and on pace for 6 or more credits for the 2014-15 school year.

132 (76%) --- Passed all classes or had only one F and are on pace for 5.5 or more credits for the 2014-15 school year.

(25 students earned only 1 F this year)

41 (24%) --- 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.

(9 students earned 5 credits, 6 students earned 4.5 credits, and 26 students earned 4 or less credits)

(\*\*\*\*\*22 of 26students earning 4 or less credits experienced significant attendance issues (15 or more absences both semesters

2014-15 data (break down by credit earned)

<u>Total</u> <u>Students</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>
173	25	20	62	25	9	6	26
100%	14.4%	11.5%	35.8%	14.4%	5.2%	3.4%	11.5%

Another very impressive success has been our ability to cut the number of student discipline incidents by 20% from the 5 years average and 100 students (58%) were not referred to the office for any reason during the 2015-16 school year.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name**  Sterling Elementary School

**Submitted by**  Denise Kelly

This school year, 2015-2016, started with a new shared PE teacher as well as 3 new classroom teachers and a part-time interventionist/ gifted facilitator. Sterling Elementary is proud of our school year:

- Our primary wing and several other areas of our school got a makeover with much needed new paint!
- Back-to-school BBQ was held in cooperation with our fabulous Sterling Elementary PTA. Teachers and parents met and mingled over dinner.
- Sterling's first summer reading program was a huge success with 37 students participating in our inaugural year.
- Our teachers, staff, PTA and volunteers made Trunk, Trail or Treat successful yet again!
- We held a Falcon Fun Night as well as our annual Sterling PTA Carnival. Both saw large numbers of families enjoying the activities together.
- Two music concerts were held – winter and spring. Our music teacher has made these events entertaining and well-attended by students and parents.
- This year, our music teacher and classroom teachers put together a Veterans' Day assembly as well. We had local veterans in attendance.
- At least six school-wide PBIS celebrations were held this school year when our pompom jar was filled.
- Students who earned the golden pompom were provided the opportunity to win a pizza party. Magpye's Pizza donated pizzas for those winners. (By the end of the school year, every student who had earned a golden pompom had a pizza party!)
- Through their support of Sterling Elementary and the Sterling community, Magpye's Pizzeria was nominated for and received the Golden Apple Award! Our school is lucky to have this local business!
- 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.
- Our Sterling PTA continues to support RIF (Reading is Fundamental) which provides 3 brand new books to each Sterling Elementary student throughout the school year. We also support our Sterling Head Start as they come with their students to pick out books as well.
- This year's end of the year field day was in coordination with Relay for Life. Sterling raised \$385.56! One of our pre-school students is a cancer survivor and will be speaking with her family at this year's Kenai Peninsula Relay for Life event.
- Sterling Elementary hosted Mr. Eddie Wood as our Artist in Residence. He spent a week with our students teaching percussion and movement. Students had a great time!

- Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in Kids2College this year. Students were provided with lessons on what education level is needed for different career choices. They ended the week with a career panel where they asked questions regarding the college experience.
- Three classroom teachers received grants to participate in the Sea Life Center field trips.
- One classroom teacher received a grant for Kindles for her classroom.
- Two family day events were held this year – our annual Thanksgiving family day and a Title 1 Parent Involvement Science Day. Both were successful with students and families.
- Three of our students initiated and helped to organize a community highway clean up this spring. We had 11 people picking up trash along our Sterling Highway.
- Classes participated in bear safety, water safety, winter safety, and dental health classes this year.
- Sterling Elementary hosted a presentation from Sophie Sorensen, Miss High School America Alaska, about bullying.
- We conducted our first evacuation drill as a potential response to a school intruder or emergency situation. Sterling Baptist Church was instrumental in making that a success.
- Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in an assembly with motivational speaker Jesse LeBeau at Skyview Middle School.

During this school year, students participated in:

- All Title 1 students, including our preschoolers participated in a school Battle of the Books as a family involvement activity.
- Grades 3/ 4 earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in district Battle of the Books.
- Grades 5/ 6 earned 17<sup>th</sup> place in district Battle of the Books.
- Grades 4 – 6 participated in district forensics competition. 18 students participated with 14 earning 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 4 earning 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- Students participated in a coin drive for Relay Recess and raised \$385.56.
- K – 6 students participated in Healthy Futures AK earning prizes for documenting their physical activity throughout the year.
- Students in grades 3 – 6 took the Math Performance Series assessment three times this year. Students in grade 6 took the Performance Series assessment in all three areas in preparation for middle school.

The following individual students were also recognized:

- Montana Fischer was selected as this year’s Masonic Outstanding Student in recognition of her hard work in academics, patience and willingness to help all!
- Landen Chumley’s art work was selected to represent Sterling Elementary on next year’s school calendar magnet.

Sterling continues to share our facilities with the Sterling Judo Club and Girl Scouts.

Our partnership with Sterling Community Center is developing. They hold an afterschool club for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students each day.

# 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. At SBE we had 14 high school students take at least one on-line class. The community through much discussion this year, has come to the realization that distance ed and Lync/Polycom is a way of the future.

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 Otters Mixed Six Volleyball team making it to the state tournament and representing Susan B. English well. This award was truly a community effort from the fundraising to the transporting of students to catch a boat at Jacolof. The community support has been incredible and parents have stepped up to help out. Also, our Battle of the Books HS team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for the district losing only to SO-HI.

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. Students continued the project from last year, by helping to paint the building in the fall thus completing the project.

Susan B. English has 8 graduates and 6 of the 8 are going on to college or technical training, this is wonderful, that each student realizes the importance of gaining a degree or certification.

Aiden Philpot a graduating senior has signed to play basketball at Clarke University in the Midwest, thus receiving a \$10,000 scholarship. Aiden is a product of hard work every day in school and on the court, he is also a 4.0 student. This year many of our graduating students were encouraged and completed many scholarship application, thus receiving many scholarships, it has been felt by the students of SBE, that they come from a small school, therefore, they never tried for scholarships, we have changed that attitude.

Alan Haskins, Principal  
Susan B. English

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Tebughna

**Submitted by** Richard Breske

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

Tebughna Foundation continued the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of their grant, TTVC Garden Project, 10 Years of Service-James Perzechino, Spirit of Youth Award-Tshanna Constantine
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# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Tustumena Elementary School

Submitted by Doug Hayman

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.

1. What were the top 3 accomplishments with kids at your school this year?
  - a. Our School-wide Enrichment Model (SEM) was enormously successful in **engaging students with high-interest, personalized instruction**. This model also laid groundwork with our community partners to come into the school to share knowledge and form relationships. The Tustumena staff reviewed the first sessions of the SEM, made adjustments to schedule and topics, then applied these changes to the second set of sessions. This resulted in even higher engagement of students and was reported to be much more enjoyable for the teachers as well. Our SEM will continue in the following years. We have scheduled the first sessions of the 2016-17 school year to be held in late September to take advantage of opportunities in outdoor education. Takeaways for the staff were to allow as much student direction and to involve community experts as much as possible.
  - b. Our staff focused even more on student data as a result of continuing with our SGMs. Teachers analyzed their teaching practices which translated into specialized/individualized instruction for all students. The end result was even higher accomplishments of our students. For example, my PEP was focused on the results of a specific data source (MCAP). Teachers carefully reviewed the data with students, as did I, then set goals with the students. Many further details were involved, but the **net result was the average National Percentile Ranking increased by 14 percentile points for all students in grades 4-6**.
  - c. The third accomplishment is hard to quantify because it is difficult to define things that didn't happen. What didn't happen was negative behavior. When reviewing student behavior data of students new to Tustumena, behavior interventions decrease dramatically after one month and in most cases, after three months, behavior interventions become sporadic or even non-existent. The culture of our building is one of acceptance and support. This is modeled by the staff, but the real teaching of the expectations comes from the kids who have been here for a while. **This ownership of our culture is the accomplishment**. The only thing missing from the Tustumena Behavior Model, is a "package." Our staff has demonstrated longevity and thus consistency in our behavior expectations. We need to package and preserve these practices



as well as provide a common vocabulary in order to ensure the culture of Tustumena continues over time.

2. What areas will you focus on next year to improve the school?
  - a. Blended Learning- Using Canvas as our platform
  - b. Packaging our behavior model- Personalize the Character Counts model.
3. Who are your community partners and how are they involved in your school?
  - a. PTO- These fine folks do fundraisers for fieldtrips and special events. They also provide volunteers for popcorn parties, The Christmas Store, The Boxtop Store, and a seemingly endless list of other school support activities.
  - b. Boys and Girls Club- Afterschool program, including a meal, every day after school, evening programs for the community.
  - c. Kasilof Community Library- Library service and partnership and evening programming.
  - d. Kasilof Community Church- ALICE connection for parents and an afterschool program.
  - e. Kasilof Historical Society- Field trips, in-class units on local history, membership on Site Council.
  - f. KPB Fire District- Field trips and in-class instruction
  - g. HEA- In-class instruction and materials. Egg drop lift truck.
  - h. US Fish and Game- in-class instruction and stream watch with sixth grade
  - i. US Weather Service – Sheryl Sopelo Weather Station Grant- in-class instruction
  - j. School-wide Enrichment Model Volunteers- in-class instruction for SEM

# 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
- 5 Alaska Performance Scholarship qualifiers
- Masonic Outstanding award recipient
- American Legion Auxiliary Scholar recipient
- Homer Elks Scholarship recipient
- Project Grad Scholar recipient
- Job Core admission placement
- Second Team All-Conference DB
- Honorable Mention All-Conference QB
- Second Team All-Conference MLB
- ASAA sanctioned football team
- ASAA sanctioned wrestling team
- ASAA sanctioned cross country team
- ASAA sanctioned soccer team
- Middle School wrestling
- Construction class
- Home Economics class
- Yearbook class
- PBIS school
- Secondary Battle of the Books
- School-wide fundraising event
- East End Road garbage cleanup
- School-wide beach day
- Field day celebration
- Additional PE equipment
- Garden Fair
- Awards Assemblies
- Intervention Program
- Quarterly Data Day
- Marine Safety Program
- Canvas Implementation in secondary classes
- .5 FTE Title/Migrant addition
- 1 week elementary swimming lessons/rock climbing course

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** West Homer Elementary School

**Submitted by** Raymond Marshall

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West Homer Elementary School has worked hard to provide a well-rounded, outstanding academic program for students. In 2015/16:

- West Homer Elementary School (WHE) was recognized by the state of Alaska as a 5-Star school.
- WHE Lead Secretary, Jean Calhoun, was presented with the KPBSD's coveted Golden Apple Award.
- WHE's Battle of the Books Grade 3-4 team placed 4th in district.
- WHE's Battle of the Books Grade 5-6 team placed 4th in district.
- WHE is the only elementary school in the state of Alaska to have a Youth Court. For the 2015-2016 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 Science Night that was a great success.
- West Homer Lego robotics team, [The Brickheads](#), won the Teamwork trophy at the state Lego robotics tournament. Out of 57 teams, their abilities in teamwork stood out above the rest!
- WHE sent representative Emma Sulczynski to the state spelling Bee and representative Delilah Harris to the state Geography Bowl.
- WHE school 6<sup>th</sup> grade student Casey Otis recived 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.
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- 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.

West Homer Elementary School has a very positive, enthusiastic, growing PTO that is focused on supporting and improving education and programs for students.