

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*2017-2018 School Annual  
Reports to the Superintendent*

*Sean Dusek, Superintendent*



# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Aurora Borealis Charter School

Principal: Mr. McCanna

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X- Country Team competed at Bouroughs

Boys Basketball placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Small Schools

Girls Basketball placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Small Schools

Robotics team awarded Grand Champion for Penninsula tournament

Robotics team awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place at State Robotics Tournament

Robotics team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Mechanical Design at FLL International Competition in California

Future Problem Solving had 5 teams qualify for the State Bowl in Fairbanks

Future Problem Solving Middle GIPS placed 1<sup>st</sup> at State

Future Problem Solving Junjor GIPS placed 1<sup>st</sup> at State

Future Problem Solving had two teams qualify for the International Competition

Forensics teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> in different divisions

One student qualified for the GeographyBee

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Battle of the Books took 3<sup>rd</sup> place

3 students placed in the District Art Show

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School Name: Chapman School

Principal: Conrad Woodhead

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9 PREK Students (+2 PREK Speech Students) enrolled at Chapman

Fruit & Veggie state grant continues

Chapman School Open House and Welcome Back BBQ

Currently using following programs: Accelerated Reading, Star Math, Star Reading, Typing Master Pro, Headsprout, Moby Max

Active Groups at Chapman: Student Council, Chapman Parent Group, Site Council, Title 1.

Weekly Intervention Meeting

Fall & Spring Photos

Quartley Family Ed Nights

Middle School Shop, Music & Art Programs

Salmon Egg Collection - Anchor River

Community: Youth Group, Zumba, Adult Volleyball & Basketball, Basketball Club, Anchor King Wrestling, Archery

Child Find

SPROUT Playgroup

Student of the Quarter lunches with Mr. Woodhead at Cheeky Moose restaurant

Halloween Carnival

Sports: Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling

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Intramurals: Battle of the Books, Spelling Bee, Engineer Club, Yearbook Club

Music: Mass Band & Choir - Winter & Spring Concerts

Community: Senior Citizen Craft Bazaar, Cabin Fever Variety Show, Borough Meetings, Pinewood Derby, SVT Health Fair

Quarterly Awards Assemblies

Assemblies and classroom presentations by community members

Canned Food Drive for Community Food Bank & Thanksgiving Baskets

Spelling Bee - Winner Mallis Im

100% & Dr. Seuss Read Across America Activities

Open House PREK & Kindergarten

Student Haylee Overson chosen as Masonic Student

Field Trips - All Grades

20 Kindergarten Students graduate

Eight 8<sup>th</sup> grade students promoted

Field Day

All School BBQ

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School Name: Connections

Principal: Richard Bartolowits

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HEA Safety Poster Contest - Best Safety Message - Anna DeVold  
HEA Safety Poster Contest - Most Creative - Atlas Burke  
Battle of the Books 2<sup>nd</sup> Place KPBSD - Soldotna 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade team  
Nearly full tuition scholarship to Pepperdine University - Keri Ann Peek  
Masonic Outstanding Student Scholarship - Rachel Davidson  
Central Peninsula Hospital Auxilliary Scholarship - Rachel Davidson  
Central Peninsula Hospital Auxilliary Scholarship - Kailyn Tachick  
Soldotna Rotary Scholarship -  
KPC Scholarship - Rachel Davidson  
Associate of Arts Degree, KPC - Rachel Davidson  
Mae Ciechanski Scholarship Award - Bailey Horne  
Kenai Peninsula Builders Association Scholarship - Bailey Horne  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Employees Scholarship - Bailey Horne  
Vickie Webb Nelson Scholarship Award - Kailyn Tachick  
Union University Dean's Scholarship - Kailyn Tachick  
Signed with Shauntiel Lindsey Talen Agency in Los Angeles - Bailey Balzer  
Expert Level Microsoft Office Word Certification - First in KPBSD - Kendra Denney  
Elks Scholarship - Kerri Ann Peek  
ASE Student Certification in Automobile Service Technology - Cory Ducker

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School Name: Cooper Landing

Principal: Doug Hayman

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During the 2017-2018 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. All of the students participated in 6 weeks of snowboarding or ski lessons at Alyeska in Girdwood, and students grade K-7 participated in a week of swimming lessons at Seward High School pool.

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 Anatomy of the Piano and Step Afrika!

Cooper Landing School was very proud of our 5-6 and high school Battle of the Books teams. The Mighty Lynx 5-6 team, made up of one 5th grader and two 6th graders, took 2nd place in the district battle. The Dynamic Duo high school team, made up of one freshman and one 7th grader, took 1st place in the district battle and went on to place 7th in the state battle.

All students at Cooper Landing School participated in a community service project. Students K-9 helped with the community clean up, cleaning up litter in Helen Rhode Park and under the bridge at the end of Bean Creek Road.

Mr. Gossard secured an Access Grant through the Rasmuson Foundation and the State Council on the Arts. We had Brian Hutton, a theater artist from Anchorage, come to the school for a week and do workshops with all of the students, grade K-9. The students learned miming and improvisational skills. At the end of the week, parents were invited for a luncheon and a performance by the students. The program was a great success.

Cooper Landing School won the small school division and the overall grand prize in the Kenai Aluminum Can Round-Up through ReGroup. The school brought in over 1,400 pounds of aluminum cans and received a prize of \$736.

Several students this year received awards for academic achievements. Our 9th grade student received an award for perfect attendance, she also won the Science Student of the year award from Soldotna Prep and the 4.0 GPA certificate from Mr. Dusek. One Kindergarten student and one 6th grader received certificates for almost perfect attendance, missing only one day of school. And last, but not least, our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students won certificates for 1st place in the Lexia Team Challenge.

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School Name: 68 Fireweed Academy

Principal: Todd Hindman

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This year was a challenging year in a few ways, but overall it was a good year with many accomplishments and great opportunities for our students and their families. Here are some of the highlights of the year.

Stephanie Zuniga and Hannah Snow were both Nominated as BP Teachers of Excellence.

Fireweed Academy worked with Representative Paul Seaton's Office to get a Legislative Citation written for Bunnell Street Arts Center for their Artists in Schools Program. Rep. Seaton and I presented the citation to Asia Freeman and Adele Person at the Bunnell's member potluck on Friday, May 24, 2018.

Fireweed Academy hosted five Artists in Schools residencies, two silk painting projects, two acrylic painting projects and one storytelling project.

This year Fireweed partnered with HoWL (Homer Outdoor Wilderness Leadership) for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip. The five day camping trip across the bay was a great success. HoWL staff provided a variety of activities including wilderness survival skills, paddleboarding, and rock climbing. The third through fifth grade students participated in a three day trip to Kasitsna Bay Laboratory.

There were many school celebrations this year, that were well attended by students and their families: annual beginning of the year BBQ, Ellis Island Simulation, AIS gallery nights, promotion ceremonies, and a end of the year BBQ at Ageya Wilderness Center.

All staff members have participated in the Kagan Cooperative Learning 4/5 day workshops. One staff member is now a certified Kagan Coach. Fireweed Academy hosted a Kagan Win-Win Discipline two day workshop in August and included the staff of West Homer Elementary. Other professional development opportunities included a Socratic Seminar workshop provided by Altheneum out of Anchorage. Wise at Work provided a workshop called Neurobiology at Work.

Parent power was the name of the game at the beginning of the school year, when two new pieces of playground equipment was installed at Little Fireweed. Aproximatley, 15 parent volunteers and a small work crew from Gregoire Construction got the job done. Another improvement at Little Fireweed was complete a few weeks ago. The three classrooms previously did not have wall that went up to the ceiling, which meant that the building noise level was loud. Walls have been extended to the ceiling and doorways and doors have been installed which provides for a quite learning environment.

The school's Facebook page was revived after a year long hibernation. On average three to five photo albums were posted each week, allowing parents and other family members could see what the student were engage in at school.



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Principal: Christopher Brown

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School-wide:

- School-wide introduction and implementation of restorative practices
- Certified staff Professional Learning Community on personalized learning
- Continued focus on positive school environment through PBIS (100% staff and student participation)
- Social Emotional Learning Grant for restorative practices initiative
- Alaska Alternative Schools Grant for varying school initiatives
- Project Produce (Chef Ann grant providing weekly fresh produce)
- Prince William Sound Regional Community Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) Oil Spill Response Award (Pratt Museum and KBC Field Trip, Tutka Bay Field Trip)
- Valley Quilter's Association's Fiber Arts Grant
- Sol Hirsch Education Fund Grant (from the National Weather Association Foundation) for Seward fieldtrip (Sea Life Center, AVTEC)
- Sources of Strength resiliency initiative (student led)
- Community hosted physical education activities (Friday afternoons)
- Career and Tech (CTE) course offerings (culinary arts and digital photography)
- Artist in the School (Taz Tally) through Bunnell Street Arts grant
- Eighth Annual Flex First Friday
- Adopt a Highway spit cleanup
- Continuation of Flex vegetable garden initiative
- Community Pancake Breakfasts (Wednesday mornings)
- Increased JumpStart participation

Project AWARE Mental Health Counselor Ingrid Harrald:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid trainer
- 4th R curriculum
- Sources of Strength leader
- Trauma Informed Care Community leader
- International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP) training (w/ principal) in Basic Restorative Practices

Student Achievements:

Kachemak Bay Rotary Club's Vocational Scholarship (\$1000) – Amber Bridgeman

Homer Emblem Club #350's Scholarship (\$1000) -- Amber Bridgeman

Kachemak Board of Realtor's Scholarship (\$1000) -- Dimitry Kuzmin

Masonic Outstanding Student Award – Dimitry Kuzmin

North Star Hockey Conference First Team All-Conference – Dimitry Kuzmin

Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska hockey member -- Terry Gilliland

Skills USA regional winner and national participant - Samantha Martin

Rotary Exchange program to Slovakia – Cassidy Wylde

Promoting Health Among Teens peer educator -- Sayora Van Reed

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy -- Sayora Van Reed

Crock Pot Tuesday (student led cooking and nutrition project) -- Codey Tennison

Food Pantry Partnership (food bag program for students in need) -- Mila Stickrod

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Principal: Douglas Waclawski

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## Academic

- Benjamin Kettle - National Merit Scholar Finalist
- Denver Waclawski - National Merit Scholar Finalist
- State Skills USA – Job Skill Demonstration – 1st Place

## 2017 AP Scholar

- o Elan Carroll
- o Douglas Dean
- o Izabelle Hagge
- o Benjamin Kettle
- o Charlie Menke
- o Andie Sonnen
- o Joshua Wisner

## 2017 AP Scholar with Honor

- o Denver Waclawski

## Athletic

### Team Region Championships

- o Wrestling
- o Boys Football
- o Boys Cross Country
- o Girls Cross Country

### Team State Championships

- o State Runner-up – Wrestling
- o State Runner-up – Football
- o State Runner-up – Girls Cross Country Running
- o State Runner-up - Boys Cross Country Running
- o Small Schools Champion – Girls Nordic Skiing
- o State Runner-up - Girls Track & Field
- o Academic Award – Girls Nordic Skiing
- o Academic Award - Girls Track & Filed

### Individual Championships

- o Autumn Daigle – Cross Country Running
- o Alex Mosely – Wrestling (120)
- o Seth Inama – Wrestling (120)

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- o McKenzie Cook – Wrestling (145)
- o Luciano Fasulo – Wrestling (132)
- o Mose Hayes – Wrestling (138)
- o Levi King –Wrestling (195)
- o Theodore Croft – Division III Football Player of the Year
- o Luciano Fasulo - Track & Field 800 m (School Record 1.58.85)
- o Anna Brook - Track & Field - Shot and Discuss

Music

- o National Honor Solo Ensemble - Falcum Greear
- o First Chair State Choir – Johnathon Vanek

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School Name: Homer Middle School

Principal:Kari Lee Dendurent

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## Student Celebrations

Olivia Scott- Masonic Student of the Year

Garrett Briscoe- Spelling Bee

Eliz Zatz- Geography Bee

3rd Place – Battle of the Books

2nd Place- Girls Soccer

2nd Place- Boys Soccer Team

3rd Place- Boys Basketball

Project Award- First League Kenai Qualifier

KPBSD Art Show: Olivia Scott 1st Drawing; Krystal Super 3rd Drawing; Beatrix

Strobel 3rd Open; Beatrix Strobel 2nd Painting; Olivia Scott 3rd Sculpture

National Junior Honor Society- New Chapter

National Blue Ribbon Award Nomination

## Teacher Recognition

BP Teacher of Excellence Finalist- Jen Booz

KPBSD Educator of the Month- Jen Booz

## Grants Received

Homer Foundation Grant with Dave Schroer \$3,000

## Special Events

August 17, 2017 7th and 8th Grade Orientation

August 18, 2017 7th Grade SMART Start

August 29, 2017 New to Homer Student Luncheon

August 30, 2017 HMS Open House

September 28, 2017 HMS Pep Rally

October 1, 2017 7th Grade Center for Alaska Coastal Studies Trip

October 14, 2017 HMS Activity Night

October 16, 2017 Fall Music Concert

November 1, 2017- Honor Roll Assembly

November 8, 2017- Student/Staff Basketball Game

November 3, 2017 Honor Roll Ice Cream Social

November 10, 2017 Crock Pot Cook Off

December 2017- Share the Spirit and Angel Tree for Homer Community

December 11-15, 2016 Student Government Spirit Week

December 14, 2017 Winter Concert

December 15, 2017 Pep Rally

December 15, 2017 Activity Night

December 18, 2017 Holiday Cookie Bake-Off

December 19 Mentoring with Paul Banks ES (Ms. Todd and Mr. Seaton)

January 18, 2018- Honor Roll Assembly

January 19, 2018 Honor Roll Treats

January 27, 2017 Paul Banks Mentoring at HMS

January 31, 2018 Mentoring with Paul Banks (Ms. Todd & Ms. Jason)

February 2, 2018 Mentoring with Paul Banks (Ms. Todd & Ms. Jason)

February 7, 2018 – 8th Grade Olympic Field Trip and Guest Speakers

February 12, 2018- Student vs Staff Volleyball Game

February 23, 2018- Engineering Week Guest Speakers in Science

March 2, 2018 Pep Rally

March 2, 2018 Activity Night

March 6, 2018- Music in Our Schools Concert – Band Only

March 23, 2018- Alaska USA Pennies for Patients Dump \$1, 214.00

March 29, 2018 Honor Roll Assembly

March 30, 2018 Honor Roll Treats

April 13, 2018: West Homer Special Education Student Visit

April 13, 2018- Pennies for Patients Movie Afternoon

April 16, 2018 6th Student Visit to McNeil

April 16, 2018 Parent Info Night at McNeil

April 23, 2018 Student Visit to West Homer

April 26, 2018 Student Visit to Fireweed

April 26, 2018 Substance Misuse Parent Info Night

May 7, 2018- HMS Spring Music Concert

May 7-11, 2018- Teacher Appreciation Week

May 10, 2018 Pep Rally

May 10, 2018 HHS Step Up Day

May 11, 2018 Native Youth Olympics School Wide Assembly

May 14, 2018 Mentoring with Paul Banks (Ms. Todd and Ms. Jason)

May 17 & 18, 2018 7th Grade Marine and Cold Water Safety

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School Name: Hope

Principal: Doug Hayman

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Hope School was reduced by one certified staff member but did hire a instructional aid for support.

Hope School is without doubt, the center of the Hope community. Events and fundraisers at the school are well supported. Parent Teacher conference attendance is 100%. Even though it is a very small school, students have opportunities in Battle of Books, Mind-a-Mazes, Quest, 4H, Spelling Bee, Jump Rope for Heart, Forensics, and Cross Country Skiing. Our junior student won the Mind-a-Mazes district contest again this year. This is the fourth time out of five opportunities he has won this honor. Staff have worked hard to create opportunities for collaboration with three other schools. Tustumena, Hope, Moose Pass, and Cooper Landing share professional development opportunities focused on Personalized Learning. The secretaries of Moose Pass, Cooper Landing, and Hope have created a shared electronic newsletter that connects and informs all of the communities. This newsletter has organically been labeled "The Tri-School Newsletter," and is accessed by up to 100 readers per week. This newsletter is linked to the Tustumena newsletter as well which is accessed by an additional 150 devices per week.

Fundraising is a challenge in such a small school but the spirit of the school staff makes events that are well supported. Flea markets and pie auctions are among the most common in Hope. Much of these funds go to sending students on field trips such as skiing and outdoor education sessions. In addition, a donations campaign was initiated to support a student to attend a State Government shadowing project. School staff attended as well a a chaperone.

Hope did not have any students graduate from the high school but serveral students were honored during a kindergarten and eighth grade graduation ceremony.

The 2018-19 school year will start with plenty of students but will be hiring a new secretary as our long-time secretary and community member decided she needed the opportunities that Anchorage could afford her family.

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School Name: K-Beach Elementary

Principal: Nate Crabtree

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BP Teacher of the Year- Five teachers from K-Beach Elementary were nominated for this award.

BP Educational Ally- Aaron Gordon (Intensive Needs Aide) received the BP Educational Ally award for the 2017-2018 school year.

High Tunnel Project- K-Beach Elementary mended the vandalized greenhouse and began a gardening project this year. All grade levels planted vegetables of their choosing for harvest in the K-Beach greenhouse.

Sign Language Club- K-Beach Elementary continued sign language club that was launched in the 2017-2018 school year. Students of all grade levels were given skills to communicate with the hearing impaired.

Reading is Great in Summer (R.I.G.S)- Through community partnerships, school staff have promoted and fostered a love of reading during the summer months.

The Great Caribou Migration- All students and all staff, with the participating of many families and community members, participated in this event. This event promoted positive school and community relationships while encouraging healthy lifestyles.

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

Junior Achievement- K-Beach continues to host various community members through JA in a Day. Each class of students had the opportunity to learn about economics and community during this event.

Forensics- Many K-Beach Elementary students placed with top honors at the district wide forensic competition.

Veteran's Day Assembly- K-Beach held the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Assembly to honor veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces.



Battle of the Books- Many 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders participated in intermural Battle of the Books, and teams competed in the district competition.

Box Tops- Students and families collected approximately \$1000 worth of box tops that will benefit the school.

Leadership Program- Students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade were invited to participate in the K-Beach Elementary Leadership Program. Students worked in various committees including PBIS, School & Community Relations, and Events.

Masonic- Sixth grader, Hally Elder-Hanson earned the Masonic Student of the Year award for K-Beach Elementary.

Spelling Bee- Fifth grader, Delaney Smith competed in the State of Alaska Spelling Bee.

D.A.R.E- All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students of K-Beach Elementary partnered with Officer Brennan of the Soldotna Police Department to learn about positive and healthy decision making.

Jumprope for Heart- All students of K-Beach Elementary participated in Jumprope for Heart, sponsored by the American Heart Association. Students used this opportunity to raise money for the American Heart Association and to learn more about healthy lifestyles.

Band- Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students were invited to participate in band this year. K-Beach hosted three band concerts throughout the school year.

Winter Concert- All primary aged students performed holiday music for family and community members in late December.

Orchestra Link-up- After learning to play the recorder, all third grade students were invited to play with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra.

Film Club- Intermediate students worked to learn about filmmaking. Students worked on various crews to produce a short film that was shared with the entire school population.

Stream Keepers- All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students of K-Beach Elementary partnered with the Kenai Watershed Forum to care for the local Slikok Creek. With the help of community members and teachers, students worked to keep the stream healthy.

Intermural sports- K-Beach Elementary hosted various intramural sports including: soccer, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, and cycling.

PTO Events:

- Pumpkins in the Playground
- Bingo for Books
- Family Game Night

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- Multiple Book Fairs
- School Wide BBQ
- K-Beach Annual Art Show

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**School Name**     Kachemak Selo School    

**Submitted by**     Tim Whip    

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## Outstanding achievements of students, staff, and Kachemak Selo School

- Battle Books 5-6, 7-8
- Five 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduates One Masonic Award recipient
  - One Presidential Award for Academic Achievement
  - One Best Attendance Award
  - UA Scholar recipient
- Three Kindergarten promotions
- Five 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotions
- Sports Head of the Bay Coop—Football, Cross Country, Soccer
- Field Trips
  - Elementary trips to Sea Life Center, WHE for Robotics, Kevin Bell Arena
  - K-5 Trip w/Razdolna to Tiglax, Islands and Oceans, Local Doctors Office
  - MS/HS trip w/Razdolna students to Kasitsna Bay (15 Students)
  - Field Days to Razdolna
  - K-5 Skiing with Michele Stenger and John Miles at Lookout Point
- Parent volunteers: maintenance and new construction, field trips/class projects, parent led pre-school
- Dual-language instruction (English/Russian) in grades K-5
- K-12 Swimming Lessons
  - K-5 at the Bay Club w/climbing wall
  - 6-12 at the Nikiski Pool
- Monthly beach clean-up
- Collaboration schedule—focus on Personalized Learning, Blended Learning, Russian Language, Dual Language
- Head of the Bay beach, community, switch-back cleanup
- After school construction academy at HHS
- Alternative/variance calendar (2018-19) approved by Site Council
- Sea Grant Activities w/Razdolna School
  - MS/HS Field Trip to Kasitsna Bay (20 students, staff)

- Art workshops w/Debbie Harris
- Marine Debris cleanup
- Increased student engagement through: Reading Literacy Cafe, Swimming, Skiing at McNeil Canyon, model airplane construction, field trips
- End of Year Seminars w/Parent Presentation

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

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

**Submitted by** Robin Dahlman

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- Vail Coots, 4<sup>th</sup> grader, out of state for treatment of brain cancer, stayed connected via use of video conferencing, blogging with class, and weekly reports that highlighted his integrated learning as he participated in class remotely and electronically
- Spencer Dahlman, 4<sup>th</sup> grader, 1 of 7 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the state to qualify as National Geography Bee State finalist
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade classes completed social action project to ensure the cleanliness of our Nature Trail by securing garbage cans and creating a plan to install them on the trail.
- Continued partnership with the Charis Place developing life links between students and elders in our community-visiting on a bimonthly basis
- Visiting Artist, Shala Dobson, provided incredible learning opportunities for students, staff and community during a weeklong arts institute
- Showcased our learning process of Inquiry, Dialogue and Reflection during quarterly learning celebrations designed and run independently by students.
- Maintained a broad base of committed volunteers. Volunteer hours average 16 hours per day...this is only counting classroom hours. Hours for PTA, APC, etc are over 1,000 hours for the school year-incredible support
- Focused on personalized learning for each whole child through our integrated model maintaining fidelity to our core, focus on relationships, and building meaningful, deep connections with each
- Created rich learning experiences due to dedicated and protected collaboration time built into daily schedule

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School Name: Kenai Alternative

Principal:Loren Reese

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Individual Awards and Recognition:

Masonic Outstanding Student – Joshua Ryan Campos

ELKS Lodge #2425 Student of the Year-Jessie Metz

School-wide Projects

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

Kenai Alternative continued to collaborate with 11 other alternative schools from Alaska. A meeting was held in January. There all 11 schools discussed was to better serve the alternative students in our state. This coalition is funded by the state of Alaska Department of Education. Our school is also working with federal government in accordance with the Project AWARE. With this grant, both Kenai Alt and Homer Flex are able to have full time counselors to serve students with their social, emotional, and health needs.

This year KAHS had 25 graduates.

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Kenai Central High School

Principal: Alan Fields

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Deb Sounart National Band Association Citation of Excellence

Mayzie Potton Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Natalie Marlowe United States Distance Learning Student Achievement Award

John Grossl is one of twenty Alaskan students selected to be an Intern with Senator Murkowski this summer in Washington D.C.

Choir: 40% of the school is enrolled in choir. 54 students made the borough honor choir. 23 KCHS students made the all-state choir (the most in the state for second year in a row). 6 students made and attended the ACDA Northwest Honor Choir. 29 students qualified for the state Solo and Ensemble competition, where every choir event earned a Superior rating. Members of the Chamber choir received 2nd place Command Performance for Indodana and 3rd Place Command Performance for All the Things You Are.

Band: 31 students selected to KPBSD honor band. 15 students selected to Alaska All-State Band. 1 selected to All-National Band. 7 State SUPERIOR Solos 8 State SUPERIOR Ensembles 3 Command Performances

Four finalist in the Caring for the Kenai Competition.

Marek Grieme 4th place, Riley Graves 6th place, Emma Mullet top 12 finisher, Vanessa Beck top 12 finisher

Culinary Arts student Chelsea Plagge wins Skills USA state championship and will represent Alaska and KCHS at Skills USA National Competition in June. Carlos Caballero State Champion in Drafting 1 and Technical Math.

The Silent Auction and Spaghetti Feed dinner for continues to raise thousands of dollars for the Students in Transition program.

Job Shadow Program placed nearly 120 students into the world of work for a day.

Cross Country: 3 Time Region 3 Northern Lights Conference Champions 2015, 2016, and 2017

KCHS Girls Team Runner Up at ASAA 4A State Meet

Addison Gibson Regional runner of the Year and Region Champion

Swim & Dive: State finishers: Savaii Heaven 3rd 100 Backstroke and 6th 100 Free, Hunter Reese 5<sup>th</sup> 50 Free and 7<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly, Boys 200 Medley Relay placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Team 6<sup>th</sup> place

Football: 1st ALL-STATE: Zach Tuttle, Receiver/Defensive Back, Seth Kruse, Inside Linebacker, Rykker Riddall, Outside Line Backer

2nd ALL-STATE: Logan Baker, Long Snapper, Seth Kruse, Guard, John Grossl, Defensive Tackle

Volleyball: All Conference - Hayley Maw 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

Wrestling: State Finisher : Byron Dunham 182 lbs 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Hockey: All Conference – Levi Meese 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Matt Hagel 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

Nordic Skiing: Region III Coach of the Year: Brad Nyquist

Top State Finisher Male: Karl Danielson Region III Skimeister, Female: Riana Boonstra

Basketball: Boys: Luke Beiser All Region 1st team Girls: Jayce Calvert, and Brooke Satathite 2nd team All Region

Cheer: Small School State Champions, Region and State Coach of the Year Brianna Force, All Region Tavia Wilson and Tekaiya Rich

Soccer: Boys State Champions, Girls 4<sup>th</sup> place

Track: State; Hayley Maw 2<sup>nd</sup> 100M, Savanna Wilson 3<sup>rd</sup> 100M Hurdles, Girls 4<sup>th</sup> 4x100M relay

Baseball: All Conference – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Knox Amend

Softball: All Conference – 1<sup>st</sup> Team Alyssa Stanton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Savannah Jones and Lexi Carrasco

Art: KPBSD Art Show: Dulce Santana: 1st place photography, Francesca Bolton: 3rd place photography, Leah Johnson: honorable mention, mixed media, Olivia Daniels: 1st place ceramics, Keelin Mcgraw: 2nd place photography, Max Howland: 1st place watercolor

7 students earn .5 Leadership elective credit for leadership in Kenai Peninsula Native Youth Leadership program

The graduating class of 2018 received substantial scholarships from various universities and other sources totaling over \$350,000.00.



# Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Kenai Middle School

Submitted by Vaughn Dosko

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## SPORTS

Soccer	Girls – Second at Boroughs Boys – First at Boroughs
XC Running	Finished in Top 10
Track	Girls/Boys – Second at Borough
Basketball	Girls – Second Place finish Boys – Second Place finish
Volleyball	First at Borough
Wrestling	Finished in Top 5
XC Skiing	Finished in Top 10

## ACADEMICS

Math Counts	2nd Place in State
Math Bowl	1st Place in Homer
FPS (Future Problem Solving)	1st Place
Geography Bee	1st Place – Tyler Hippchen
Spelling Bee	1st Place – Shannon Murphy
Battle of the Books	7th & 8th Grade – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
After School Tutorial	November 14 – April 5 (Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's)
Masonic Award	– 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Caitlyn Crabb

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Band Concerts	5 Band Concerts throughout the year
Choir Concerts	5 Choir Concerts throughout the year

## ACTIVITIES

WAK (Welcoming All Kids)	August 14
Open House/BBQ	September 7 May 1
Spirit Week	September 11-15 February 12-16

Activity Nights	September 22 November 10 January 12 March 23 May 4
Hay Maze	October 13
Red Ribbon Week	October 23-31
Book Fair	October 23-27
Canned Food Drive	December 4-21
Character Counts	August 31, 2017 – May 23, 2018
SOM (Students of the Month)	October 6 November 3 December 1 February 2 March 2 April 6 May 4
Celebrations	October 31 April 7
Ice Fishing	February 23 (7th Grade)
Clubs	January 17 – February 14
Volunteer Celebration	April 27
New Student Visitation	April 25-27
Aluminum Can Drive	April 16 – 20 1st Place
Mini courses	May 21-22
6th Camp	May 14-16
Farewell Ceremony	May 18
<u>MEETINGS</u>	
Staff Meetings	(monthly – first Wednesday of each month)
<u>DRILLS</u>	
Fire Drills	August, 2017– May, 2018 (Monthly)
Earthquake Drills	May 17
ALICE Training	August 22 and Jan 10
<u>BUILDING USE</u>	
AWANA's Peninsula Midnight Sun Little League Baseball	September, 2017 – April 2018 (Sunday's) January – March, 2018 March – April, 2018

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: McNeil Canyon Elementary

Principal: Pete Swanson

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## Staff Achievements

- Ann Love, Melon Purcell and Lenore Swanson collaborated with parent volunteer Miriam Linder on 25th consecutive, successful Artist-in-Schools grant that provided the opportunity for all students to connect movement as an art form. Southeast Alaska artist, Sarah Campen, was our Artist in Residence. Sarah provided an opportunity for all of our students to work on developmentally appropriate body movement individually and collaboratively. 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

- Willem Hakala qualified for the National Geographic State Geography Bee and Kayla Kalafut qualified for the State Spelling Bee. Willem is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student this year and Kayla is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student.

## Co-Curricular Accolades

- K-2 Students competed in Battle of the Books.
- Several entries and strong showing in the KPBSD Forensics event.

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Moose Pass

Principal: Doug Hayman

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An outstanding achievement for Moose Pass School was to stay open. It is a common worry in Moose Pass that the school may not make the level of 10 students in order to remain open. The school year began with 12 and ended with 15 students. Next year it is scheduled to open with at least 14 students with one more family trying to decide if their student should stay at Moose Pass or move to Seward as a seventh grader.

Moose Pass began the year with a new teacher, Sandra Barron. This transition was made easier by having the former certified teacher, Heather Lindquist, remain on staff as a classified para educator.

Moose Pass School is without doubt, the center of the Moose Pass community. Events and fundraisers at the school are well supported. For example, the Halloween Carnival was very well attended as was the Christmas Play/Performance. It is my observation that the audience attendance is approximately 5:1 (audience members to student ratio)

Parent Teacher conference attendance is 100%. Even though it is a very small school, students have opportunities in Battle of Books, Mind-a-Mazes, Quest, Lego Robotics, Girl Scouts, Spelling Bee, Soccer, Jump Rope for Heart, Forensics, and Cross Country Skiing.

Staff have worked hard to create opportunities for collaboration with three other schools. Tustumena, Hope, Moose Pass, and Cooper Landing share professional development opportunities focused on Personalized Learning. The secretaries of Moose Pass, Cooper Landing, and Hope have created a shared electronic newsletter that connects and informs all of the communities. This newsletter has organically been labeled "The Tri-School Newsletter," and is accessed by up to 100 readers per week. This newsletter is linked to the Tustumena newsletter as well which is accessed by an additional 150 devices per week.

Fundraising is a challenge in such a small school but the spirit of the school staff makes events that are well supported. Holiday markets and pizza sales are just two of the ways the find to support the students. Much of these funds go to sending students on field trips such as skiing and outdoor education sessions.

The 2018-19 school year will start with plenty of students and zero new staff members. It is likely to be a great year.

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Mountain View Elementary

Principal:Karl Kircher

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2017-18 Highlights from Kenai's Neighborhood School

## **ENROLLMENT**

Mountain View Elementary continued its growth with a major increase in enrollment this year. In addition to our 3rd consecutive year enrolling over 70 kindergarteners, we had 80 new to school (40 new to district) students enroll as well this year. We hired two new teachers after the start of the year and will be receiving our 4th portable classroom this summer. Next year's enrollment, including PRE-K is expected to top 500.

## **SCHOOL CULTURE**

In September , we hosted "Diversity Day", where individuals with disabilities, as well as experts in the field of disabilities, came to Mountain View Elementary to set up eight different stations for presentations on a wide variety of physical and cognitive disabilities. As KPBSD's largest open enrollment school, we provide a number of programs to meet the needs of students with disabilities. All of our students benefit from their daily interactions within this diverse student body. This year's Diversity Day helped broaden a natural development of empathy and further prepare our students to participate in an inclusive society.

Kindness was the focus of a school-wide assembly at the end of 1st quarter. A variety of short skits, songs, and other presentations focused on all aspects of kindness. Teachers and students from across the school teamed up to celebrate the conclusion of our annual, start of the year, eight week focus on Positive Responses to Conflict and Kindness. Having all students, staff and families utilize positive responses to respectfully resolve conflict has long been a staple of our school's Strategic Plan.

Our PTA designed, purchased and distributed tee-shirts to the students at Mountain View Elementary with the saying, "Kindness Counts." The message is clear as to the behavioral interactions we place a priority on here at our school. While respect is often

the “go to” theme for school-wide expectations, our staff feels that kindness is indeed a step up in this area as it reaches a deeper emotional level.

Before Winter Break, fifty staff members from Mountain View Elementary boarded a school bus and ventured out into the neighborhood to spread a little kindness. Our first stops were for caroling. We surprised staff at Kenai Middle School and Kaleidoscope Elementary School and then went on to do the same at Kenai Post Office. Our final stop, arranged in advance, was the best of all. We enjoyed lunch at the Senior Center. Three out of the eight seats at each table were reserved for our staff which allowed for some great mingling, visiting and discussions. We sang carols with the seniors to top off a great day

## ACADEMIC

We received a Carrs/Safeway Inovation in Education Grant, these funds, when combined with other funds we had been saving, allowed MOUNTIAN VIEW to purchase 48 IpadS by years end. We currently have a committee to faciliate teacher training and establish use protocol so that these devices are used effectively to advance Personalized Learning with a strong focus on the primary level.

We introduced intermediate as well as primary “code club” after school programs. The students were introduced to writing computer code. They eventually were able to start creating their own individual games to play. Our goal is to get kids using digital devices they have acces to at home to design and create games instaed of just mindlessly playing them. Both of these clubs ran for a quarter, were completely full and expansion of this program is planned for next year.

Band and choir continue to be popular pursuits for students at MOUNTIAN VIEW. Over 75 % of 5th grade students participated in band. Forty students participated in after school choir.

We once again hosted the KPBSD Trimathalon. Over 100 students from schools around the district came to our school for this competition. Kudos to our staff as this required quite bit of flexibility to make this happen.

## INTERESTING FACTS

6 certified staff took maternity leave this year.

4 staff members were married this year

4 staff members became 1st time homeowners this year

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Nanwalek School

Principal: Nancy Kleine

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## GRANTS

Apple & ConnectED:

\*Third of three years; Apple announced it will continue next year

\*Included Professional Development with Apple Coaches for 2 weeks, and distance professional development ongoing for all instructional staff

Participated in Chugachmiut's Heritage Preservation Grant

\*Sugt'stun teachers worked in the school to help retain the language/culture.

\*Chugachmiut Staff provided an in-service on culturally relevant instruction.

## STUDENT AWARDS:

Valedictorian 2017 - Verina Ukatish

UA Scholar Scholarship - Verina Ukatish

Principal's Awards: Malaika Swenning; Verina Ukatish

Service Learning Awards: Uriah Huntsman, Malaika Swenning, Verina Ukatish

Project Grad Scholarships: Verina Ukatish

Spirit of Youth Nomination: Verina Ukatish

## STAFF AWARDS:

KPBSD Golden Apple Award - Principal Nancy Kleine

## ATHLETIC RECOGNITIONS:

Nanwalek Boys Basketball Player Uriah Huntsman - Regional All-Tournament Award

Cook Inlet Classic: Nanwalek Second Place

Uriah Huntsman & Marcus Wilson - All Tournament Awards

Native Youth Olympics (NYO) Participation:

Jada Moonin, Aphanasia Kvasnikoff, Trinity Huntsman, Uriah Huntsman, Isaiah Bales, Shura Demas, Katie Kinneaveauk

### SCHOOL-WIDE PROJECTS/INITIATIVES:

ConnectED Technology Initiative - See Grant Section, also.

\*Provides instructional support through 1:1 iPads

\*Principal Kleine published eBook: Inspiring New Ways of Learning at Nanwalek School (tells Nanwalek's ConnectED story)

\*Goal to increase reading proficiency and collect cultural history/traditions/Sugt'stun

\*Student Tech Teams documented Sea Week and produced Native Cuisine Videos

\*Community Challenge Project – Help Retain Language/Culture. Includes student-led video projects (interviews/other), Sugt'stun videos; archeological videos with artifacts

#### Sea Week (April 16-20)

Blended academic/cultural activities to honor the role of the sea in the Sugpiaq culture. Activities included community members teaching traditional knowledge and Native cuisine, Apple, Inc. helping students capture their learning through technology, and science/art offerings from Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Alaska Sea Life Center, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association, KPBSD Art Teacher Debbie Harris, and UAA Professor of Art Herminia Din.

#### Iditaread K-12 Reading Initiative / March 2018

Nanwalek Service Learning Project - Year 2

16 service hours required for graduation

Certificates granted to Uriah Huntsman, Verina Ukatish, Malaika Swenning-Phillips



# Superintendent's Annual Report 2017-2018

School Name Nikiski Middle/High School

Principal Dan Carstens

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## **Middle School**

**Fine Arts:** Kaydence Reis was recognized at the KPBSD Juried Art Show at the Kenai Art Guild (3<sup>rd</sup> - Sculpture)

**Battle of the Books:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade team placed 5<sup>th</sup> in district. MS team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in district.

**Outdoor Recreation Class:** 20 MS students earned their Hunters Ed Certification. 8 MS students participated in an educational moose hunt through Safari Club International.

**Quest:** Quest students participated in the KPBSD film festival & at the MS Math Meet.

Quest students also held a mock trial. **Mind A-Mazes:** 3 teams from NMHS qualified for & participated in the Mind A-Amazes meet. Nikiski's intermediate team (Adrienne Stynsberg, Brady Bostic & Braeden Porter) earned 2<sup>nd</sup> overall of 51 teams registered on the Kenai Peninsula. Nikiski's junior division team (Julia Smith, Maggie Grenier, Zoey Ellis & Addison Stiers) also finished as one of the top teams.

**30<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Geographic Bee:** Lorenzo Elias (6<sup>th</sup> grade) qualified for the state geography bee.

## **MS Athletics**

**Wrestling:** The following students placed at MS Boroughs: David Weathers (4<sup>th</sup>), Griffin Gray (3<sup>rd</sup>), Sam Yerkes (4<sup>th</sup>), Simon Grenier (2<sup>nd</sup>), Dwight Mullins (4<sup>th</sup>) & Corbin Reichart (3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Awards:** Jasmine Durfee was recognized as a Masonic Outstanding Student. Jessica Perry received the Prudential Spirit of Youth Community Service Award in Washington DC.

## **High School**

**Leadership Opportunities:** 6 Nikiski Sophomores attended the HOBY Conference in Anchorage, 1 Nikiski Junior returned to HOBY as a Junior Staff Member. 20 HS students joined the Nikiski Leadership Council, established by Dylan Hooper, to build leadership capacity within the NMHS student body.

**Fine Arts:** The following students were recognized at the KPBSD Juried Art Show at the Kenai Art Guild: Myranda Rockett (HM - Painting), Drew Davis (HM - Photo), Bethany Carstens (HM - Sculpture), Cherai Bales (HM - Watercolor), Treasa Cooper (2<sup>nd</sup> - Painting, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mixed Media), Tyler Olsen (3<sup>rd</sup> - Sculpture). HM=Honorable Mention

**Foods:** 17 students earned a Food Worker Card through NMHS's Foods class.

**Performing Arts:** Katerina Sinenko participated at the All-State Choir Festival again this year. Katelyn Moore participated in Borough Honor Band on Bari Sax. Hannah Young &

Halie Oskolkoff were alternates for Honor Band Festival. Alecia Bridges, Treasa Cooper & Joseph McLeod participated in Borough Honor Choir.

**Battle of the Books:** HS team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in district.

**Musical Theatre:** 31 students participated in the NMHS Mary Poppins production this school year. The MT department performed the show for 2 weekends at NMHS and took the show to Seward where it was performed for the community, the elementary school students & Seward MS/HS students.

**DDF:** Bryan Rutherford is the AK State Champion for Humorous Interpretation and Joseph Yourkoski is the AK State runner up for Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking.

**National Honor Society:** NHS students facilitated Nikiski community blood drive (registered 44 donors; 24 were first time donors) to give blood, 29 units of blood collected, potentially saving up to 87 lives). NHS students did Nikiski roadside cleanup, hosted a "Change for Change" drive and donated the money to the Nikiski Children's Fund.

### Athletics

**Wrestling:** The following students placed at regions: Chloe Grogan (1<sup>st</sup>), Destiny Martin (4<sup>th</sup>), Mason Payne (4<sup>th</sup>), Tyler Litke (3<sup>rd</sup>), Koleman McCaughey (5<sup>th</sup>) & Ethan Hack (4<sup>th</sup>).

**Volleyball:** Region Awards for NMHS Volleyball included Melanie Sexton (MVP), Kelsey Clark & Kaitlyn Johnson (1<sup>st</sup> Team) & Bethany Carstens, Elisa Fardin & Jamie Yerkes (2<sup>nd</sup> Team). The NMHS Volleyball team won the Academic Award at State with an overall GPA 3.7965. Emma Wik & Ashlee Tiner were recognized with Good Sportsmanship Awards at State. Kaitlyn Johnson won MVP & Melanie Sexton as All-Tournament Team award at Shayna Pritchard Tournament. Emilee Tiner recognized as All-Tournament at West Spiketacular.

**Girls Basketball:** Nikiski Girls Basketball team were Tournament Champions at the Nikiski Tip-Off Tournament & the Grace Hardwood Classic Tournament. They took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the South Central Conference. The All Conference athletes included: Bethany Carstens (Player of the Year) Emma Wik (1<sup>st</sup> Team), Rylee Jackson (2<sup>nd</sup> Team) & Kaitlyn Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup> Team). Nikiski girls placed 4<sup>th</sup> at State and won the State Sportsmanship Award & the State GPA Award (3.94). Bethany Carstens was 1<sup>st</sup> Team All State and the 3A Girls Player of the Year.

**Boys Basketball:** The NMHS Boys Basketball team won 3<sup>rd</sup> at Regions. Jace Kornstad was 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region & Cody Handley was 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region. Jace Kornstad was 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All State.

**Football:** The following athletes were 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference & 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State: Ian Johnson - Full Back & Inside Line Backer, Baker Hensley - Tackle & Defensive Line, Dustin Mullins - Guard, Tyler Olsen - Defensive Back, Mykel Mysing - Kicker.

**Track:** The following athletes placed at regions: Jack Sullenger - long jump (2<sup>nd</sup>) & 400m (5<sup>th</sup>), Justin Harris - 100m (4<sup>th</sup>), Ian Johnson - shot put (3<sup>rd</sup>) & discus (2<sup>nd</sup>), Baker Hensley - shot put (4<sup>th</sup>) & discus (6<sup>th</sup>), Garrett Ellis - triple jump (6<sup>th</sup>), Aaron McCollum - triple jump (2<sup>nd</sup>), Bethany Carstens - 300m hurdles (2<sup>nd</sup>), discus (5<sup>th</sup>) & high jump (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kaitlyn Johnson - 300m hurdles (5<sup>th</sup>), shot put (3<sup>rd</sup>) & discus (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kelsey Clark - shot put (6<sup>th</sup>), Bailey Epperheimer - high jump (5<sup>th</sup>) & long jump (6<sup>th</sup>), Destiny Martin - long jump (5<sup>th</sup>). Boys 4x100 (1<sup>st</sup>), Boys 4x200 (1<sup>st</sup>), Boys 4x800 (3<sup>rd</sup>), Girls 4x100 (3<sup>rd</sup>) & Girls 4x200 (3<sup>rd</sup>) The following athletes placed at State: Jack Sullenger - Long Jump (1<sup>st</sup>), Aaron McCollum - Triple Jump (1<sup>st</sup>), Boys 4 x 100 - Jack Sullenger, Aaron McCollum, Jace Kornstad, Justin Harris (1<sup>st</sup>), Boys 4 x 200 - Jack Sullenger, Aaron McCollum, Jace Kornstad, Bryan McCollum (1<sup>st</sup>), Jack Sullenger - 400m (4<sup>th</sup>), Kaitlyn Johnson - Discus (2<sup>nd</sup>), Girls

4 x 200 – Bethany Carstens, Destiny Martin, Bailey Epperheimer, Sidney Epperheimer (4<sup>th</sup>).

**Awards:** Melanie Sexton was recognized as a Masonic Outstanding Student. Jamie Yerkes recognized as Elk's Student of the Year. Carlee Rizzo won 1<sup>st</sup> place & \$1,600 in 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Caring for the Kenai Competition.

**Staff Accomplishments:** Dylan Hooper (Math Teacher & AD) set new Guinness World Record for beard lift of 145.9lb student. Kristen Dillon voted as President Elect for AK American Choral Directors Association Chapter. Jacob Doth was featured as KTVA's Teacher of the Week. Scott Anderson recognized as 3A Coach of the Year for basketball.

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Nikiski North Star

Principal: Margaret Gilman

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## Awards:

Outstanding Student - Kailey Stynsberg  
Geography Bee - James Hemphill  
Spelling Bee - Emma Rector  
BP Teacher Nominee - Adrienne Bostic  
BP Teacher Nominee - Heather Baker  
BP Teacher Nominee - Monica Heath

## Student and Family Engagement

- Summer Activity Fair – This program was new at NNS this year. Community agencies were invited to attend the last day of school picnic and explain the opportunities they have available for students during the summer. Participating agencies included: Kenai Watershed Forum, Kenai Community Library, Triumvirate Theater, North Peninsula Recreation, and Boys and Girls Club.
- Family Nights – NNS had family nights for Art, Science, Reading and Math.
- NNS Music Program – 80% of the 4th and 5th grade students at NNS participated in either concert band, modern band, or NNS Choir. These music opportunities required either after school or lunch/recess time participation.
- One School One Book – Every NNS student is given a book to read for our One School One Book program in February. Students read the book with their families as well as during the school day. Prizes are awarded for answering questions about the book and the month culminates with a Bingo for Books Family Night.
- Shrek – Cast members from Kenai Performers came to NNS to perform songs from the community musical, Shrek. NNS was also amazingly fortunate to have a generous donor from the community sponsor tickets for any NNS student and parent chaperone to attend the community performance of Shrek. There were 222 students and parents who were able to see our music teacher and one of our second grade teachers perform in this production.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Nikolaevsk

**Submitted by** Michael Sellers

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## Nikolaevsk Highlights 2017-18

- Brian Whaley, Niko Class of 2017, entered the US Air Force
- Nianiella Dorval, Niko Class of 2014, graduated from Washington State University with a BS in Zoology
- Vera Fefelov, Niko Class of 2017 (graduated one year early) completed her first year at Georgetown University.
- Justin Trail, 9<sup>th</sup> place Alaska State Spelling Bee
- 7 Graduates - continued 100% graduation rate
- 100% of graduates qualified for an AK Performance Scholarship Award
  
- Myah Monicken finished 2017 Youth All Around Champion for Alaska State Quarter Horse Association (ASQHA) and is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the World 2018 American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA). Youth Rookie Award AQHA. 2018 Qualifier Youth World Show in Hunter Under Saddle and Western Pleasure. 2017 4Her of the year Kenai Peninsula.
- Justin Trail – undefeated middle school XC champion
- Middle school boys' basketball team won the small school tournament
  
- Six HS runners qualified for and participated at ASAA State Cross Country Running Meet
- Nikolaevsk girls' HS cross country team won the Region II championship
- High school mixed 6 volleyball team Denali Conference champions
- High school mixed 6 volleyball team State ASAA 4<sup>th</sup> place team

- High school boys' basketball team Peninsula Conference runner-up
- High school boys' basketball teams both at ASAA State Basketball Tournament
  
- Robanne Stading was named 2018 Kenai BP Teacher of the Year
- Robanne Stading earned he M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, UAA
- Krista and Jake Parrett celebrated the birth of their daughter. Isley Bay
- Steve Klaich served as Region II secretary-treasurer, ASAA board member, KPSAA small school representative and executive board secretary

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Ninilchik

Principal: Ambrosier

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Dee Ann White- 1A girls basketball player of the year

Girls basketball- winner of state consolation bracket

Caitlin Painter- Microsoft national certificate winner

4 teachers recognized for BP teachers of excellence

Olivia Delgado- academic award for volleyball and basketball

2 girls All tournament team basketball

# 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 2017-18 school year are listed below:

As a Personalized Learning Wave 2 school, we completed the Turnkey in-service plan. While we are still learning and growing in the area of personalized learning, we have made many changes to better align with the ideas of personalized learning. Alternative seating, Daily 5, and Daily 3 are a few examples that many teachers have made. Any teachers also took the Blended Learning course book talk.

PBE continues to be a five star school awarded by the State of Alaska as a *highest performing school*. (Moreover, will remain forever, until the state changes their rating system).

PBE conducted many great community and family nights. These include Bingo for Books, First Friday Art Extravaganza, as well as a number of violin performances.

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

We completed our second year of violin, where we collaborated with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra and had our entire first and second graders learn to play violin. This was a huge success for our students and community. It came at no expense of the taxpayers' money.

The Winter and Spring Musical presentations filled the Homer High School auditorium to the delight of many parents, grandparents and community members. All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders also gave a violin performance.



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

This year, we had a number of new staff members. We are still calibrating together while honoring both new ideas and holding strong to the ideals that make PBE a great school.

One of our goals this year was to do more blended learning in the classroom. Due to technical difficulties, we had to adjust our goal. All classroom teachers sent home/posted instructional videos.

This year, we were flagged by the state for a 21% increase in Special Ed. students. We met the needs of all the children who enrolled with these needs. We restructured our special education program. If you would like more information, I can share our handbook with you.

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Port Graham School

Principal: Nancy Kleine

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## GRANTS AND FINANCIAL AWARDS

State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Healthy Futures Play Every Day Longevity Award \$200

Participated in Chugachmiut's Heritage Preservation Grant

\*Sugt'stun teachers worked in the school to help retain the language / culture.

\*Chugachmiut Staff provided an in-service on culturally relevant instruction.

## STUDENT AWARDS

Chugach Alaska Corporation "Youth of the Year 2017" - Nicholas Meganack, Grade 12

Valendictorian 2018: Suzanne LaBelle

UA Scholar Scholarship 2018: Suzanne LaBelle

Project Grad Scholarships: Suzanne LaBelle

## STAFF AWARDS

KPBSD Golden Apple Award: Elementary Teacher Devin Michel Way

KPBSD Golden Apple Award: Principal Nancy Kleine

## SCHOOL INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS

iPads for Orcas - 1:1 iPad technology initiative

Healthy Futures Play Every Day for K-4

Eggs to Elders Project (raised chickens/gave eggs to Elders: produced 350+eggs)

Salmon Project (Grades 5-12 raised salmon, w/ADF&G/Port Graham Hatchery)

Project Grad/School brought UN Senior Human Rights Advisor and Founder of the Hilde Back Education Fund Chris Mburu to speak about Education as a Right. Project Grad involved students in an Exploration Institute in the Fall, preparing for rigors and requirements of high school and providing an intro to career development. Eight students were supported to attend the Cultural Exchange Institute, which provided a self-defense course for girls, archery for boys, protective education, and cultural connections

KPNYL (Kenai Peninsula Native Youth Leaders) who completed Leadership Credit: Nicholas Meganack; Suzanne LaBelle; Monique Cook; William George; Elias Moonin; Ariana Moonin; James Cook

Sea Week:

Week of blended academic/creative/cultural activities during spring extreme tides to honor the role of the sea in the Sugpiaq culture. This year, there were activities from Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Alaska Sea Life Center, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association, Prince William Sound Citizens' Regional Advisory Council (oil response education), KPBSD Art Teacher Debbie Harris, and UAA Professor of Art Herminia Din.

ATHLETIC RECOGNITIONS:

Second Year of the Port Graham Middle School and High School Cross Country Running Teams

Spring Running Club for whole community: running, walking, biking for all

NYO Team (sponsored by Port Graham Village Council): Ryann Esteban, Nicholas Meganack, Tristan Moonin, Elias Moonin, Arianna Moonin, Monique Cook, Ashlen Malchoff, James Cook

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018

School Name Razdolna School

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Submitted by Tim Whip

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## Outstanding achievements of students, staff, and Razdolna School

- Battle Books 3-4, 5-6,
- Grants:
  - Safeway (\$5000) Outdoor Classroom
  - Sea Grant (Artist in School Grades K-12)
- 8 Preschoolers (parent led) to Kindergarten
- 5 Kindergarten promotions to First Grade
- 11 Eighth grade promotions to HS
- Sports Head of the Bay Co-op: MS Wrestling, HS Soccer, Cross Country
- Field Trips
  - K-5 Trip w/Selo to Tiglax, Islands and Oceans, Local Doctors Office
  - MS/HS trip w/Selo students to Kasitsna Bay (15 Students)
  - Homer Book Store/Bishops Beach
  - Grades 2/3 trip to Maritime Helicopters, Kevin Bell Arena
- Parent volunteers: field trips/class projects, parent led pre-school
- Dual-language instruction (English/Russian) in grades K1, 2/3
- MS/HS Opportunities
  - Alaska Law Introduction: Andrew Haas, Homer Area Lawyer
  - HEA: Electric Conservation
  - SPH: Certified Babysitting Training
  - KPB Office of Emergency Management: Certified Emergency Readiness
  - CTE: After school construction academy at HHS
    - 4 participants in the CTE Welding Competition
  - MS/HS Model Airplane construction
- K-12 Swimming Lessons/Water Safety
  - K-5 at the Bay Club w/climbing wall
  - 6-12 at the Nikiski Pool
- Collaboration schedule—focus on Personalized Learning, Blended Learning, Russian Language, Dual Language

- Basargin Road/East End Road Cleanup (10 miles)
- Alternative/variance calendar (2018-19) approved by Site Council
- Implemented Sea Grant Activities w/Kachemak Selo School
  - MS/HS Field Trip to Kasitsna Bay (20 students, staff)
- Increased student engagement through: Reading Literacy Activities, Swimming, Artist in School, field trips

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Redoubt Elementary

Principal: William Withrow

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## Staff Achievements

\*Redoubt continues to have success with the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system. This year we added Connect and Check to our program. Students received over 42,000 compliments and we celebrated 6 times over the year for good behavior.

\*New staff this year include Cindy Kircher; Head Secretary, Kevin Moos; 4th Grade Teacher, Amanda Barber; Part-time Attendance Secretary, Theodore Franchino; Aide, Jill Quesenberry; Title One, Terese Kashi; School Psychologist, Laura Wertanen; School Nurse, Tammy Flanders; IN Teacher, D'Anna Ham; Aide, Andrea Joule; Aide, Sherry Gladden; Aide and Kara Fraser; Kindergarten Teacher.

\*Leaving us this year is Jill Quesenberry; Title 1 and Dr. Kashi; psychologist.

\*Second Grade teacher Mrs. Staci Wells was nominated as one of five teachers for the BP Alaska Teachers of Excellence.

\*4th, 5th and 6th grade enjoyed elective classes this year. Classes taught were fly tying, cooking, bead work, skiing, photography, sewing, rock painting, cross stitch, knot tying and coin collecting.

\*Personalized Learning (PL) was implemented this year with a focus on student reflection and ownership.

## Student Accomplishments

\*Masonic Student of the Year is Andrew Arthur.

\*Forensics: 4th-6th grade participated in the school wide competition. Winners then competed at the Borough level.

\*Spelling Bee 1st place winner was Corey Lewis.

\*Summer Reading Program had 29 students participate in the program last summer. Students were rewarded with a school wide assembly, certificates and tee-shirts.

\*Redoubt competed in Battle of the Books with 3RD /4th and 5th/6th grade teams.

\*Geography Bee winner this year is Emma Hunter.

\*We held our annual Alaska Museum, Science Fair, Zoo Exhibit and Art Show that was open to all parents and classes to view.

\*Redoubt Elementary took part in the Tri-math-lon taking 1st place this year in the Lightning Round, 2nd place in the Word Problems Category and 4th place overall.

### School Programs and Activities

\*Family nights and after school activities. A variety of family activities were offered including our Annual Fun Run, Walk your Child to School Day, Bingo for Books, Game Night, Halloween Parade, Intramurals, Open House and our Annual Winter PTA Carnival.

\*Three Scholastic Book Fairs were offered this year to our students. Each with an opportunity for parents to come in the evenings to browse and have cookies and juice.

\*Kenai River Clean Up was a big success. Grades 4-6 participated in the cleanup and Redoubt, again this year, collected the most trash. Students were rewarded with fishing poles and gift cards for their efforts.

\*Music and Band concerts were held at Soldotna High School auditorium and Redoubt gym.

\*PTA wanted to celebrate students' birthdays with a "birthday table". Each first Wednesday of every month, students with that month's birthday receive invitations to sit at the birthday table in the lunch room.

\*Fun Fest was held three times throughout the year with activities like basketball, cake walk, face painting, board games, Wii, ping pong, desk ball, nail painting, Legos, and 4 square.

\*Redoubt ended another successful school year with the end of year activities that included an awards ceremony, picnic and field day.

### Community Support

\*Fred Meyer's Rewards program has been an invaluable support to our school. Many parents and community members have signed up to link their rewards cards to Redoubt Elementary.

\*Santa visited Redoubt this year with the help of his elf who played guitar and sang carols while students said hi to Santa and received candy canes.

\*Holiday Kindness. Redoubt parents, local business and community members donated items and food for 50 families this holiday season.

\*Food Bank "construction" competition collected over 1,000 pounds of canned goods and non-perishable items. The goods were delivered to the Food Bank and the 4 students with the highest amount of goods donated, were given a tour of the facility and discussion on how the food bank works.

\*Our Backpack Program's partnership with the Soldotna Church of Christ fed 24 families each week this year. Students received a backpack of non-perishable food on Fridays and returned their packs every Monday.

\*Volunteer Appreciate Week. Redoubt celebrated their volunteers with a two-day brunch buffet. Redoubt had an average of 68 volunteer hrs./week with various activities this year.

\*Soldotna Police Officer Brennan headed our D.A.R.E. program again this year with the class graduating at Soldotna High School in March. Soldotna Police also helped in our ALICE Drill.

\*Other community organizations donating time to our school were The Lions Club and Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

\*Central Peninsula Hospital sponsored the Safety Seal Program through Safe Kids with Jane Fellman.

#### Other Points of Interest

\*Boys and Girls Club continues to operate out of our building. They provide a program of academic help, crafts, STEAM activities and snacks for student every school day until 6pm. In addition, they will be running a summer program at Redoubt that will provide activities for more than 100 students.



# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: River City Academy

Principal: Dawn Edwards-Smith

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River City Academy was graciously awarded 2 Carrs/Safeway Innovations in Education grants and used the award to purchase camping equipment. We were able to extend our annual Seward/ Fort McGilvary/ WWII field trip to an overnight camping experience and added Environmental science curriculum to the project. Students learned basic camping & hiking safety, ecology and geography of the Seward area & met with staff from the Trail River Hatchery in Moose Pass (Cook Inlet Aquaculture).

River City social studies students participated in our 10th Human Rights Summit. Students presented on a variety of global events and advocated for a wide range of solutions to international problems. Among the highlights this year were issues involving technology, refugees, human trafficking, mental health and education rights.

This was River City's 5th year participating in the Model United Nations program at UAA. Students represented North Korea, Canada & Azerbaijan and had the opportunity to debate and discuss global issues at the college level.

RCA ELA classes joined with Cooper Landing students for two different writing workshops and for our Annual Poetry Slam. Additionally, we also had a competitive middle school and high school Battle of the Books team.

AND... River City Academy will partner with Summit Learning and become the second Summit Learning Partner school in Alaska starting next year.

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Seward Elementary

Principal: Alan Haskins

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School

Raised \$740 for Hurricane Relief in Texas

Hour of Code

School Yard Habitat Project

School Library - Birthday Book Program

Sea Week in cooperation with the SeaLife Center

After School Program - Running, Soccer, Basketball,

X-country skiing, Volleyball, Forensics,

Salmon Husbandry with Alaska Fish and Game

Two Library Book Fairs

Swimming Lessons: Kindergarten – 5th grade

Raised \$1040 through the Penny War for the New Bike Park in Seward

Veterans Day Program

Winter/Spring Music Programs

Jump Rope for Heart

Field Day

Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads

Family Night

First, and Second Grade Science Fair

LEGO Robotics

Battle of the Books and Forensics

Migrant Education Afterschool Tutoring Program

AK Healthy Futures Challenge Play Everyday Fall and Spring Challenges

4th and 5th grade Quarterly Showcases

Maker Monday with 4/5 students in the library at lunch

Poem in Your Pocket Day / Nat'l Poetry Month

Mind A-Mazes

Trimathalon

District Film Festival

Weekly School Celebrations in the Local newspapers.

Staff

BP Teachers of Excellent Nominated Teachers

Jean Beck

Jason Leslie

Teachers spotlighted by District for Personalized Learning

Jean Beck

Teachers Nominated for Presidential Awards for Excellence

Carrie Lunardi

Jason Leslie

Students

Spelling Bee

Geography Bee

State Jr. Native Youth Olympics

Celebrated Shelby Roy's accomplishment in attending Nationals for Junior Drag Racing

Shine Bright Like a Diamond Talent Show

Community Partners

Boys and Girls Club

Emblem Club

PTA

Lions' Club

Kenai Fjords National Park

Major Marine Tours

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

Rotary Club

Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area

Coast Guard

Seward/Bear Creek Fire Depts.

Seward Mural Society

Seward Community Health Center

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Seward High School

Principal: Trevan Walker

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Seward High works hard to find rigorous and relevant opportunities for students, both academic and athletic, that have received local, regional, and state recognition.

We continued to expand our career mentorship/on-the-job training program by placing 58 students in the community. Of this number, 19 students were placed as student-aides in the Seward area K-12 Schools. Also, this represents 34% of our entire student body.

Students, from George Reising and Stephanie Cronin's Problem Solving and Design Class competed and presented at the Seward Energy Forum and Fair. Three groups were awarded scholarships from the Seward Chamber of Commerce and Seward Sustainable Energy Group in the amount of \$1500 for first place, \$800 for second place, and \$550 for third place. These projects are ongoing. One group of students presented their idea to Seward City Council. Another group presented to Head of Borough Maintenance, Site Council, and School Board.

Guest Speakers included:

Nick Zweifel- graduate student at Embry Riddle, and Seward High alumni, demonstrated how he is utilizing UAS (unmanned aircraft systems) and shared his career pathway. Students in the class frequently Skyped with engineer David Apperson, a Mechanical Engineer from PDC engineers in Anchorage and Seward High alumni. Mike Insalaco, John Foutz assisted students with their project ideas. Steve Fink- AVTEC's Maritime Simulator Technician- assisted students with programming in Python. Stephanie Presley -Seward/Bear Creek Flood Service Area Coordinator. Matt Widamann-Assisted students with Autodesk AutoCAD. Marion Glaser-wildlife biologist, came into share how she uses math and science regularly on her job. Jake Collins, From Edward Jones, spoke to students about the importance of investing at a young age. Finally, Kyle Walker, from the Seward Journal worked closely with student in journalism with SHS Today. He came in to teach lessons about writing articles. Seward Journal published several student articles this year. Finally, students had a guest from the City instructing them how and where to register to vote.

Government Class participated in Supreme Court Live.

Chemistry went to Alaska State crime lab to learn about forensics. Marine Biology took countless local field trips to continue their longitudinal Marine Debris Survey with NOAA. They also conducted several tide pool surveys--often meeting Mr. Reising in the middle of the night to catch the lowest tides.

Seward High Art Students are always heavily involved in community causes and Art. Students created art for the Seward Music and Arts Festival, The Alternative Energy Fair, The National Oceans Science Bowl, The Seward Health Fair and the Seward Mermaid Festival. At the KPBSD Juried Art Show, Blaze Havnen won Best in Show for his Painting. Josh Park won 1st place in the Open Category and Marisa Phasomsap took 3rd place in Black and White Drawing.

Tegan Reztner, Anavy Ambrosiani, Kylie Mullally, and Clay Peterson won Caring for the Kenai awards from the Borough Mayor. They were received a Commendation from the City of Seward.

Student Council attended the District-Wide Student Council Meeting and our own Heleana Backus was chosen as the Student Representative for The Language Arts Curriculum Review Committee. Her efforts resulted in being honored by the School Board with their Golden Apple Award.

Finally, 6 students were provided the opportunity to travel to Hydaberg for a 5 day STEAM fest.

George Reising worked alongside Kim Leslie, Amanda Adams, Kristin Davis, and Sean Campbell to develop a framework for secondary teachers in regard to personalized outcomes. They plan to launch a trial version of a personalized outcome-infused course this fall, with the hope of having a viable and sharable “product” to offer all KPBSD secondary teachers for the 2019/2020 school year to give kids an opportunity to have inspiration, time and support within their school day to pursue learning that’s of extreme value to them personally.

In sports, Ruby Lindquist was the Outstanding Athlete of the 2018 Alaska State Track and Field Championships. She was also the Region III Athlete of the Year, and the Seward High School Athlete of the Year. She won the Girl's 800, 1600, and 3200 at both the State and Regional Championships.

Zen Petrosius was the Boy's Seward High Scholar-Athlete of the Year and earned 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region honors in Basketball.

Mallie Moriarty was the Girl's Seward High Scholar-Athlete of the Year. and earned 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region honors in Volleyball. Randi Tolson and Ashley Jackson were also named on the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region Volleyball Team.

Clay Peterson won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at the State Wrestling Championships at 98 lbs. Wrestling had it first medalist in several years clay 3rd 98lbs

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018

School Name: Seward Middle School

Principal: Jenny Martin

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Myla Liljemark - 7/8 History

Teacher exchange to Australia, Spring & Fall, 2017

Published the 2017-2018 school yearbook

3 Skype sessions between Seward Middle School students and Australian students

1 Skype session on Human Trafficking in Alaska

Selected as a member of the GLF cohort, to broaden global competency skills through a mix of web-based and in-person professional development programming. In July 2019, Myla will travel to South Africa with this group on an international field study, which will serve as the program's capstone activity, allowing her to delve deeper into understanding the cultural and educational landscape of South Africa. By the end of it all, Myla will have expanded her global perspective and be better equipped to create sustainable change in her classroom and beyond.

Shelly Walker - 7/8 Lang Arts

Cross country running finished with 33 runners, the largest team ever for SMS!

Nordic Skiing finished with 17, also the largest team for our school!

Drama: four quarterly productions—one act comedies performed for the elementary school, middle school, and parents

Language arts: students wrote, created, produced, and presented digital stories, research projects (a shared presentation with science), argumentative letters, multiple literary analyses, and fictional and nonfictional narratives. They read and analyzed several long and short fiction and nonfiction pieces, plays, and poetry. Students used blended learning for personalized, leveled nonfiction, language, and vocabulary instruction, practice, assessment, and self-reflection.

Worked as a team member on the Personalized Learning Team

Carlyn Nichols - 7/8 Science

BP Teacher of Excellence: \$500 grant issued to school and \$500 grant for teacher to use as needed

Headed up Personalized Learning team and piloted a PL playlist for her students in Canvas

Took 8<sup>th</sup> graders on an exploratory field trip to Avtec and 7<sup>th</sup> graders on a Kenai Fjords Boat Tour

### Sixth Grade

Nature Journals: The Park Service provided blank, hardback drawing journals and a set of colored pencils for each sixth grader at the beginning of the school year.

Students used the journals for scientific, observational drawings made during walks around Seward and on field trips, as well as poetry writing. An Art Contest judged by HS Art students took place for the Parks Service and 10 students were chosen to have the journals displayed this summer in the new office at the Harbor.

Gamified classrooms using ClassCraft: help students moderate their behavior. Each student became a character in the game, and was rewarded experience and gold points for behaving in positive ways and completing academic tasks and quests. Students were penalized health points when they did not meet the expectations.

Hiking field trip, with tour of Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center: Students traveled to Girdwood to hike the Winner Trail and complete some drawings in their nature journals.

Salmon spawning field trip at Bear Creek: Students traveled to Bear Creek Fish Weir to retrieve and fertilize salmon eggs for the Coho raising project. Successfully raised Coho salmon to be released back into the wild.

Junior Achievement curriculum: All sixth graders participated in a week-long Junior Achievement course with two Seward volunteers.

### Special Ed

Special Olympics Middle School Bowling Tournament in Eagle River

Frequent feedback from colleagues and parents regarding their observations of students having made significant progress.

Two students have successfully mastered 2 years-worth of math instruction this year. (A 6th-grade student completed both Course 1 & 2, and a 7th-grade student completed both Course 2 & 3.)

Swimming twice a week during semester 2.

Successful program despite having unfilled positions, often with no substitute.

### Libray

Seward Middle School received a \$2000 grant from the Seward Community Foundation this spring! Money will be used to add new, flexible seating to create a reading nook in an area that has been used for storage in the past. This project should be completed next semester

Seward Middle School Library was #1 among the KPBSD schools in Overdrive logins this year! Our students logged in 2,643 times. That's 24 ebooks per student!

### Music

Small groups of students performed three times throughout the year for the school and community.

Students helped write and record a musical.

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Skyview Middle School

Principal: Sargeant Truesdell Principal, and Jill DuFloth, Assistant Principal

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Skyview Middle School is a comprehensive middle school with an enrollment of 410 full time students in seventh and eighth grade. This past year, SMS continued to provide a full array of elective courses such as band, choir, art, vocational and technical education, and foreign language. SMS also provided many opportunities for students that needed additional supports as well as enrichment. Additionally, the Title VI program continued to be beneficial in assisting Alaska Native students increased their academic performance as well as to help build stronger connections with school. Many of these students participated in the district's Upstream Academies, which are weeklong STEM camps, spearheaded by Rachel Pioch.

## **Staff Accomplishments**

Mr. Sarge Truesdell served in his 7<sup>th</sup> year as the principal of Skyview Middle School, and it was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for assistant principal, Jill DuFloth. For 2017-2018, we added four new teachers to the staff. New this year to Skyview Middle School was the first year of the KPBSD's Personalized Learning initiative. Skyview's Personalized Learning team was Sargeant Truesdell, Jill DuFloth, Amy Angleton, Sheilah-Margaret Pothast, Wendy Potton, and Patrick Dwyer. The PL team worked closely with Education Elements consultants and received PL training, which the team in turn, tailored to Skyview Middle School, and then delivered to the staff. Skyview is well on its way of integrating and implementing PL structures and strategies into our classes. Lastly, Skyview Middle School was one district recipient of a funding grant from Andeavor, which will promote STEM and CTE classes in our schools. This will help develop and support high-tech and high-skilled classes and projects for students at Skyview.

Masonic Student of the Year: Winner: Ivy Daly

Nominees: Quinten Cox, Nathanael Johnson, Josephine Moore and Jordan Strausbaugh

SMS Spelling Bee Winner: Josephine Moore

Geography Bee Winner: Blake Lewis

Outstanding Band Student of the Year: Josephine Moore



Outstanding Choir Student of the Year: Gabby Lane

Golden Hammer (Vocational Award): Justin Busddieker

Outstanding PE Students of the Year: 7th Grade--Kristen Houser and Shane Sundberg; 7th Grade CF--Trinity Donovan & Issac Chavarria; 8th Grade--Montana Fischer & Logan Shane

Outstanding Student Council Members: Ashley Anderson and Quinten Cox

Best of Show Art Award Winner: Jolie Widaman

Battle of the Books Team: Ivy Daly, Liam Harris, and Brayden Hart

Middle School Math Meet Team: Quinten Cox, Drew Cox, Josie Moore, Tessa Dearmore, Justin Hansen, Ivy Daly, Ali Powell

Chamber of Commerce Students of the Quarter:-2017-2018: Alissa Powell, Jordan Strausbaugh, and Joshua Jelliff

Perfect Attendance: Michael Cornell, Taylor Dobson, Hanna Giugler, Jessica Phegley, Avery Willets

4.0 G.P.A. (Entire year)

7th Grade:

Jakob Brown, Regan Evans, Ethan Hogue, Karley Johnson, Ashley Kingrey, Josie Sheridan, Violet Truesdell

8th Grade:

Chloe Armstrong, Katharine Bramante, Emma Brantley, Justin Busddieker, Ivy Daly, Blaine Hayes, Keegan Lorrington, Alissa Powell, Kaytlynn Walden, Aleena Zener

4.0 Both Years: Bethany Richmond, Jordan Strausbaugh, Isabella Valenzuela, Josephine Moore, Gabrielle Lane, Noah Harper

Reading, Mathematics, and Language Arts Remediation, Enrichment and High School Credit Offerings

In the quest to meet the academic needs and challenges of our students, Skyview Middle School offers classes designed to remediate areas of academic deficit before students move on to high school. Skyview has Reading, Mathematics, and Language Arts intervention classes that utilizing a variety of programming. Skyview also seeks to enrich the educational experience of advanced learners. Skyview offers Algebra and Geometry for high school credit. The availability of these two classes has enabled personalization to the needs of the advanced learner. This year, an online keyboarding course for high school credit was offered. These course offerings have enabled many students the ability to get a jump-start on their high school experience and will expand their future coursework opportunities.

Student Council

SMS Student Council membership finished the school year with more than 90 members. Our membership has assisted with Registration, the Transition Program, Open House, Parent Teacher Conferences, site visits to the 6th grade feeder schools,

and the SoHi Prom. We hosted five Activity Nights, a Spirit Week, created a Veterans Display in our front entry, raised money for Hurricane Relief efforts, conducted a Holiday Food Drive, and a donation drive to benefit Project Homeless Connect. Student Council members assisted in the 6th grade visit to our school leading tours and the Dress Code Fashion Show. Our Panther Student Council is a vital part of the success of our school and we look forward to continuing our tradition of spirit and service in the future.

#### Extra-Curricular Sports

Skyview Middle School continued to offer its traditional athletic program in 2017-2018. With over 400 participants in Soccer, Cross Country Running, Basketball, Wrestling, Cross Country Skiing, Volleyball, and Track & Field.

Borough Champs: Track (150 7th and 8th graders participated!) 1st Places at boroughs—Boys and Girls--15 1st place finishes; Wrestling – 1st place team boroughs and 8 1st place champions; Girls Soccer—1st place boroughs; Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball—1st place boroughs for both teams

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Soldotna Elementary

**Submitted by** Austin Stevenson

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- Library received monetary donations through 'Donors Choose'
- The Andeavor Community Investment program awarded Soldotna elementary an allotment for STEM books
- School wide administration of the MAP assessment (3 times) as a pilot for the entire KPBSD
- School wide acceleration in Math classes became available to all students (k-6) during the 2017-2018 school year
- Offered multiple new afterschool programs including two entirely new STEMp clubs.
- District wide forensics placements:  
1st Place Interpretive Reading Single  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Interpretive Reading Multiple  
2nd Place Humorous Poetry  
3rd Place Interpretive Reading
- Student from SoEl was a Dare Essay Finalist
- SoEl participated in the 2018 Kenai River Spring Clean Up
- SoEl received over 1000 dollars in box tops earnings
- PTO supported the first annual Spring Carnival
- PTO has raised over \$4000 dollars for new playground equipment

## Superintendent's Annual Report 17-18

School Name Soldotna High School

Submitted by Tony Graham

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 continues to provide an Afterschool Media Center (7:30 am – 5:00 pm) program that 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:

- \* SoHi Principal Tony Graham was named Region 3 Principal of the Year.
  - \* SoHi's Students in Transition Drive was a success. SoHi collected \$300 for our students in need in the KPBSD district.
  - \* SoHi SkillsUSA members did awesome at the District CTSO Conference AND in Anchorage! The school won the Most Employable School award for the second straight year
  - \* SoHi SkillsUSA students also hold 4 of the State Officer positions.
  - \* Cinderella's Closet has been a huge success over the years providing students with dresses and items from around the Peninsula and provided items to about 200 students.
  - SoHi Art students had 11 showings at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Visual Feast Art Show.
  - \* Soldotna Bible Chapel and Mission Aviation Repair Center local community organizations volunteered weekly with our SALT program for the second and final year of the SALT program.
  - \* Battle of the Books tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> this year at KPBSD.
  - \* SoHi Football won the state championship for the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year in a row and 59 straight consecutive wins. At least 9 players from the team received awards this season and the Assistant Coach won Coach of the Year.
  - \* Soldotna High School students won more than \$300,061.00 in scholarship money this year. With some big \$10,000-\$20,000 amounts awarded. 4 students won the Moose Youth awareness scholarship with a trip to Boston for Youth Congress. The HEA Youth Rally recipient gets a trip to Idaho.
  - \* During the Thanksgiving food drive, SoHi students collected enough food to give full meals to over 20 families.
- Soldotna girls soccer placed third at state soccer.

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

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Soldotna Montessori Charter School

Principal: John DeVold

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.

School Food Pantry - Community outreach effort. This school wide project was supported by student participation in bringing in donations for the pantry. Students also maintained the pantry throughout the year. Many parents/families participated in filling the pantry individually and as part of school effort events. Outside community members participated in adding materials to the pantry. Connections to the Food Bank and local grocery stores were developed in support of this project. Studnets participated in 5-6 presentations to City Councils, Local Clubs and City Hall. The school has received various forms of feedback from community members who have utilized the food pantry resource in appreciation of the effort that is mad by our students. The effort has also received notariety from the Peninsula Clarion, and on social media.

Student Developed Fundriasing efforts via school stores. - three groups of students participatied in establishng a school store to raise funds for donations. This years recipients (Selected by the participating students) were The Kenai Animal Shelter, American Heart Association, and our local school Food Pantry. Students stores raised \$32.28 for the American Heart Association; \$234.20 for the Kenai Animal Shelter, and \$375.30 for the school Food Pantry. The entire effort on all the school stores were completed by students.

First ever school "Fun Run" occurred as another fundraising effort. It was a quick implementiaion effort with a plan to expand it in the future. The school raised \$1775.00 for school playground equipment. The school effort will be used in conjunction with the SoEl for joint purchase of the equipment. Additionally, the money raised form this event will supply a plaque that recognized the efforts of our former P.E. teacher who spent many hours of hewr carreer here, out on the playground with kids.

Our new P.E. Teacher carried out a Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Students raised \$5184.00 in their effort. Quite remarkable for 167 students.

the school established a new holiday outreach program called "Spirit of Kindness." Donations for gifts were collected and then provided to participating students in need.

Since the program was in it's first year, we limited the outreach to SMCS studnets in need, but have plans on expanding it to include families in the coomunity. We also would like the "Spirit of Kindness" to not be limited to the holiday season and are working toward additional efforts in using the "Spirit of Kindness" donations throughout the year for a variety of needs.

Terri Carter has been asked to submit her resume for the Profesisonal Teaching Practices Commission as a board member.

Jessica Moore was recognized for her nomination as a BP teacher of Excellence.

Kris Romberg was a presenter at the Alaska Science Consortium.

# 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 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, 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 192 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:** Mr. Will Chervenak completed his Administrative internship at Soldotna Prep this year and was awarded a Master's Degree from U.A.A. He was also selected as finalist for the BP Teacher of the Year award. Soldotna Prep had 2 crucial team members retire, Donna Huegulet, Intensive needs teacher, and Vicki Madden, Head Secretary. Soldotna Prep staff participated in many KPBSD Committees and engaged in multiple Professional Development opportunities this year with staff represented on the Math Curriculum committee, and the Recognition committee. Professional Development was focused around Canvas and increasing the amount of class materials available to students anytime and anywhere and learning/experimenting about/with Personalized Learning. Book talks on Blended Learning in Action and The Innovator's Mindset were completed by over 50 % of the staff and all teachers practiced with Data Driven Instruction and Student Ownership and Reflection this year. Soldotna Prep again had very high participation rates in the Caring for the Kenai contest and was awarded over \$5000 for the school to use for future events. 4 of the top 12 finalists in the contest were from Soldotna Prep, including the runner up, Erika Arthur.

**Masonic Student of the Year:** Nick McConnell

**Masonic Student of the Year Finalists:** Erika Arthur, Josh Pieh, Ethan Evans, Grace Wahl, Katie Delker

**Chamber of Commerce Students of the Quarter:** Cassidy King, Abby Radeck, Grace Wahl

**Caring for the Kenai Contest winners:** 2nd placed overall, Erika Arthur, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Ryder Gielser, 6-12<sup>th</sup> Finalists Christina Kuczmariski and Parker Kincaid. Sponsor Awards were granted to, Brayden Gagnon, Bryce McCullough, Katie Delker, Kyrie Medina, Mack Frost, Zach Burns, Tyra Vix, and Christina Kuczmariski

**Perfect Attendance:** None

**4.0 G.P.A. (Entire year):** Zachary Burns, Victoria Garcia, Sierra Kuntz, Ryder Geisler, Olivia Daivs, Nick McConnell, Molly Cook, Madelyn Barkman, Laynee Straughsbaugh, Katie Delker, John Einerson, Ethan Evans, Erika Arthur, Clifford McElrea, Cassidy King, Abby Radeck, Aaron Fleming

**Elected Student Council Officers for 2017-18:** Katie Delker, Ethan Evans, Olivia Davis, Erika Arthur, Tuf Boze

**Credit Acquisition**

Compared to previous 5 years of data for Soldotna Area 9<sup>th</sup> graders Soldotna Prep School experienced an increase in the percentage of students earning 6 or more high school credits, an increase the percentage of students who are on track for graduation, and an increased reduction in the number of students earning 5 or less credits. 75.3% of Soldotna Prep’s students will have earned 6 or more credits and Soldotna Prep will have 84.3% 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, 28.6% 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 14.5 per cent when compared to the 5-year average. The biggest gains in recent years has been in the students who are far behind this number continues to decrease while the numbers of students who are closer to being on track graduate or who are on track to graduate continue to slowly rise.

Here is the final data for the 2017-18 School Year for Soldotna Prep Academic Performance:

178 Total Students

134 (75.3%) --- Passed all classes and earned 6 or more credits for the 2017-18 school year.

150 (84.3%) --- Passed all classes or had only one F and are on pace for 5.5 or more credits for the 2017-18 school year.

(16 students earned only 1 F this year)

28 (15.7%) --- Had 2 or more F’s and are **not** on pace for 5.5 or more credits during the 2017-18 school year. All of these students have been referred to Summer School for the 2018 Summer Session.

(15 students earned 5 credits, 5 students earned 4.5 credits, and 8 students earned 4 or less credits)

2017-18 data (break down by credit earned)

<u>Total</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>
178	37	14	83	16	15	5	8
100%	20.7%	7.9%	46.7%	9%	8.5%	2.8%	4.5%



# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name**  Sterling Elementary School (2018)

**Submitted by**  Denise Kelly

Sterling Elementary had a year full of art and parent involvement activities:

- We started the school year with new faces! We added three new classroom teachers and a new custodian.
- We had a back to school ice cream social – sponsored by our marvelous PTA. Students were able to meet their teachers and drop off their school supplies.
- We had 20 students who returned from summer and turned in their summer reading log. Our theme, again, was catching students reading in unique places. Students and staff sent in pictures reading in all kinds of vacation, camping, and relaxing locations!
- We started the year with grade cluster game afternoons led by our principal. This was to bring our grade levels together in fun, pro-social activities to help promote community.
- Sterling implemented the first parts of the Caring School Community curriculum that was purchased in part by a grant from the Voya Unsung Heroes and our school PTA. We implemented class meetings this year and will implement the final two components, buddy classrooms and home links next year.
- Our teachers, staff, PTA and volunteers made Trunk, Trail or Treat successful yet again! Our PTA also sponsored a Holiday Craft Fair this year which brought in a variety of local vendors.
- We held 2 Falcon Fun Nights this year where students could stay afterschool for fun activities and snacks.
- Our annual Sterling PTA Carnival was in February. As usual, we had a great turn out and made money for our school with our silent auction baskets.
- We held a Veteran’s Day concert as well as our winter and spring concerts. This year, we were pleased to offer a full year of art taught by our music and PE teachers. Through these two teachers’ collaborations throughout the year, our spring concert was more of a production showcasing the visual and dramatic arts they had practiced with students all year long. Parents came away from both the primary and intermediate concerts saying they were the best yet!
- In addition to the concert productions, Sterling held a fine art show which showcased all of the students’ art from the school year. Our band students provided elegant background music and our leadership students served hors d’oeuvres to all of our gallery opening guests!
- Our PBIS system continues to maintain the culture of our school. This year, students from each class announced on the announcements what their classroom celebrations were going to be when they filled their pompom jars. We had school wide celebrations nearly monthly if not more often because our school pompom jar was full. Our school was one of four schools that earned 100% on the PBIS SET assessment this school year!
- Students who earned the golden pompom were celebrated with ice cream with their lunch as well as the phone call home, prize from the prize box and picture on the bulletin board.

- Kinder-Fair provided future Kindergarteners and their parents the opportunity to register for Head Start and Kindergarten. Partnering with Head Start each year allows parents to see education as important from the earliest years.
- 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.
- Our end of the year field day brought in many volunteers, even ones who hadn't volunteered at any other time in the year. It was great to have new faces working with our students.
- Sterling raised money for Jump Rope for Heart and Pennies for Patients this year! Sterling families are so very generous!
- Our whole school family involvement events this year included – Back to School Ice Cream Social, annual Thanksgiving family day, Title 1 sponsored Muffins with Moms and Doughnuts with Dads, Watch DOGS Dads and Kids Pizza Night, Science Night, Art Show, Spring and Winter Concerts. All were successful with our students and families. In addition, we held our pre-k promotion during the evening this school year and it was well attended with over 80 family members of our 18 pre-k students.
- Sterling Elementary implemented the Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) program this school year. Our intent was to bring in more dads and male figures into our school to benefit the learning of our students. We were able to engage three dads on a consistent basis and will continue to work to engage more dads throughout upcoming school years.
- Classes participated in bear safety, water safety, winter safety, and dental health classes this year. We also welcomed the Red Cross Pillow Case Project as well as the Soldotna Lions who donated dictionaries and thesauruses to our students. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes participated in the Challenger Center's Mission to Mars.
- Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes participated in the State of Alaska's I Know I Can program for college and career readiness which culminated in a career panel with parents from our school talking about their college experiences. In addition, our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes held a math Olympics with their students.
- We had two Battle of the Books teams who did well in the tournament, with our 5/6 team tying for second place. Sterling Elementary students participated in the Borough Forensics tournament and we had 13 borough winners.
- Sterling Elementary completed the Great Kindness Challenge and decorated our lobby with their acts of kindness.
- We conducted our evacuation drill as a potential response to a school intruder or emergency situation. Sterling Baptist Church was instrumental in making that a success.
- Personalized Learning (PL) became a term used across our school. As a Wave 2 school, we went through our foundations and design trainings this school year with our PL Leadership Team. This team turned around and trained our teachers and instructional staff on the tenets of PL and all teachers experimented in personalizing learning for their students. Our staff are excited for our next steps phase.

During this school year, students participated in:

- 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, Reading, ELA and Math, in preparation for middle school.
- Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Lexia Core 5 users were at 100% usage and earned Amazon gift cards.

The following individual students were also recognized:

- Jenifer Webster was selected as this year's Masonic Outstanding Student in recognition of his hard work in academics, character, and his ability to get along with everyone!
- Kevin Steger'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, a local church who has a weekly youth group, and the Good News Club.

We continue to build our partnerships with the Sterling Community Center and the Sterling Senior Center, both prominent businesses within our community.

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Susan B. English School

Principal: Joshua Hinds

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## **-Student Achievements**

+Senior Sage Stanish awarded the BP Principal's Scholarship, the Elks Lodge Scholarship, and the UAA Scholarship Awards. He will be attending William & Mary College in Fall of 2018.

+7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Winona Fye qualified for and attended the State Geography Bee.

+Senior Sage Stanish participated as a member of the Nikolaevsk Basketball Team through District Collaboration

+Middle School Students participated in a joint collaboration with local businesses and scientist to develop a proposal for a community garden in Seldovia.

+Elementary Students participated in a Karate for Kids program and will participate in Fall Testing through the Homer-based KBay Martial Arts Dojo.

## **-Staff Achievements**

+K-6 teacher, Ms. Karen Bornheimer celebrated 20 years at Susan B. English school as the Elementary Teacher.

+School Secretary, Amy Gilson, named 2017-18 Staff Member of the Year for her outstanding effort and support of students, staff, parents and the community.

## **-School Achievements**

+Started new partnerships this year to expand programming opportunities for students, such as:

- \*Martial Arts Course

- \*School/Community Garden Opportunity for 2018-19

- \*Ceramics (through partnership with the Seldovia Community Center) for 2018-19

- \*Development of a Flight Simulator program through partnership with local Seldovian pilot-George Nathan.

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Tebughna School

Principal: Pamala Potter

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Grant Awarded: Quilt funding from the Art Guild

District Awards: Runner Up for Spirit of Youth Award

School-Wide Projects:

Battle of the Books

Girl Scouts

Talent Show

Spelling Bee

Skate Nights

Valentines Dance and Prom

Christmas Show

Science and Art Fair

Thanksgiving "Count Your Blessings" Elder Celebration

Hydroponics/Outdoor Garden/Blessing/Food for Elders

Health Fair

1<sup>st</sup> and Last Day Picnics

"Winter Bear" Suicide Prevention-Perseverance Theatre

Red Ribbon Week

Halloween Carnival

Veteran's Day Celebration

Tebughna Challenge based on academics, attendance, behavior (overnight fieldtrip)

Talent Show

100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration

Dr. Seuss Read Across America

Family Game Nights with Cross Country Races

Books for Bingo

Progress Reports sent home 5<sup>th</sup> week each quarter and quarterly conferences

Student Treasures Books (student written essays compiled into book for parents)

Sweatshirt logo contest

Three weeks of Spirit Days (beginning of year, Christmas time, testing time)

Artist in Residency (percussion instruments) for a week

Artist visit for three days at end of year

Love a Book Celebration/Book Giveaway for Valentine's Day

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Monthly Attendance Celebrations

Awards Assembly for end of year

Ladds Landing Field Trip for MS and HS

Genius Hour for Elementary and MS all year

# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Tustumena

Principal: 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 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.

Our outstanding achievements are measured best by our relationships. We started the year with a well attended Open House event and began to immediately begin work with the community to plan for the fall carnival coming in October. This event is the first of the year that brings, seemingly, the entire community through the Tustumena doors with an estimated 400 people in attendance. It is good clean fun and a very successful fundraiser for our PTO. This event also culminates a multiple prize auction that also raises funds but additionally creates community partnerships as their donations result in advertisement for the community. Our carnival has a Halloween theme but always falls on the last Friday of October so does not always correlate with October 31. In the case it does not match up, we also partner with the KPL, Boys and Girls Club, and the Eagles to provide a Trunk or Treat event in order to facilitate a safe and convenient event for kids to dress up for Halloween and go trick or treating. Our school also partners with the Kasilof Boys and Girls Club. This partnership has multiple benefits for our community. First, it is a safe place for kids to be after school. On average, 25% of our student body attend per day with a total of over 50% of the student body as members. This club is not only a service to our community but to the children themselves. Because of the rate of free or reduced lunches served in our school, the club qualified for a five year grant to serve supper. It is a sad note that so many families qualify for this program but in qualifying, the club serves actual meals to each child each night before they go home, not just a after school snack. We also partner with the Kasilof Public Library. This partnership is nearly 50 years old. It is mutually beneficial partnership that provides all community members with library access and provides the school with a larger selection of books, updated computers and this year, new furniture that we share. Still another partner is the Kasilof Community Church. Each Tuesday this church provides an afterschool program for approximately 60 students. This church is our "Parent pickup point" for our ALICE plan. Because of our unique setting and unavailability of any structure large enough to accommodate all of our children and staff within walking distance. Our plan includes remote site bus loading and transportation to the KCC facility where parents would be directed to pick up their children if we were to have an intruder-type emergency. Through our school newsletter, we began "Parent University". This is a series of links imbedded into the newsletter. These links are generated by our teachers in response to the help specific grade level student may need in order to remember how to do their

homework. Parents are often frustrated by not being able to help with homework because the methods and strategies have changed since they were in school. Parent University aids in closing that gap. In tracking the success of this program, I can see a number equal to 25% to 50% of the targeted grade level support households accessed the links.

First quarter Parent/Teacher conferences were well attended but some conferencing had to occur via telephone in order to assure 100% contact.

Tustumena students experienced several district level competition successes. Our Battle of Books team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the grade 3/4 category while our 5/6 team missed the finals by one question. The district Forensics match, hosted by Tustumena, featured nine categories with three grade levels in each category. Within these 27 specific competition, Tustumena students had several students place in the top three in nine of them. Additionally Tustumena held spelling bee competitions, National Geographic Sponsored Geography Bee as well with winners advance to the state level. Two unique opportunities that Tustumena students experienced this year were Campfire time and Thinkers Club. Campfire time was focused on K-3 grade students who, on a weekly basis during third quarter, participated in storytelling, Character Counts lessons, and old fashioned campfire songs. Thinkers Club involved students grades 4-6. Each week students learned strategies in team building, process planning, product based learning. Often there was not a "first place" but rather a criteria of success. Most of the projects were based on the ability to communicate clearly with a team. These teams were set up in a multiple of ways including student selected, teacher selected, and random selection. In each project, student were asked to analyze their success and correlate that success with the teams ability to function together. One of the biggest successes of the Tustumena staff is difficult to appreciate in a numeric fashion. They are all part of a bigger picture. They work together to make this a great place to be. The average number of years of service to Tustumena is nearly 20 years. Our former "BP Teacher of the Year," Sharon Hopkins, has retired this week. She served our district for more than two decades. So has several of our former and current staff members. There will be significant rollover as this group of friends begin to focus on life outside of education.



# **School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2017-2018**

School Name: Voznesenka School

Principal: Michael Wojciak

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- District Battle of the Books HS participants
- District Battle of the Books MS participants
- School-wide staff First Aid/CPR training
- UAA Scholarship recipient
- 2 AK Performance Scholarship recipients
- Mae Ciechanski Scholarship recipient
- East End Road garbage cleanup
- Annual Spring Fundraiser
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Migrant art contestant
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Migrant art contestant
- New wrestling mat order
- Land's End graduation
- 2 Awards Assemblies
- PBIS school
- Youth Court school
- Student attendee of Youth Court conference in Nome
- Youth Court trial
- 2 RAHI participants
- Recipient of Superintendent's Award for 4.0 GPA
- Voz Loop Road now Borough maintained
- 113 lb. 2<sup>nd</sup> place State wrestler
- 170 lb. 5<sup>th</sup> place State wrestler
- 195 lb. 5<sup>th</sup> place State wrestler
- 138 lb. 6<sup>th</sup> place State wrestler
- Wrestling team placed in top ten at State for the second straight year
- Cougar football was featured in the New York Times
- 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State ILB
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State Return Specialist
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State DL
- Yearly Garden Fair
- Cougar Code school celebrations
- Elementary and Secondary Field Days
- First bookmobile to visit Voznesenka

# Superintendent's Annual Report: 2017-18

School Name West Homer Elementary School

Submitted by Eric Waltenbaugh

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

## Student Celebrations

Sayde Shafli – State Geography Bee

Kendal Groves – State Spelling Bee

Battle of the Books – KPBSD 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> place, KPBSD 3rd/4<sup>th</sup> grade 3rd place.

## Parent Volunteers

Erica Marley, Sadie Philpott, Chelsey Arno, Jenifer Dixon, Bill Worsfold – regular classroom volunteers

Melissa Cloud, Janet Fink – 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip Naturalist volunteers across the bay

## Teacher Recognition

BP Teacher of Excellence nominations – Krista Etwiler, Ashley Hanson, Katie Bynagle.

Paraprofessional, Jonah Brost received his M.Ed.

## Grants Received

Alaska Mental Health Trust Grant – 75 inch SMART TV for Interventionist - \$8,000

August 29, 2017 - Open House

September 14, 2017 – Staff-led Professional Development meeting

September 15, 2017 Constitution Day Assembly

September 25, 2017 – Student Council Speeches

October 2 – 6, 2017 PTO Penny Wars

October 5, 2017 – Instructional Rounds Day

October 12, 2017 – ORCA Fun Run

October 13, 2017 Bingo Night

October 19, 2017 – Staff-led Professional Development meeting

October 23, 2017 – Youth Court Presentation  
October 26, 2017 – Family and Friends Night at the Book Fair  
October 23-27, 2017 - Scholastic Book Fair

November 1, 2017 – Instructional Rounds Day  
November 3, 2017 – Punkin’ Chunkin’ Trebuchet Event  
November 16, 2017 – Staff-led Professional Development meeting

December 7, 2017 – Instructional Rounds Day  
December 12, 2017 - Winter Concert  
December 11, 2017 - Youth Court Bar Exam  
December 21, 2017- ORCA Olympics

January 12, 2018 – Orca Standing Ovations Celebration of Achievement Assembly.  
January 18, 2018 – Staff-led Professional Development meeting

February 1, 2018 – Instructional Rounds Day  
February 12-23, 2018- Artist In Residence – Jocelyn Shiro  
February 12, 2018 – Squirrel Nut Zippers concert  
February 15, 2018 – Staff-led Professional Development meeting

March 6, 2018- Band Concert  
March 8, 2018 – Orca Standing Ovations Celebration of Achievement Assembly.  
March 22, 2018 – Instructional Rounds Day  
March 22, 2018 – Staff-led Professional Development meeting  
March 27, 2018- Family and Friends Night at the Book Fair  
March 26 – 30, 2018 – Scholastic Book Fair

April 10, 2018- Education Elements Learning Walk and WHE Instructional Rounds Observation Day  
April 23, 2018- Volunteer Appreciation Week  
April 25, 2018- West Homer ES Special Education Visit to HMS  
April 26, 2018- Spring Concert  
April 30, 2018- Teacher Appreciation Week

May 24, 2018- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade STEP Up Day at WHE  
May 4, 2018- School-wide Writers’ Fair  
May 17, 2018 – Staff-led Professional Development meeting

May 21, 2018 – HHS graduates visit WHE  
May 21, 2018 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Ceremony  
May 22, 2018 – Field Day