



# 3-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Cooper Landing, Hope, and Moose Pass Schools

## November 27, 2023



Digital Equity Plan - 30 Day Comment Period

November 9 - December 9, 2023

Too many communities in Alaska lack access to high-speed internet. Many more face affordability barriers. There is a stark divide between those who have internet access and those who don't. Digital equity means all have access to reliable and affordable high-speed internet to access education, healthcare, employment, and participate in today's economy. Starting November 9, 2023, and running through December 9, 2023, the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED), Alaska Broadband Office (ABO), is seeking public comment on the State of Alaska's Digital Equity Plan.

The Digital Equity Act provides \$2.75 billion nationwide to establish grant programs that promote digital equity and inclusion. In advance of "Capacity Grant Awards" (managed by the State of Alaska ABO) the Rasmuson Foundation and their partners over the last year have collected and compiled data and drafted the initial State of Alaska Digital Equity Plan. Attached is that document with State of Alaska Departmental review.

The document outlines the inequities that exist in the state and develops Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are focused on reducing or eliminating digital inequity for eight covered populations identified in the Digital Equity Act.

Those populations are:

1. Individuals with Disabilities
2. Individuals with a Language Barrier
3. Individuals who are Members of a Racial or Ethnic Minority
4. Individuals who Reside in Rural Areas
5. Aging Individuals

6. Veterans

7. Households a

8. Incarcerated Individuals



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The State of Alaska's Digital Equity plan and comment form are linked below for public review and comment. All interested parties are invited to submit comments on the Plan using the linked comment form by December 9, 2023.

[Alaska's Digital Equity Public Feedback Form](#)

[Draft Digital Equity Plan](#)

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If your student was in grades 5, 8, or 10 last year and they took the Alaska Science Assessment, their results are available in the Test Results section of PowerSchool. Please reach out to Cindy McKibben if you have any questions.

## Moose Pass School: Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday 11/28** - Site Based Council Meeting at 3:30PM **Postponed** new date TBD

**Friday 12/08** - Early Release: Students are released at 1:45

**Tuesday 12/12** - Christmas Performance at 7PM in Moose Pass School Gym: ***Please see attached note to parents at the bottom of this newsletter***

**Monday 12/18 - Tuesday 01/02** - Winter Break: Students are back to school on Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Any questions or concerns?

Please reach out to our Principal, Mr. Doug Hayman: [DHayman@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:DHayman@kpbsd.k12.ak.us)

or our school secretary Susanna Litwiniak: [SLitwiniak@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:SLitwiniak@kpbsd.k12.ak.us)

## Cooper Landing School Updates

### Christmas Performance

We are pleased to bring you our annual Christmas Movie Premiere on December 14 at 6:00 pm in the Cooper Landing School gymnasium. Please be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to this community event. All are welcome!

Students should arrive at 5:45 and the performance will start promptly at 6:00. We will begin with caroling followed by the video performance. It's possible that Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance!

We would like to follow up the performance with a dessert bar and coffee. If you are able, please bring a dessert to share.



We look forward to

### **PAC Officers**

We are in need of a PAC president, secretary, and treasurer. It sometimes becomes difficult to conduct the business of the PAC without officers. Please consider volunteering.

### **Swags**

We are still waiting on our pine boughs from Cadre Feed. They told me the ferry ran into bad weather on its way here and had to park it in a cove for a few days. Rest assured, as soon as we get the boughs, all the little elves will be hard at work. Thank you for your patience!

Price is \$25 each. Please email Donna at [dtucker@kpbsd.org](mailto:dtucker@kpbsd.org) or call 595-1244 to order yours. No need to pre pay. Thanks for your support!

### **Dates to Remember**

- Thursday December 7, 3:30-4:30 - First Semester Title 1 Activity, followed by the PAC meeting at 5:00. The PAC meeting had previously been scheduled for December 14, but has been rescheduled due to the Christmas Performance.
- Friday, December 8 - Early release. Students will be dismissed at 1:45.
- Thursday, December 14, 6:00 - Annual Christmas Performance
- Monday, December 18 - Tuesday, January 2 - Christmas Break. Students are back to school on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

### **Alaska Science Assessment Results**

If your student was in grades 5, 8, or 10 last year and they took the Alaska Science Assessment, their results are available in the Test Results section of PowerSchool. Please reach out to Cindy McKibben if you have any questions.

### **Substitutes**

Cooper Landing School is in need of substitutes for all positions: teacher, instructional aide, special education aide, secretary, and custodian. If you are interested, please go to the KPBSD website to apply: <https://kpbsd.org/departments/assistant-superintendent/instructional-services/hr/substitute-information/>

Teachers need only to have a high school diploma or GED. A teaching certificate is not required.

### **Winter Gear**

Please make sure your child has a warm jacket, hat, gloves, and when the snow falls, snow pants and boots. If it is convenient for you, and your child has extras, these things can be kept at the school. **Please make sure to label each item with your child's name.**

### **Community School Activities**

Volleyball - Thursdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Walking/Work-out  
Tot Time - Tuesday



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District Office has informed us that since there is no student contact for Community School activities, background checks are no longer needed unless you are issued a key to the school.

### Field Trips

Parents who wish to accompany their child on field trips (whether or not you are driving a student other than your own), must complete a background check. To complete the process, please click here: <https://kpbsd.org/departments/assistant-superintendent/instructional-services/hr/volunteer/>

### Winter Library Hours

Monday 1-3pm

Tuesday 3-5pm

Wednesday 1-3pm

Thursday 1-3pm

Friday 1-3pm

Saturday 11am-2pm

### Donation Link

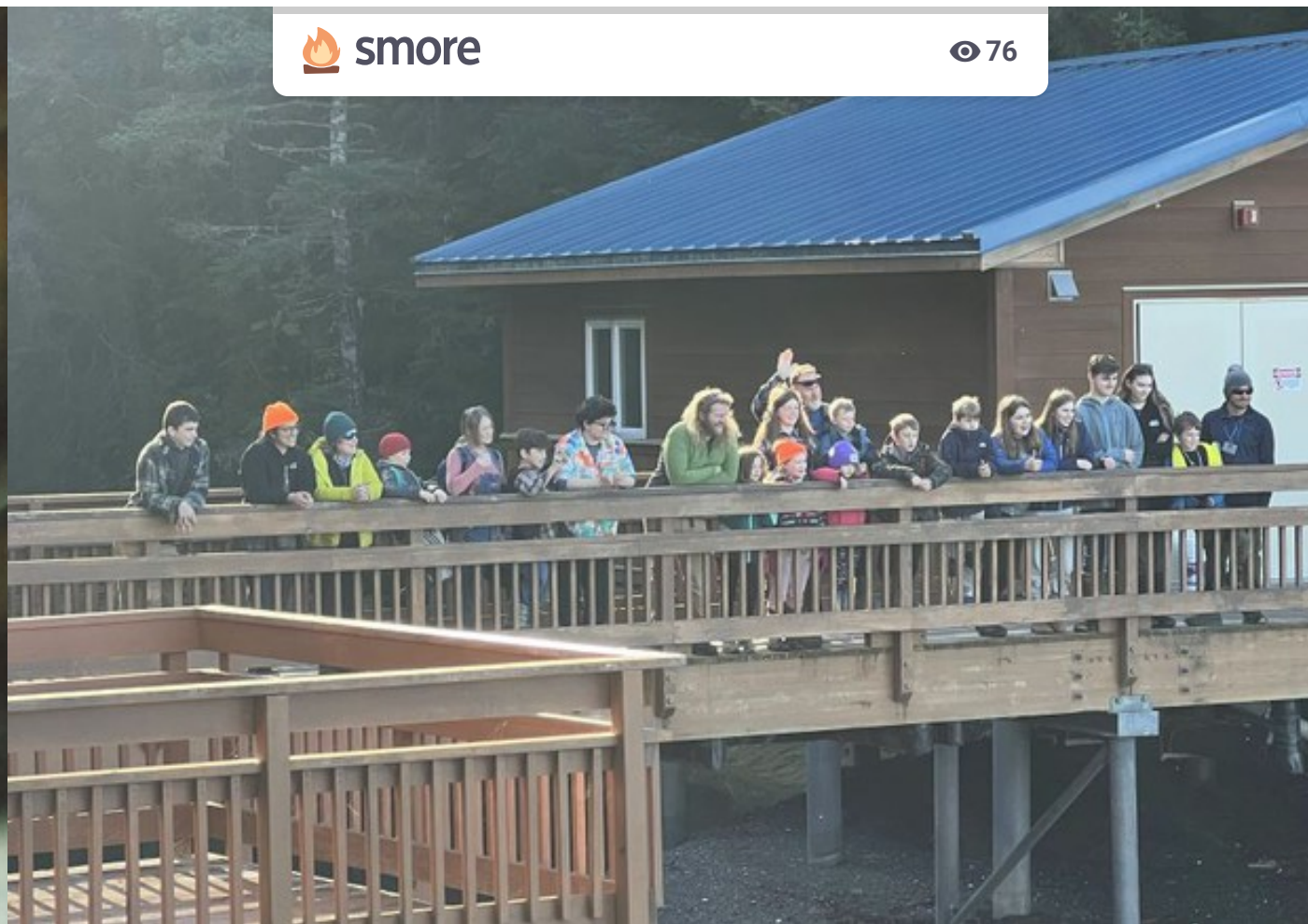
If you would like to make an online donation to our school with your credit card, here is a link:

<https://kpbsd.revtrak.net/k-12-schools/Cooper-Landing/cooper-landing-fundraiser/> Please note that a fee of 3.6% will be added to the total. Thank you for your support!

## Hope School Happenings



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### **ALASKA SCIENCE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

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### **AUCTION NEWS**

The auction was a success! The PTO was very pleased with the results. Our students did an amazing job of auctioning all of the holiday treats. It was an exciting and happy event. I think some of our students have real auctioning skills. We are all proud of them. We are equally as proud of our parents, staff and community members. They took the time and made the investments to ensure our students event was amazing. Thank you from our school to each of you.

### **MAPS TESTING**

Your students will have testing for three days next week. Please make sure they arrive on time, eat a healthy breakfast and get a good nights sleep. These are things we can all do to help our students to have a more settled and successful testing time.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**December 8th: Early release at 2:00 PM**

**December 18th - January 2nd: NO SCHOOL**



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volunteers. Opportunity is available for both positions currently. Please consider one or both positions <https://www.applitrack.com/kpbsd/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Volunteer+Screening+Process>

Here is a link to your new **school calendar** for this school year.

<https://kpbsd.org/wp-content/uploads/parents-students/calendars/2023-2024/2023-2024-Districtwide-Calendar-ER.pdf>

**Symptom-Free Protocol:** Covid information available on district website:

<https://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/content.aspx?id=42180>

### Hope School Staff



**Note to Parents for MPS Christmas Performance.pdf**

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