

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

KENAI ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER WITH KYLE MCFALL



August was a great month at Kenai Alternative! We welcomed 50 students to our first rotation, 37 of them new to our building. For the first couple of weeks, we have focused on promoting student ownership and leadership. We recognize that our students chose to come to Kenai Alternative and are proud of their decision to take ownership in their educational pathway. Their decision demonstrates a commitment to finishing their academic journey in a positive manner and not allowing existing circumstances to continue to hold them back. The staff and I try to celebrate this level of student ownership on a daily basis and hope that our students recognize how proud we are of them.

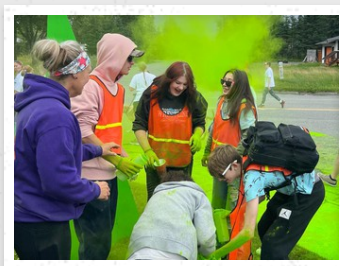
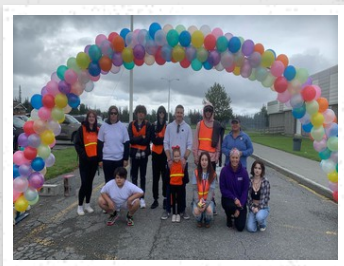
Additionally, we have stressed the value of student leadership on the school's culture. We have a strong sense of what our culture is at Kenai Alternative, but in order to make it grow and constantly improve, we need students to take on a leadership role. We have already seen students begin to emerge as leaders and demonstrate a strong commitment to the school and community. Under Shannon Dosko's leadership, Kenai Alternative volunteered to help at the annual Kenai Middle School Color Run. We had six students - Mercy Gephart, Daivion Swain, Bailey Demello-Rice, Aiden Koenig, Xander Kinslow, and Makayla Eberhard - volunteer at the event and display a strong sense of servant leadership. We applaud their efforts and look forward to seeing continued growth from all of our students.

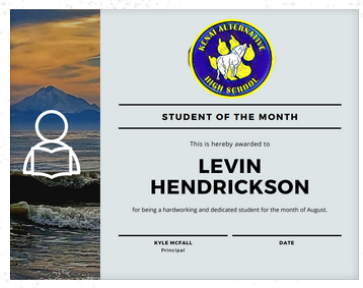
Finally, I want to recognize the work of a local student. Trinity Dykstra (pictured below) spent her summer fundraising money that she then donated to Kenai Alternative High School. Trinity's efforts and giving spirit are awe-inspiring. We are so appreciative of her and will always welcome her as a valuable member of the Kenai Alternative family.

#GoWolves #RunWithThePack



KAHS AT THE KMS COLOR RUN





STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Levin Hendrickson is the Kenai Alternative High School student of the month for August. Levin is extremely hard working and comes to school on a daily basis with a positive attitude. She is a vital member of the Kenai Alternative family and we are very proud of her. Congratulations Levin!

STUDENT ARTWORK



Taylor Lee, Jesse Markham, Tyler Croom, and Daivion Swain



Mercy Gephart



Aiden Koenig



Taylor Lee

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

KAHS staff members Elizabeth Chilson and Anna Widman are collaborating with Riley Board (a journalist at KDLL) and Report for America to create a student-focused service project. Students will work with KAHS staff and Ms. Board to develop student content in print, photo, and audio form. Students will be exposed to various journalistic skills, such as interviewing, photojournalism, broadcast, and expository writing. Student participation can lead to publication and possible future internships. We want to thank Ms. Board and Report for America for this partnership and look forward to seeing what this group of students produces.



SOURCES OF STRENGTH

Shannon Dosko, the KAHS Sources of Strength advisor, led students through a team building exercise on Friday, August 26. Using spaghetti noodles, a foot of tape, and 1 marshmallow, students attempted to build a free standing tower. The winning group of Xander Kinslow, Aiden Koenig, and Ryker Meyer built a tower that stood at 33.5 inches tall!



BREAKFAST CREW

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who come in early every morning to cook breakfast for our students! It is an awesome way to start the day and is appreciated by all at Kenai Alternative.

Thank you to Hal and Susie Smalley, Scott Earsley, Joe Halstead, Zach Halstead, Eileen Bryson, and Mich Michaud.



SECURITY CAMERAS

As a way to ensure safety, the school district and borough have installed security cameras at Kenai Alternative High School. Cameras are in public areas inside and outside of the school building. No cameras are placed in areas where students, staff, or community members have a reasonable expectation of privacy (i.e. bathroom).



EARLY RELEASE DAY

The first Early Release Day of the school year is Friday, September 9. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PICTURE DAY

WHEN

TUESDAY, SEP. 6TH, 9AM

WHERE

**705 FRONTAGE ROAD
KENAI, AK**

EARLY RELEASE DAY

WHEN

FRIDAY, SEP. 9TH, 12:30PM

WHERE

**705 FRONTAGE ROAD
KENAI, AK**

MORE INFORMATION

Students are dismissed from school at 12:30 pm.

END OF ROTATION 1

WHEN

FRIDAY, SEP. 23RD, 2PM

WHERE

**705 FRONTAGE ROAD
KENAI, AK**

MORE INFORMATION

End of the grading period.

FIELD DAY

WHEN

MONDAY, SEP. 26TH, 8:30AM

WHERE

**BURNEY'S TRAIL
AK**

MORE INFORMATION

Students and staff will go on a hike and enjoy a BBQ.



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Kenai Alternative offers students the ability to learn in a more individualized environment that focuses on the development of skills and knowledge that will be essential to life after school. Our staff is dedicated to the social emotional well-being of all our students and provides support beyond the traditional classroom walls.

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