KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

2019-2020 School Annual Reports to the Superintendent

John O'Brien, Superintendent

School Annual Report to the Superintendent
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School Name: Aurora Borealis Charter School

Principal: Mr. McCanna

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Joel Moss took first place and Jacob Joanis took third place in the Junior Division of the individual Global Issues Problem Solving. Joel Moss has been invited to participate in the Future Problem Solving Program International Competition to take place in June.

Alaska FPS State Bowl competed in the team version of the Global Issues Problem Solving competition. Aurora Borealis Team J39, Juliet Innes, Joel Moss, Lacy Nye, and Parker Richards took second place in the Junior Division. Aurora Borealis Team M28, Adrianna Kindred, Koen Pace, Adelyn Pontius and Emily Moss took third place in the Middle Division. Aurora Borealis Junior team J39 Juliet Innes, Joel Moss, Lacy Nye, and Parker Richards, Will Klein and Taya Swick took second place for the Junior Division. Aurora Borealis team J40, Jacob Joanis, Jolee Swanson, Seylor Tomrdle, and Walter Hu took the Audience Award Winner for Best Action Plan Project in the Junior Division. Middle Division team M28 Adrianna Kindred, Koen Pace, Adelyn Pontius and Emily Moss took first place for their Presentation of Action Plan both with the judges and was the Audience Award Winner as well. Team M29, Katie Nye, Caitlin Babcock, Melanie Seater and James Innes took third place for their Presentation of Action Plan.

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School Name: Chapman School

Principal: Josh Hinds

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10 PREK Students enrolled at Chapman

Fruit & Veggie state grant continues

Chapman School Open House

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

Middle School Shop, Music & Art Programs

Salmon Egg Collection - Anchor River

Community: Zumba, Adult Volleyball, Anchor King Wrestling, Archery

Child Find

SPROUT Playgroup

Footprint Student of the Quarter lunches with Mr. Hinds at locals restaurants

Halloween Carnival

Sports: Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling

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

Music: Music all students, Band 5th-8th grade, Winter Concerts

Community: Senior Citizen Craft Bazaar, Borough Meetings, Memorial Serviced

Quarterly Awards Assemblies

Assemblies and classroom presentations by community members

Canned Food Drive for Community Food Bank & Thanksgiving Baskets

100% & Dr. Seuss Read Across America Activities

CHILL after school program

Field Trips - All Grades

Distance Learning

Thirteen 8th grade students promoted

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School Name: Connections

Principal: Richard Bartolowits

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Academic + Music Scholarship - Katherine Stoll
Mae Ciechanski Scholarship – Denali Jackson
Alaska Christian College Foraker Peak Scholarship - Denali Jackson
Associates of Arts Degree from KPC, Magna Cum Laude - Virginia Orth
Nanook Scholarship - Tyler Neil
2020 Spirit of Youth Innovator Award - Anna DeVolld
President's Environmental Youth Award - Anna DeVolld
2020 Justice for All Art Contest, 2nd place - Sara
DeVolld Alaska Christian College Scholarship - Vanessa
Lopez Sponsored Christmas Dinner at Kenai Peninsula
Food Bank
Battle of the Books, Grades 5 & 6, 2nd Place (tie) - Soldotna Office

KPBSD Forensics Competition, Grade 6, Storytelling-Singles, Perfect Score - Sara DeVolld

KPBSD Forensics Competition, Grade 5, Non-humorous Prose - Aliyh
Blough National Geographic Geography Bee State Qualifier - Ronan
Bickling Spelling Bee State Qualifier - Xiling Tanner
UAA/Anchorage Daily News Creative Writing Contest, Honorable Mention - Eddie Goans

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School Name: Cooper Landing School

Principal: Doug Hayman

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Cooper Landing School had a delayed start to the school year due to the Swan Lake Fire. The fire came very close to the town of Cooper Landing, but thanks to the efforts of the firefighters and others, the town was spared. School began as scheduled on August 21, but was closed after 4 school days and reopened officially on September 4.

We received two grants this year. The first was the Alaska Community Foundation grant in the amount of $660. The second one was the Cultural Collaborations Excursion Grant in the amount of $600. Funds from the Alaska Community Foundation were used on supplies that the school would not normally have had money for, while the Cultural Collaborations Excursion grant funds enabled students studying the Harry Potter book series to attend the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra's presentation of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.

All students participated in the Guinness Book of World Records Cup Stacking event last November. The event is billed as the “Most People Sport Stacking at Multiple Locations in One Day." There were 638,503 participants of which we were a part!

8th grader, Cooper Gossard, competed in the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) competition.

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) held their annual Holiday Market which, as usual, was a huge success. Students, staff and volunteers made over 90 holiday swags which are always well-liked by the community. Earnings from the market help fund field trips such as Alaska Close-Up, where three of our students traveled to Juneau to participate in our state government in a meaningful and hands-on approach.

We had a team of three students who participated in the Alaska FIRST Lego League Robotics competition at Aurora Borealis School last December. The team came in 4th place.

This year, our annual Christmas Play was ""A Charlie Brown Christmas". It was directed by students Leihla Harrison and Linnaea Gossard. Every student

participated in the play which was enjoyed by parents and community members. Afterward, a holiday ham supper was served.

We had two teams who competed in Battle of the Books. Our high school team came in second district-wide and our 3/4 team came in third.

8th grader, Leihla Harrison, won first place in the youth category of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area's poetry contest, which challenges participants to describe what they love about the NHA in a traditional haiku format. Her winning haiku was titled "Discovery".

To wind up the school year, on May 14th we held our "Author's Tea" via Zoom. This has been a tradition at Cooper Landing School for 20 years running. Also called "Written & Illustrated", each student writes a short story and illustrates each page with a drawing. The books are then printed and bound with a special cover. The books are then shared at an "Author's Tea", normally a community presentation at the school.

Friday, May 15th was Kindergarten Graduation and award ceremony held via - you guessed it - Zoom! Parents and grandparents joined in and Mr. Gossard shared a presentation for the kindergarten students and awarded them their diplomas. Various awards were then presented. Cooper Gossard was awarded this year's Masonic Award for completing his second high school course while still in 8th grade!

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School Name: Fireweed Academy

Principal: Todd Hindman

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Activity Highlights:

Fireweed Academy stayed true to its Mission, Vision, and Core Values by providing many opportunities for students, parents, teachers, and community members to develop: self-reliance, cooperation, reasoning ability, personal growth, and academic achievement. The school's activities also continued strengthening the climate and community of the school. Here are some of the monthly highlights:

August

- Restorative Practices Workshop for Staff
- History & Hope Workshop for Staff
- Implementation of Restorative Practices
- Parent Volunteer Campaign begins
- Annual Family BBQ at Hornaday Park
- "Cycles" Theme Launch

September

- Annual Overnight Camping Trip to Anchor Point
- Big Fireweed Harvest Festival / Open House
- Fireweed Frescoes' Cardboard Violin Workshop for Parents and Kids
- Little Fireweed Open House
- World Arts Festival Student Workshops with Roger Lusby a singer, songwriter and poet from New Zealand at Little Fireweed. "Alaska is My Home" song
  written by students and Roger is recorded.
- World Arts Festival Student Workshops at Big Fireweed led by Dan Haberfield an actor from Australia.
- World Arts Festival dance/music performances by the Nanwalek Seal Dancers and the Ka Pa Hula o Ka Lei Lehua Hawaiian Hula dancers. Also performing was drummer Dr. Habib Iddrisu from Northern Ghana.
- Kandisky inspired outdoor mural installation at Little Fireweed.
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Kaleidoscope celebration at Big Fireweed / WHE.

October

- Family Engagement Workshop for Staff
- Restorative Practices Workshop for Staff
- Whale watching field trip for 5th & 6th grade, followed by a presentation from
  Olga von Ziegesar, a whale research scientist.
- Wynn Nature Center field trip for 3rd and 4th grade.
- Kindergarten Story Walk with Homer Middle School students.
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Red Carpet Day celebration
  at Big Fireweed / WHE.
- Cycles Celebration at LFW with songs and dances followed by a Harvest Potluck and Potato "Sundaes."
- Big Fireweed field trip to Anchor Point for a salmon egg take with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
- Coffee with the Academic Policy Committee (APC) at Little Fireweed

November

- Habitats Theme Launch
- Habitat outdoor mural installation at Little Fireweed.
- Fall Fundraiser for student activities feature a Fireweed Frescoes performance and a Big Fireweed Salsa dance performance.
- Field trip to the Homer Library for Little Fireweed.
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Kaleidoscope celebration at Big Fireweed / WHE.
- Coffee with the Academic Policy Committee (APC) at Big Fireweed.
- Fireweed Frescoes and Burnt Down House performance at KBay Caffé.
- Guest Speaker, Kay Sturm at Big Fireweed.

December

- Inupiat Traditions and Values of Little Diomede presentation by guest speaker Brenda Dolma at Big Fireweed.
- Oceans and Islands field trip for Big Fireweed.
- Nearshore Fish and Felt Art Project with Kachemak Bay Research Reserve. at LFW.
- Guest Speaker Ben Weitzman from NOAA presented on "A Keystone Species: Sea Otters" at Big Fireweed.
- Fireweed alumni Sylvia Clemens and Bailey Young's presentation on Salmon and the
  effect of pollution on their habitat at Little Fireweed.
- Writer's Cafe celebration at Big Fireweed.
- Guest Speaker Derek Stonorov presentation on bears at Little Fireweed.
- Fireweed Academy's Community Solstice Spiral.
- Peter Norton's rendition of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at Little and Big Fireweed.

- Holiday Food Drive for the Homer Food Pantry at Little Fireweed.January
- Cellists, Low & Lower performance at PBE with Little Fireweed.
- Structures Theme Launch
- Link Up Concert Practice with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra's Sue Biggs at Little and Big Fireweed.
- Guest speaker Daler's presentation on Life in Tajikistan at Big Fireweed.
- Ginny Espenshade, Director of the Kenai Peninsula Youth Court workshop for interested 5th and 6th graders at Big Fireweed and WHE.
- Structures outdoor mural installation at Little Fireweed.

February

- Link Up performance for Fireweed Frescoes and students of Little and Big Fireweed with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra.
- Fireweed Parent Workshop with Ingrid Harrold on Restorative Practices.
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Alaska Salmon Dissection activity at Big Fireweed.
- Coffee & Conversations with Superintendent John O'Brien at K-Bay Caffe'.
- 2020 Chess Tournament with WHE.
- Little Fireweed's Habitat mural installation at K-Bay Caffe'.
- Artist in Schools with Gail Baker, animal mask making at Little and Big Fireweed
- Structure Expo celebration at Big Fireweed
- Guest Speaker: Micheal Armstrong from the Homer News at Big Fireweed
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Dress Like Your Teacher celebration at Big Fireweed / WHE.
- Battle of the Books celebration at Big Fireweed.

March

- Artist in Schools with Gail Baker, animal mask making at Big Fireweed
- Artist in Schools celebrations with Gail Baker at K-Bay Caffe'

Remote Learning

- Virtual Theme Launch: Exploration
- Antarctica presentation by guest speaker Martin Renner via Zoom
- Creation of Explorations outdoor mural through student drawings via See Saw.
- Explorations outdoor mural installation at Little Fireweed
- Virtual Tide Pool field trip
- Virtual Quiet Creek Parkfield trip
- Virtual Shorebird Festival field trip
- 2nd Grade Promotion via Zoom
- 6th grade Promotion via Zoom

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School Name: Homer Flex

Principal: Christopher Brown

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School-wide:
-Continued implemention of restorative practices
-Carrs/Safeway Alaska Education Grant for restorative practices
-SPROUT grant for continuation of trauma informed care initiative
-NEA leadership grant for addiction counseling training
-Homer One Hundred Women Who Care grant for food security
-Alaska Alternative Schools Grant for varying school initiatives
-Continued focus on positive school environment through PBIS (100% staff and student participation)
-Sources of Strength resiliency initiative (student led)
-Community hosted physical education activities (Friday afternoons)
-Career and Tech (CTE) course offerings (culinary arts and drafting)
-Artist in the School (Art Koeninger) via Bunnell Street Arts/Homer Foundation grant
-Adopt a Highway spit cleanup
-Increase Community Engagement through Pancake Breakfasts (Wedneday mornings)
-Increased JumpStart participation
-School Climate and Public Safety Planning Committee members - Ingrid Harrald and Christopher Brown
-Food Bag Initiative in conjunction with the Homer Food Pantry

Project AWARE Mental Health Counselor Ingrid Harrald:
-Youth Mental Health First Aid trainer
-4th R curriculum
-Sources of Strength leader and trainer
-Trauma Informed Care Community leader
-Restorative Practices leader and trainer
-Resiliency Coalition Leadership Team
-Opiod Task Force member
-Homelessness Action Group member
-Homer "Step Up Challenge" coordinator

Student Achievements:
All-Region Cheer Team - Audnia Carlson
Borough Honor Choir - Madison Mayer and Daylynn Yenney
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 16"s Robert Turkington Memorial Scholarship ($750) - Autumn Carlson
KPAA Scholarship ($350) - Autumn Carlson
UAF's Nanook Pledge ($3000 a year) - Audnia Carlson
Cook Inlet Regional Citizen's Advisory Council's James Carter Memorial Scholarship for Environmental Sciences ($2500) - Autumn Carslon
Homer Foundation's Fish & Wildlife Scholarship ($2000) - Autumn Carlson
Homer Foundation's Kachemak Bay Medical Clinic Scholarship ($2000) - Autumn Carlson
University of Alaska Scholars Award - Audnia Carlson
The Alaska Performance Scholarhship - Audnia Carlson
Masonic Outstanding Student Award – Autumn Carlson

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School Name: Homer High School

Principal: Douglas Waclawski

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SCHOOL AWARDS

* US World News & Report 2020 To Schools

    -2nd Best School in Alaska

    -Top 5% of School's in Nation

Newsweek Top 5000 Stem School for 2020

ACADEMIC

* Congressional App Challenge - Ian Cambridge

* National Yearbook Program of Excellence Award

SPORTS

* State Champions - Hockey

* State Champions - Girls Volleyball

* Small Schools State Champion - Girls Nordic Skiing

INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONS

* Wrestling (125) - Sadie Blake

* Wrestling (189) - Rayana Vigil

* Wrestling (152) - Mose Hayes

* Wrestling (189) - Anthony Kalugin

* 200 Yard IM - Swim / Dive - Madison Story

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School Name: Homer Middle School

Principal: Kari Lee Dendurent

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School Climate and Culture

August 14, 2019 7th Grade Smart Start

August 21, 2019 Student Handbook Principal Presentation to all PE Classes

August 23, 2019 Homer Husky Sorting Hat Assembly

Septmber 11, 2019 Top Dog Competition

September 24, 2019 Distribute Husky Pride T-Shirts

September 26, 2019 Pep Rally

October 11, 2019 Pep Rally

October 17, 2019 Student Government Speeches and Elections

Novermber 22, 2019 HMS Staff Crock Pot Cook Off

November 22, 2019 Green Dot Initial Training for 7th Grade Cohort

Green Dot Bystander Training

October 25, 2019 Activity Night

December 9-13, 2019 Spirit Week

December 13, 2019 Pep Rally

December 13, 2019 Activity Night

December 17, 2019 HMS Staff Holiday Cookie Bake Off

January 21, 2020 Principal Presentation to 7th Graders in ELA classes

February 7, 2020 Top Dog Twister- Pennies for Patients

February 24 - 28, 2020 Spirit Week

February 28, 2020 Pep Rally

February 28, 2020 Activity Night

March 6, 2020 HMS Staff School Culture Meeting

Parent Involvement

August 15, 2019 7th and 8th Grade Orientation

September 5, 2019 HMS Open House

Septmber 23, 2019 Site Council

October 14, 2019 Site Council

January 27, 2020 Site Council

Kenaitze Family Night

Community Engagement

October 9 & 10, 2019 7th Grade Beach Clean Up

October 9 & 10, 2019Ms. Jason Story Walk with Paul Banks ES

Novermber 15, 2019 Homer Council of the Arts RupLoops Presentation

December 4, 2019 8th Grade Salmon Project Presentation to KBNERR CC

December 5, 2019 HMS and HCOC Christmas Tree Lighting

December 1-20, 2019 Share the Spirit and Angel Tree'

February 5, 2020 NYO in PE Classes

December 18, 2019 KBBI Interviews for Salmon Project

Academic Accomplishments

1st Quarter Honor Roll Assembly

1st Quarter Honor Roll Treats

January 15, 2020 NJHS Induction Ceremony

January 16 & 17, 2020 HMS Geo Bee

January 23, 2020 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Assembly

January 24, 2020 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Treats

February 6, 2020 Spelling Bee

February 8 & 9, 2020 Math Counts

February 26, 2020 Battle of the Books 1st Place KPBSD

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School Name: Hope School

Principal: Douglas Hayman

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Hope School had excellent attenance during the shift to online learning after spring break. There were only a handfull of absences, and all were excused. Our students kept amazing and positive attitudes throughout.

Our one senior graduated with an oustanding academic record. He has already been accepted to Colorado State College.

Many of our students participated in Pickleball Club and Photography Club this year, thus adding to their CV for future college applications.

We had a very young, (kindergarten) "Student of the year." Alton Chisum-DeFrance. Well done Alton!!

One of our students, Ryder Skaaren, participated in a tennis tournament in Anchorage. He and his partner won the doubles category.

A on-school celebration was two of our students were officially adopted (remain unnamed.)

It was a tough year for Hope but we made it through and are happy to celebrate our successes.

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School Name: Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science

Principal: Dawn Grimm

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Ella Siemers - Water the Miracle of Life Poster Contest Winner

Ruby Davis - National Geographic School Champion

Ruby Davis, Gracee Every, Sable Wolverton - KCHS Sources of Strength, Sticker Contest Finalists

Bunnell's Art Grant for Hawaiian Dance Crystal Soyanco

Shala Dobson and Jim Dobson Mural Project: created with students and staff

PTA High tunnel Installed by our Kaleidosocpe Family

Yoga in the Classroom Program, taught by volunteer Kristie Copeland

Gardening in Schools with Mel Sikes and Heidi Chay - March 6th -

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School Name: K-Beach Elementary

Principal: Janae Van Slyke

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This year we started "Positive Office Referrals." As of March 2020, 113 individual students (26% of our student body) were recognized at the office level for their positive behavior.

K-Beach has had great community involvement with our R.I.G.S. (Reading Is Great in Summer) Assembly. Marathon and Soldotna Rotary Club were sponsors for rewarding our students.

Our Caribou Migration was a great success and we were fortunate to receive substantial funding for technology and playground equipment. We raised over $15,000.

Ms. Mucha and our intermediate students had a wonderful band performance! The concert was an excellent opportunity to highlight our students and their efforts.

Jason Daniels's Class – Community project for the planning and construction of drainage through our playground culvert. Students submitted a plan, completed construction, and documented the process in a PowerPoint presentation.

Veterans Day Assembly - We recently enjoyed a very special assembly in honor of our veterans. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to hear stories shared by veterans from our local community. Many of our students had family members acknowledged for their service to our country.

Kenai River Brown Bears volunteered twice each week December through February.

Thanksgiving Baskets - A local church for donated Thanksgiving baskets to fifteen K-Beach families needing a little extra holiday cheer.

Primary Christmas Concert - All students in grades K-2 gave a wonderful Christmas concert performance to our families.

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

Christmas Kindness - The Eagles, Soldotna Elks Club, and Crime Stoppers donated money, items, or time to some of our neediest families.

STEAM Club: I appreciate that the students at K-Beach have an option weekly after school to participate in STEAM Club.

Film Club – Mr. Gordon does an excellent job teaching our students about the process of writing a script and making a film. Our students love it!

Mr. Daniels was selected as the recipient of a $5,000 BP Classroom of Excellence STEM Grant for the Adopt-a-Stream Project!

Masonic Award Winner - Brayden Wilkinson represented K-Beach Elementary as our Masonic student of the year.

Spelling Bee - Marshall Woodward represented our school at the state spelling bee in Anchorage.

Jump Rope for Heart- All students of K-Beach Elementary participated in Jump Rope 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. We raised **$11,421.61!**

February 25th - Franchesca Wingster a beautiful piece of multi-media art for the Alaska Superintendent Art Show. Her art piece will be displayed at the show.

February 28th – I received a letter from Senator Dan Sullivan congratulating K-Beach on our BP STEM grant.

HEA's 2020 Electrical Safety Poster Contest - Congratulations to Avery Everrett and Madison Hibpshman! The girls won two of the three awards in HEA's poster contest. Way to go!

K-Beach Chess Club Tournament- Many students in grades 3-6 participated in the fifth annual K-Beach Chess Club Tournament. The tournament took place on Zoom this year!

PTO We had the largest turn out that I have seen for our Pumpkins on the Playground event. Students and families had a great time!

Bingo for Books – We had a nice turn out to our Bingo for Books. Families were going home with armfuls of books.

Sledding and Game Night - Many families braved the cold for a sledding night. There were also board games and hot chocolate in the gym for families to enjoy together.

Notable Guest Speakers

Collegiate Miss Alaska presented to several classrooms on anti-bullying.

ADFG did a salmon dissection with third grade students

American Red Cross did a pillowcase and emergency preparedness project with third grade students.

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School Name: Kenai Alternative

Principal: Loren Reese

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Individual Awards and Recognition:

Masonic Outstanding Student – Victor Evan

ELKS Lodge #2425 Student of the Year-Victoria Kitson

UA Scholar- Elsie Daniles

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, the Halstead Family, and Scott Earseley. 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 12 other alternative schools from Alaska. A meeting was held in September. There all 12 schools discussed ways to better serve the alternative students in our state. This coalition is funded by the state of Alaska Deaprtment of Education. This year, the coalition made plans on how to continue on without having the Project Aware counselor that we have had during the last four years. This coalition is a valuable resource for sharing ideas with other alternative schools.

This year KAHS had 21 graduates.

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School Name: Kenai Central High

School Principal: Briana Randle

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Staff:

Bobby Clucas (head custodian): Retire

Emily Sims (Foods/Culinary Arts: Retire

Ted Riddall: PE/Health: Retire

Cary Calvert: Math: Retire

Deborah Sounart: Band: Retire

Meredith McCullough: Claes Nobel Top Ten Educator of the Year Award

Deborah Sounart: Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction Award

Simon Nissen: Choir Award: Northern Arizona Madrigal Festival High Rating

Tracie Beck: Volleyball Coach of the Year

Briana Force: Cheer Coach of the Year

Scott Shelden: Hockey Coach of the Year

School:

100% graduation rate

Students Academics:

Lydia Marlow: Valedictorian, Honor Graduate, Merit Scholarship, Nursing Scholarship

Hunter Beck: Valedictorian, Honor Graduate, Academic Excellence Western Undergrad. Exchange Award, Assistant Principal Award, Hilcorp Future Leader of America, $78,900 total in awards and scholarships

Joshua Foster: Valedictorian, Honor Graduate, George D. Walton Scholarship, Nanook Pledge Scholarship, $16,425 total in awards and scholarships

Tucker Mueller: Honor Graduate, Academic Excellence Western Undergrad. Exchange Award, Principal Award, $66,900 total in awards and scholarships

Jean Dunham: Honor Graduate

Students Athletic:

Kailey Hamilton: Female Athlete of the Year, Leadership Award

Braedon Pitsch: Male Athlete of the Year, Athletic Scholarship (soccer) Dallas Baptist

Travis Verkuilen = Athletic Scholarship (soccer) Earlham College

Volleyball: 2nd place at State

Swim and Dive: Region III Champions, 6th, 8th State finishes

Cross County: Girls: 7th, 6th, 4th State finishes

Cross County: Boys: 5th State finish

Football: Braedon Pitsch: 2nd team wide receiver and defensive back, Hunter Beck: 1st Team center and 2nd team defensive lineman

Wrestling: 5th Conference Tournament with 1st, 2nd, 3rd finishes, 3rd and 6th State finishes

Hockey: 4th State Tournament, Jordan Knudsen 1st team All-Conference Miles Marston 1st team All-Conference

Nordic Skiing: 5th Regional Tournament, 5th finish

Girls Basketball: 5th Conference Tournament, Kailey Hamilton 1st Team All-Conference, Damaris Severson 2nd Team All-Conference, Jaiden Streiff 2nd Team All-Conference

Boys Basketball: 4th Conference Tournament, Braedon Pitsch 1st Team All-Conference

Evan Stockton 2nd Team All-Conference, Andrew Bezdecny 2nd Team All-Conference

Cheer: Ralley in the Valley Stunt, Game Time, and Grand Champions, Cheer 1st Team All-Conference: Rileigh Pace, Sam Ward and Cali Holmes

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School Name: Kenai Middle School

Principal: Vaughn Dosko

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SPORTS

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

ACADEMICS

Math Counts	1st Place in State
Math Bowl	1st Place in Homer
FPS	2nd Place
(Future Problem Solving)	
Geography Bee	1st Place – Rhett Bilger

Spelling Bee	1st Place – Makenzie Harden
Battle of the Books	7th & 8th Grade – 2nd Place
After School Tutorial	November 12 – March 5
	(Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's)
Masonic Award	8th Grade - Chloe Grim
EXTRA-CURRICULAR	
Band Concerts	5 Band Concerts throughout the year
Choir Concerts	5 Choir Concerts throughout the year
ACTIVITIES	
WAK	August 15
	(Welcoming All Kids)
Open House/BBQ	August 29
May 12	(Virtual)
Spirit Week	September 9-13
	April 13-17 (virtual)
Activity Nights	September 20
	November 15
March	(Cancelled)
May	(Cancelled)
Hay Maze	October 23
Red Ribbon Week	October 21-31
Book Fair	October 28- November 1
Canned Food Drive	December 2-20
Character Counts	August 20 – May 20
SOM	Awarded Monthly in each grade level
	(Students of the Month)
Celebrations	October 31
April	(Cancelled)
Ice Fishing	February 20 (7th Grade)
Clubs	January 22 – February 26

Volunteer Celebration	May 6
New Student Visitation	April (Cancelled)
Aluminum Can Drive	April (cancelled)
Mini courses	May 18-19 (cancelled)
6th Camp	May 11-13 (cancelled)
Farewell Ceremony	May 20 (virtual)

MEETINGS

Staff Meetings (monthly – first Wednesday of each month)

DRILLS

Fire Drills	Monthly
Earthquake Drills	Oct 18
ALICE Training	August 23 and March 26

BUILDING USE

Multiple community user groups

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School Name: Kachemak Selo

Principal: Michael Wojciak

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- Student participants in School Board Presentation
- District math committee member
- 2 Family Title afternoons
- UA Scholar recipient
- Alaska Performance Scholarship
- Homer Emblem Club Scholarship
- Mae Ciechanski Scholarship
- PL Champ
- STEAM Team program
- K-5 swimming lessons
- K-5 cross-country skiing lessons
- K-5 overnight to Sea Life Center
- Masonic outstanding student
- Student participants in Migrant trip to Juneau
- Collaborative Peer Observations
- Community vote approved advocating for new school
- Student athlete participation with Homer H.S. Football
- Student athlete participation with Homer H.S. Wrestling

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School Name: Marathon School

Principal: Melissa Linton

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During the 2019-2020 school year Marathon School had 50 Middle and High School students enrolled in grades 7-12. The average enrollment period for a Marathon student is 35 days. For the first time, Marathon School was awarded a competitive Title I Youth and Detainment grant and is now able to staff a Recidivism Liaison. The Liaisons role is to assist students transitioning back to their home school, and also to support students on community probation, who are not detained. This position has and will continue increased communication between Marathon School, families, the student's home school and the probation officers at the Department of Juvenile Justice. Marathon School continues to partner with outside agencies, such as the R.E.C. Room from Homer and the Kenai Workforce Development Center, to provide students training and lessons in career readiness, social emotional and life skills. Now more than ever, our most at-risk students need support and patience to navigate challenging times now and ahead. The Marathon staff is dedicated to personalizing the academic, social and emotional needs of our students both during their stay at Marathon, and afterwards so they can be successful in and outside of school.

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School Name: McNeil Canyon

Principal: Pete Swanson

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Staff Achievements

- Ann Love and Lenore Swanson collaborated with parent volunteer Miriam Linder on 27th consecutive, successful Artist-in-Schools grant that provided the opportunity for all students to work with our digital resources to create drawings and cartoons in a digital format. Artist, Travis Jackson , was our Artist in Residence. Travis provided an opportunity for all of our students to work on developmentally appropriate digital illustration projects. 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 continues to be a very real tradition.

Student Accomplishments

- Kayla Kalafut qualified for the National Geographic State Geography Bee and Swift Blackstock qualified for the State Spelling Bee again. Kayla is a 6th grade student this year and Swift is a 5th grade student.

Co-Curricular Accolades

- K-6 Students competed in Battle of the Books. Our 5th-6th team tied for 2nd !!!
- Several entries and strong showing in the KPBSD Forensics event.

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School Name: Moose Pass

Principal: Douglas Hayman

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Moose Pass School had a productive school year with many achievments to be proud of. The school year started out with students harvesting the potatoes that they had planted in the spring and using their harvest in math and science lessons. The students then planned a potato feed in which each of them took potatoes home and made different dishes, then invited the community to the school to share in the harvest. Many community members attended, the celebration ended with students performing a song for the community about the 50 states in America.

All students participated in putting on a holiday play for the community. Students helped design and build sets, learned songs and lines, and put on a performance that the community was very proud of.

All students were fitted for cross country skis this school year and participated in cross country skiing, with parent volunteers as well as staff members, as part of their physical education.

All students participated in downhill skiing lessons at Alyeska in Girdwood, learning new skills and building on skills learned in previous years. Lessons and bus transportation were paid for through fundraising by our Site Based Council and generous donations from community members.

Students enjoyed weekly art lessons taught by a parent volunteer. All students learned art skills as well as art history and art appreciation.

Most students participated in an after school LEGO robotics program taught by a community volunteer. The 4th-6th grade LEGO robotics team (Moose Bots) competed at the district wide event, won a Core Values Trophy, and qualified to go to the statewide competition where they placed 11th out of over 50 teams.

All students participated in the district wide Battle of the Books competion. All students participated in the school wide forensics competition. the 4th-6th grade qualified to go to the district wide forensics event at Tustumena Elementary. The two 4th graders won 2nd place in their division, the two 5th graders won 1st place in their division, and the 6th grader won 1st place in her division.

When school was shut down for the 4th quarter, there were many uncertanties. The staff at Moose Pass School working in tandem with parents and community volunteers, managed to provide the students with enriching opportunities despite the challenges. Students continued weekly art lessons with a parent volunteer, the LEGO robotics

program continued with a community volunteer, three parent volunteers provided lessons in local bird and plant identification, and students enjoyed story time and book disscussions with the school secretary every week. These were all accomplished through ZOOM.

Parents aggreed that distance learning was not the preffered method of education, but it was pretty amazing what we accomplished as a school community in the face of such a huge challenge.

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School Name: Mountain View

Elementary Principal: Karl Kircher

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Social and Emotional Learning

Mountain View Elementary staff recognizes the fact that even with physically and emotionally safe buildings, we still need to help students acquire the social and emotional capacities to function at their peak and take full advantage of the exceptional personalized learning opportunities our teachers make available to them. To that end, we implemented the MindUp social and emotional curriculum for all grade levels.

The first half of the MindUP Curriculum focusses on helping students understand the parts of the brain and deepen their understanding of their own mental processes. As students begin to understand more about the processes of, feeling, thinking and learning, the groundwork is laid for them to monitor and regulate their behavior; calm themselves in the face of anxiety, focus their attention, and take control of their learning.

A simple analogy is that we get the best out of our student athletes by instructing them about body mechanics. Should we not do the same to help our students achieve social emotional well-being and academic success?

The second half of the Mind Up curriculum is dedicated to helping students develop a positive mindset and includes lessons on perspective taking, choosing optimism, appreciating happy experiences, gratitude and kindness.

Approximately 50 parents attended our MindUP parent night to receive information about the program and the importance of school/home cooperation and consistency for students to develop solid social and emotional skills.

Going Out Into the Neighborhood

Mountain View strives to live up to our moniker of Kenai's Neighborhood School. We continue to broaden our relationship with, and service to, the city of Kenai and its residents. Our larger service projects this year included a craft booth at Industry Appreciation Days, a pumpkin painting booth at the annual Kenai Pumpkin Festival, and serving dinner at the Kenai Senior Center on Thanksgiving and Veterans Day.

Bringing the Neighborhood In

Mountain View looks to have our students experience a broad variety of learning opportunities presented by a wide range of caring adults. One of our more ambitious

projects this year was to work with the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council to bring “Masters of Disaster” to our school. In the past, this program was only offered in smaller schools. This was the first time PWSRCAC offered Masters of Disaster to a school the size of Mountain View. During the ½ day program set up in the gym, a dozen PWSRCAC volunteers manned multiple stations where 2nd and 3rd grade students engaged in engineering challenges, learned principles of chemistry, got an introduction to tanker design, and practiced oiled wildlife response.

Other entities coming to Mountain View this year to work with our students included: Kenai Police Department, Kenai Fire Department, Kenai Library, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Homer Electric Association, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Kenai Peninsula College, Junior Achievement, Ellis Automotive, Kenai Brown Bears, Elder Mentor Program, and various local businesses and professionals.

In addition making connections at this young age to career pathways, engineering, and applied sciences is crucial, because students are deciding whether school is meaningful for them and what their future might hold.

Keeping the Kids Out

Of course, 4th quarter was unique. While it is hard to judge exactly just how effective, our online learning actually was there were many successes along the way. Our goal was to keep students and families connected to the school, not just academically but socially, and to keep their trust in us for having the best interest of their students at the core of our actions. Our teachers, students and families gained skills and understandings that will better us as people and improve instruction and learning. It is our job now to move forward with the positive takeaways from this experience to better our school.

Saying Goodbye and Sticking Around

We say goodbye to retiring teacher Dave Daniel, a 32-year member of the Mountain View family. We are however, blessed with a family of staff who bond together and for lack of a better word “stick around.”

All but one of our teachers will be tenured next year. All but one of our certified staff will be on at least their third year at Mountain View next year. Eighty percent of our certified staff have been here over 5 years.

All but four of our support staff will be on at least their third year at Mountain View next year. Fifty percent of our support staff has been here over 5 years.

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School Name: Nanwalek Elementary/High

School Principal: Michael Crain

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1. MS Basketball received the Sportsmanship award during the Small School Tournament.

2. Our 3rd and 4th grade students placed 6th in the Battle of the Books Competition.

3. MS and HS students presented their talents to the school and community during their Student Showcase.

4. Nanwalek Seal Dancers performed at various locations.

5. Nanwalek Staff was invited to participate in Apples Lead and Learn Conference.

6. Nanwalek School received additional trainings from Apple.

7. Due to growth in the areas of Math and ELA Nanwalek School was able to come out of School Improvement. No longer a TSI School but in Universal Support.

8. Marcus Wilsom was awarded the UA Scholars Award for exceptional academic achievement.

9. Penny Bearden presented at the Earthscope ANGLE (Alaska Native Geoscience Learning Experience) workshop.

10. The School as a whole read 963 books for the IditaRead before COVID-19 started.

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School Name: Nikiski Middle/High School

Principal: Dan Carstens

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Middle School

Battle of the Books: two MS BOB Teams placed in the district meet. Team 1 placed 2nd - Kailey Stynsberg, Johnny Ralston, and Jorja Peppenger. Team 2 placed 3rd – Maggie Grenier, Levi Kimbell, and Wynter Yeager.
Mind A-Mazes: 2 NMHS teams participated in the Mind A-Amazes meet. Nikiski's Team "Divide & Conquer" (Intermediate Division - Kailey Stynsberg, James Hemphill, Belle Morris & Cameron Schwin) won 3rd place overall. Team "Master Procrastinators" (Intermediate Division – Julia Smith, Ashlee Anderson, Maggie Grenier & Wynter Yeager) earned 2nd place overall of 43 teams registered on the Kenai Peninsula and won 1st place in the Spontaneous Challenge.

NMHS Geography Bee Champion: James Hemphill (7th grade). **NMHS Spelling Bee Champion:** Belle Morris (7th grade)

MS Athletics

Wrestling: The following students were Middle School Borough Champions: Nathan Cox, Truit McCaughey, Keegan Hupp and Mayaac Schmit. These students were State Placers (Tanana): Truit McCaughey (2nd place), Keegan Hupp (2nd place), Mayaac Schmit (3rd place) and Jackson Whitmer (4th place).

High School

Leadership Opportunities: 1 Nikiski sophomore attended RYLA.

Fine Arts: 26 art students were able to visit the Anchorage Museum thanks to a grant provided by the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center. They visited the "Snow Flyers" exhibit and toured "Art of the North" and did a close study of a photo series by Brian Adams called "I am Inuit."

Foods: Foods class students baked about 60 pies for community Thanksgiving food baskets and about 60 loaves of bread for Christmas food baskets.

Performing Arts: Adrienne Muir, Charles Chamberlain & Drew Handley participated in All-Borough Honor Choir. Brady Evoy earned a spot in the All-Borough Honor Band.

Battle of the Books: HS BOB took 1st in the district and 4th at the State Meet. Team members: Aura Petrick, Ariel VanZandt, Emily Durfee, & Jade Williams

Government: Seniors in government class argued mock trial cases at the Kenai Court House that were featured in the Peninsula Clarion.

DDF: The DDF team traveled to Folsom, CA to compete in the Lenaea Theater Festival. They performed a one-act-play called Fables for Friends and attended workshops, a concert and received feedback from professionals on their performance.

National Honor Society: NHS students fundraised about $1,000 for the Nikiski Children's Fund.

Athletics

Wrestling: The following athletes were State Qualifiers: Jaryn Zoda, Simon Grenier, Ayden Flemming and Koleman McCaughey. Koleman McCaughey placed 5th at state.

Volleyball: The NMHS Volleyball team won 3rd at the State Tournament and earned the Sportsmanship Award. Kaitlyn Johnson received the Best Setter Award and America Jeffreys received the Best Defensive Specialist Award. Kaycee Bostic, Kaitlyn Johnson, and America Jeffreys were named to the State All-Tournament Team. South Central Conference All-Conference Awards: Kaitlyn Johnson – MVP; First Team All-Conference: Kaycee Bostic & America Jeffreys; Honorable mention: Lillian Carstens, Tika Zimmerman & Savannah Ley

Girls Basketball: Nikiski Girls Basketball team won 2nd in regions and earned the State GPA Academic Award. Lillian Carstens was also 1st Team All-State and Tika Zimmerman and Elora Reichert were named to the State Good Sport Team. They were also the Southcentral Conference Runner-up. 1st Team All-Conference players: America Jeffreys and Lillian Carstens. 2nd Team All-Conference players: Kaycee Bostic and Kaitlyn Johnson. Elora Reichert was named to the Good Sport Team.

Boys Basketball: Noah Litke was 1st Team All-Conference and Michael Mysing was both an Honorable Mention and named to the Good Sport Team.

Football: The following athletes were All-Conference and All-State: Michael Eiter (1st Team Wide Receiver & Punter), Sam Berry (1st Team Defensive Back), Michael Mysing (2nd Team Running Back), Caileb Payne (2nd Team Guard & Inside Linebacker) and Koleman McCaughey (2nd Team Defensive Line). The following athletes were All-Conference: Sam Berry (2nd Team Fullback), Quentin Oskolkoff (2nd Team Defensive Line), Michael Eiter (2nd Team Defensive Back), Michael Mysing (1st Team Kicker) and Jaryn Zoda (2nd Team Utility). These athletes were All-Conference Honorable Mention: Quentin Oksolkoff (Tackle), Caleb Weeks (Center), Hamilton Cox (Defensive Line) and Mason Payne (Linebacker).

Awards: Aura Petrick was named the Boys & Girls Club of the Kenai Peninsula Youth of the Year.

Workforce Wednesday: The WFW career-exploration program featured 10 guest presenters throughout the year.

Ed Camps: NMHS featured several Ed Camps this year focusing on various themes including: STEAM Ed Camps, Student-led Ed Camps and Faculty-led Ed Camps. The STEAM Ed Camp day featured many guests including: AK Fish & Game, Sea Life Center, Cook Inlet Aquaculture, Kenai Refuge, Nikiski Fire Department, STEAM AK, KPC, etc.

Job Shadow: 13+ students participated in a Job Shadow experience, shadowing firefighters, forester, drone pilot, chef, process tech, radiologist, teacher, psychologist, park ranger and a dental hygienist.

Upward Bound: The NMHS UB program is all about STEM and collaboration. For example, this year engineering students designed and 3-D printed the release mechanism that UAV students used to drop a fixed wing glider from a drone. Coding students wrote computer code for the sensors that run the new grow tower while videographers hydroponically start the plants from seeds. NMHS UB students also took a field trip to Seward to teach Seward's UB students how to design and build grow towers.

Carrs/Safeway Grant: Jacob Doth was awarded a grant to create fully automated habitats and bred fruit flies for rare frogs. Over 50 students in grades 6-12 collaborated on the project.

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School Name: Nikiski North Star

Elementary Principal: Margaret Gilman

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Awards:

Masonic Outstanding Student: Jackson Hooper

Geography Bee: Jackson Hooper

Spelling Bee: Teagan Pate

Future Problem Solving Team - This is the first time in at least 15 years that NNS students have qualified to compete in the state competition. The team won first place in the presentation of scenario division and second place in the problem solving competition. This accomplishment is particularly significant given the fact that due to Covid all of the preparation and the actual competition had to take place in an online setting. The team members were Jackson Hooper, Eli Brigham, Alena Ellis, and Milly Hornung.

Student Engagement - NNS wanted to have a measure for student engagement that took into account all of the students in the school. The Hannover Survey is only for students in grades 3-5 and our school is PreK through Grade 5. We developed a 3 question survey given on the same date each month. The three questions included: I care about people at my school. I feel I belong at school. I like coming to school. The students ranked the answers using a smiley face representation (happy, sad, so-so face). Teachers found the survey took very little time but yielded important results. They asked students to graph their responses and teacher student could have conversation if there seemed to be a persistence of sad. That provided an opportunity for the teacher to intervene. It also provided data if parents expressed concern from their child that they were unhappy with school. The teacher was able to show the parent that the teacher had actually been ranking the survey with positive and then a conversation could ensue about a temporary feeling of sadness or frustration versus a more significant issue.

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School Name: Nikolaevsk

Principal: Michael Sellers

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Nikolaevsk Highlights

2019-2020

Region II Cross-country Meet

- Justin Trail 3rd place
- Isabelle Hickman 5th place
- Sophia Klaich 8th place
- Josiah Brown 12th place

1-2A State Cross-country

- Justin Trail 9th place
- Isabelle Hickman 39th place
- Sophia Klaich 53rd place

HS Mixed-6 Volleyball

- Denali Conference Champions
- State 4th place

HS Girls Basketball

- Cook Inlet Academy Classic Champions
- Nenana Invitational Tournament Champions
- Peninsula Conference Champions
- State qualifier for the 8th time in the past 9 years
- Elizabeth Fefelov and Markiana Yakunin named to first team All-State
- Sophia Klaich named to second team All-State

HS Boys Basketball

- Cook Inlet Academy Classic Champions
- Nikolaevsk Warrior Rumble Champions
- Nenana Invitational Tournament Champions
- Peninsula Conference runner-up
- State qualifier for the 7th consecutive time (8th time over all)
- Lukah Kalugin named to second team All-State

Alumni

- Matthew Trail, Nikolaevsk Class of 2011- Recipient of a headquarters Air Force level award.
- Nianiella Dorval, Nikolaevsk class of 2014, Attending University of Washington Medical School.
- Kilina Klaich, Nikolaevsk Class of 2015, graduated with a B.S. in Exercise Science from Bob Jones University.
- Scott Trail, Class of 2015, achieved his green belt with two brown stripes, making him a brown belt candidate in Cyoung Nhu karate.
- Michael Trail, Class of 2019, Graduated from the Plumbing/Heating and Refrigeration modules at AVTEC.

Staff

- Steve Klaich named the Peninsula Conference “Coach of the Year”
- Bea Klaich named the Peninsula Conference “Coach of the Year”

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School Name: Ninilchik

Principal: Jeff Ambrosier

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2019-2020

Ninilchik did not meet its expectations in the high school athletic areas but I am proud of the way our boys and girls act on and off the volleyball and basketball courts. We did have a few of our players make all tourney and all academic teams.

Our middle school boys team went undefeated this year and captured the small schools trophy. They even beat A squads from surrounding middle schools.

PBIS continues to be a focus for our schoolwide expectations. We work closely with Project Grad and NTC to bring in adult role models to provide anchors of support for our kids.

Steam team and Chill team are operating after school 4 days a week to provide those

STEM activities to kids in grades 3-8.

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School Name: Paul Banks Elementary

Principal: 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 2019-20 school year are listed below:

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. Many teachers also took the *All Learning is SEL* 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 First Friday Art Extravaganza, Bingo for Books, as well as a number of violin performances.

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

We completed our third year of violin, where we collaborated with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra and had our entire kindergarten, first graders and some after-school 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 Musical presentations filled the Homer High School auditorium to the delight of many parents, grandparents and community members. All 1st graders also gave a violin performance.

Standing above all accomplishments, was the response to the Covid-Remote-Learning. This team did it very well and we did not lose trust with our families. The PTA, working through our school's Care Team, gave $5000 to help people pay electric bills, phone bills, food bills and rent. This is an incredible group of people!

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School Name: Port Graham

School Principal: Joshua Hinds

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1. Malachi Joseph received the all tournament award at the HS Ninilchik Basketball Tournament.

2. Ms. Davis was awarded the Reflex math grant.

3. Malachi Joseph was awarded the UA Scholars Award for exceptional academic achievement.

4. Paluwik Alutiiq dancers performed at varous locations.

5. Students participated in NYO in Homer.

6. Mr. and Mrs. Lindeman both helped with Upstream Academy.

7. The School as a whole read 500 books for the IditaRead before COVID-19 started.

8. James Cook and Ryann Esteban attended Close Up Student Government Conference in Juneau.

9. School Wide Reading Buddies once a week.

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School Name: Razdolna

School Principal: Greg Melvin

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Parent/Community Events

- Harvest Fair / Open House
- Math Festival / Title I
- Sno Crafts Festival
- Semester Student Recognition (Dec. 2019)
- Strong Participation in Parent Teacher Conferences
- Site Council Events & Increased Community Feedback via social media messaging

Project GRAD / STEAM Team

- STEAM Team Family Night
- Project Based Learning Activities (math, science, etc.)
- Afterschool Hero Award (Drasida Basargin - Local Support Staff Member)

Active student feedback/participating in Student Voice Leaders (SVL) & Student Council

Afterschool Ski Club, Battle of the Books

Migrant Support - technology, Elementary Swim Lessons @ HHS, Cold Water Training Support

K-Bay Glacier Field Trip

Senior Student - Antonina Martushev - recipient of Univ. of Alaska Scholar award & Alaska Performance Scholarship

Staff-led Professional Development Trainings & Collaboration in Write Tools, Personalized Learning, Habits of Mind, behavior supports, etc.

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School Name: Redoubt Elementary

Principal: William Withrow

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Staff Achievements

*Redoubt Elementary continues to have success with the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system.

*New staff this year included Elizabeth Walter; 3rd Grade Teacher, Josh Brantley; Frameworks Teacher, Mark Stogsdill; Aide, Amy Kruse; Aide,

Sami McKeon-Brantley; IN Teacher, Anne Buckbee; Aide, Emma Harris; Aide, Skyler Kingrey; Custodian, Anne Larson; Aide, Namubedi; Speech Interpretor, Anita Hakkinen; 3rd Grade Teacher, Jackie Kempf; Speech, Melissa Landess; 3rd Grade Teacher, Beth Sweeney; Speech and Sadie Updike; Sped Teacher.

*Leaving us this year is Amanda Barber, Natalie Fulford, Sarah Spies, Edith Staley and Kevin Moos.

Student Accomplishments

*Spelling Bee winner this year was Matthew King.

*Geography Bee winner was Noah Frederickson.

*4th, 5th and 6th grade students were able to enjoy one quarter of electives this year

*Redoubt Elementary participated in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade Forensics.

*Battle of the Books was held with Redoubt placing in the top 10

*Masonic Student of the Year is Emily O'Reagan

*Summer Reading Program had 41 students and 19 staff participate last summer. Students were awarded with a pizza lunch, tee-shirts and an assembly.

School Programs and Activities

*In school and after school activities included our annual Fun Run, Walk Your Child to School Day, Bingo for Books, Halloween Parade, Intramurals, School Wide Movie Night, Open House, Polar Pals, various assemblies, two Fun Fest, and PTA's annual Winter Carnival.

*Redoubt managed to offer three Scholastic book Fairs. Two at school and one online in April.

*Music and Band held their annual Winter Concert at Soldotna High School.

*PTA continued with their monthly birthday table, annual Polar Pals gift shop, annual winter carnival and support for student programs.

*In March we began online education through Class Dojo, Canvas and Google Classroom with the use of Zoom to help facilitate distance learning.

Community Support

*Fred Meyers Rewards program continues to be an invaluable support to our school.

*Santa made his annual visit to all Redoubt students.

*Holiday Kindness was able to help 59 families this past Christmas with gifts for students and their siblings.

*Food Bank canned food drive. Redoubt families donated 2,523 lbs. of food for our local food bank. The class with the most pounds donated were selected to help delivery the food to our local food bank.

*Backpack Friday is a program that helps feed families in need. With the support of Soldotna Church of Christ, we were able to distribute food each Friday to 10 families.

*Kenai National Wildlife Center visited classes with lectures on the environment.

*Officer Berestoff began the annual DARE program and helped with our fall ALICE drill.

*Frontier Services began working with Redoubt students in January.

Other Points of Interest

*Boys and Girls Club continues to operate out of our building. They provide a program of academic help, arts, STEM activities and snacks for students Monday through Friday until 6pm. They have offered meals during the Corona Virus closure to families in need.

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School Name: River City Academy

Principal: Dawn Edwards-Smith

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Staff Recognition & Achievement

* Deanne Pearson retires from teaching and RCA with 20+ years of service

* Annaleah Karron & Dawn Edwards-Smith were selected as Summer Fellows for Summit Learning for Summer 2019 and Summer 2020

* With the Summit Learning Partnership, RCA staff attended Summer Training and Fall Regional Convening in Spokane, WA.

School Wide Achievements

* Relocated to the Skyview Campus and found creative ways to optimize space

* Created a science lab from home economics room and students designed future hydroponics farming set-up

* Offered a variety of unique PE options (without gym or pool access) including mountain biking, hiking, ice skating, skiing, and many others.

Academic & Athletic Teams

* Participated in Model United Nations at UAA

* RCA students participated in sports at Soldotna High School, Skyview Middle School and in community teams

* Competed in Battle of the Books for both middle school and high school

* Half of our eight seniors graduated with college credit

Positive School Climate & Culture

* Celebrated National Mentoring Month in January (#thankyourmentor)

* Hosted our Learning Team Challenge in November and Mrs. Werner's Learning Team was victorious!

* Continued our commitment to service in volunteering at a variety of local events.

* Our mentors completed over 1,270 one-to-one check in meetings with students and logged over 180 hours of mentor check in time.

* Continued our twice-weekly school wide morning meetings, activity breaks, and mentor check-ins during the Remote RCA time.

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School Name: Seward Elementary

Principal: Alan Haskins

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Hour of Code

School Yard Habitat Project

School Library - Birthday Book Program

Sea Week in cooperation with the SeaLife Center Planned but did not happen due to COVID-19

After School Program - Running, Soccer, Basketball,

X-country skiing, Volleyball,

Salmon Husbandry with Alaska Fish and Game

Two Library Book Fairs

Swimming Lessons: Kindergarten – 5th grade Did not happen Do to COVID-19

Veterans Day Program

Winter Music Programs

Field Day First ever Virtual

Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads

Family Night

LEGO Robotics

Battle of the Books

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

Personalized Learning Wave 1

Weekly School Celebrations in the Local newspapers.

PBIS Year 2

Staff

All staff creating virtual learning and classroom websites, videos for student learning.

Teachers spotlighted by District for Personalized Learning

Jean Beck

Students

Spelling Bee

Geography Bee

State Jr. Native Youth Olympics

SLT Volleyball Tournament

Community Partners

Boys and Girls Club

Emblem Club

American Legion Post 5

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

I would have to say the biggest achievement for Seward Elementary was making the transition from Brick and Mortar school to a Virtual Online Learning environment, the teachers did this in 9 days and created a place where students were able to learn and really work on the Core of Personalized Learning by taking Ownership in their learning. My staff did a wonderful job!

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School Name: Seward High School

Principal: Trevan Walker

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Despite the challenges of 2019-2020, the community of Seward continued to invest in their school and students. The Class of 2020 earned $60,050.00 from scholarships that were entirely from local contribution.

Seward High athletics had another solid year:

We had a state champion in Lydia Jacoby in the 100 breast stroke, she also took 3rd in the 200 IM.

Connor Spanos took 3rd in the 50 free and 4th in the 100 butterfly at state.

Our boys XC team was runner up at state.

Our boys basketball team qualified for state for the first time since 12-13.

Priscilla Stoltz signed with Big Bend Community College. She is the first female wrestler to pursue her career in college.

Connor Spanos signed with Southwest Oregon Community College to swim.

Ronn Hemstock retired from coaching wrestling after 23 years.

Lindy Guernsey and and Akilena Veach were in the top 12 finalists for Caring for the Kenai again this year.

Lydia Jacoby was invited to do a paid internship with our local newspaper, The Seward Journal.

Lucy Hankins completed ground school in Seward High's Aviation class and is builiding flight time to earn her pilot's license.

Wendy Willis, author from Oregon, traveling with the Alaska Humanities Forum, was a guest speaker in language arts. She did a writers' workshop in March.

Professional artist J Leslie donatied many hours of time for several weeks helping the kids create the artwork for Seward Music and Arts festival.

Jerry Olive (former teacher and para)-taught students how to make rugs.

Linda Lasota-volunteered in the classroom

Engineering students took a field trip to tour the US Navy ship the USS Comstock (LSD 45). The class was given a special behind the scenes tour (to which the general public did not have access) because they wanted the students to see the engineering rooms.

SHS Today students have multiple articles published in local news source Seward Journal

Seward artists won more awards at the NOSB than all other high schools combined (about 10 participated, around Alaska). We also placed competitively at the KPBSD 30th - 2nd & 3rd in Watercolors, 2nd in Ceramic sculpture, & Honorable Mention in Monotone Drawing.

Guest Speakers- Senator Lisa Murkowski. CJ Rea head of the Parks Service Youth Corps.
Seward High had 1st place finishes in every Skills USA competition that Tayt Barhaug entered. Lincoln Farris had 1st and second place finishes and John Linthicum finished 2nd.

Seward High hosted 42 events that were open to the public. This included 34 athletic competitions, 2 Music Collective Concerts, 6 Drama Curtain Calls, the National Ocean Sciences Bowl, and the 2019 Region III Basketball Championship Tournament. The total number of activity trips, for all schools on the Eastern Kenai Peninsula and organized out of Seward High was 160.

Lydia Jacoby was the State Champ in the 100 breast and 200 IM (Region champ as well), swimmer of the year in the state. She also earned a Olympic Time Trial at Nationals. Ashely Jackson and Coral Petrosius were named First-Team All-Region for Volleyball. Neil Lindquist and Max Pfeiffenberger competed at State Cross-Country.
Beau Freiberg was named First-Team All-Conference for Football. Connor Spanos and Ashley Jackson were named First-Team All-Conference for Basketball. Clay Peterson placed 6th in state for classic skiing. Naomi Ifflander was the first ever female wrestling Region Champion from Seward High

Of our 154 students at Seward High School, we had:
79 students participate in Cross-country, Football, Swimming, Volleyball. 10 students were in wrestling. 61 students participated in Boy's and Girl's Basketball, cheerleading, and Nordic Skiing, 55 students participated in Boy's and Girl's Soccer and Track and Field.

Music	13
Student Council	11

Battle of the Books	4
Travel Club	4
NHS	9
Debate	10
Upward Bound	10
Drama	63
FFA	8

Students active by grade: Freshmen 24/34 = 71% Sophomores 32/45 = 71% Juniors 22/41 = 54% Seniors 18/34 = 53% Total 96/154 = 62%

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School Name: Seward Middle

School Principal: Trevan Walker

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Seward Middle accommodated a administrator configuration that required them to share with Seward High. They not only overcame this challenge, but thrived:

Seward Middle, under the direction of Cee Jay Levine, saw its first all-volunteer band since the building opened in 2005. They celebrated a winter concert that also included a choir performance and pieces from the Strings Band.

Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center displayed several pieces of student artwork in their museum.

Forest, Tides, and Treasures has student art work for sale in his store. Proceeds go to the art program

7th and 8th grade participated in the 2019 Goals Project - a global PBL collaboration on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

7th Graders participated in the 2020 Alaska Jr. Duck stamp contest, with 14 Honorable Mentions, one 3rd place winner, and one Conservation Message Best in Show.

Kids to Slopes Program, 120 students went skiing and snowboarding for 2 days.

"Feeling Frazzled: Techniques in Stress Management" weekly Zoom sessions presented by a counselor from the Seward Prevention Coalition. Available to all East Peninsula 6th-12th grade students as well as all East Peninsula staff members.

Teacher Accomplishments:

Myla Liljemark earned a National Geographic Educator Certification and served as the NEA Foundation Global Fellow for Alaska 2019.

Guest Speakers:

Kelli Moore from Dr. Moriarty's dental office presented on oral hygiene.

Tasha DiMarzio from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game performed a bird banding presentation via Zoom.

Wendy Bryden--Robotics

Renewable Energy Alaska Project - energy conservation

Field Trips

Bear Creek salmon day

Exit Glacier hike

Ice fishing

SeaLife Center - Virtual field trip

Athletic Accomplishments:

Boys' soccer - 3rd in Boroughs.

Boy's Basketball--Borough Champions

Hailey Ingalls Girl's Cross-Country Champion

Aloshia Cross Boy's top-10 Nordic Skiing

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School Name: Skyview Middle School

Principal: Sargeant Truesdell

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Skyview Middle School is a comprehensive middle school with an enrollment of 400 full time students in seventh and eighth grade. This past year, SMS continued to provide a full array of elective courses such as music, art, vocational/technical education, and foreign language. SMS also provided many opportunities for students that needed additional supports as well as STEAM enrichment.

Staff Accomplishments

This was the nineth year with Mr. Sarge Truesdell as the principal of Skyview Middle School, and was the fifth year for assistant principal, Jill DuFloth. This was the third year for fully integrating Personalized Learning into our culture and curriculum. The PL team continued work with district coaches and received additional feedback from PL "stars." Many classroom walkthroughs with informative feedback were conducted with a Personalized-Learning focus. Teachers were able to observe the classrooms of their colleagues and learn from one another. Skyview's instructional practices continue to strive to be fully infused with personalized learning strategies and structures.

Masonic Student of the Year: Winner: Avery Cuifo

Nominees: Zachary Buckbee, Kiara Forkner, Derrick Jones, Alexandra Lee, Kaytlin McAnelly

SMS Spelling Bee Winner: Michael Jessen

Geography Bee Winner: Emma Hunter

Outstanding Band Student of the Year: Andrew Pieh

Outstanding Choir Student of the Year: JLee Webster

Golden Hammer (Vocational Award): Golden Musgrave and Kiara Forkner

Outstanding PE Students of the Year: 7th Grade—Daisy Hannevold and Ryan Buchanan CrossFit—Kaytlin McAnelly and Zach Buckbee

Outstanding Student Council Members: Avery Cuifo, Derrick Jones

Battle of the Books Team: Elias Bouschor, Bailey Conner, Noah Kirby, Kaytlin McAnelly, Jolene Riske, Moriah Stitt

Chamber of Commerce Students of the Quarter:-2019-20: Zachary Buckbee,

Alexandra Lee, Avery Cuifo

Perfect Attendance: Avery Ciufo, Bailey Conner

4.0 G.P.A. (Entire year)

7th Grade:

Ariana Cannava, Regan Hunt, Sadie Lane, Scott Powell, Avery Walden

8th Grade:

Kadee Adams, Jay Brott, Avery Ciufo, Bailey Conner, Katelynn Derleth, Kiara Forkner, Emma Hunter, Hannah Leaders, Morgan Lemm, Collin Peck, Max Reese

4.0 Both Years: Kadee Adams, Avery Cuifo, Bailey Conner, Max Reese

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

In the effort to meet the individual academic needs of our students, Skyview Middle School offers classes designed to remediate areas of academic deficit before students enter high school. Skyview offers intervention classes that utilize a variety of programing such as System 44 and Read 180. These research-based programs work on filling gaps in reading skills. Skyview also seeks to enrich the educational experience of advanced learners. Skyview offers Algebra and Geometry for high school credit, and this has enabled us to meet the needs of the advanced learner. Our gifted and talented STEAM classes were offered again this year and will expand to 7th grade Quest students next year.

Student Council

SMS Student Council had more than 65 members this school year. Our Panther StuCo membership assisted with registration, Transition Program, Open House, Parent Teacher Conferences, TTA Spook Night event, Project Homeless Connect, and site visits to the 6th grade feeder schools. Our membership has hosted four Activity Nights, two Spirit Weeks, and created a Veterans Display. StuCo members raised money for the Tori Verba Memorial Scholarship fund through the Penny Drive, as well as donated to the Food Bank through the Holiday Food Drive & distributed more than 300 towel set items at the Project Homeless Connect event. Student Council members continued to be active in our Virtual Spirit Week and Quarantine Kindness Challenges during our COVID-19 school closure. Each of these endeavors required extensive planning, preparation, and time commitment on the part of the students. 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. On a sad note, Mrs. Pothast, our StuCo leader extraordinare, will be moving on to Arizona this

summer. We will greatly miss her service and leadership, but she has built a strong foundation for our Skyview students to continue their important work.

Extra-Curricular Sports

As Mr. Truesdell says, "Get involved and earn a shirt!" hundreds of Skyview Middle School students did just that, participating in Soccer, X-country Running, Basketball, Wrestling, X-country Skiing, and Volleyball.

Borough Champs:

- Wrestling – 1st place team boroughs and seven 1st place champions
- Boys Soccer—1st place boroughs

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School Name: Soldotna Prep

Principal: Curtis Schmidt

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

Staff Accomplishments: Soldotna Prep 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 utilizing Canvas to increase the amount of class materials available to students anytime and anywhere and learning/experimenting about/with Personalized Learning (with an emphasis on Student Reflection and Ownership). All teachers practiced and participated in attempts with Data Driven Instruction and Student Ownership and Reflection this year as well as participating Classroom Learning Walks. Soldotna Prep again had very high participation rates in the Caring for the Kenai contest and was awarded over $2500 for the school to use for future events. Masonic Student of the Year: Alissa Powell
Masonic Student of the Year Finalists: Alissa Powell, Josh Hansen, Simon Graham, Josie Moore, Bethany Richmond

Chamber of Commerce Students of the Quarter: Simon Graham, Alissa Powell, Josie Moore, Justin Hansen

Caring for the Kenai Contest winners: Finalist - Justin Hansen Sponsor Awards were granted to: Jordan Straughsbaugh and Justin Hanson

Perfect Attendance: Jacob Belger, Quentin Cox

4.0 G.P.A. (Entire year): Chloe Armstrong, Ellie Burns, Ivy Daly, Carson Dement, Shaeley Derleth, Zacharry Kitchen, Noah Moore, Alissa Powell, Bethany Richmond, Thea Scanlon, Jordan Strausbaugh

Elected Student Council Officers for 2018-19: Alissa Powell, Rhys Cannava, Dylan Dahlgren, Josie Moore, Justin Hansen

Credit Acquisition
Compared to previous 5 years of data for Soldotna Area 9th 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 9th grade class be on track to graduate in 4 years. This is in comparison to the previous 5-year average of 69% earning 6 or more credits and 75% of Soldotna Area 9th graders being on track to graduate in 4 years. Additionally, 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 5 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 2018-19 School Year for Soldotna Prep
Academic Performance:
186 Total Students
128 (68.8%) --- Passed all classes and earned 6 or more credits for the 2017-18 school year.
147 (79.0%) --- Passed all classes or had only one F and are on pace for 5.5 or more credits for the 2018-19 school year.
39 (20.9%) --- Had 2 or more F's and are not on pace for 5.5 or more credits during the 2018-19 school year. All of these students have been referred to Summer School for the 2019 Summer Session.
(11 students earned 5 credits, 9 students earned 4.5 credits, and 16 students earned 4 or less credits)

2018-19 data (break down by credit earned)

Total Students	7+	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4 or less
186	44	25	59	19	11	9	19
100%	23.6%	13.9%	31.7%	10.2%	5.9%	4.8%	10.2%

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School Name: Soldotna Elementary

Principal: Austin Stevenson

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Mind-a-Mazes:

Da Pugs (Ollie Dahl, Brock Martin, Jack Christensen) – tied for third place in long term project score, tied for second in spontaneous project score

Cat in the Quest (Parker Cannava, Corbin Ebenezer, Hayden Carr, Ashley Simmons) – tied for third place in long term project score

Daring Donuts (Aidan Hunt, Izzy Jones, Lucia Micciche, Alexis Collins) – tied for third place in spontaneous project score

Spelling Bee winner – Aimee Goans

Geography Bee winner – Aidan Hunt

Film Festival:

Best Cinematography: Aidan Hunt, Laurel Johnson, Diane Blanning, Lucy Anderson

Masonic Achievement Award – Aimee Goans

Battle of the Books 4th place Alexis Simmons, Laurel Johnson, Jaedan Randal and Vika Lukanina.

Forensics:

First Place: Humorous Poetry – Single Adele Blanning

Second Place: Non-Humorous Poetry – Single Valerie McAnelly

Second Place: Interpretive Reading- Single Aidan Hunt

Fifth Place: Humorous Poetry – Single Izzy Jones

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School Name: Soldotna High School

Principal: Tony Graham

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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 online educated almost 700 students in the wake of the COVD-19 Pandemic. It was a learning curve for parents, teachers and students alike.

* SoHi offers a Senior Citizen pass for all home contests and 22 Senior's took advantage of the program.

* One of SoHi's volleyball players is playing at the collegiate level and creating lots of buzz.

*SoHi had one student participate in the All-National Honor Choir.

* SoHi had 9 members selected for the ASAA All-State Music Festival.

* SoHi had a student selected for the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). They met in Orlando, FL along with the "best of the best" from all over the country.

* SoHi Football won the state championship for the 8th straight year in a row.

SoHi had students participate at the State tournaments/events in XC Running and Skiing, Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Football, and Wrestling.

* Soldotna High School students won more than $75,000.00 in scholarship money this year.

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!

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School Name: Soldotna Montessori Charter

School Principal: John DeVolld

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Grants - Kenai Peninsula Community Foundation awarded a grant for $1000.00 to our school for our student led effort to "Feed the Hungry" through our Food Pantry work. Grant was used throughout the school year to support purchases to keep the food pantry stocked. 5th grade students used some of these funds while participating in their community outreach effort in the 3rd quarter volunteering at the foodbank. Studnets would select food to be purchased and stocked the food pantry with their purchases each week after participating in their community group in support of the food bank.

Continued meeting of the grants team. Team was not able ot secure further grants this year, but monitored and maintained current grants.

School Food Pantry - Community outreach effort. This school wide project was supported by student participation in bringing in donations for the pantry. Students also maintined the pantry throughout the year. Many parents/families particiapted 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 continue in support of this project. 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 made by our students. The effort has also received notariety from the Peninsula Clarion, on the radio, and on social media.

Students planted and cared for the school garden. They carried out a "Farmer's Market" and sold the produce to members of the community. The event was highlighted in the Peninsula Clarion.

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

School staff participated in work to review and update the school strategic plan. The school Mission and Vision were completed and the school core values were in draft form when schools were closed for COVID-19.

All available staff attended the Alaska State Montessori Conference in Anchorage.

Student Recognitions and awards:

William Miller won the school Spelling Bee but was unable to represent the school at the State competition due to COVID-19.

District Forensics Results:

4th Grade-

Sophia Johnson- Humorous Poetry- 3rd place

Olyve Croom- Non-humorous Poetry- 3rd place

5th Grade-

Alex Kahn- Humorous Poetry- 1st place

Annemarie Lacy- Humorous Prose- 1st place

Addie Ross- Non-humorous Prose- 5th place

Katie Debardelaben- Interpretive Reading- 1st place

6th Grade-

Nova Paulk- Humorous Poetry- 1st place

Keenan Young- Non-humorous Poetry- 1st place

Caitlin Miller- Non-humorous Prose- 1st place

Lauren Chircop- Interpretive Reading- 2nd place

Brody Linton- Humorous Prose- 4th place

Teacher Recognition:

Mr. Faris - 20 Years in Distict

Mrs. Mooney - 15 Years in District

Mrs. Moore completed her Intermediate Montessori Training and recieved certification as a Montessori Instructor from the North American Montessori Training Center.

Mrs. DeRave completed her Special Services Certification course work and graduated from her Masters program.

Mr. DeVolld was nominated for the Life Changer of the Year Award with the National Life Group, he received certification as a ALICE Certified Instructor, and completed

the Montessori Coaches Training course from the National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector.

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School Name: Sterling Elementary

Principal: Denise Kelly

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Sterling Elementary continues to build a positive school community!

- Sterling hired a new teacher for second grade. Through the year, we also hired two additional paraprofessionals to support our students with special needs.

- Our PTO sponsored our back to school ice cream social where we focused our discussion on good attendance.

- Just 8 students returned their completed reading logs to earn T-shirts for summer reading. One student won a Kindle Fire through our drawing for all students who turned in their logs.

- Sterling implemented a twenty-minute block of time for social emotional learning. During this time, class meetings occur as well as lessons from the Mind Up program that piloted this year.

- Our staff and PTO partnered with the Sterling Senior Center to host a community Spooktacular for Halloween. The Sterling Community Center, Sterling Baptist Church and Sterling Judo Club provided support in addition to the Senior Center.

- We celebrated Veteran's Day with a huge hand-made American flag made by our students.

- Our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework continues to guide our school culture. We add in activities that support kindness and community. This year, we participated in the Great Kindness Challenge. Snappy Turtle Photo Booth brought their equipment to take pictures of our school community in front of our new banner "Be the I in Kind." Each student got to take their picture home. We also held an I am Loved Campaign this year where each student and staff member made a sign that says, "I am loved." Students, classes and families had pictures taken with their signs to post on social media. Our staff also took some time on an inservice day to go through the community taking "I am Loved" pictures. The golden pompom continues to celebrate students who go above and beyond in kindness or leadership. We hosted NEDs Mindset Mission as a new assembly for our students.

- 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. Even with the Covid-19 pandemic, our librarian put together books for each student in our school for the third distribution.

- We were unable to hold our regular end of the school year activities due to Covid-19. We did try to hold a virtual field day and talent show. Several students participated in both activities.

- Though we did not have a music teacher this school year, our staff wanted to put on a holiday concert. Each classroom teacher chose one or two songs and prepared their classes. In addition, one of our classroom teachers ran our band program, and they performed as well.

- We had two Battle of the Books teams who worked hard to compete with other schools in the district. Sterling Elementary students participated in the Borough Forensics tournament, and we had 12 borough winners.

- We conducted just one ALICE drill that was a practice evacuation to our off site rendezvous point.

- Staff participated in Learning Walks within our school. All teachers had the opportunity to visit classrooms of colleagues, gather information and ideas and then to collaborate with one another. This activity allowed teachers to see the many different ways that our staff is implementing personalized learning within their classrooms.

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 participated in benchmark assessments, Aimsweb+ and Measures of Annual Progress (MAP). Only two benchmarks could be completed this year due to the school closures for the Covid-19 pandemic, however, the data was used to make instructional decisions for our students.

The following individual students were also recognized:

- Olivia Hays was selected as this year's Masonic Outstanding Student in recognition of her hard work in academics, character, and ability to get along with everyone!

- Alex Morgan's art work was selected to represent Sterling Elementary on next year's school calendar magnet.

Several teachers obtained grants this year for different things. Teachers received Donor's Choose for equipment such as nice set of snowshoes. Mr. Brian Krauklis, one of our 5th/6th grade teachers, earned the Carrs Foundation Innovation in Education Grant to purchase classroom virtual reality equipment.

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
2019-2020

School Name: Susan B. English

Principal: Jeff Ambrosier

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Seldovia did not have any athletics on its own, but there were 2 boys who played on the Ninilchik squad. They put in a lot of extra time, effort, and money to travel to Ninilchik for practices and games for the season. They were a great addition to our team.

Academically we were able to successfully Polycom 2 classes this year with Seldovia and Ninilchik. PreCalc and Geometry were done this year and we look forward to continuing that partnership if the need arises next year.

Students are very music orientated in Seldovia. They can be heard almost every day playing piano's and guitars during breaks and lunch. I sometimes think the arts are overlooked by some but there are talented musicians in the group.

Seldovia village tribe (SVT) has a strong presence in the school with after school activities several times a week for preschool through high school.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2019-2020

School Name: Tebughna School

Principal: Pamela Potter

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Grants Awarded: Working with Cook Inlet Tribal Council, we will be participating in a three-year Fab Lab grant, called Innovation Station. We will have our K-12 grade students engaged in this STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) program which will be all hands-on and personalized. We are thrilled to begin our training in late July.

Our primary/elementary students participated in Jr. NYO (Native Youth Olympics), sponsored by NVT (Native Village of Tyonek). Our Sr. NYO team were prepared also to compete but due to the COVID virus, their " meet" in Anchorage was cancelled.

One of our 8th graders did compete in Homer NYO before the 'virus stoppage"

and received a fourth-place win in "Seal Hop" competition.

Our Girl Scout Troop 77 had " meetings/activities" twice a month to earn badges and practice our school-wide focus of kindness. Every badge we received had to do with helping and serving others.

We worked with NOAA Alaska Fisheries and TTCD (Tyonek Tribal Conservation District) to have our first ever salmon project. It was fascinating to our students, and staff, to watch salmon eggs continue through their process to become full-sized fry. We plan to sponsor this project again this coming school year.

We participated in our Tyonek garden (grow seedlings, plant into garden, weed

and harvest). And our hydroponics garden " saved us" when we couldn't go out of Tyonek (due to virus) in order to get fresh veggies for our students. We are expanding the hydroponics this coming school year.

We sponsored three separate "school exchanges", with the help of Rob Sparks,

KPBSD. We met with the UTE tribe in Utah and a school group in Wisconsin in order to share our Native Youth Olympics on SKYPE with them. We also assisted a PhD student from North Carolina, who has been studying our Godwit Shore bird, who comes to Tyonek bogs 7000 miles away to breed

We had teachers come in to teach our students to play and perform guitars and mandolins. We do not have a music class here, so that was greatly received by all.

We had "Portugal The Man." come to preform and motivate our children to live a healthy life.

We had DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) come for a week to teach our students and community about healthy living). We had large groups of community members attend every day.

School Annual Report to the Superintendent 2019-2020

School Name: Tustumena

Principal: Doug Hayman

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Tustumena Elementary was honored with both State and National Awards this year. At the State level, we were recognized in two areas – academic achievement as well as in special education. Tustumena was also named an ESEA National Distinguished School for outstanding student performance for two or more consecutive years. Two team members attended the National Distinguished Schools conference in Atlanta, GA.

Tustumena's Battle of the Books teams both did very well. Our 5th/6th grade team achieved 5th place in the district competition. Our 3rd/4th grade team won the district competition for the second year in a row and went on to tie for 6th place in the State competition.

Every year, Tustumena hosts the District Forensics Meet. This year was another successful event. The 5th grade did a concession stand fundraiser and was able to meet their fundraising goals to support field trips and special class projects.

Despite not having a music teacher, our wonderful teachers and staff collaborated with the students for a Winter Music Concert. The program included singing, dancing, rhythm performances, sign language and even costumes. Many parents commented that it was the best music concert they have attended.

Tustumena Elementary is a hub in the community. Many events are attended not only by many students, but also by community members without ties to the school. For example, despite enrollment under 175 students, our Fall Carnival brings around 500 individuals. Our annual Bingo for Turkeys events draws community members not associated with students. Both of these fundraisers are very successful and, along with other fundraisers, contributes to our PTO. In turn, our PTO is able to sponsor transportation for quarterly field trips, assist with classroom projects and field trips, supplement supplies for extra-curricular events, and encourage student involvement through small competitions such as a pumpkin carving contest.

Tustumena collaborates with the Kasilof Boys and Girls Club and Kasilof Community Church to increase community involvement and enrich students' lives. The Boys and Girls Club have approximately 60 student members who receive a meal, structured

and supervised active play time for physical well-being, as well as structured homework time with staff available to help student with their school work. The Kasilof Community Church provides a weekly after school program that around 50 students, or about a third of our students, attend each week. The church is also our rendezvous point for ALICE evacuations.

We are well supported by and provide a variety of events for the community. There is a mutual appreciation between the school and the community.

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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
- Project Grad Steam Team
- Project Grad CHILL Team
- 2 family Title nights
- Awards Assembly
- Student participants in Migrant trip to Juneau
- Grant received from Homer Foundation for Close Up Trip
- Donation received from Homer Son's of the American Legion
- Visit by the bookmobile
- Awards Assembly
- PBIS school
- Presidential Award for academic achievement
- Masonic outstanding student
- UA scholar recipient
- Project Grad Scholar
- Student athlete participation with Homer High Hockey
- Student athlete participation with Homer High Football
- Student athlete participation with Homer M.S. Wrestling
- Student athlete participation with Homer H.S. Wrestling
- 1st place State wrestler

- Cougar Code school celebrations
- Yearly Garden Fair
- K-5 swimming lessons
- Introduction of Advisory Period in daily schedule
- Collaborative Peer Observations

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School Name: West Homer Elementary

Principal: Eric Waltenbaugh

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Student Celebrations

Gracie High – State Geography Bee

Tait Ostrom – State Spelling Bee

Battle of the Books – over 50 students participated in the KPBSD 5th/6th grade (4th place) and 3rd/4th grade (2nd place)

Parent Volunteers

We had over 110 volunteers this year!

Teacher Recognition

Becky Paul retired

Lynn Temple retired (21years as an instructional aide)

Grants Received

The Homer Foundation – Grant to support purchase of a new screen for our Library - $3,000

August 28, 2019 - Open House

September 13, 2019 – World Fine Arts Dance Festival

September 30 – October 11, 2019 - PTO Penny Wars

October 11, 2019 – ORCA Fun Run

October 15, 2019 – Instructional Rounds Day

October 21, 2019 – Quarterly Assembly

October 25, 2019 – Halloween Bingo Night

October 28 – Nov 4, 2019 – Book Fair

November 15, 2019 – Instructional Rounds Day

December 17, 2019 - Winter Concert

December 4, 2019- Instructional Rounds Day

December 14, 2019 – Bingo Night

December 20, 2019- ORCA Olympics January 16, 2020 – Orca Standing Ovations Celebration of Achievement Assembly.

January 16, 2020 – Geography Bee

January 16, 2020 – Staff Led PD

February 19, 2020 – PLC Teams

February 21, 2020 – Talent Show!

February 26, 2020 – Instructional Rounds Day

April 20-24, 2020 – Virtual Spirit Week

May 6, 2020- Virtual Teacher Appreciation Week

May 11, 2020 – FB art Auction and mural installation celebration

May 20, 2020 –6th grade Promotion Flip grid

May 15, 2020 – Restorative Justice Court House Ceremony via Zoom to induct new youth judges