

May 2023

Yukon-Koyukuk School District
Connections



Congratulations!

Class of 2023



YKSD Graduating Class of 2023!

Kerry Boyd, Superintendent

Wishing all Yukon Koyukuk School District graduates our sincerest congratulations on your accomplishments! Class of 2023, we are very proud of you!

Agnes Patsey, Nulato, -Andrew K. Demoski School

Kenneth Stickman, Nulato -Andrew K. Demoski School

Isaiah Alexander, Minto -Minto School

Robbie David, Minto -Minto School

Chad Roberts, Minto - Minto School

Eliah Titus, Minto -Minto School

Clayton Wiehl, Minto - Minto School

Trevor Edwardsen, Tanana - Maudrey J Sommer School

Jake Martinez, Tanana -Maudrey J Sommer School

Joseph Roberts, Tanana -Maudrey J Sommer School

Tyler Drotzur, Huslia -Jimmy Huntington School

Liyana Newman-Woods, Rampart - Rampart School

300 plus graduates - Raven Statewide Homeschool

Kerry Boyd, Superintendent

YKSD Honors Its Retirees!

Patty Hill-Human Resources Coordinator, District Office

Tami Rump-Administrative Support, District Office

Pricilla Williams-Teacher, Ella B. Verneti School

Mike Day- Principal, Minto School

Therese Ashton-Principal, Maudrey J. Sommer School



**Thank you for the YKSD Regional School Board and
the CSC members across YKSD for their support
to the students and staff of YKSD!**

Fred Bifelt, YKSD Board Chair

Wilmer Beetus, YKSD Vice Board Chair

Ruth Folger, YKSD Board Treasurer

Anne Titus, YKSD Board Secretary

Dian Gurtler, YKSD Board Member

Marie Dayton, YKSD Board Member

Leona Starr, YKSD Board Member



2023 YKSD Graduates!

Jolene McGinty, Counselor



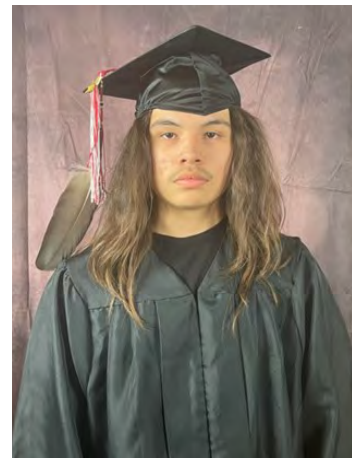
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Kenneth Stickman-Nulato



Eliah Titus-Minto



Clayton Wiehl-Minto



Board Recognition

Employees of the Year

Kristina Bellamy



Kristina Bellamy
Teacher
Johnny Oldman School
Hughes

Mrs. B always goes above and beyond for all the students. She is very professional in management and the overall process of how the school should be running. Over the last three years, every guest that has come to Johnny Oldman School has stated that our school just feels different. Different in a good way. The climate and culture of Johnny Oldman School is one of warmth, happiness, and respect. This is a culture and climate that was developed and has been maintained by Kristina Bellamy. With her dedication, there has been a total change in the school climate. The building is clean and organized. The staff works together to build a positive experience for the students and a variety of after-school programs have been implemented by Kristina to further engage the students. Mrs. Bellamy has a fair, and kind approach when working with the children.

No one is left guessing about what is going on with the school. Frequently announcements on the radio promote everyone to participate in walks, skiing, and other activities. Our school calendar is constantly filled with events that promote community involvement. But Kristina's service to the community goes beyond just teaching or working with families at the school. This year alone, Kristina has worked with the CSC to create a culture camp experience for the students of Hughes, is organizing a work program with TCC and the tribe for students ages 14 and above, and has had discussions with the wellness coordinator in Hughes to facilitate ongoing trauma-coping sessions for the community.

Kristina is heavily involved with the community of Hughes. She visits elders, attends potlatches and is involved in the serving of food. She organized and ran the community Halloween Carnival, helped to facilitate the Christmas gift giveaway for the children of the village, and has even hauled trash for the city when it was needed. In a community the size of Hughes, success depends on everyone doing not only their part, but many parts. Kristina has certainly done her part to ensure the continued success of this community.



Josephine McGinty

Over the years, Girlie has worked through celebrated and challenging times. Having mentored many new staff members, she has shared her wealth of knowledge about the school and the community and always does so with a smile. She is a great listener for the kids and treats everyone with respect. She takes extra time and effort to make sure the school is cared for even when everyone else is on break. She is friendly making the school a welcoming learning environment.

When not working, Girlie also volunteers many of her hours helping and supporting her neighbors. While her husband might take some of the spotlight, Girlie would definitely have the record for the most assists in a basketball game. Please help us congratulate, Josephine "Girlie" McGinty for this honor. She is well deserving as the YKSD Classified Employee of the Year.



Josephine McGinty
Principal Aide
Andrew K. Demoski School
Nulato

Board Recognition

Staff Winners



Claire Hroscikoski
Teacher
Kaltag School



Clara Patsey
Cook
Andrew K. Demoski School
Nulato



Stephanie Buen
Administrative Clerk
Raven Homeschool
Anchorage



Molly Clingingsmith
Family Liaison
Raven Homeschool
Eagle River

Staff Nominees

Paul Anthony Caumeran ~ Allakaket School
Robert Pilot ~ Ella B Verneti School (Koyukuk)

Board Recognition

Student Winners



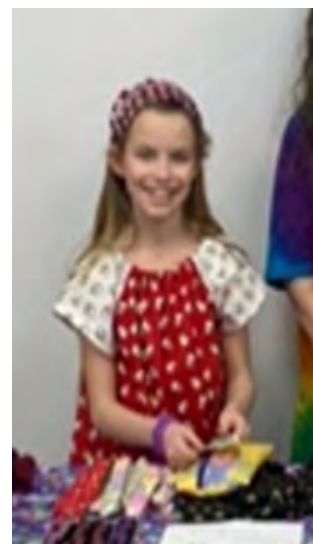
Sasha Dayton
Grade 5
Ella B. Verneti School
Koyukuk



Alice Simon
Grade 5
Allakaket School



Taylor Angel
Grade 12
Raven Homeschool
Eagle River



Zinnia Gold-Paulson
Grade 4
Raven Homeschool
Fairbanks

Student Nominees

Lanaya Barrick ~ Grade 7, Raven Homeschool (Juneau)

Kylie Hildebrand ~ Grade 3, Kaltag School

Charles Francis ~ Grade 1, Johnny Oldman School (Hughes)

Johann Pronin ~ Grade 10, Raven Homeschool (Delta)

Kristanna Roberts ~ Grade 5, Andrew K. Demoski School (Nulato)

Xienna Solberg ~ Grade 8, Raven Homeschool (Anchorage)

Teaching and Learning Department

Patty White,
Assistant Superintendent

Literacy and Math Focus

The district will continue our focus on literacy next year in all grade levels and all subjects. Reading with, and to your child for 20 minutes a day will help foster the love of reading. This is especially important in the summer. You can also sign your child up for summer school. Talk to your child's principal or teacher.

This year, we added a new instructional goal focused on Mathematics Mastery. Our goal is that every student will master foundational math skills by sixth grade. Through the MACSS Grant we hired a Math Specialist, Simon Huff, to help support this goal and we are adding a second Math Specialist, Chuck Backe to expand the math support to Raven families. For Raven, one of our teachers, Erica Jones, will also be assisting as a Computer Technologist to support parents and advisory teachers with math programs. In addition, we hired a Computer Science Specialist, Jakobe Boyd, who will assist both River and Raven teachers with Computer Science and Computer coding classes. We are looking forward to a summer of learning and a new year with continued academic growth. Have a great summer!



Tech Corner

Brad Kennon,
Technology Director

Improved Student Email and Cutting-Edge Equipment Coming Soon!

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

We are excited to announce not one, but two exciting updates that will enhance our schools' digital infrastructure and overall experience. This summer, we will be implementing significant changes to student email and logins, as well as installing state-of-the-art equipment across all our schools.

- 1) **Enhanced Student Email and Logins:** In our continuous efforts to prioritize security, ease of use, and online privacy, we are transitioning from using students' first and last names as email addresses to a more secure and efficient system. Starting this summer, student email addresses will be replaced by a unique identifier known as the S number. For example, the new email format will be s#####@k12.yksd.com, where "#####" represents each student's State Student ID. Rest assured, all student data will be seamlessly transferred to the new email system. Additionally, any emails sent to students' old email addresses will be automatically forwarded to their corresponding new email addresses. This ensures that no important messages will be missed during the transition period. The reasons behind this change are twofold. Firstly, we are bolstering security by moving away from using students' full names in their email addresses. Secondly, this transition will greatly improve the ease of use for our students. With the S number as a unique identifier associated with their State Student ID, logging in to various platforms and online services will become more streamlined and hassle-free. Students will enjoy a consistent and easy-to-remember email address throughout their educational journey.
- 2) **Cutting-Edge Equipment Installation:** We are delighted to announce that DRS GES (SES) will be visiting each of our schools this summer to install brand-new equipment. This upgrade will bring enhanced reliability and pave the way for a groundbreaking addition—an additional backup Internet Connection through a Low Earth Orbit service from OneWeb. This cutting-edge equipment will revolutionize our digital infrastructure, ensuring uninterrupted access to online resources and improved connectivity for all students and staff. The introduction of a backup Internet Connection will serve as a fail-safe measure, guaranteeing smooth operations even in the event of an unforeseen network disruption.

With these advancements, we aim to provide our students and staff with a technologically advanced environment conducive to teaching, learning, and collaboration. As we gear up for these transformations, we express our gratitude for your support and understanding. Please make sure to update your contact lists and inform relevant parties about the upcoming changes in student email addresses.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these updates, please feel free to reach out to our IT department or the school administration. We are here to assist you and ensure a seamless transition.



Special Education & Student Services

The Special Education & Student Services Staff



- ♦ Summertime is approaching but the Special Education Department is available year-round to support you and your students. Please call 907-374-2428 if you need assistance.
- ♦ Welcome new families! If you are new or are returning to the district, please feel free to reach out to discuss your child's needs and services for the upcoming school year.

The Special Education Department is excited about all of the great things that happened in our schools this year. We have seen teachers and paraprofessionals succeed in providing high quality, differentiated instruction. Each and every child matters in our district and we are encouraged by those who go above and beyond to ensure our students have the educational tools they need to be successful. Our collaborative efforts provide support for students with disabilities and their parents in the implementation of individualized education programs in the students' least restrictive environment. Enjoy your summer and we look forward to starting up again in the Fall!

Counseling Corner

Kela Gillihan, Counselor

The Counseling Department has had an eventful school year! We enjoyed all of our site trips to our schools this year. We had our hands full with class lessons, meeting with individual students, and hosting four virtual Healthy Lifestyle and Career fairs. Jolene and I have had numerous classroom lessons with our students to instruct them on social-emotional learning, academic success and being college/career ready. We worked with many of our students on an individual level to meet their needs; as well as met with the Seniors numerous times to be prepared for next year. We were also very busy with the Area-Wide Student Council (AWSC) and hope that you all enjoyed The Great Kindness Challenge and Attendance Challenge. We hope to have more school involvement next year with our student council. This year I implemented a program called ROX. I had nine girls in the seventh and eighth grade participate and it was a successful first year. Though this year has been a busy one, we could not ask for anything better. We cannot thank the teachers and principals enough for always working with us to help our students be more successful. We hope everyone has had a wonderful school year and we cannot wait to see all of your bright and shining faces next year!



YKSD/TCSD 2022-2023

ROX Program

YEAR AT A GLANCE

9 GIRLS SERVED IN 2022-2023

This year was our first year implementing ROX and we were able to welcome 9 girls in the 7th/8th from three different schools to participate.



22 SESSIONS HELD

On top of the 20 sessions of evidenced-based curriculum, girls also got the chance to participate a special Self Defense workshop and had an end of the year celebration.



TOPICS COVERED:

- team building
- healthy communication
- dealing with girl drama/bullying
- healthy relationships
- navigating social media
- body image
- sexual harassment
- safety and violence prevention
- stress and coping
- academic and career development
- leadership



Today's girls are facing tremendous challenges. They experience a 26% drop in confidence between 5th and 9th grade. One in three girls say that they are afraid to be a leader because others will think she is bossy and half of girls report that they are afraid to speak their mind or disagree with others because they want to be liked. ROX is committed to equipping all girls with the skills they need to navigate these challenges.

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IN PROGRAMMING, RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION FOCUSED ON GIRLS

ROX★
RULING OUR EXPERIENCES

Career & Technical Education News

Sally Endestad,
CTE Counselor

Students from Minto, Hughes, Nulato Huslia, Tanana, Ruby, and Allakaket attended the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) on the University of Alaska Anchorage campus April 17-25, 2023. The ANSEP program encourages Alaska Native students to pursue careers in Science and Technology. YKSD sent 24 students who joined 30 students from rural Alaskan villages to join the program. Activities include building their own computer, designing a bridge that could sustain seismic activity, and also having the opportunity to dissect a squid. Students stayed in the dorms, ate in the cafeteria alongside college students, and dodged a few moose during their week-long stay.

The daytime hours were devoted to instruction while the evenings offered special activities. Highlights included beading, Native Youth Olympic Games, basketball, and swimming. NYO was a hit, especially the stick-pull competition. Cuppy Agnes was the girl's overall champion! Students exercised daily while walking to and from class and had the opportunity to make friends from other rural sites while also practicing daily public speaking skills. At the end of the camp, each group assembled a slideshow presentation of what they learned during the week. Many YKSD students expressed interest in pursuing STEM classes in high school. Everyone had an excellent trip and made lasting memories!



(left) Nulato student Seth Chapman,
(middle) ANSEP Director Flora Andrews
and (right) Maddie Davies



Minto student Warren Charlie gives
his best at the high kick event.



Holly Tritt from Hughes made
new friends during the camp!



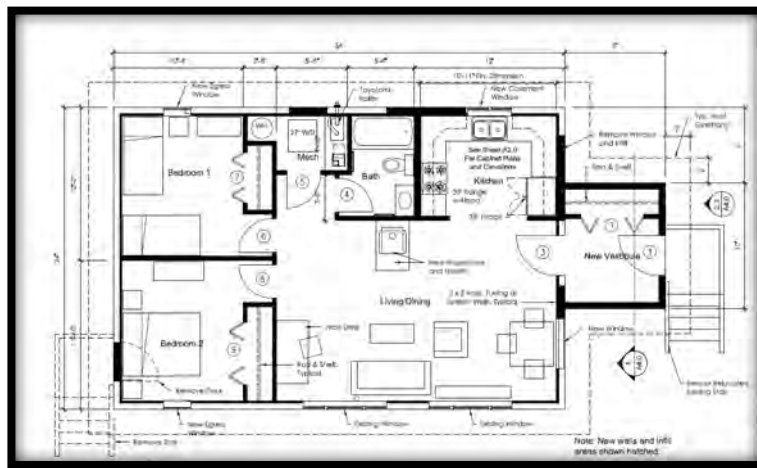
YKSD CTE Facilitator, Stephanie Williams
(center) leads a beading workshop.

Maintenance Department

Ben McFarlane,
Maintenance Coordinator

Huslia Teacher House Renovation

One of the projects the maintenance department currently has in progress is the renovation of a teacher housing unit in Huslia. As part of the project, the house will be converted from a one-bedroom unit into a two bedroom unit that will be more accommodating to teachers with families. The improvements will also include the addition of an arctic entryway, a new electrical and heating system, new triple pane windows, new kitchen cabinets, furniture and more!



New Floorplan for House 1

The team at the District Office has been busy this spring purchasing material and preparing items for shipment on the spring barge. With the exception of the electrical and mechanical specialty trades, all work is being completed by local craftsmen. We expect work to continue throughout the summer with final completion occurring later this fall.

We are truly grateful for the talented local crew that is performing the renovation work. A special thank you to Curtis Agnes, Edgar Weter, Chase Weter, Craig Bifelt and any others that have contributed to the success of this project.



View from airplane between Huslia and Fairbanks on the afternoon of January 17th, 2023.



Gale Bourne and Curtis Agnes discuss plans for new layout.

Business Office News

Introducing Our New Business Office Staff

Robbie MacManus, Controller



My name is *Robbie MacManus*. I was born in raised in Dawson City Yukon Territory, moving to Fairbanks when I met my husband in 1987. He was a dog handler for a musher on the Yukon Quest, it was February, and the rest is history! My husband Scott was a teacher, we spent two years in Saint Mary's, we travelled the Yukon River by boat (Saint Mary's to Fairbanks) with our two young boys and 12 sled dogs three times (1000 miles) We ran a summer business in Dawson City from 1990-1998 running a restaurant and Yukon River Paddle Wheel cruise. In 1996 Scott took a job in Ruby, we were there for a year before moving to Tok in 1997 (to be closer to our business in Dawson and my family) We both worked for Alaska Gateway School District in Tok until this year, working our way up through the ranks, he as the Superintendent and myself as the Business Manager (no stress there!) both of us officially being done there 06/30/2023. Our sons are grown, and have families of their own, each with one daughter, one Son in Tok and one in North Pole. We have two rottweilers and a golden retriever and we still have 9 sled dogs (Scott is the musher, I am the cleaner) Life is good, we are happy to be making a change in our lives and I am happy and very excited to be a part of Yukon Koyukuk School District



Tonya Higdon, Purchasing

I grew up in Richmond, Michigan, and after graduating high school, I moved to Alabama for a new adventure. While attending college, I met my husband, and we began our military journey. We have been married for 29 years and have three adult children. Our oldest daughter serves in the Alaska Air National Guard with Headquarters, and her husband is a Boom Operator. They had our first grandbaby Azure born on December 1st, 2022. Our son graduated from Michigan Technological University with an Engineering Degree and is on Active duty with the Air Force as a Remotely Piloted Aircraft. Our youngest daughter serves in the Alaska Air National Guard with Emergency Management, and is currently deployed.

Even though we have lived around the world, we always knew that Alaska would be the place where we would plant our roots. After serving 26 years, we wrapped up our last duty station in Hohenfels, Germany and moved back to Alaska.



A Bite from Food Service



Rachel Spencer,
Food Service Technician



Mark Weaver began working for YKSD as the cook in Ruby in December 2022 – and what a blessing he has been to Merrelene Kangas School! He has increased breakfast participation by 40%, and lunch by 15%. Students and staff alike hover around the kitchen in hopes to see what he will be serving that day. This chef has been a huge advocate for student nutrition in Ruby; he is pushing for more fresh produce in the lunch program and is working with DFG to get a moose to serve students for the upcoming school year. Thank you for your energy, Mark!

Thank You!

State & Federal Programs

Melissa Davis,
Administrative Assistant

As the snow melts and mosquitos appear we wanted to take the opportunity to share a little bit of what our department has been doing and say thank you to all of the students and faculty for their hard work this school year. We hope you have a great summer!

Reading Champs!

Please join us in congratulating Johnny Oldman School for reading the most words in our district!! Minto was a close second. Our students have been competing in a close race to see who would read the most words total. Ella B Vernetti read the most words in the small school category, Johnny Oldman School read the most words in the medium school category and won the most overall words and Minto School read the most words in the large school category. We are so proud of their efforts!

Our District Reads!



In this school year, students have read...



7,785 Books

46,234,961 Words

for **17** minutes/day!
(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE
Accelerated Reader®

State & Federal Programs continued

Melissa Davis,
Administrative Assistant

Summer Academy

Our department has been working hard to plan a summer academy for 9th through incoming 12 grade students July 21-31. We are excited to share that applications are open. Students will have a mixture of academic and cultural instruction with corresponding activities and field trips. The 2023 theme is fire and the academy will include Phlight club activities and a basketball & softball skills camp. If you know of any high school students who need an academic boost during the summer or are interested in a fun and educational experience on the UAF campus please reach out to Holly Wofford (hwofford@yksd.com).

AS PART OF AN ELDER II & ESTEEM GRANTS

2ND ANNUAL SUMMER ACADEMY-DENAALO' TSEELAANH
YUKON-KOYUKUK SCHOOL DISTRICT

JULY 21 - 31st, 2022

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STUDENTS ENTERING 9-12TH GRADE IN FALL 2023

APPLY BY MAY 19, 2023!!

Come join us and experience fun & engaging activities that focus on building your academic, social/emotional, cultural/traditional, and life resiliency skills!

This years camp will begin with a two day Phlight Club; the remainder of the camp will focus on Reading/Writing, Math, Indigenous Games, and Cultural activities.

Softball and Basketball skills camps will also be returning!!

To print an application go to <https://bit.ly/2023SummerAcademy> or contact Holly Wofford at hwofford@yksd.com/907-374-9405

Denaakkenaage' Hunek, Denakenaga' Khunek: Native Language News

Holly Wofford,
Native Language Teacher

Language Classes

Denaakk'e classes for 2022-23 have been a success! We came into the school year treading new waters, and we've managed to navigate through perfectly. At the beginning of the year, Minto started incorporating daily instruction into their routine (students receive daily 30–60 minute instruction with their on-site Native Language teacher, Bertina Titus). With Benhti Kokht'ana Kenaga' fully covered, I've been focusing on the Denaakk'e Central, Upper, and Lower dialects. Our program is growing and we're looking forward to what the next year brings.

Classwork Update: Throughout this school year we have been putting emphasis on the vocabulary/phrases in each unit of the workbook. Spending a week or two revisiting the vocabulary and taking our time working through the unit's activities/lessons seems to give our students the time they need to get a better grasp on what they're learning.

We are currently ending the school year working in Unit 8 – Gen Neen'aanh? (What Do You See?) which is our animal unit. With the 25-minute time slots twice a week for each class we have made great progress working through the workbook and ended exactly where I expected to.

Students are also working on writing/illustrating their own Denaakk'e comic books for an end of year project. For their short stories they're using the animal's Denaakk'e names as characters from unit 8 and utilizing the vocabulary/phrases they've learned throughout the year.

Independent Native Language Classes:

Huslia and Minto sites have classrooms/teachers that work on Native Language on their own. With a Denaakk'e Central (KR) class being taught by Annette Moses in Huslia, and the Benhti Kukt'ana Kenaga' language being taught by Bertina Titus in Minto. See Minto's update below:

Menok'oget: Bertina Titus in Minto says:

"Jumping into the school year with a few classes was exciting and fun esp. getting to know the kids and learning with them...quite the experience. The real challenge was when two more classes were added and all the students in the school were being taught Benhti' Kenaga what a real treat for sure. A bit challenging but worth it all. We did the whole language workbook, and I even did extra stuff with Ellen Frank's lessons with high school. We look forward to learning more through the summer and next school year. Ana Basi' for helping us learn our Native language. We Are bringing it back and walking out the part of who God created us to be, and therefore we are Very Thankful. Basi'"

Wednesday Story Hour

Native Language story hour has been held consistently every Wednesday throughout this school year. The students really seem to enjoy this block of time that's set aside for storytelling. Where we share Elder stories, traditional stories through reading/video, or by having a special guest visit. The students also do a bit of their own storytelling at the end of every story hour by presenting and sharing what they've learned during story hour through their drawings. (Storytelling is a big part of our culture and I look forward to continuing this aspect of our program next year).



Native Language News continued

Holly Wofford,
Native Language Teacher

Language Supplies

Curriculum News: This past March 2023 the Native Language Dept. held a successful language workshop. Elders from our region were flown in with representation for each dialect/language. Over a three-day period 10 + elders/language specialists along with myself, Roxanne Stickman, Susan Paskvan, and Lisa Kerscher with Brightways were able to finalize the content for the additional five new units that have been under development for the Denakk'e/Benhti workbooks. New editions of both language workbooks will be printed and shipped to the schools Fall 2023.

New units include (Moose, Fish, Plants & Berries, Classroom, and Camping).

Fall 2023 we'll be releasing new and improved teacher kits/manipulatives, an online platform to supplement the curriculum, and two new card games (Go Look & Picking Berries) which were developed in collaboration with Native Teaching Aids for our Native Language program.

March 2023 Native Language Workshop



Elders/Language Specialists working on translation.



K'etsoo Susan Paskvan doing what she loves.

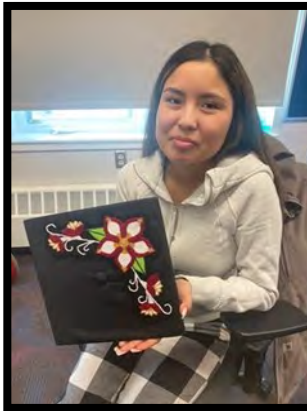
Native Language News continued

Holly Wofford,
Native Language Teacher

After-School Cultural Program

Teachers Bertina Titus of Minto and McKenna Nixon & Victoria Deacon of Nulato have been running successful after-school beading/sewing programs at their sites. Requested materials from the instructors were shipped to each site for their cultural afterschool activities. I had the opportunity to sit in during their afterschool programs during my site visits and have been receiving updates from the instructors. The students have been completing and creating beautiful cultural projects!

Graduation Cap Regalia: This year we were also able to offer graduation cap kits that were funded through An Indian Ed grant. We plan on continuing to offer this option to our seniors. Graduation is a big milestone and it's good to see them representing and expressing themselves in such a creative way.



Graduating senior Agnes Patsey with her beaded cap;
Beadwork By: Victoria Deacon



Nulato students working on a fish trap.



They had luck!



Rayana Madros with her beaded slippers.

Gathering of Nations

April 22 - May 1, 2023, a group of 12 students went on a field trip to the Gathering of Nations that was funded through An Esteem Grant. They were able to perform at the Ft. Lewis college in Durango, Colorado, and they also sang in the cliffs of the Ute Tribal Park...Our language and ways are living. :)



Cultural exchange at Ft. Lewis college.



Singing in ancient Cliff dwellings.

Jimmy Huntington School

Keely O'Connell, Teacher

On Tuesday, April 18th, students from Huslia's seventh grade class left town on snowmachines for a multi-day trip to Hot Springs. Before leaving, they prepared for the trip by studying snowmachine repair and maintenance through CTE, creating trip journals, and practicing setting up and taking down the school's wall tent.

Students Dereck Starr, Andrei Kozevnikoff, Deon Olin, Gordon Vent and Falon Weter, along with parent chaperones Clinton Weter, Colleen Weter, Donovan Olin, and teacher Keely O'Connell participated in the trip. The boys took responsibility for setting up their own wall tent, hauled water, chopped firewood, and kept daily journals. In their free time, they explored the area, enjoyed the hot water, played chess, and cooked over a campfire. The group went on several snowmachine rides across the valley and had the opportunity to see caribou. The weather was sunny, warm, and clear, and everyone enjoyed this unforgettable time on the land.

The participating students are currently working on an eBook to document their Hot Springs experience.



Jimmy Huntington School continued

Steve Swatling, Teacher



Jimmy Huntington Schools eighth through twelfth grade students hosted their first science EXPO in 15 years! Students used kits from KiwiCo.com to learn about various science, math, engineering, and art concepts.

Students prepared presentations and worked to make them hands on and engaging. Our judges, **Cassandra Weter** and **Keely O'Connell** selected our top three winners based on their enthusiasm, display, and knowledge.

Congratulations to **Mia Cardenas-Wright** for winning gold with her well prepared and rehearsed presentation on paper making and journal writing! **Eliza Sam** and **Dante Sam** won second with an intriguing presentation about sewable circuits which included a soft, light up unicorn plush toy. **Barrett Whittaker** took home bronze with an electrifying presentation about the science of a hand crank flashlight.

Through events such as this, schools and communities work together to develop and foster a strong connection where knowledge and learning are highly valued. Students need these opportunities to feel the power and joy that comes from being contributing members of their village. Our student participants who were brave enough to step up and show up on presentation day upheld their Athabascan values of respect for knowledge and wisdom. Our parents and community members who supported those students reaffirmed their responsibility to the village and helped reinforce the importance of valuable life experiences for our youth.



I am proud to live and work in the land of the Denaakk'e, Baasee'.

Jimmy Huntington School continued

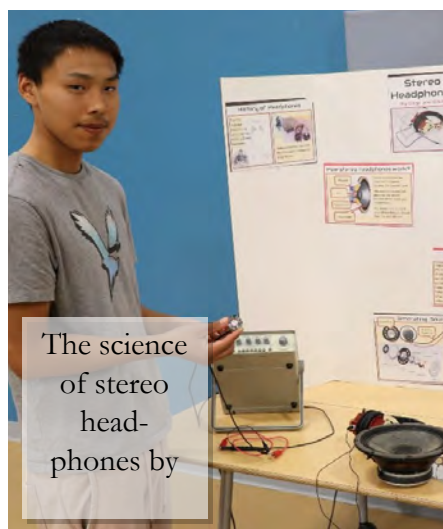
Steve Swatling, Teacher



Our first place winner,
Mia Cardenas-Wright
with their presentation on
how to make beautiful pa-



Sticky Slime



The science
of stereo
head-
phones by



Eliza Sam and Dante Sam won 2nd place
their sewn unicorn
with its glowing horn.
They taught about
conductive thread and



**Barrett Whit-
taker** won third
place with his
presentation
about how to
make a hand
crank flashlight
and the electrical



Serenity Bifelt
demonstrating super
bubble solution.

Maudrey J. Sommer School

Therese Ashton, Principal

Thank you to all the people who have served on the Tanana City School Board all these years and given their time and energy to govern the school district. There have been difficulties and successes along the way. The focus has always been to serve our students for their own best futures. The current board members, Liisia Edwardson, Phyllis Erhart, Lois Huntington, Theresa Marks, and Cindy Roberts have brought us through a year of change. As Tanana becomes a 2nd class city Maudrey J. Sommer School will become part of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District. A larger school district brings more stability to our staff and significant change in opportunities for our students to get a more well-rounded education. The staff has also done well with the changes throughout the year. We're learning new ways and leaving behind ill-fitting processes that are no longer needed. This year we have a strong support staff. Thanks to Thelma Edwin, Zoey Erhart, Jen Johnson, Roxanne Kennedy, Rhiannon Reed, Juwan Moore, and Tasha Sanders. It was also great to have Mike Ashton on board to help bring the building back up to standards and to mentor Juwan as he takes over the maintenance of the building. Together, our school is in good shape to take on the next school year.



K-4 Happenings

Ms. Angie's students are writing and then sharing their work with the class on a regular basis. Their reading scores are going up and up.



High School Happenings

High School students had instructions from carpentry instructor Brian Rencher. They worked with a variety of tools and made their own stools



Maudrey J. Sommer School continued

Therese Ashton, Principal



Our Visit with Challenge Life, Al Sokoitis: It was a pleasure to have another visit from Coach Sokoitis this year. He was only able to stay one day but he packed in a lot of basketball and life skills lessons.



Middle & High School Earth Day Activities: Stan Zuray went out with the students to show them how to take sap from birch trees. Kathleen Zuray worked with the students planting flower seeds. Students also spent time drawing pictures honoring Earth Day. Thank you to our volunteers for spending their time with us.



Middle School/High School Wilderness Survival: Instructor Abi Duffield for the CPR training returned last week to work on Wilderness Survival course. This is what Abi wrote, "We just finished the Wilderness Survival course here at Tanana, and it went great! We had multiple groups of students working on emergency shelters! Even had a student say that this was the best class they have had and it didn't feel like they were at school. :)" Here are some photos she took of the shelters the students built.

Nick Hanson, Eskimo Ninja Visit! Nick Hanson, who is a dynamic and uplifting speaker and focuses on mental and physical wellness together. He shared his own challenges growing up and how through his own efforts with much support from others he was able to get to where he is today. The Native Youth Olympic (NYO) games are based on traditional ways. He told a story as he demonstrated skills used from traditional ways. All ages of students were able to join in and try out the stick pull. He also spent time the next day with each class.



Allakaket School

Joshua Hatfield,
Principal/Teacher

The 4th quarter in Allakaket has been our busiest yet and everyone has had a blast! Check some of the really exciting things that our students have been up to!



6th grade student Hazel Strassburg participated in the SkiKu Kids Race. She placed 2nd! Skiku - What a FUN week of skiing with Lex and Joe, not only did they work with each class on ski fundamentals but they held ski races with prizes and even a ski scavenger hunt that included Easter Eggs.



Mr. Anthony with Evan Strassburg, Stuart Bergman and Sidney Bergman. Welding with Mr. Anthony Cavan: Three of our secondary students got to spend some time learning about welding and building their very own "Rocket Stoves". They were also able to get OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) certification and their cards.



Dancing with the Spirit: A big thank you to Amy and Issac, along with 3 of our local musicians Vincent, Ben and Phillip; for coming out and spending time with our students and teaching them how to play the ukulele, fiddle and guitar. We finished up the week with a Community Concert, Dinner and Dance.

Allakaket School continued

Joshua Hatfield,
Principal/Teacher



CTE Carpentry with Mr. Brian. Hazel Strassburg uses the Miter saw to start her project.



Stuart Bergman with Mr. Brian.



Gabe Nollner became proficient with the Miter saw.



Eskimo Ninja Warrior, Nick Hanson: We had a great community turn out and everyone loved how Nick connected the activities with native hunting strategies and techniques. He also spent time with each of our class the next day, working with them on the different skills he showed the night before.

Allakaket School continued

Joshua Hatfield,
Principal/Teacher

Stream Night with Sara Henderson

Thank you to the District Office and Sara Henderson for coming out to Allakaket and hosting Stream Night. The students participated in various activities including: painting CD Northern Lights, Exploding Volcano, Alaska Animals Venn Diagram and Denaa Nene' Henaayh "Our Land Speaks" native language game. We had a great community dinner and then each family got connections.



Johnny Oldman School

Andrew Bellamy
Teacher

Happy Summer, YKSD families and staff!

We'd like to first congratulate our very own Mrs. Bellamy on winning the YKSD Teacher of the Year award. It is a well-deserved recognition and the staff at Johnny Oldman School could not be more proud of her accomplishments and dedication to our school and community.

Not-Teacher-of-the-Year Mr. Bellamy's class enjoyed several CTE and cultural activities this quarter. We hosted Ryan Bandy with marten trapping, Anthony Cavan with woodworking, Ian McCarthy with a Healthcare camp, Skiku skiing, Eskimo Ninja Warrior, Nick Hanson, College Prep basketball with coach Chad Dyson, STREAM night with Lisa Cavan, and PHlight Club.

Whew! Not only that, but the students immersed themselves in Iditarod action by simulating a dog sled race with Sphero robots. Last but not least, Ms. Hayes organized a formal dance and dinner for the middle school students; the kids had a blast, dancing for hours!



Finally, five of our students were selected to go to Chadron State College in Nebraska, along with field trips to Mount Rushmore, Wind Cave National Park, and a local hot spring. Here they learned about the "Grow-Your-Own" Teacher program and got to experience a small slice of college life.

Thank you to all the students for their wonderful efforts in school this year. From Simon's math challenges to the Accelerated Reader program, from Student council to conferences in Anchorage and Fairbanks, the students of Johnny Oldman School rocked this school year!



Kaltag School

Kevin Matthews
Principal/Teacher

As of today, there are only 11 school days left but who's counting? As always, there is a lot going on but at least the testing is done.



One of the things that have been a big part of Kaltag this year is our partnership with RurAL CAP. **Shana Esmailka** has done a great job working with our students and helping out around the school.

RurAL CAP activities include open gym, movie night, helping out with Esteem Grant projects, and cross-country skiing. Ms. Shana also helps out in the classroom as a paraprofessional.



RurAL CAP



AmeriCorps

Good Morning! We start our day off in the gym together. We say “the Pledge” and talk about Athabascan Values. We talk about what is going on in the school. We also recognize awards and other things.



Esteem Grants - ProFlight was one of the many programs that have been in Kaltag this year.



Kaltag School

Kevin Matthews
Principal/Teacher

Another Shout Out to our CTE Department. While Mr. Len was working with the MS/HS students on Electrician Training, Ms. Sally visited with all of our students about careers. Thanks for supporting and encouraging our students.



Alaska Cultural Trails with Ms. Cheryl.



Learning about Oral Health. Taking good care of your teeth is important for good health.



Jonah was working on his avocado plant.



Time for some open gym during Stick Dance



Ella B. Vernetti School

Stephanie Milner
Principal/Teacher

What we have been up to in Koyukuk...



Ella B. Vernetti School Students at The San Diego Zoo - San Diego, California - May 2023

School Activities in Quarter 4!

The 4th quarter went by so fast. None of us can believe the end of the school year is almost here! These are some of the highlights for both classes in 4th quarter:

STREAM Night - was held with Mrs. Victoria Deacon on March 20th, 2023. It was a good time and students really enjoyed Mrs. Deacon's cooking that evening. Student attendance was excellent!

College Hoops Prep - Coach Dyson and Coach Mo came out to Koyukuk and held some basketball clinics for students and open gym for the community. The students really enjoyed playing basketball and learning different skills for improving their technique of the game.

Carpentry Class - Grades 7-8 - Mr. Brian with the CTE Department came and helped students make wooden stools. The students did a great job and all of them took their projects home and showed their families.

Toyo Stove Repair Workshop - Grades 4-8 - Mr. Dan with the CTE Department conducted Toyo Stove repairs with the 4th -8th grade students. All students participated and were able to repair a community member's Toyo Stove.

Ella B. Verneti School continued

Stephanie Milner
Principal/Teacher

Our Class Trip - San Diego, California!! - The students went on an amazing school trip and were able to experience many theme parks, shopping and dining in San Diego, California. We left Koyukuk Monday, May 1st. We arrived in San Diego on Tuesday May 2nd. Students were so excited to take this trip. We went and visited SeaWorld on Wednesday, May 3rd. Students enjoyed seeing the Orca show, the Dolphin show, and various shops, rides and the beautiful San Diego weather. On Thursday, May 4th we went to LEGOLAND California. This theme park even featured a build your own Lego mini race car with the ability to test drive it. Driving the big Lego cars was the real hit with some students to get a Lego driver's license and all and test drive on this track multiple times. On Friday, May 5th the students and chaperones went to The San Diego Zoo. What an incredible zoo! It is huge, featuring animals from all across the globe. We started out taking a guided bus tour in order to see all around the perimeter of the zoo. After which time we then walked all around the zoo in order to see various different species of animals in their featured exhibit. Saturday, May 6th we went to the USS Midway Museum. Students took a free self-guided audio tour being able to see all over The Midway. This is the longest serving aircraft carrier of the 20th century! The USS Midway was decommissioned in 1992. Various former veterans and service members serve as volunteer docents on the Midway. Students saw the galley where enlisted men and women ate, as well as officer eating quarters. They saw enlisted bunks, officer sleeping rooms, the flight deck with many different aircraft up top, and pilot training/meeting rooms. Sunday, May 7th was a shopping day for everyone. We went to Fashion Valley Mall which is the largest mall in San Diego. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon movie, The Super Mario Brothers movie. Monday, May 8th was a down day where we got our laundry completed, students went swimming in the hotel pool, we packed, and got ready for the long day of travel back to Alaska on Tuesday, May 9th. We spent two quick days in Fairbanks checking out the UAF Museum of the North, some shopping and other brief activities. We flew back to Koyukuk on Friday, May 12th. Now we are all getting ready to wind down the school year.



I'll let the pictures from our school trip all below show all the fun things we saw and did while in San Diego and Fairbanks...



Minto School

Mike Day, Principal

Ms. Bjerke's happenings

Ms. Bjerke's students have been having an out-of-this-world fourth quarter! They did a deep dive into space and had fun exploring the planets, the sun, and the moon! We had a portable planetarium visit our school and we heard some awesome constellation stories! We also had Sally Endestad visit as our Mystery Reader and she really got the students excited about future careers they might want to pursue.



Ms. Wolfe's happenings

Our class enjoyed visiting the UAF Planetarium, and learned about the Northern Lights and planets. It was an out of this world experience. We studied hard for the AK STAR Testing and have been practicing our basketball skills. Our 3rd-5th grade boys will be participating in the Golden Heart Classic Tournament in early May. We have been enjoying the warmer weather and the ladies went outside and enjoyed the snow mountain next to the playground. We are winding down the year, but still working hard.

Ms. Bruno's happenings

Middle School Magic - Pictures are worth a thousand words.



Andrew K. Demoski School

Mary Ann Chapman
Principal/Teacher

The highlight for March was cross-country skiing with Skiku. All students enjoyed skiing during PE/recess and participated in after school ski club for a full week.



Our seniors took a trip to San Francisco, CA, in April. They toured San Francisco State University and attended a Golden State Warriors basketball game. Other highlights were Golden Gate State Park, Chinatown, Muir Woods Redwood Forest, and Alcatraz.



Dancing with the Spirit brought music to Nulato. Isaac and Catherine Amy taught students guitar, fiddle, and ukulele. They performed a concert on the last evening to showcase their talent.



Some students ended the month attending the Doyon Limited Career Fair in Fairbanks, then they went to the Westmark Hotel for a night of fun at the small schools' Prom.

Andrew K. Demoski School continued

Mary Ann Chapman
Principal/Teacher

The first weekend in May, several students in grades 3-8 had the opportunity to play basketball one more time this year in the 1st Annual Golden Heart Conference Interior Youth Basketball Tournament. Nulato and Huslia joined together to make a 3rd/4th boys team and a 7th/8th girls team. The 7th girls walked away with the championship trophy! Big thanks to Cletus Sipary and Vernon Madros, Sr., for coaching.



Also, in the first week of May, CPR/First Aid and Wilderness Training prepared secondary students with skills to survive in a medical emergency as well as how to make an emergency shelter in the wilderness should the needs arise.



Merrelaine A. Kangas School

Candis Gunn
Principal/Teacher

This quarter, we have been super busy.

Our wins: the Raven Chronic Absenteeism is down to 2 kids from 7 due to the after-school and Saturday School program. Also, we have tested 100% of our kiddos!

Our visitors include Nick Hansen, Eskimo Ninja, (ESTEEM), Ryan Bandy, who taught our kids how to trap and skin Martin (ESTEEM), and Nurse Melissa, who is covering the basics of self-care and knowledge (CTE). We also had Mr. Len out to teach the basics of electric conduction (CTE).

We are eager to end the school year as its conclusionary event is a 3rd-12th grade camping trip to wrap the school-wide "Hatchet" novel study. The kiddos are super excited to take their "survival backpacks," which have been supplemented with the Lit Kits that contained camping gear!



Chastity Greenway, Sharae Harding, Mav Smith, Steven Morgan, and Sidney McCarty on Prom Night



Axton Savage studying one of the rocks they brought in from 4-mile.



Walker McCarty, Vic Williams, and Walter Titus on the rock-hunting expedition.



Adam Williams carved a boat.

Rampart School

Rampart Pride

Anna Marquardt, Teacher

The Rampart Pride Patrol is showing our school some love! Secondary students participate in daily area sweeps to make sure equipment is stored, our classroom is in order and filtered water is available. Students are taking steps to reduce plastic and paper waste.

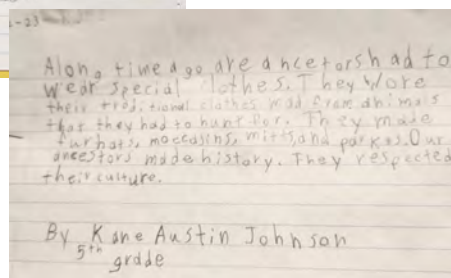
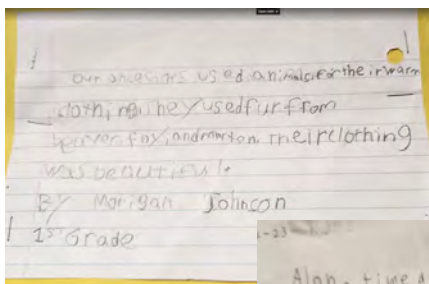
Secondary students have tackled the school's daunting book storage area as well. As students organized hundreds of volumes, an impressive collection of Alaska library materials were rediscovered. Several items are decades old and many include photos and works by friends and family members. These books, media and artworks have been organized into an Alaska Studies special library. Rampart students and community members have already begun enjoying these treasures.



Getting Creative

Jesse David, Teacher

Nine K-6th grade students drew pictures and wrote about them. We'll compile them into a book so that the students and their families will have something to keep.



Patsy M., Amelia J., Kane J., Morigan J., Ariyah W., David S. and Lawrence M.

Raven Homeschool

Kim Bergey, Director

Raven Anchorage

The school year seems to have flown by in a flurry of workshops, field trips, parties, activities and more! We are so excited to celebrate our graduates and their hard work during our graduation ceremony. Way to go, Class of 2023!

Students have enjoyed a full year of awesome clubs and workshops such as Monthly Art Club, Science Workshops, Math Club, Brain Breakers Club, Spanish Lessons, Dungeons & Dragons Club, Community Involvement Club, Geography Club, Writing Club and many others. We've also had great field trips such as a tour of Papa Murphy's, seeing "The Velveteen Rabbit" through Anchorage Junior Theater, rock climbing, ax throwing, and bowling - just to name a few. We're ending the 22-23 year with a fun field trip to Putters Wild for some 3D, black-light mini golfing. We'll also be throwing a big End of Year Party along with our Kindergarten Graduation in early June.

2022-2023 was another exciting year full of wonderful opportunities for our students and we can't wait to see what the next year brings!



Raven Delta

We would like to welcome our new Family Liaison, Ashley Johnson. She is excited about working with Raven and homeschooling her son this year. She has two children, Skyler and Evie. She and her husband have always wanted to homeschool their children. She was thrilled to find a superb community like Raven that welcomed her and her family with open arms. She's ready to start this journey and cannot wait to see where it takes them.



Congratulations to our Student of the Month: Johann Pronin!

We have had an interesting Spring. We had craft days that let us play in the dirt (planting sunflower seeds), decorating wooden flowers and birds and making something special for Mom's for Mother's Day. April was State testing. Thank you to all our students that took the time to participate.

We have had monthly Senior Meetings with Counselor Ryan Tilbury preparing our Seniors for life after high school. Our National Honor Society students have been meeting monthly to work on Community Service and learn from leaders. Students gathered for our trip to the Drive In for ice cream and a walk. The ice cream was great, but the walk was canceled due to the wind. We are looking forward to our High School and Kindergarten graduations and our End of Year Party!

Raven Eagle River

This spring has things buzzing around here at the Eagle River office. On any given day, you may pop in and learn about musical composers while attending our Music Club every other Tuesday or you may learn how to make ice cream in a



bag at our quarterly Cooking Club. Our Recess Club continues to rally on each Monday and then there is the hiking crew each Thursday at our Outdoor Club. The Little Learners Club has our younger students learning all about how to learn in a group setting as our very own family liaison Molly teaches them through literature and art. It is a joy to see. Last week we had our first



SHARE NIGHT where we were entertained with so much talent. From piano pieces to karate kicks, song singing and poetry presenting, we even had one young man create his own live action movie! We can hardly wait to see what talent will show up at next year's Share Night. Finally, the last field trip of the year will be at the end of this week where LOTS of our families will travel to Seward to have a sleepover at the Sea Life Center. It is good to be a part of Raven Homeschool!

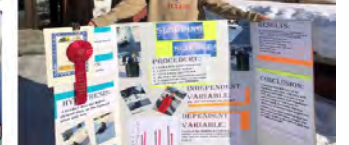
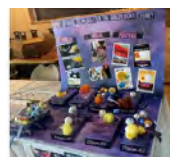
Raven Fairbanks

We are busy getting ready for graduation. We will have a Kindergarten Graduation on May 25th at 11:00 am at the Raven Office. We will also have a Senior Graduation on May 25th at 6:00 pm at Hering Auditorium. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Raven students have been hard at work perfecting their sewing skills. They have been learning from one of our excellent vendors, Mama Alaska Designs. Students have been making a variety of projects including pot holders, zipper bags and soup cozies.

Raven held our annual Cookie Competition in March. Each student worked hard and made delicious cookies. It was a tough competition, but we were able to send three of our students to the Interior Homeschool Cookie Competition. One of our students, Stellar Gilbert, took second place in the regional competition.

Raven held a Science Fair and had several competitors. To the right you will find a few of the interesting entries. One of our students, Joel Halbrook went on to place second in the regional competition.



Raven Juneau



Despite the weather not being very springy, this spring has been a flurry of activity in the Juneau Office. Our 5th/6th and High School teams did great in the State Battle of the Books Competitions. We also focused on reading with our annual IditaRead Race throughout March and reading themed Marvelous Mondays in

May for Get Caught Reading Month. Some big events that we enjoyed were a Family Potluck and Movie Night, Ice Skating, Sea Week Field Trip to DIPAC, Mother's/Father's Day Pottery Class, Poetry Tea Party, Bowling, and Composting Field Trip. Those were all in addition to our regularly scheduled weekly and monthly clubs and activities that continue to be a lot of fun. For Pi Day, we had a huge celebration at our office and also worked in conjunction with the Anchorage Raven Office to visually depict 65 digits of Pi. All in all, it has been a super full fourth quarter!



Raven Wasilla

The 4th quarter at the Wasilla Raven office has flown by! Our newly formed National Honor Society has been doing community service at Frontline Mission, an organization that distributes food to the local communities and gaining experience in working with the public. Students participated in the bowling club and games club. Leprechauns visited our office and escaped every trap that the students made! This was a fun activity that was enjoyed by all. Students have painted flower pots and planted flowers as well



as making pinwheels and kites for our Nature Crafts Club. The Book Club students finished out the



Little House on the Prairie Series by exploring how tornadoes form and making popcorn balls like they did at Laura's house! Crafternoon and ARTiculate continued to be a fun outlet for creative expression. Students took a field trip to a local fire station, learning fire safety and what to do if they needed to evacuate their house. Students also visited a local musher's kennel, where they learned about the

sport of dog mushing, what it is like to run the Iditarod, how to care for dogs that work hard mushing, as well as getting to interact with the dogs up close. We are looking forward to our class of 2023 graduation, with 35 graduates walking in our ceremony!



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2023-2024 YKSD SCHOOL CALENDAR



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2023	
JULY	4 Independence Holiday
AUGUST	1 Assistant Directors return to work 3 Principals Return to work at District Office 8 Principals Return to site 8-9 New Teachers at District Office 10-11 Teacher Inservice/Workdays on-site 14-16 Teacher Inservice days on-site 17 First Day of School for students
SEPTEMBER	1 Subsistence day (Students & Teachers) 4 Labor Day Holiday 8 Subsistence day (Students & Teachers) 15 Mid-term Progress Reports 16 Principal Workday 18 & 22 Teacher Travel Days 19-21 District-wide Inservice (Wedgewood Resort)
OCTOBER	14-15 Principal Workdays 20 End of 1st Quarter/Early Dismissal for Students/Report Cards
NOVEMBER	1 Parent Teacher Conferences/Early Dismissal for Students 11 Principal Workday 17 Mid-term Progress Reports 22 Vacation/Non-contract day for teacher, principals & students 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday
DECEMBER	9 Principal Workday 15 End of Semester/Early Dismissal for Students/Report Cards 12/18-1/2 Holiday Break-No School
2024	
JANUARY	1 New Year Holiday 2 Vacation/Non-contract day for Teachers 3 Teacher Inservice days on-site 4 Students back to school 27-28 Principal Workdays
FEBRUARY	2 Mid-term Progress Reports 19 President's Day - No School for Students or Teachers 24 Principal Workday
MARCH	8 End of Quarter/Early Dismissal for Students/Report Cards 11-15 Spring Break (varies by school) 23 Principal Workday 25 Testing Window Begins 25 Parent Teacher Conferences/Early Dismissal for Students
APRIL	19 Mid-term Progress Reports 26 Testing Window Ends 27 Principal Workday
MAY	23 Last Day of School for Students/Report Cards 24 Teacher Workday 25 Principal Workday 27 Memorial Holiday 28-31 Principal Workdays
JUNE	Admin. Retreat (Directors, Asst. Directors & Coordinators) 7 Last Workday for Assistant Directors
E	End of Quarter-Early Dismissal for Students/Report Cards
H	Legal Holiday
I	Inservice Day
M	Parent-Teacher Conf-Early Dismissal for Students
MD	Minimum Day
MT	Mid-Term Progress Reports
NT	New Teacher Workday
D/C	First/Last Day of School for Students
P	Principal Workday (tentative dates)
S	Subsistence Days for Students & Teachers
T	Testing
V	Vacation Day (Students, Teachers, Principals)
W	Teacher Workday (no students)
○	Regional School Board Meetings

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