

## Site Report – Kokhanok – October 2020

**To: Superintendent Ty Mase  
and LPSD School Board Members**

**From: Jordan Davis, Head Teacher, Kokhanok**

### **Outstanding Activities and Events**

XC 10/2 - Kokhanok sent two runners to Newhalen for the XC meet. We're proud of our runners for finishing 8th and 14th overall!

Flu Clinic 10/9 - We're so grateful for the Kokhanok Clinic coming to the school to provide students and staff with the option of obtaining their flu shot for the year. We might have had some sore arms, but we hope to be better protected from any foreign body attacks.

Spirit week 10/26-10/30: Beach day, PJ day, Twin day, Mismatch Day, and Halloween costumes, really have our spirits high to finish out the month of October! We are going to end spirit week with a socially distant school party!

Halloween Parade 10/31 - Kokhanok is going to get a little scarier this Saturday with a parade of goblins, ghouls, and we're sure some Princesses too!

### **Personnel**

We've had a number of staff need to quarantine for the month of October, which has forced us to either find subs or have teachers take on some extra duties. We're really thankful for our subs, and their willingness to step in and help us out. To quote one sub, "Just call me anytime, I'll be your number one sub!" Jesse and Dana have taken over the morning and afternoon bus runs. Moses Mike has stepped up to help out in the custodial area, and has made it his personal mission to make sure our gym area is completely sanitized and safe for students. Megan Klopp, when asked if she would be interested in subbing for Leonard, didn't hesitate for a second. She just asked, "What time should I come up?" Folks like Megan, Moses, Dana, and Jesse, really help our school continue to run without too many hiccups. Thank you so much for your altruism!

### **Standards Based System**

A heartfelt thank you to Bill for your session during inservice, reminding us about what a standards based system looks and feels like. It's easy to become so caught up in standards and curriculum, that we start to go down the proverbial rabbit hole. This workshop was a great reminder that our standards based system is

Localized

Purposeful

Student

Driven

### **Curriculum Progress and Professional Development**

Inservice was a great time for sharing valuable knowledge and resources. We always value the time we spend with fellow LPSD educators!

A special shout out to Ms. Brittany Rush who received her Associate's degree from UAA this summer in Early Childhood Education/Development. Congratulations on your achievement Ms. Brittany!

Currently, Kait and Austin are mentees participating in LPSD's mentor program, with our own homesite mentor Dana leading, guiding, and educating. Josh and Dana are also participating in LPSD's own Master's of Education in Teaching and Learning. Josh also recently completed his Alaska Alive course. Jordan completed a class on Elementary Reading Interventions. Jesse is continually finding unique ways in teaching math that makes it fun and engaging for all students. What can we say, Kokhanok staff has some hard-working teachers, constantly improving themselves for the betterment of their students!

### **Technology Progress**

We couldn't be more grateful for the tech team and district for the purchase of new computers! We have a few students who are going to be thrilled they don't have to carry around their computer chargers any longer! We're looking forward to the new keyboards that will go to elementary students' iPads. We have some serious writing we're looking forward to accomplishing! THANK YOU!

### **Facility Update**

With all of the new challenges this year presents, who could have predicted that retiring the school truck could cause so many problems? It is challenging when air taxis call to drop off freight at the same time students are taking the bus home. We are thankful that Kokhanok Village Council has stepped up to help us out in these challenging times. However, Kokhanok School is looking forward to receiving a brand new Chevy Tahoe and Silverado! Thank you to all who were involved in the purchase of these vehicles. We are eagerly awaiting their arrival!

### **LSAC Activity**

LSAC continues to voice concerns over the Smart Start Plan, wondering what would make Kokhanok school enter the "Yellow" phase. We have received three declaration of candidacy forms for open positions on our LSAC. Elections will take place on November 2nd. Good luck to all who are running!

### **Volunteer Report**

We'd like to take a moment to reiterate and show how thankful we are for Moses Mike. Moses shows no hesitation when it comes to getting things done. Moses is always there to make sure tables, chairs, floors, lockers, etc. are clean and sanitized. He is always seeking out work that needs to be done. Moses is the very definition of "see a need, fill a need." Thank you Moses!

### **Trips Planned**

No trips are currently planned for the students, especially as things tighten down around the lake area. Teachers, however, are grateful for the support of the district to travel over winter to see our families and take a break. We appreciate everyone thinking outside of the box to make sure that our emotional and mental needs are met.

## **Pupil Attendance**

Update on numbers:

September Numbers	October Numbers
K-5: 25	K-5: 23
6-8: 10	6-8: 9
9-12: 6	9-12: 7
Preschool: 8	Preschool: 6
Total: 49	Total: 45

We have a number of students who are not physically present in school due to quarantines. However, these students are receiving work packets to be completed. We are thankful for all of the home support and communication.

October saw a significant decrease in clinic visits and return to school forms. Students are happy and most importantly, healthy!

## **Student and Staff Safety**

Kokhanok school is ever vigilant in our mask wearing, hand sanitizing, wiping down of surfaces, etc. We are impressed that even our preschoolers are able to make up all day! We are keeping a watchful eye on COVID, and are encouraging best practices in conjunction with KVC COVID mandates.

## **Subsistence Calendar**

We are so appreciative that we are going to continue our Noon Start Mondays even though we are limited on time due to the subsistence calendar. Thank you, administration and Board, for recognizing that the teaching staff needs planning time to prevent burnout. We hope you're taking some planning time for yourselves too!

## **Other**

We had a great first quarter, and we're looking forward to an even better second quarter!

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