

Site Report – Chignik Lake – October 2020

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and LPSD School Board Members

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Outstanding Activities and Events

October has been quite a month!

BBAHC brought pedometers as prizes for kids who got flu shots. Thanks to Kevin Meekma at BBAHC, we were able to provide pedometers for all the students and staff at the Lake school. Students have been setting step goals and tracking their steps every day. After a thank you meeting with Kevin, the students decided to step their way to Honolulu, Hawaii. They calculate it will take us about three months of collective walking to get us there. Wish us luck!

Our hatchery permit for “Salmon in the Classroom” was approved. The teachers were able to collect and fertilize eggs from the Chignik River. Students are now learning about Chignik River salmon and their environment, needs and threats. They are monitoring the eggs as they progress through their life cycle. Once the eggs reach the “fry” stage, they can be released back into the Chignik River. The National Wildlife Federation has deemed our playground area a “Certified Wildlife Habitat” as it provides sources for food, water and breeding habitat for wild animals – mostly birds. The student government is sponsoring a bear-proof trash bin for the playground to encourage users to keep the wild habitat clean and safe.



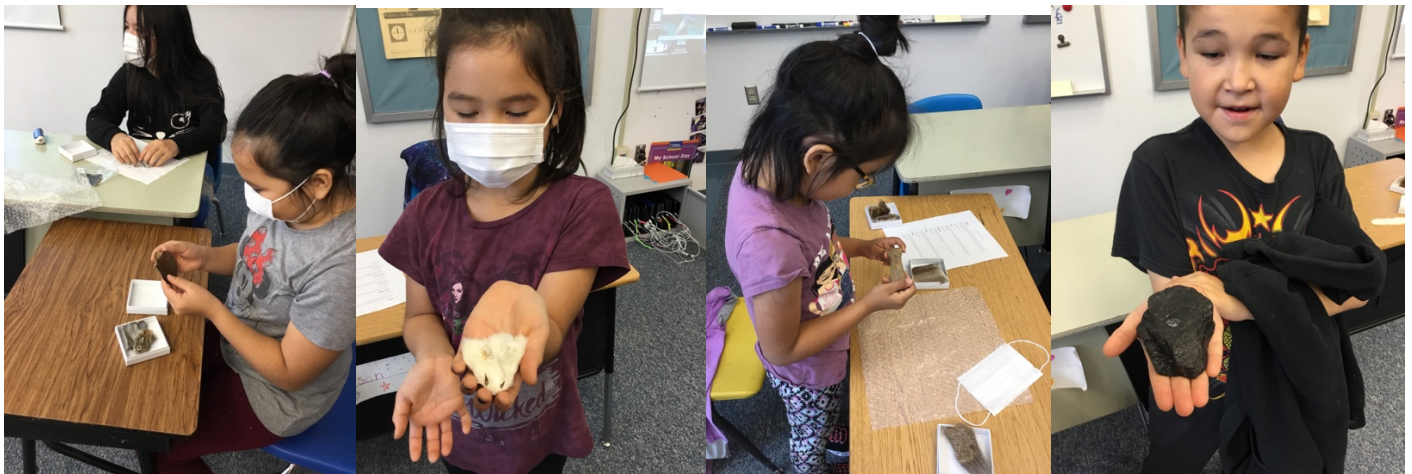


Photo How a predator views salmon eggs



Photo: No eyes yet

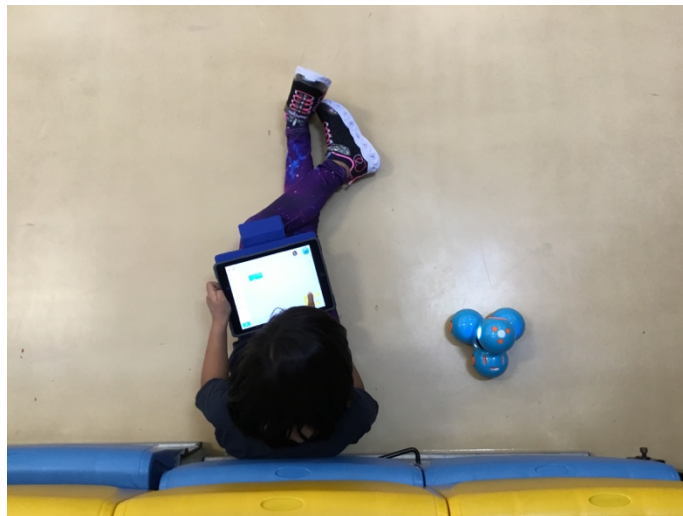
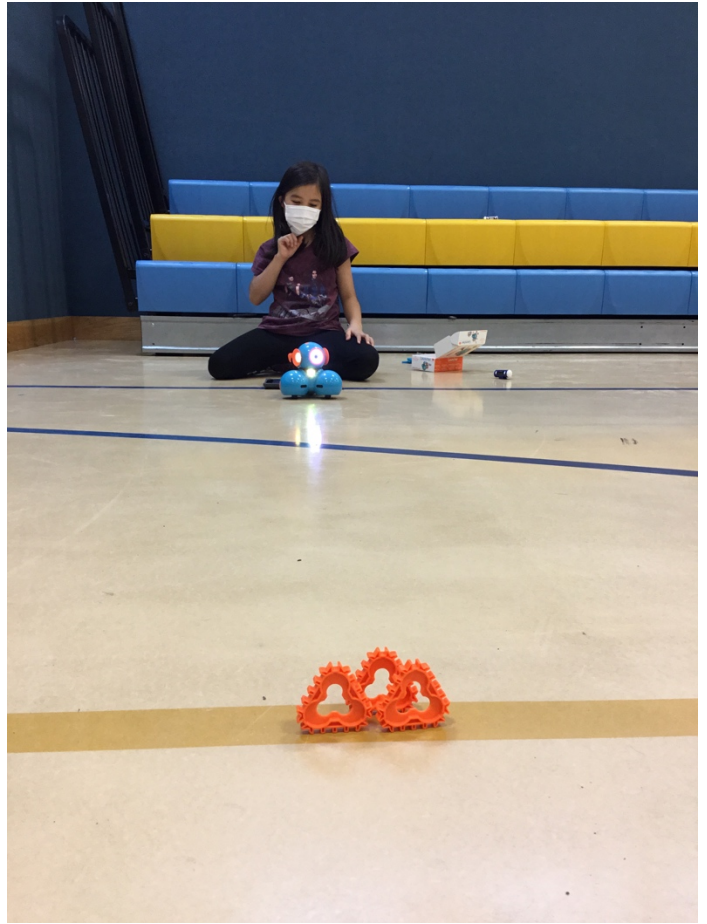
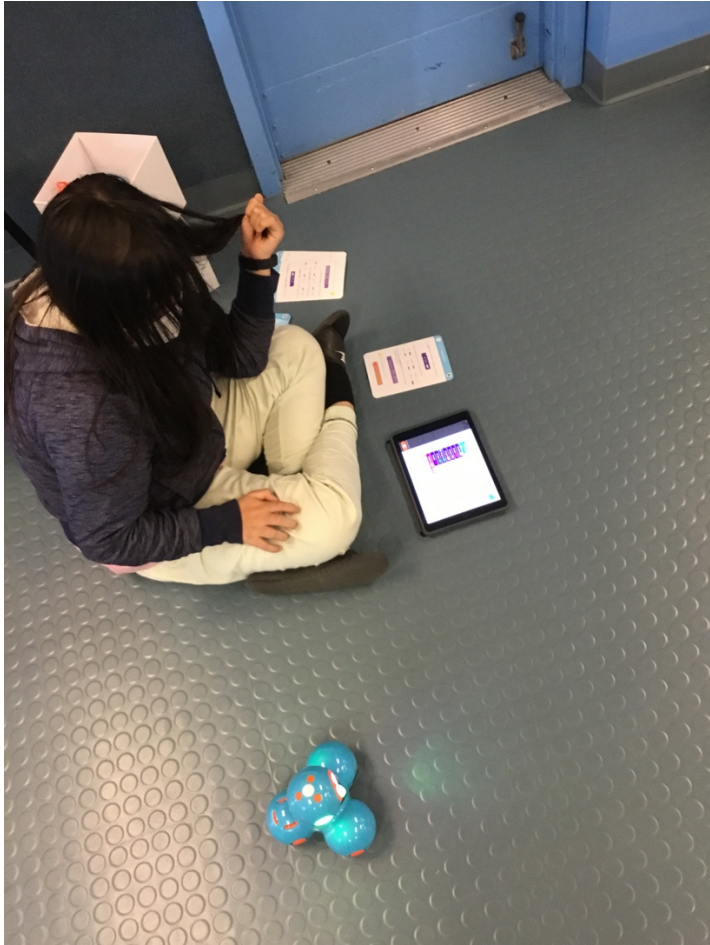
We learned about subsistence ways of Alutiiq people by exploring a kit from the Kodiak Museum. From Kindergarten to High School, the students enjoying a hand-on approach to discovering uses of the many items that could be found around Chignik Lake.



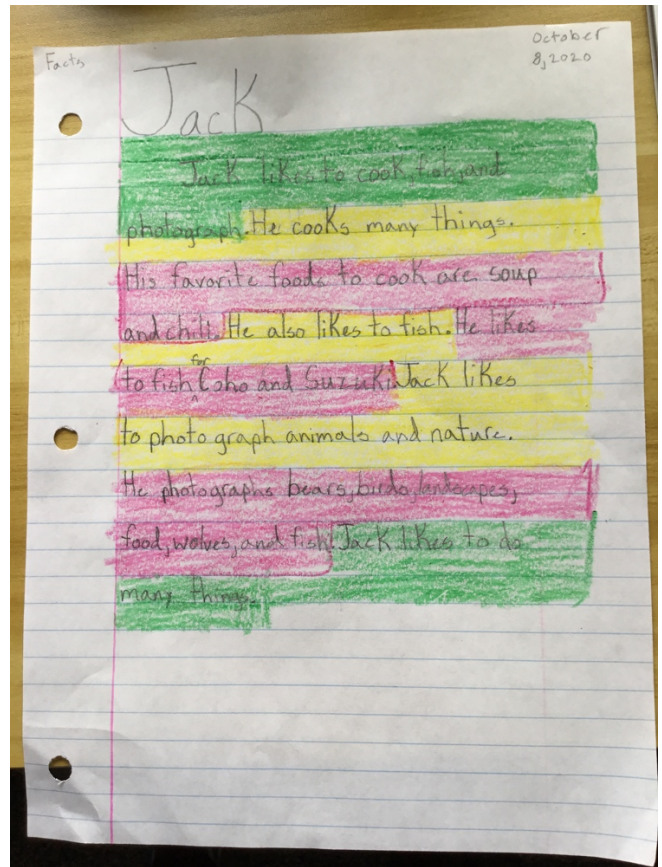
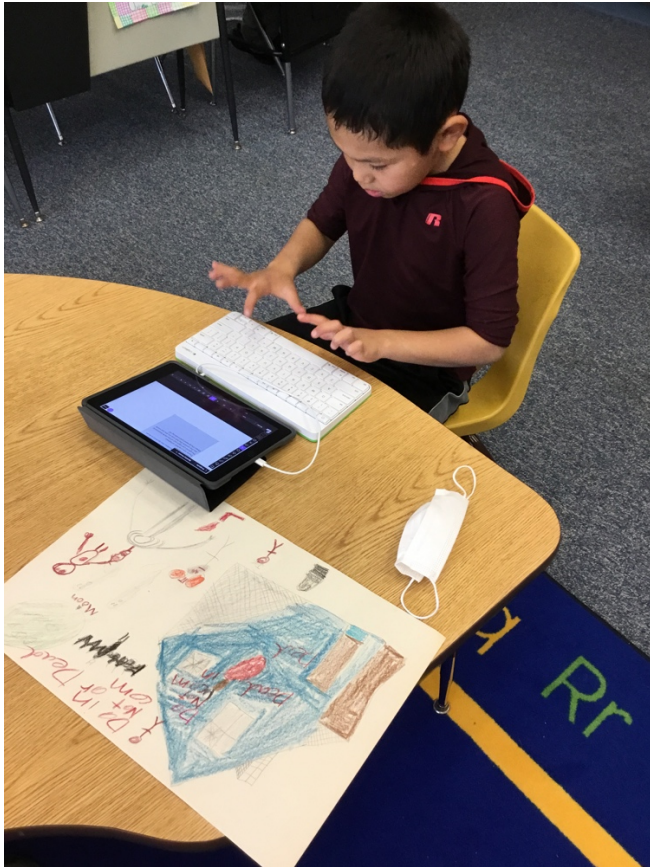
The secondary students tried their hands at soapstone carving.



More exciting times on Fridays for our elementary students. They've been learning to code by programming Dot and Dash. So far, they've been learning and applying the concepts of sequence and algorithms by programming their robots to move, flash lights, dance, talk, race and finally to catapult balls to knock down a target.



Back to the classroom – students are working hard on writing projects. Students are learning how to write color-coded paragraphs. They are mastering the paragraphs and are ready to stretch those paragraphs into essays. Students also spent time this month writing real estate ads for Spooky Houses to sell to ghosts.



Personnel

Chignik Lake staff are going strong. We had one staff member who had to travel out for health appointments. Our sub list was already intact, so we continued on without a hitch.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Students are working hard to achieve as much as they can. A few students have now passed end of level testing that they were expected to pass last year, before the covid/homebound education started. That's good news!

Technology Progress

All our technology is functioning. Our sixth grader just received her brand-new laptop to help her better navigate her online class. She will be transitioning out of her iPad soon. Our new multifunction printer is in place. Our old one has been put up for bid and should be gone soon. DRS came in this month to upgrade our dish. Coincidentally, our scanners stopped working when DRS left. That issue is being looked at by our tech department.

Facility Update

The facility is in good shape. New hand sanitizers have been installed. We have plenty of PPEs. The building is being sanitized a few times per day. We still have bubbles in our linoleum which may grow into a trip hazard. This has been reported to maintenance.

LSAC Activity

The LSAC met on October 14th. See the LSAC report for details. The next meeting is scheduled for November 4th.

Volunteer Report

Students have volunteered to clean up the playground area. Jack Donachy volunteered his time and skill to take our 2020/21 school photo.

Professional Development

Our school continues to regularly participate in professional development meetings. Staff members are also participating in their own professional development classes.

Pupil Attendance

By the end of October, fourteen students have been regularly attending school in the K-12 classrooms. Three students have been regularly attending preschool.

Student and Staff Safety

All staff and students have been careful in following safety protocols. All have been willingly participating in daily health screenings. Due to a breach in village Covid protocols, Chignik Lake school went into “red” status the week of October 5. This was a good opportunity to test and fine tune our homebound school protocols.

Subsistence Calendar

Students are working hard within the calendar framework. Parent teacher conferences were held to engage parents in this process.

Other

We will be posting a job for the night gym supervisor. In the meantime, with a sub supervisor, we will be holding night gym beginning in November, right after school, and only for students who have been health screened that day.