



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Principal Board Report

Date: May 21, 2025

Submitted by: Shaine Nixon, Dean of Students / Area Principal

- Traveled to **Whale Pass, Kasaan, Naukati, Hollis, and Coffman Cove** to check in with staff and students.
- Students completed welding on May 9th; however, they have continued to have sessions on Fridays with Kennedy at Generations Southwest.
- Counseled seniors on graduation readiness and second semester completion.
 - Special thanks to **Amy Jennings** for her tireless work tracking grades and courses.
 - Appreciation to **Lisa Cates, April Hoy, Julie Vasquez, Melissa Dougherty, Philip Lusted, Cassandra Christopherson, Mackenzie Slayton, and Robbin Perkins** for assisting with our seniors and helping drag them to the finish line.
This year, it was truly a group effort.
- **Senior Recognition Night** was held on **May 8** in **Thorne Bay**, honoring seniors from all campuses. We had **8 of our 11 seniors in attendance** for this special celebration.
- On **May 9**, visited **Phlight Club in Kasaan** to check in on students and attend the community **dinner**. *The weather was challenging, with high winds limiting further travel*
- **Value Up with Mike Donahue** was held districtwide from **May 12–16**, providing powerful assemblies and student engagement opportunities focused on self-worth, empathy, and school culture.
- On **May 14**, **Junior High and High School students from Thorne Bay** visited **El Capitan Cave** with the **U.S. Forest Service**. A special thank you to **Philip Lusted, Melissa Dougherty**, and the many others who helped supervise and support students during this experience.
- **Hollis Graduation** was held on **May 15** — **Chloe Vasquez** and **José Vasquez** graduated.
- **Black and Gold Student Awards Night** took place on **May 15** in Thorne Bay — an evening celebrating student success in **academics and athletics**.
- **Thorne Bay Graduation** was held on **May 16**. *It was an awesome night of excitement and celebration, with family and community supporting our five graduates: **Alex Tinkess, Stephen Campbell, Lucy Nelson, and Janice Nelson**, along with **Ryan Weaver (AK Trails – Naukati)**, who also graduated in Thorne Bay.*

- **School Board Meeting** held today, **May 21**, in **Whale Pass**.
- **Naukati Graduation** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 22**, where **Skylar Dodson** will graduate.
- **Coffman Cove Graduation** is scheduled for **May 30 at 3:00 PM**, where **Jason (Buddy) Wakefield** will graduate.
- **Sonya Cook** will be taking her students on an **overnight field trip to Boardwalk Lodge** on **May 28–29**.
- Continued collaboration with **Astrid Cook and Scott Randall** on multiple **grant projects**.
- Worked with the **Special Education team** to ensure compliance and support for student services.
- Visited the **Thorne Bay K-2 classroom** to support early literacy.
- **School supplies** for the **2025–2026 academic year** have been **ordered**, with most shipments already received.
- A **special note of appreciation to Amy Jennings** for her incredible support with **Black and Gold Awards Night and Graduation**. Her dedication and effort made a lasting impact — **our seniors could not have done it without her**.

Upcoming Dates & End-of-Year Information

- **Last Day of School for Students:** June 6
- **Teacher Workday:** June 7
- **Lead Teachers:** All end-of-year forms are due **June 9**
- **Shaine Nixon's Last Day on Site:** June 11
- **Travel:**
 - **Montana – Brightways Training:** June 19–25
 - **Florida – Kagan Training:** July 10–16

Respectfully submitted,

Shaine Nixon
Dean of Students / Area Principal