

HOLLIS SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 12, 2020
SISD BOARD REPORT

CONNECTION:

Connecting our stories, connecting our cultures, connecting our world history, connecting with each other, connecting with our community, connecting with our elders.



The Hollis Tulip Test Garden Planting Crew November 2020:

Gratitude: *Doyackshin, Gunalchéesh, Háw'aa, Muchas gracias, Thank you, Thank you from all of our Hollis School student community – Tsimshian, Tlingit, Haida, Spanish, English*



Thank you to the Hollis Community Council for hearing our request for our High School students' Codid Funds grant project.



Thank you to SEAlaska and the Klawock Tribal Association for salmon we can preserve for our feasts.



Thank you community members for the fresh tuna to serve for our lunch.


Southeast Island School District Vision, Mission, and Goals


Vision: Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations.


Mission: Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals and adapt to an ever-changing world.


Goal Targets:

GOAL: Prepare students for post-secondary life

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We had a great experience with a school wide “Outschool” class. We explored food chemistry and made water spheres that we can eat! They did not taste the best but our scientist was AMAZING and we are looking forward to our next class with her. More importantly, she has reached out and is connecting us with scientists from all over to speak about their careers and provide mini lessons in the areas of expertise.
https://outschool.com/teach?signup=true&usid=6t4rcVnR&utm_campaign=share_invite_link&teacherReferral=true
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We are starting a small student store for authentic life skills learning and allow for students to earn funds to make purchases.
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We recently gave the recommended “First Chapter Monday’s are GREAT! We encourage you to please share this link as well as contribute your own ideas about good literature we should include in our rotation. Here is the project overview with survey link:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HollisSchool/permalink/2888430034776704/>
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We are arranging for guest cooks, artists, and travelers to share about some of the many world cultures we are exploring. Please let us know if you would like to speak with our students about a place you have traveled and or a cultures you have experiences. We would love to share favorite stories, art, poetry, plays, celebrations, foods, memories. Please let us know if you are interested in being a part of our world exploration.

GOAL: Provide sufficient/effective staff support

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We have gratitude that we have been given some time for Bus-driver Nick to help us with small maintenance projects. His ability to help address small issues before they become big ones has been a treat.
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Thank you to District staff who check in before they head our way to see what we may need. We so appreciate when they bring needed food, tech, curriculum, etc. It sure makes a difference.
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Thank you to Branzon Arena for his continued work to keep our water system working, for arranging to teach all of us wood fired boiler protocols, and for committing to send someone to weed-eat and get our campus spiffed up.
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Thank you Charles for a solution based meeting and a willingness to consider different options. Students, parents, and staff felt heard and valued.

GOAL: Improve communication district and community wide



We are very excited that Hollis senior Caitlin Aspery has been selected as one of our SISD Youth Board members. We are especially appreciative of the training and investment that is occurring to ensure their role is a meaningful one. We were please to host SISD Superintendent Becker and both Youth Representatives as they began their training. We were especially pleased they were able to make time to meet with our younger students We may look are publishing that work to support other districts and school leadership communities. to explain the School Board's role and more specifically, our Youth Board Members" role.

GOAL: Increase visibility to share lifestyle and increase enrollment



Our 2020-2021 Tulip Test garden has been planted and recorded on the Journey North website at:
https://journeynorth.org/sightings/query_result.html?record_id=1526497349
 Tulips have been shared with several SISD schools and we look forward to sharing our data and completing the impact of our different locations



Hollis High School students will work with an Advisory Group and the Hollis Community Council to coordinate the Hollis Community CARES Funds use, access and distribution. This will include managing the entire project to include report completion and formally reporting to the Council and the community. It is a powerful need and a daunting task to be completed in a short amount of time and we are proud of them.



Hollis primary and intermediate students are working to create a news program that will air on our school's You Tube channel. We will be asking for some advice and support from the SISD Teach Department.



We are completing the documentation of the remote school planning process we were requested to create and before submitting we will package it in a way other schools and districts might be able to use.

Ongoing:



Hollis staff and students launched some ongoing service projects and others are in the planning phase:

- Launched:
 - Gratitude bag trash pickup on Hollis Chilkat Road (we were appointed to the task by the Hollis Community Council – we are exploring getting a sign similar to those on the “Adopt a Highway” program.
- Launched but in need of further revision:
 - Hollis Resource Cooperative - Connecting People (Building Upon This with the CARES Funding project.
 - Hollis Community food pantry

- Tiny Little library (needs repair) and we want to add a Tiny Little Pantry.
- Planning:
 - Taking over management of the Hollis Seed Library.
 - Community bus stops (James Stevens mentor)
 - Phone Booth reactivation
 - Upgrading the “Alaska Kids Don’t Float “ life jacket shed.



Citizen Science: We are anxiously waiting upon word to know if we can resume wolves research. We are preparing to adopt an important salmon stream adoption and cannot wait to begin our work. Launched citizen science projects include:

- reporting to the US Weather Service.
- documenting observations on Journey North.
- participating in the annual virtual Monarch Butterfly migration.
- caring for Yellow-cedar seedlings and recording our data.



For updates and ongoing information please feel free to check out our Hollis School Facebook Page. We committed to keeping that current and students and all staff are pitching in to share all perspectives. It is a tool for us to document our learning, access resources and provide school information to our target audience – our parents and community. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1483681851918203/> and they tell us it will be caught up this weekend.



Hollis School staff and students continue to volunteer at the Hollis Public Library, the Volunteer Fire Department, and the Volunteer Emergency Medical Services.



High school and middle school students are writing articles for local papers to share their learning while practicing quality writing for authentic audiences.



The school continues to report as an official part of the Hollis Community Council agenda and we have been added to the town’s website.