

Whale Pass Board Report
9/23/24

Hello All,

The school year has started smoothly, and there are a few notable classes that students are especially enthusiastic about.

The middle school and high school students have all taken advantage of the opportunity to take Jay Mihal's Russian course. They love the history and culture that Jay weaves into the course, and are using Russian phrases during the school day!

The materials for the Engineering and Design course have arrived. This course has been a real favorite among the students each time it is offered. It involves them budgeting, planning, as well as designing and building a project of their choice. Another elective this year is Art. We are taking a page from the school in Kasaan, and doing stop-motion animation. The students are deep into creating their characters, designing and building their sets, and learning how to use the editing software. Everett has provided the school with Ipads that he has loaded the editing software onto, which is a huge support for the kids.

We appreciated Mr. Morrison visiting our school and spending time with us during Science class. He delivered the Whale Pass School spirit carpets, which have added a nice touch to the classroom.

Michelle picked up numerous titles from the Dungeon, and we created a "library" right in the classroom so that students always have access to interesting books right at hand. The Tae Kwon Do program has spread to Coffman Cove. Additionally, there was a nice write-up in this month's Island Post about the program.

As cooler weather has arrived, we are thankful for the progress made on repairing and replacing the heating systems in the school. Ms. Peggy made German chocolate cake to celebrate!

Sincerely,

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