

## Nondalton Site Report - September, 2024

<b>To:</b> LPSD School Board	<b>From:</b> Colter Barnes, Principal
<b>Outstanding Activities and Events</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Back-to-School event</li><li>2) Student government coffee shop on the weekends</li><li>3) Tribal Meeting - Lunch Food Program update</li><li>4) Nightly Open Gym</li><li>5) Volleyball started</li><li>6) Vision and hearing screening took place</li><li>7) Students began letter writing in class to advocate for school lunch donations</li></ol>	
<b>Personnel</b>	
<p>K-5: Faith Woodcock 6-12: Shakim Blackwell Special Education Pre-k-12: Tracey Thomas (and Rick Rohlman) Student Teacher: Noah Degraff</p> <p>SPED/General/Custodial Aide: Betty Wilson SPED Paraprofessional: Nenita Wilson SPED Paraprofessional: Tia Hobson Preschool teacher: Danielle Alexie Cook: Darius Harried Nightgym Aide(s): Darius Harried &amp; Carrie Harried Substitutes: Teresa Rickteroff</p> <p>We are hoping to hire a custodian/maintenance/P.E. (40 hours per week!) aide ASAP</p>	
<b>Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress</b>	
<p>Having only completed 16 days of school in September, students are just settling into their current levels, while teachers are working on building rapport and lessons to support their movement through the standards.</p> <p>MAPS Testing and Amplify benchmark assessments were completed the 2nd and 3rd weeks of school, and we will be starting daily interventions next week.</p>	
<b>Technology Insights</b>	
<p>All technology (student &amp; staff devices, internet, etc.) started the year out in working order. A big thank you to our district tech team (Sam Rigby, Schyler Rippie, and Nate McArthur) for helping support our new students and staff as they navigate our district's numerous online platforms/tools.</p>	

<b>Facility Update</b>
<p>The facility (school, shop, housing units, and grounds) were all given some TLC this past summer and are in good operational order; a huge shoutout to our summer maintenance and cleaning crew of 1 (Betty Wilson)! We do have 1 window in the school that is partially shattered, but the maintenance department knows and is on it. And speaking of the maintenance department, we would like to thank them for their quick response this fall as we have yet to hire someone locally to address our ongoing needs.</p>
<b>LSAC Activity</b>
<p>Our first LSAC meeting of the year was on Monday, September 23rd at 5:15pm in the school. One of our goals for this year is to increase community attendance (hence community voice!) at our meetings, as well as help support our food service committee in finding solutions to feed our kids school lunches during the spring semester. There will be food and coffee/tea at each meeting as well.</p> <p>Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21st at 5:15pm. If you can't attend in person, you can use the following link to Zoom in (online): <a href="https://meet.google.com/wgs-bnty-sqt?hs=224">https://meet.google.com/wgs-bnty-sqt?hs=224</a></p>
<b>Volunteer Report</b>
<p>No volunteers for September.</p>
<b>Professional Development</b>
<p>Every Monday in September is a professional development day for staff (and no school for students). You can access our PD schedule for those days at the following link:  <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1F1mt7aFVYuSKEpLE1pczE49y6vc14iuukS58g3UHPH8/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1F1mt7aFVYuSKEpLE1pczE49y6vc14iuukS58g3UHPH8/edit</a></p> <p>We're also focusing on classified staff development on those Mondays as well; everything from SafeSchools training, to the components of special education and IEPs, to basic expectations/responsibilities of the job.</p> <p>The district will also hold an early literacy PD session for elementary reading teachers every Wednesday from 2:30-4:00pm. This is supported by the Alaska Reads Act of which we'll all need to be certified in before 2025.</p>
<b>Pupil % Attendance K-12</b>
<p>We currently have 21 students (K-12) and 3 preschoolers enrolled in Nondalton School.</p>
<b>Other</b>
<p>See attached newsletter.</p>



# SMOKE SIGNAL INFO

**LSAC  
MEETING**  
Monday, Sept.  
23rd @

**Student  
Days  
Off:**

**Monday  
9/9**

**Monday  
9/16**

**Monday  
9/23**

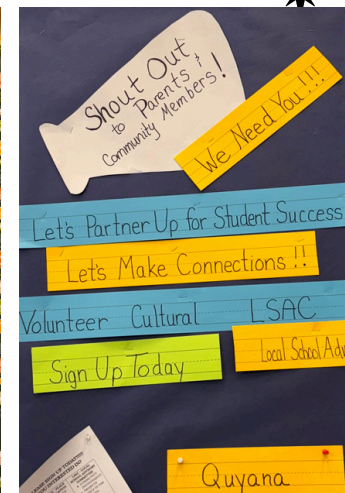


## OPEN HOUSE – FRI. 13TH

During the open house the teachers hosted games. There were tickets at the door for the prize winners of the hula-hoop rock paper scissors game, tug-o-war, and the bean spoon walk. The group that won each game got three more tickets for the door-prizes! After that pizza was served for dinner and Mr. Blackwell drew tickets for the prizes. After dinner parents were given the chance to walk around and look at the classrooms their children happily learn in.



## NEW BULLITEN BOARDS:





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## ELEMENTARY NEWS:

“The first day of school was amazing! Everyone seems so excited to be back at school, and are ready to learn! By the end of the day, I was exhausted, but I think it was a great kickoff for the new school year. There are 9 students in my class, one more will be coming in October. We have one new student, Gigi! I have two Kindergarten students, Ronan and Bradley! I love being a teacher! This is something I feel like I’ve been working towards forever, and it is everything I dreamed it would be. I’m so glad I get to have my first year as a teacher here, in Nondalton. Having my own classroom and students is so much fun, and I can’t wait to see what this next school year brings. We don’t have any major projects going on yet, but we would like to do some writing projects throughout the year. Right now, we are working on a Class Quilt as our first bulletin board of the year!

--Ms. Woodcock

Quoted by: Shaniqua Harried

## PRE – K NEWS:

Ms. Danielle Alexie is working with the pre-school kiddos this year! Classes started September 11th, with 3 students, all at the age of 3! The toys in the room seem to be their favorite part so far! — Jade Krushke

## SECONDARY NEWS:

Mr. Blackwell and his student teacher Mr. DeGraff are hard at work with the 7th - 12th graders on Grammar, Writing, Social Studies, Reading and Math! Some of our high schoolers just wrapped up the Industrial Revolution and are into WWI, while our middle schoolers are also learning about Nationalism and Imperialism ideas!

## WHAT’S UP IN SCIENCE!?

In Miss Woodcock’s class they are not currently learning any science classes but they are doing Mystery Science. Yesterday they asked why pumpkins are orange. From what they’ve put together they now know pumpkins are orange because that’s when they are ripe. They originally start off green and turn orange when it’s time to harvest them!

Let’s talk about SCIENCE! In Mr. Blackwell’s class the high schoolers are learning about what the Big Bang Theory is, and what evidence supports the theory. The Big Bang is a theory astronomers use to explain how the universe came to be.

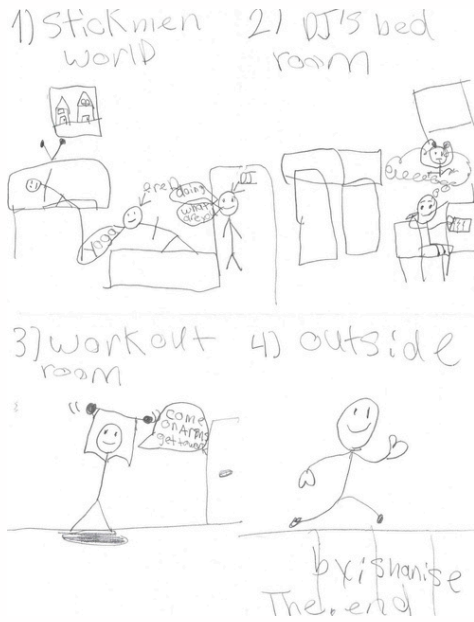
The middle schoolers have already learned about cells! Now they are currently learning about organisms. An organism is an individual living thing that carries on the activities of life. Which means they also have organs that have different functions and depend on each other.

— Keisha Harried

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## MONTHLY CARTOON



— Shanise Joseph

## NEXT MONTH:

- ★ Ms. Thomas out Oct. 10th - 29th  
Mr. Rohlman filling in!
- ★ Halloween Celebration!  
(more to come)
- ★ Dancing on Friday's
- ★ Language classes start soon!



## MONTHLY JOKE

Why did the cell phone get glasses?  
... because she lost all her contacts

—Ricky Kakaruk

## MONTHLY POEM

Enjoy the time you have cause you never know how much time you got left,  
because in no time you'll be wondering where the time went,  
so you should take the time to get few messages sent,  
maybe even take the time send ya mama a good morning text,  
were losing lots of people, and spend time wondering who's next,  
thats time wasted when that could be time spent  
just kicking it and chopping it up with your family and friends,  
so let's have a good time, before the time ends

—Ricky Kakaruk

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

### Cooperation



Cooperation exists when people work together toward a common goal.

One who cooperates creates good wishes and pure feelings for others and the task.

When cooperating, there is a need to know what is needed. Sometimes an idea is needed, sometimes we need to let go of our idea. Sometimes we need to lead and sometimes we need to follow.

Cooperation is governed by the principle of mutual respect.

One who cooperates receives cooperation.

Where there is love, there is cooperation.

Courage, consideration, caring and sharing provide a foundation for cooperation.



# SMOKE SIGNAL INFO

## MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT

### WEEK 1

61°-45°

### WEEK 2

60°-35°

### WEEK 3

50°-30°

### WEEK 4

45°-30°

This past month in Nondalton, AK, the weather saw a significant drop in temperatures as autumn fully settled in. Daily highs ranged between the low 40s and 50s, while the lows were in the mid-30s.

## STUDENT ART

