

Site Report – Kokhanok – September, 2026

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Colter Barnes, Principal

Photos & Description of Activities and Events

- 1) We started out the school year with an all-school assembly where we shared out about our summer, played games, introduced new staff/roles, walked through our schedule, and developed school-wide expectations. We also hosted a sleepover the weekend before school for those students who EARNED the attendance incentive/reward from last spring (miss no more than 5 days of school in a semester). We plan to continue this again this year...
- 2) Our theme for this year is "Show Up". We will continue to reinforce this mantra with students, staff, parents, and community.
- 3) Our food-service program is off to another fantastic start; healthy, delicious, local, and with student input/engagement. Our account balance looks like we should be safe for the year as well. Elder lunches will start on October 1st and we thank BBNA for their support.
- 4) Our cross-country team has its district qualifying meet this Friday at 3pm. Then whoever qualifies for regionals will head to Manokotak the following weekend. They have been working hard everyday and we look forward to watching them run!
- 5) We have after school clubs 5 DAYS A WEEK! Tuesday's movie club, Wednesday's PEP club, Thursday's art club, Friday's game club, and Saturday's is sports club!
- 6) We currently have 3 students on the payroll (2 custodians and 1 cook's helper).
- 7) Battle-of-the-Books is already underway! We look forward to a strong showing again this year.
- 8) We had 11 students accepted into the 1st CTE sessions of the year; a new site record!
- 9) We made our school a phone-free zone... and the students have taken it in stride. It feels really good to be aligned with the science! And our classified staff is supporting this initiative by engaging with students and staying off of our phones as well.
- 10) PEP club update: We have 8-11 students show up to Pep Squad meetings. We are making signs and preparing spirit bags for our cross country runners. Spirit bags include drinks and snacks and are given to players before competitions to show our support and school spirit.

We will hold our 1st pep rally will on Friday, September 18th. The Pep Squad will lead the school in cheers and give spirit bags to our runners. Volleyball starts September 30. Pep Squad will meet every Wednesday to prepare for the season.

Pep Squad needs to actively fundraise this semester. Ideas include selling baked goods, pizzas at games, and Warlord stickers. We will determine one fundraising activity by the end of the month.



Personnel Update

Elementary (K-2): Krista Hobson (Alum!, 4th year in this position; game club advisor)

Elementary (3-5): Gabrielle Calhoon (2nd year in Kokhanok, 3rd year with the district; art club advisor)

Secondary (6-12) Math & Science: John MacNeish (New to Kokhanok & LPSD; movie club advisor)

Secondary (6-12) ELA & SS: Kim Phillips (19th year as a teacher, 3rd in KOK, Student-Government advisor)

Special Education: Kimberly Goode (20+ years in education, 3rd year in KOK, PEP Squad advisor)

Student Teacher: Ben Einarsson (working alongside Kim Phillips)

SPED Paraprofessionals: Agnes Mike, Moses Mike, Seth Breazeale, Kaylynn Hobson, Amanda Norbert

Preschool Teacher: Kaylynn Hobson

Secretary: Irene Wilson

Cook: Ona Wassillie

Cook's Helper: Honey Roehl

Custodian: Logan Apokedak, Jacob Newyaka, Lenny Cobb

Maintenance & Bus Driver: Johnny Mike

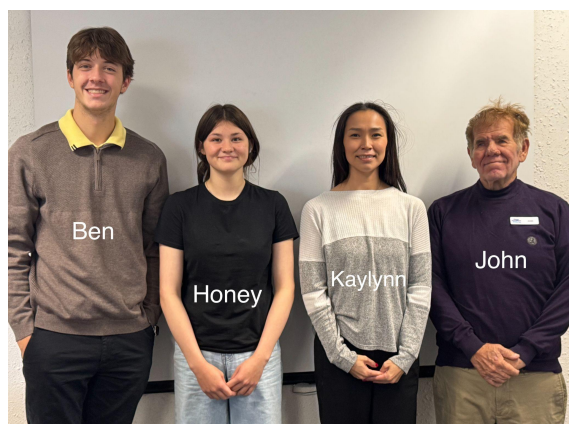
Night Gym Aide: Smitka Delkittie

Elder Lunch Delivery: Smitka Delkittie & Megan Klopp

September Substitutes: Efftekia Newyaka, Jolene Jackinsky, Sandy Hobson

September Visitors: Anne Hillman (Behavioral Health, Southcentral Foundation)

September Volunteers: Jolene Jackinsky



Classroom Highlights

K-2 classroom highlights: see attached newsletter

3-5 classroom highlights: see attached newsletter

Secondary highlights:

September started fast and furious! The secondary students started reading a book called Most Dangerous in our Reading and Writing class. It is about the Vietnam War, and we are learning a lot about it. In Social Studies, the secondary students are studying the Civil War. We are also working to meet our soft standards in the afternoons. The students are learning how to build resumes and write professional emails. Last Friday evening, the high school students took their teachers to Gibraltar to see bears and salmon. We had hot dogs, s'mores, and a great time!

SPED highlights:

We are supporting 10 students in their classrooms and small group tutoring. Three students receive 1:1 reading, writing, and math interventions. Three students receive small group instruction. Ten students are supported in the general education classroom.

The SpEd team provided small group testing. The tests help us to measure reading, writing, and math skills. We will take the same test again in the middle of the year to measure growth.

All four high school students in Special Education applied for BBRCTE courses. Courses include technology and construction. We will know soon if they have been accepted.

We have 2 students who are on track to graduate this year. The SpEd team supports the students in developing graduation plans, earning credits for graduation, and gaining experience that is relevant to transition to adult life.

Two Paras attended training in phonemic awareness and reading interventions. One Para will provide small group instruction for students in grades K-2 and the other will support grades 3-5.

LSAC Activity

President: Clint Rawls

Vice-President: Megan Klopp

Secretary: Oxenia "Ocky" Mike

Member: Charlene "Babe" Roehl

Member: Brenda Nowatak

Our first LSAC meeting of the new year is scheduled for Monday, September 21st at 4:00pm in Ms. Phillips' classroom. We will be discussing our food-service program, LSAC elections, Battle-of-the-Books, Hawaii high school trip update, school smokehouse site relocation, fall parent-teacher conferences, site AK Star data, new cnc router & 3-d printer plan, and our greenhouse proposal. A busy and exciting fall lays ahead!

Professional Development

- 1) New teacher inservice was from August 20th-22nd in Port Alsworth. Ben & John said it was a great orientation, setting, and warm welcome to the district.
- 2) All staff inservice was from August 26th-28th. It was very informative and well organized, and great to connect with our LPSD family spread out through the borough.
- 3) Monday the 31st was a teacher work-day. This time is SO CRUCIAL for teachers to set up their classrooms and prepare for the 1st day/week of school! Next year can we have 2 work days please?
- 4) Monday, September 14th was a district-wide inservice day. There was Amplify & SPED training, an AI presentation, and more. My staff reported that it was a very productive day.
- 5) Kokhanok's weekly staff meeting is every Monday from 3:45-4:15. It has been a nice way to get prepared and create a shared vision for the week ahead.

Community Engagement

Our Kokhanok Village Council (KVC):

- 1) held a Back-to-School BBQ on Monday, August 31st outside the new office building. All school staff attended, as well as many of the students and community.
- 2) bought EVERY elementary student their own COMPLETE SET of this year's battle-of-the-books.
- 3) gave every one of our teachers \$1,000 to spend on supplies for the year. These funds are encouraged to be used for hands-on, engaging learning opportunities, connecting classroom learning to our local community/region and environment, supporting place-based education, including outdoor learning, subsistence, science, local history, or community-based projects, strengthening Alaska Native culture, language, traditional knowledge, arts, or skills, and/or providing students with learning opportunities or resources that may not otherwise be available in the regular classroom budget.

A huge THANK YOU to our KVC for being so supportive of our students & staff!!!

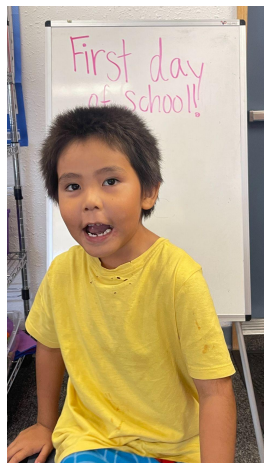
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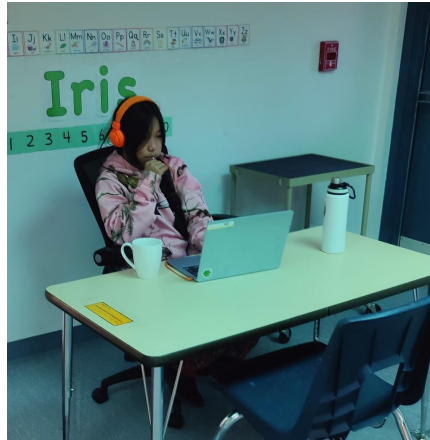
We currently have 37 students (PreK-12) enrolled, and our attendance rate was 92% in September.

Student & Staff Safety

We did not have a fire drill in the first 11 days of school.







CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

ms. krista's class

SEPTEMBER NEWS

We are excited to be back at school! This year I have levels 0-2 and a total of 8 students.

The first week of school we ventured to the hill behind the school. We looked at the plants that cranberries, black berries and blueberries grow on.

We picked black berries and blueberries and the students made akutaq.

Anne came to our class to teach a lesson on things we can control and things we cannot control.

The KVC was able to order each of my students their own sets of Battle of the Books, which we are extremely grateful for. Qu yana!



CLASSROOM CURRICULUM UPDATE

This month the students have done the beginning of the year MAP testing. The students worked hard and put forth their best efforts in the test taking.

This year we have a new reading curriculum. The students and I are adjusting to the new curriculum and look forward to using it throughout the school year.

In math we have been getting back into learning our schedule and routine.

In writing we are working together on writing a narrative paper.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Club on Thursdays at 3:30-5:00

Board game club on Fridays at 3:30-4:30

Movie Club on Tuesdays at 3:30-4:30

LSAC meeting on September 21st

Miss Gabrielle's CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER September

What We're Learning

- Students completed their fall state benchmarks in reading, math, and language
- In science class, we are working through 4th grade science standards. This month's unit is on animal and plant structures.
- Battle books have been received (thank you KVC!) and we have started reading Charlotte's Web as a class
- We are lucky to have Miss Kaylynn as our para in the mornings!
- Students are learning days of the week and weather terms in Yup'ik
- Art club has begun meeting weekly on Thursdays



The 1st day of school - we are all so excited to be back!

Upcoming Events

- Inservice (No School) - Sept 25th
- Fall Break (No School) - Oct 21st - 26th
- Family Fun Night - Sept 29th
- End of 1st Quarter (early release at 2pm for students) - Oct 30th

Weekly Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Movie Club w/ Mr. John	Pep Club w/ Miss Kimberly (as needed)	Art Club w/ Miss Gabrielle 3:30-5:00	Game Club w/ Miss Krista 3:30-4:30