



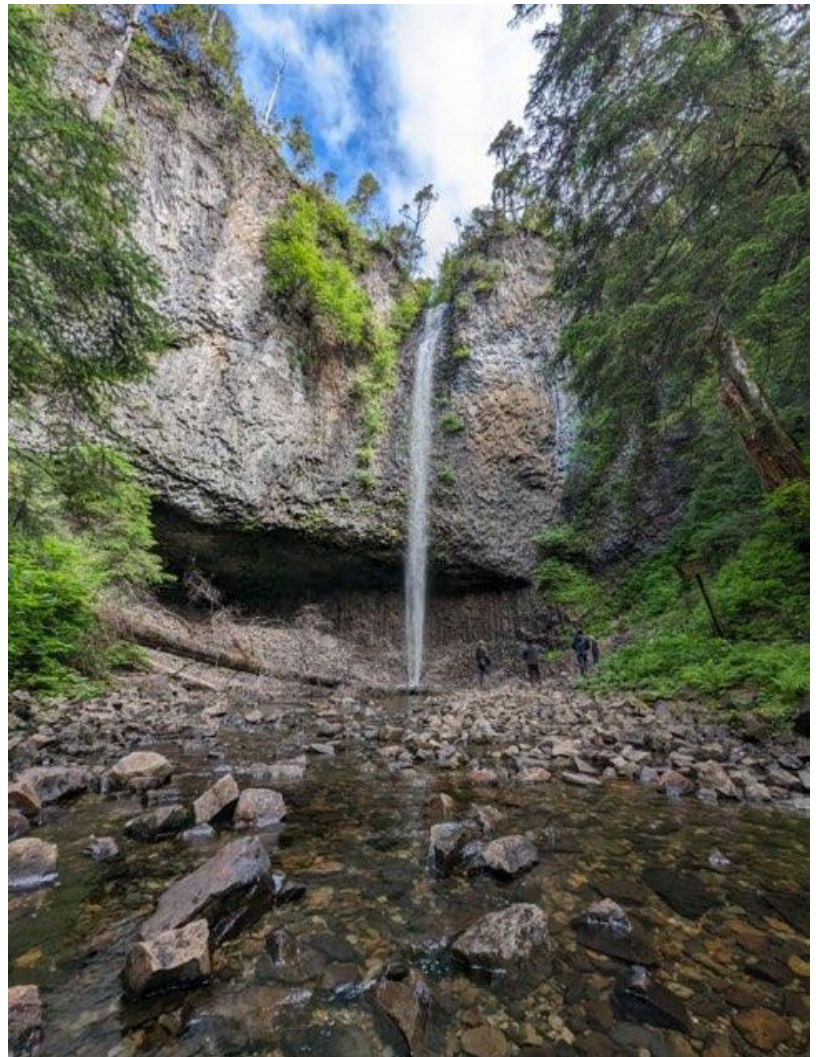
**AK-TRAILS  
BOARD REPORT  
Sept. 2023**



**Enrollment:** AK-TRAILS currently has 21 students enrolled with the program. We have 2 pre-K students, 8 full time students in grades K-8, one dually enrolled K-8 student taking most classes through AK-TRAILS, 6 full-time high school students, 2 high school students enrolled in AK-TRAILS courses as well as on-site electives, a half time high school student dual enrolled in one of our sites, and one high schooler taking a single course.

Several students are participating in dual credit courses through UAF, UAS, and PWSCC. In addition, Thorne Bay, AK-TRAILS, and Coffman Cove are planning to collaborate on labs for a physical science course for high school students.

**Activities:** Over the summer, 3 AK-TRAILS students participated in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) ecotourism summer intensive course offered through SISD. In this course, students met up with a tour guide to learn about utilizing the island's beautiful scenery and natural resources for potential tourist related occupations. Students took part in kayaking, whale watching, and karst exploration learning experiences.







To start this year off, AK-TRAILS students have been invited in and involved in a number of activities in local SISD sites. Some of these activities include baseball games, mushroom gathering, and subsistence activities.

A few AK-TRAILS students attended an overnight PHLIGHT Club lock-in event in Klawock on September 7th-8th in Klawock. This event gave students the opportunity to participate in team building activities and promoted positive relationships with each other and adult anchors.





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**Sports:** A sports inventory was completed at the beginning of the school year. AK-TRAILS students are interested in a variety of sports—everything from elementary swimming lessons to Native Youth Olympics. Archery had the largest amount of support. Several high schoolers are hoping that there are enough students to create basketball or volleyball teams this year. A few students are currently involved in elementary cross country. Students look forward to finding out more about other upcoming sports offerings throughout the district.

**Testing:** This month, AK-TRAILS students will be encouraged to participate in MAP Assessments at local SISD school sites within their communities. A universal screener for reading will also be required for grades K-3, and offered for students up to grade 5. A huge thank you to teachers and staff throughout the district who are helping to coordinate the testing events!

**Professional Development:** Cassandra Christopherson continues to take courses in the area of reading and language development as she works towards advanced degrees in these fields.

Report Submitted by Cassandra Christopherson

***SISD Vision:***

*"Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations"*

***SISD Mission:***

*"Together we will foster students' skills to achieve their goals and adapt to an ever changing world."*