

Student Representative Report for November 2020
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My name is Brooke Singson and I am a junior at BHS. My monthly report covers the following schools: Barrow High School, Ipalook Elementary, Meade River School and Alak School.

Barrow High School

The November report for Barrow High School was submitted to me by the principal, Mr. Jenkins. As the end of the second quarter quickly approaches, Mr. Jenkins informed me that the staff at BHS is working towards helping students complete their work and finish the first semester strong. Grades will officially close on December 18th, and the second semester of school will begin on January 7th for students. Each teacher will have two weeks of coursework prepared before winter break begins, to ensure that the next semester begins smoothly for both staff and students.

For students at BHS, the second semester will look the same for the most part: two quarters of four classes each. This gives students an opportunity to earn an extra credit, since we now have eight classes in total versus the seven we would have during a normal school year. As for sports, plans are in place for a winter sports season if we move on to a “yellow” status—if not, the winter sports will still be on hold.

Meade River School

Frances Itta, the student liaison at the Meade River School, submitted their November report. Not much has changed within their school over the last month, they are continuing to work through these difficult times and keep students on track. However, this month they put together their school’s student council, and decorated the school for Thanksgiving. They decorated doors, and created a quilt made up of the various things that students were grateful for.

Ipalook Elementary School

At Ipalook Elementary, their student council is planning several activities to keep students engaged during these times. They’re planning a holiday ornament contest, a “Holly Jolly Zoom” with a special Christmas guest, a holiday spirit week where students and staff are invited to share photos of themselves dressing up for each day, and a Christmas sing-along on December 18th for students to join in on through a Zoom call.

Along with their student council activities, they have also begun Battle of the Books. There are four coaches: Jamie Phan, Maria Bailie, Jane Alzner, and Alonda Singson. This year, they have 5 kindergarteners, 8 first graders, 13 second graders, 5 third graders, 1 fourth grader, and 3 fifth graders participating; for a total of 35 students enrolled in the activity. The coaches have expressed that they, as well as the students, have both been enjoying interacting with each other and getting to read books together. Books are being sent home with their weekly work packets, and Google Classrooms have been organized to access materials online and communicate with other students and coaches. Their battles will take place in January. Students (and parents!) are excited for the kids to have something to do at home other than just playing video games!

Due to communication difficulties, A report from Alak School was not available this month.