

The beginning of the school year always seems so busy! There are beginning of the year activities, sports, and so much more happening at each site.

For the past two weeks, students from Naukati and Kasaan have been traveling over to Thorne Bay for mixed-six volleyball practice. Students are very thankful and excited for the return of high school sports shared between sites! The elementary cross country runners have been working very hard at practice. So far they have run a meet in Klawock and just last Saturday in Thorne Bay.

Just last week, grades 9-10 went on a post-seconcondary trip. They visited Ketchikan and Juneau. Students toured UAS Ketchikan and UAS Juneau campuses. In Ketchikan they also visited the maritime training center, where they used a boat simulator, which they seemed to enjoy. I heard that two students ran into a sand bar and crashed a rescue boat during one simulation! While in Juneau the group also visited the glacier and the Juneau Technical Education Center, where they learned about different welding techniques.

Some students in grades 11 and 12 across the district will be leaving tomorrow morning to head up to Anchorage. The plan is to spend the night in Anchorage, and on Wednesday tour UAA and Alaska Pacific University, then take rental cars to Kenai Peninsula College, and on Friday take a bus from Anchorage to Valdez to tour Prince William Sound Community College, returning to Prince of Wales on Sunday.

These trips are wonderful because they help students go to places they otherwise wouldn't be able to. They provide information about colleges and career choices, and to help us decide what we would like to do and accomplish in our future. We always learn so much, and are very thankful for the opportunity.