

## Site Report – Kokhanok – September 2022

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Rob Fagerquist, Principal

### Outstanding Activities and Events

We started the year with a double rainbow. A sign of good things to come!



Beside that, we have been busy training for the Cross Country meet, finishing up our first round of benchmark tests, preparing to host a Volleyball Jamboree in November (never too early to start), firing up our student government (lots of ambitious plans and schemes), getting outside for some hands-on science, and generally getting back into the swing of things. Here are some examples of the great work we are doing.



Preschooler Mary learning about patterns in Krista Hobson's classroom. Her shirt says "The Future is Me". Couldn't agree more.



Dana Wolff's kindergartners made moose calls with string and tin cans. They lured in that tall one to the right. That's Athena, Trace, Lia, Sawyer, and a moose called Dawson.



Marina McGourty's 1st and 2nd graders collecting leaves for an art and science project. The big smiles are courtesy of Tehya, Andy, Ava, and Whisper.



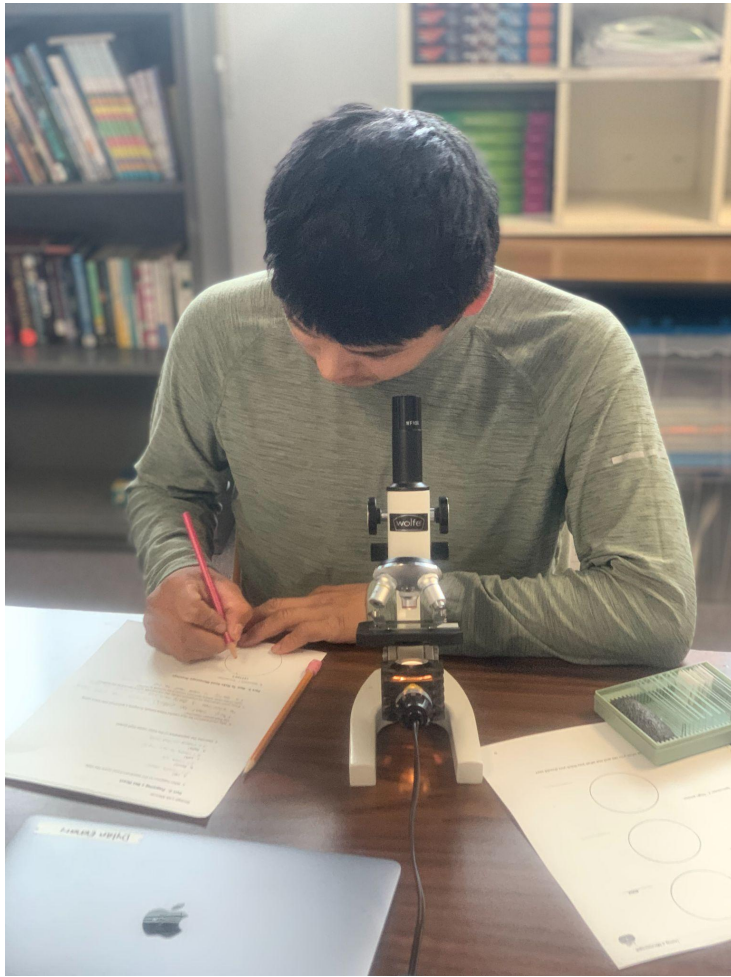
The whole school joined the Igiugig School for a traditional dance class over Zoom. It was a great time, and the plan is to do this every Friday, as schedules permit.



Our XC Team. Watch out for Dylan, Dawson, Rayden, Josh, and Jacob. That's Coach Bristol in the foreground. Go, Warlords!



Here's Beth Hill leading the Language Lab in the library, with tech support from Schyler Rippie.



Dylan, getting into the sciences, checking out the slides.

## Personnel

We are extremely happy to welcome three new additions to our staff, Marina McGourty (1st and 2nd grade), Matt Kuzan (SPED Teacher), and McKenna Campbell-Fox (Student Teacher).



All three have jumped right in and have quickly become indispensable to the smooth operations of the Kokhanok School. Their dedication and positivity has infused the veteran staff with renewed enthusiasm and creativity.

We are sorry to say goodbye to our long-time, highly qualified and award-winning classroom aide Sonia Delkittie, but wish her and her family all success in their new adventure.

## Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

The first set of benchmark tests has been completed, and overall we are encouraged with the results. Test scores are mostly holding steady and some are showing small improvements. After two years of COVID-related challenges, we are happy to be where we are, though we are well aware of the hard work we have ahead of us. We have identified the areas that need extra attention and have deployed our resources accordingly.

We are also continuing to incorporate more cultural curricula and events into our regular schedule. We'd like to build on the momentum that began with our Culture Week this past May. We've been joining the Igiugig School for Yup'ik Dancing on Fridays. We are working with Lysa Lacson at the Kokhanok Village Council to bring in guest speakers and specialists in traditional crafts and building throughout the school year. Beth Hill and Peducia Andrew are hosting language labs in the library after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. We are also taking part in a math pilot program that involves cultural practices, a curriculum developed by Beth Hill. We are very grateful to Lysa, Beth, and Peducia for their creative ideas and continued support.

## **Technology Progress**

Our technology is mostly working well. The only exception is the library where the wifi is not presently operational. Schyler Rippie is scheduled to visit September 28th through the 30th to look at that and tend to other routine housekeeping items.

## **Facility Update**

The facility was in great shape at the start of the school year. Many thanks to our fantastic summer cleaning crew, headed up by Leonard Cobb, for their usual outstanding work and attention to detail. Carl Adams and Marc Gibbs dropped by before the start of the school year to work on the school sewer system and to fix heating issues in the two-story duplex. Marc came by again the week of the 19th to work again on the sewer and continue the facility-wide change over to LED lighting.

## **LSAC Activity**

We did not meet this month

## **Professional Development**

The staff enjoyed meeting and collaborating with peers at the Katmai in-service. We continue to take advantage of the Tuesday Power Hours, and are looking forward to the Alyeska in-service. Our new teachers are benefiting from the internal, in-district, and statewide mentorship programs. Thanks to Dana Wolff and Lesa Meath for mentoring Marina McGourty, and to Pauline Manning and Jeff Hagen for taking care of Matt Kuzan.

## **Pupil Attendance**

At present, we have 31 enrolled students, kindergarten through 12th grade. Unfortunately, we will be losing four of our cohort in October due to a family move. Our preschool has five bright smiling faces.

## **Student and Staff Safety**

No concerns on this front

## **Subsistence Calendar**

As mentioned, we seem to be holding steady and making progress overall; it does not appear the summer break has significantly impacted student progress. However, this is difficult to gauge as the effects of the pandemic on our practice has overshadowed most other concerns. We have begun this year, as we do every year, with an ambitious, fast-paced schedule designed to put us in the best possible position by winter break, and on to the end of the school year.