

Thorne Bay School
September 2017
Principal's Board Report

It has been a great start of the year at Thorne Bay School! We have some new staff which we are very excited about. We have a new 4th - 6th grade teacher, Denice Spencer, who has been a great addition to our elementary staff! She has a large class and is doing a great job! We also added a new teacher in the middle/high school, Angelica Brown. She teaches science as well as our greenhouse, spanish, outdoor survival and much more! She has also been a great addition! We are glad both of these teachers decided to come to Thorne Bay and join our team! We also have a student teacher, Cassandra Christopherson, who is working with Sheila Nyquest. We are happy to have her here as well. We have added several new paraprofessionals who are doing a great job with our students; we welcome them and look forward to working with them this year.

The block schedule has begun at our school and teachers and students are very happy to be on this schedule! The teachers feel there is more time to help students master the information on the core subjects and more time for projects and learning on the elective days. All in all we are happy with the start of this schedule and we will be keeping a close eye on how it is going and the effects on students and teachers as we proceed through the semester. We are glad to have some students from Naukati and Coffman Cove join us on Thursday for elective classes.

We have a couple of students from our district participating in high school X-country, they have competed in a couple of meets and will run in regionals in Ketchikan on September 23rd, we wish them well! Also Katie Martin has done a great job with the elementary and middle school x-country runners competing in Klawock, Craig, and Hydaburg and will complete their season in Thorne Bay on September 23rd. The middle school will run in their last meet in Ketchikan on September 30th. Good luck to all these runners! High school mixed six volleyball has started and will be competing soon, good luck to these players as well!

We are excited to have had several hundred ceramic molds and equipment donated to the district to help students experience ceramic pouring and painting process. As soon as we can get everything organized and set up we will be making this available to students. Thanks to all those who have helped get all this supplies from their donor!! It has been an amazing process!

We are glad the year is underway and we look forward to many great performances in scholastic and sporting activities here at Thorne Bay. You are welcome to stop in and see how all the classes are proceeding! We wish everyone a great school year and appreciate all the support and efforts you put in on our behalf!