

Thorne Bay Board Report For January 2018
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Happy New Year! It is hard to believe it is 2018. We want to wish everyone a safe and prosperous new year! We returned to school on January 2nd and hit the ground running! Everyone seemed refreshed and ready to go.

Our Boys and Girls basketball teams went on a 12 - day basketball trip to Juneau, Hoonah, Angoon and Kake. It was a long and grueling trip but the teams did well and were complimented everywhere they went on their behavior. They represented Thorne Bay and S.I.S.D very well and were well taken care of by their coaches Janelle Wehrman and Mark Gunkel. Thank you to the students and coaches for the extra time and efforts to make this trip a real success! As soon as they got home they played at home and on the road playing against Klawock. The boys team will head to Petersburg to a tournament on the 25th, we wish them well and hope they can experience some success along the way.

Our teachers have been working hard to complete the semester and get grades recorded and assignments and projects graded. We appreciate their hard work and efforts in this area! We want to thank Mr. Martin for having an Island Grind to showcase the talents of many of our school and districts students. It was a great turnout and a fun time had by all who attended.

We had a great Interview contest by the students in the Careers and Portfolio class. Each of the 11 students worked hard to create their portfolio and have a mock interview to compete with each other for a job. We want to thank Lauren Burch, Priscilla Goulding and Chris Page Haufe for taking time to interview each of these students and help them understand the interview process and how each of them can improve. It was the first time for many of the students and hope the experience will help them prepare for their futures. The winner for the girls was Rachel and the winner for the boys was James. We congratulate our students for a job well done!

We are sad to report the resignation of Christy Plate who has been our Secretary and done thousands of other jobs for the school and district. She has been a faithful employee who has given everything possible to make our school and district a great place! I for one of many want to publicly thank her for all her time and efforts and selfless acts for the students and staff of Thorne Bay and S.I.S.D. She will be greatly missed!

Sandra Campbell has also resigned from our library and district resources position. She will also be greatly missed and we appreciate all the hard work and efforts she put into her job. She has given many extra hours on behalf of our students. Thanks Sandra for everything you did! Our new librarian is Amanda Blankenship and we are glad she has joined our team and look forward to her talents showing out in this position.

As January comes to a close our teachers are working hard to prepare their students for the MAP testing coming up in February and the State testing coming up in April. We also want to

recognize and thank Amy McDonald and Airica Tripple for the work they do behind the scenes to get us ready for testing.

It definitely takes a village to raise our students, we want you to know you are always welcome to come into any of our classrooms and take a minute and watch the incredible learning activities and education that is taking place each and every day at our school! We thank you for your support and willingness to serve on the board of S.I.S.D.