

## Whale Pass School

### Board Report

March 26, 2025

In the past month Whale Pass School had two archers qualify for the national competition. At the beginning of the season both archers set a goal for themselves of qualifying for the nationals, and it was very gratifying to see them achieve their goals.

Students and staff spent two amazing days in Kasaan attending the Haida culture camp. Students participated in weaving, form line drawing, making shield amulets, and observing a successful seal hunt. We were fortunate to have two sunny days and the cafe was a wonderful venue.

On the academic front students are working on a personal narrative based on The Silk Road. This is supported by a mapping project, which helps them understand how even today geography plays an important role in trade routes, and the transfer of ideas, foods, and diseases. With PEAKS and AK STAR testing fast approaching we are wrapping up geometry and getting some time in with statistics and probability. Our 5th and 8th graders will be taking the Science test, and they are looking forward to the challenge. In that regard we have completed working on the human digestive system, including physiology, enzyme production, absorption, and assimilation.

We have started an online drawing course which will last through the rest of the year. The students were interested to learn about the numerous applications of drawing outside of “art”. In fact they are applying what they are learning in Biology as they sketch, color and label various human systems and organs.

On Tuesday, March 11 Mr. Morrison traveled to WPS . We were joined by Lauri LaPan via Zoom, who will be the teacher here next year. We spent a very enjoyable and useful time getting to know each other, and came away feeling hopeful and excited about next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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