

Site Report – Kokhanok – September 2023

**To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members**

From: Rob Fagerquist, Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

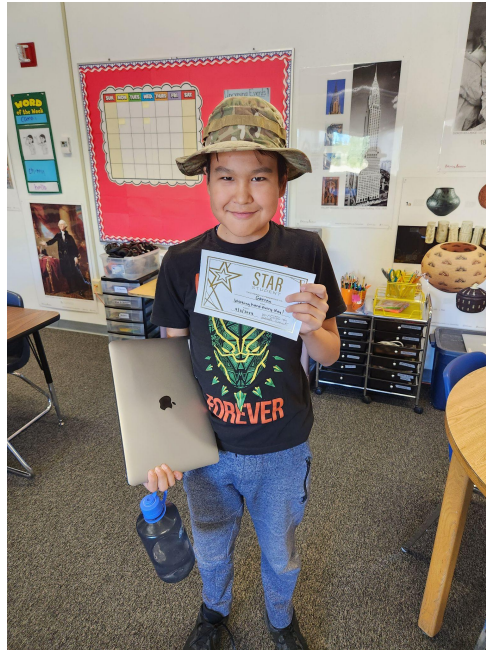
This year our theme is: “We Can Do Hard Things”. We had a poster contest to introduce this concept to the students. One of our first whole-school activities this year was a berry picking afternoon. We took advantage of a nice, sunny day to collect many bags of blueberries. We’ve also introduced a “Student of the Week” award. The first week Garren Nielsen (MS/HS) and Whisper Newyaka (Elementary) were honored for their hard work and diligence. We also had a Rock Hunt in our playground, hosted by the local clinic. Painted rocks were planted around the yard and, when found, could be returned for prizes. The Kokhanok Village Council put on a picnic to welcome our new staff and to introduce them to the community. Parents and community members were able to ask us questions and get to know the new staff. It was a great time, and we thank the KVC for their continued support.



Poster Contest



Berry picking



Students of the Week Whisper and Garren

Personnel

Our “veteran” teacher is Marina McGourty, who is beginning the second year of her teaching career (and 2nd year with us). She will continue working with 1st through 4th graders. Krista Hobson is new to the profession in a certified teaching position, but is familiar to us. She is our new Kindergarten teacher; prior to this she was our preschool teacher for several years. McKenna Campbell-Fox, who will be our secondary teacher specializing in language arts, is a former student teacher at Kokhanok. She will also handle social studies, employability standards, and will be our student government advisor. Jon Kunert was a tutor in

Newhalen before joining us. He had a chance to come visit us at the end of last year and he jumped right in and made himself useful. Steve Byers is new to us, but he comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge. He's our resource teacher and is already making a positive impact with our special education students.
Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress
It's just our third week of instruction, but our schedules are solidifying, our aides are being utilized to the best effect. We've completed the first round of benchmark testing and are currently reviewing the data.
Technology Insights
We are working on getting all our technology in place. We're looking for a few more laptops for new and transfer students.
Facility Update
The facility is in good shape in general. We have a few projects that we are coordinating with Tim McDermott and the maintenance team, such as weather protecting the library deck, knocking back the weeds in the schoolyard, and clearing out excess unused (or unusable) material in order to free up much-needed storage space. We plan to use local talent as much as possible to keep travel expenses down. That being said, Carl and Tim had to drop by at the beginning of the school year to replace a truck battery and clear out a sewer line that was causing an overflow. All was corrected and working well by the first day of school and we greatly appreciate the maintenance department's quick and expert assistance.
LSAC Activity
No LSAC meeting this month
Volunteer Report
Many thanks to Krystle Hanson and the Kokhanok clinic for hosting the rock hunt. Also, many thanks to Lysa Lackson and the KVC for the picnic.
Professional Development
All new staff have gone through new teacher induction and are adjusting to the LPSD way of doing things.
Pupil Attendance
We have 32 enrolled students in K-12. We're looking at 8 young ones in preschool this year. Preschool will start on September 18th.
Student and Staff Safety
We had an injury to a staff member this month. The cause was a mullion that became dislodged due to high winds that caused a heavy exterior door to slam into it. The mullion has been reattached in a more secure fashion. The employee was treated by the clinic and released to return immediately to work. An incident report was created and a Worker's Comp Report was completed. Both have been forwarded to the district office. The employee was able to resume her duties and did not suffer any further complications from the injury.
Subsistence Calendar
We continue to monitor the effects, if any, on retention for students after a long summer break. The benchmark scores will give us an idea where we stand in this regard.
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