

February/March, 2018 Monthly Site Report from Newhalen School

To: School Board Staff

From: Ed Lester, 907-571-1211

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Our focus for the 2017/2018 continues to be attendance and maximizing classroom time with teacher/students.

PERSONNEL:

We are looking forward to welcome two new teachers to Newhalen this fall- James and Stephanie Barthelman. Stephanie will be a half time teacher for lower elementary and James will join us as our SPED teacher. They have been teaching in Quinhagak for the past 10+ years. We are excited to meet them. Shelby Brunn will be transitioning down to half time to job share with Stephanie. We are so sad to be losing our counselor, Miss Racquel. She has been an integral part of building our staff/student relationships and helping some of our kids with anger issues. We encourage the district to reconsider and hire (even at half time) a counselor for the north. We have seen first hand how having a counselor in the school has strengthened our support team of our staff and students.

TECHNOLOGY PROGRESS: We are still utilizing the voucher system for our visitors to access the internet. It seems to help with the usage of our network. The internet has still been dropping on occasion. Ipads have been a great tool for our kids this year.

FACILITY UPDATE: The furnace coil unit broke the end of January. A new coil system is on site. We are awaiting maintenance to come and install it. Our new gym continues to be a great success with the community.

LSAC ACTIVITY: We had a meeting on February 13 and talked about fundraising for the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship and a variety of other things. A live and silent auction was held during our Boys Basketball Regional Tournament and we raised \$1,822.00 on donated auction items. We plan to have another auction during the Academic and Athletic Meet next month.

VOLUNTEER REPORT: The Iliamna/Newhalen Carnival was hosted at the Newhalen School February 8-12. The Alaska State Troopers were able to authorize Trooper Nay from Anchorage along with VPSO Colby from DLG to spend the weekend with us. It continues to be a community concern that there is not a trooper or VPSO stationed in Iliamna or Newhalen. Our villages have been assigned to a trooper from Anchorage. There is a VPSO position posted with BBNA but no applicants.

We have had many volunteers this school year helping out with NIYAC, fundraisers for our students in our community and more.

TRIPS PLANNED: None at this time.

OTHER: Thank you for all the support! If you should ever have any questions, please call me anytime!