Site Report - Kokhanok - February

To: Superintendent Ty Mase
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Jordan Davis, Head Teacher, Kokhanok

Outstanding Activities and Events

Battle of the Books: Not only did Ms. Dana's Kindergarten class win first place, they answered every single question correctly! Nice job Kindergarten, you sure are excellent readers! Mr. Josh's ¾ team won second place in their battle, as did Mrs. Davis' % class! Kokhanok's young readers are a fantastic bunch! Great job!

Night Gym and Basketball Friday: After the last LSAC meeting, it was decided to open up night gym. Our current schedule is: Monday K-2, Tuesday 3-6, Wednesday 7-12, and Friday we have basketball games for all grades, which are live streamed on our school Facebook page!

Art club: Mr. Austin and Ms. Janessa have been hosting Art Club every Thursday. It's so nice to see students participating in after school activities! We especially love seeing all of the creations Friday morning! Thanks Mr. Austin and Ms. Janessa for your time in providing quality experiences for our students!

Personnel

Mr. Cornell has been Kokhanok's principal since January of 2019. The past few years have been a time of great leadership for Kokhanok school. We have had some hard times with deaths of community members and COVID, but Mr. Cornell led us through with care and compassion. Kokhanok school has flourished under Mr. Cornell's guidance and we are better because of him. But, like all great things, times change and we move forward in our lives. At our last LSAC meeting, Mr. Cornell let the community of Kokhanok know of our next move, and that is welcoming Mr. Fagerquist as Kokhanok's principal for next year! We are sad to see Mr. Cornell go, but we're excited to have Mr. Fagerquist join the Kokhanok team! We could not have picked a better candidate, and we know that good things will continue to happen for Kokhanok school under Mr. Fagerquist's leadership!

Standards Based System

We held Parent Teacher Conferences the last week of February. Here we were able to connect with parents and give detailed updates about our school year and progress of students.

We have a few students who are now attempting End of Levels and final writing prompts! Good Luck students! An update to our BBRCTE students: One student dropped the business course and picked up the Driver's License course. Another student is currently working on the Aviation course and has successfully completed the Driver's License course and even passed the written test! Watch out, Alaska, we have a new driver on the road!

Curriculum Progress and Professional Development

A few students have been testing out the new assessments via PowerSchool for Writing. While the assessments themselves are easy to proctor, there were some glitches which have been reported to the Tech Team for fixing.

Technology Progress

The Tech Team continues to put in many hours of unseen work, and we really do appreciate all of you! All students and staff have new computers that have been working great! We also received a box of supplies for students and staff that make life a lot easier. We're so thankful for the extra chargers and equipment that make USB drives still usable and not a thing of the past!

Facility Update

Leonard Cobb, John Mike, and Gust Chocknok continue to make Kokhanok school a safe and clean learning environment. We are so lucky to have these three gentlemen take pride in their work and make sure that our students have a clean space in which to learn, play, and grow! Our custodial and maintenance staff are the absolute best, and deserve high praise for their quality work!

LSAC Activity

Kokhanok's LSAC met on February 3rd to discuss opening the playground, night gym, student travel, and moving vacation days. It was decided that the playground and night gym be open. However, the LSAC decided that student travel was not in Kokhanok's best interest. Also, vacation days were not moved from March because it was still undecided if there would be a local carnival held during the normal carnival weekend.

Volunteer Report

Throughout February and into March, many of our staff have been out due to medical and travel. Kokhanok is lucky to have the number of subs we have, who are willing to step in and help out. One great thing about COVID is that we have to prepare in advance, and it's great to have a scheduled sub for certain times instead of calling the morning of to ask, "Can you sub?" A huge thank you to all of our substitutes: Tootsie Roehl, Sharolyn "Sister" Chocknok, Nancy Wassillie, Alina Cobb, Megan Klopp, and Agnes Mike you really help make Kokhanok a better place!

Trips Planned

We will be holding an LSAC meeting March 10 and will be discussing an Old Business item of student travel. We know that the students are itching to travel! The teaching staff are excited about the upcoming Alyeska Literacy Retreat, and hope that this will remain a possibility.

Pupil Attendance

A number of students have missed school in February due to trips to town and quarantine. Teachers have worked very hard to make sure students who are on trips take school work with them, as well as send home work for at home quarantine.

Student and Staff Safety

Most of Kokhanok's staff received their first COVID vaccines in January, and nearly all those who were vaccinated the first round have received their second vaccine! Thank you, SouthCentral Foundation and Kokhanok Clinic, for making sure Kokhanok Staff was made a priority!

Subsistence Calendar

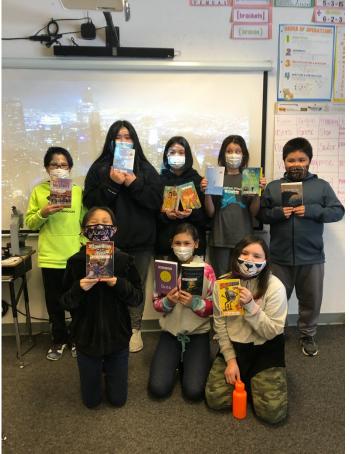
It is encouraging to see that we are once again being creative with our subsistence calendar and that the Board approves of a later starting point for the school year. While this is great news for moose season, we'll have to be on the lookout for student attendance in the spring time and geese hunting. Our LSAC will be meeting about moving vacation days at our next meeting on March 10th.

Other

We'd like to thank Moon McCarley for putting in so much extra time into being our District Test Coordinator for the PEAKS assessment. This is no easy task and requires countless extra hours and behind the scenes work. Thank you for taking on this task and putting together information that is easy for teachers to navigate. State testing is always easier with Moon guiding the way!

Scroll down for photos!





Battle of the book winners!





Mrs. Davis' Reading and Writing classes have joined up with PIP for a weekly Book Buddies Club! Thank you, Michele and Rick, for including us in this awesome project and for all of the books!





Every Friday we livestream our basketball games on our school Facebook page. We have some stellar athletes!





Reading about

Treasure Island got

our creativity on, so we
made treasure maps!

We LOVE writing about
love. Do you want to
write about a
snowman?



Science is too *cool.*



We love school!



Cards for Mr. Harry Ricci and Mrs. Beth Hill for School Board Appreciation Month!