

Site Report – Chignik Lake – March 2019

**To: Superintendent Ty Mase
and LPSD School Board Members**

**From: Barbra Donachy/Head Teacher,
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Outstanding Activities and Events

Chignik Lake began March by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. We had a school-wide reading of books by the famous author and an art project to show the places they'll go. The Elementary students continued the celebration by virtually visiting Houston, Texas and sharing books and questions with students in a 2nd grade class. Our students were surprised to learn there are no tarantulas in Texas. The Houston kids were surprised to learn the Alaskans do not live in igloos.

Students at our school are Racing Across the Commons. They get a chain link for every chapter they read or every picture book they read. We've had two students make it all the way across. They were awarded with books of their choice. Our first two champions are inspiring the rest of the group to keep reading their way across the commons.

All of our students participated in the MAP benchmark tests. The students are becoming accustomed to these tests, as they are fairly long. The majority of the results indicate growth across the board.

From Kindergarten to 8th grade, Chignik Lake students are learning science hands-on. Some are building simple machines, some are studying different ways to power vehicles, and others are checking out alternative energy – all using K'nex kits. (See pictures below.) The kids are enjoying the kits and enjoying figuring out how problems are solved using technology. They are improving their team working skills along the way.

We had a strong turnout at our site for the monthly school board meeting. All were on pins and needles to hear what the board would decide to do about the Lake's low enrollment numbers for the fall school year. As of the board meeting, the Lake had seven confirmed students with intent to enroll in the fall. The community was saddened to learn that the board voted to close the school and reassign the current teachers. The LSAC and community are trying to encourage people to move back to the community before August 15th in order to have the board vote to open the school again in the fall.

Personnel

We had several staff absences this month. We have reliable subs to help us run as usual, as well as helpful students who are great at working together and helping each other out when our usual staff are not available.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

All students are making progress in their levels. Some of our students are ready to finish levels and are taking end of level tests.

Technology Progress

All our technology is functioning properly. We've tested out the new Swivl equipment and it is ready for trial runs. The recently installed speaker in the main classroom is still not functioning properly. It is in queue for repair.

Facility Update

The facility is in good shape.
LSAC Activity
The LSAC met on March 26th. See the LSAC report for details. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11th.
Volunteer Report
Brenda King continues to volunteer in the library shelving books in her spare time. Jack Donachy continues volunteering regularly to help out as needed.
Professional Development
Our school participated in the late start Monday at the beginning of the month for professional development for teachers.
Pupil Attendance
Eight students are regularly attending school in the K-8 classroom. Three students have been regularly attending preschool.
Student and Staff Safety
Nothing to report.
Subsistence Calendar
LSAC met to put together the recommended 2019-20 calendar for Chignik Lake. This has been submitted to the district office.
Other







