



HOLLIS SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 4, 2021
SISD BOARD REPORT

Connecting our stories, connecting our cultures, connecting our world history,
connecting with each other, connecting with our community, connecting with our elders.



Morning Walks for Learning February 2021

Gratitude: *Doyackshin, Gunalchéesh, Háw'aa, Muchas gracias, Thank you,
Thank you from all of our Hollis School student community –
Tsimshian, Tlingit, Haida, Spanish, English*



Thank you to the James Stevens and John Stevens for allowing our students to have a physically distanced in person archery tournament to reconnect with friends and anchors from other schools. They enjoyed every moment as did our staff.



Thank you John Stevens and Alex Hurt for arranging for Hollis and Whale Pass to see what is involved with participating on the Districts' Shooting Team. Well done. The opportunity was done in a safe manner and the experience allowed all of the students and adults to find success. Everyone is excited.



Thank you Matt Gore for coming to Hollis to evaluate our tech needs and create a plan to get all of our students and programs up and running. Thank you also for helping Lisa to send the "spinning ball" to the great beyond. Everyone will be more successful and productive.



Thank you Terri Kohn for arranging for Hollis to have access to the Eco Van what Bus Drove Nick was out of town. It sure helped us to safely and efficiently transport our students to and from school in his absence. for all of your efforts to help us locate resources and, despite the rain, address many of the many small projects that make life easier for all.



Thank you Carol Randolph for a great Friday conducting meetings, reviewing caseloads and sharing training at Hollis School. It was a great experience.



Thank you Charles Becker for taking the time to come to Hollis to review our three elective courses and provide feedback to increase their quality.



Thank you to those who have added boots, sweatpants & sweatshirts of all sizes, winter coats & snow pants, gloves, hats, scarves, gaiters & mittens to "Charlie's Closet". It has been getting a workout this year. It feels good to know our students are always able to be warm and dry,



Thank you Sandy Curtis and Colleen Watson for your work to help our school take our dream of a pantry to the next level.


Southeast Island School District Vision, Mission, and Goals


Vision: Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations.

Mission: Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals and adapt to an ever-changing world.


GOAL TARGETS:


GOAL: Prepare students for post-secondary life

 Our high school students have started their Technical Reading and Writing, Journalism, and DIVE (Diverse Independent Vital Exploration) classes all of which build upon the soft skills and academic skills 21st century employers report they are seeking when hiring.

 We continue to seek guest cooks, artists, and travelers to share about some of the many world cultures we are exploring. *Please let us know if you would like to speak with our students about a place you have traveled and or a culture you have experienced.* We would love for others to share their favorite stories, art, poetry, plays, celebrations, foods, memories. *Please let us know if you are interested in being a part of our continued world exploration.*


GOAL: Provide sufficient/effective staff support

 We have a janitor and we are so excited! The kids love Tia as she takes the time to connect with everyone and her positives spirit makes the entire school feel lighter and happier.


 Thank you to District staff who check in before they head our way to see what we may need. We so appreciate when they bring needed food, tech, curriculum, etc. It sure makes a difference.


 It was helpful to have supportive visits from Charles, Matt, Carol, and Sherry.


GOAL: Improve communication district and community wide

 We have working phones, a working copier & scanner, improved internet and we are excited about the new user-friendly website and increased connectivity.

GOAL: Increase visibility to share lifestyle and increase enrollment

 Our amazing Ameri-corps volunteer used her grant funds to build on science island and we will not have fish and hermit crabs as well as a tarantula. All are so excited.

 Next month we will take the next steps to adopt an important salmon stream and cannot wait to begin our work.

 Hollis School has started sponsored Hollis Community's participation in a monthly island cleanup with Klawock and Craig.

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We have been approved to receive 35 food boxes per month to distribute to our families and Hollis Community members. We have started to send weekend boxes home to our families that could use them.



This month our Journalism students will have articles in southeast radio and newspapers for publication.



We have resumed our pre-K & Kinder Library story time. We are recording with and publishing on our You Tube channel to share with others. Our students will be sharing on Facebook live in a few weeks after they master the recording.



Our High School students created a “Toilet Paper roll” art challenge. They have extended the deadline and will create and publish as digital art show with a distanced gallery opening. (Sadly we only received one submission – the kids still want to open the virtual gallery so we are going to give it another try.) Please spread the word and help us get more submissions.



Hollis primary and intermediate students are resuming their work to create a news program that will air on our school’s You Tube channel. We will be asking for some advice and support from the SISD Tech Department. We hope to have our first broadcasts in March.



We are completing the documentation of the remote school planning process we were requested to create to send out to rural Alaskan Communities for other schools and districts to use.



Our Pre-K and Kinder students are working on a digital book and database about our chickens that we will publish.



Our bike shop is getting some excited support and we have hope that the idea will soon become a reality.

Ongoing:



Hollis staff and students launched some ongoing service projects and others are in the planning phase:

- Launched:
 - Gratitude bag trash pickup on Hollis Chilkat Road (we were appointed to the task by the Hollis Community Council – we are exploring getting a sign similar to those on the “Adopt a Highway” program.
- Launched but in need of further revision:
 - Hollis Resource Cooperative - Connecting People (Building Upon This with the CARES Funding project.
 - Hollis Community food pantry
 - Tiny Little library (needs repair) and we want to add a Tiny Little Pantry and we are planning a shared community refrigerator.
- Planning:
 - Taking over management of the Hollis Seed Library.
 - Community bus stops (James Stevens mentor)

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- Phone Booth reactivation
- Upgrading the “Alaska Kids Don’t Float “ life jacket shed.



Citizen Science: We are anxiously waiting upon word to know if we can resume wolves research. Launched citizen science projects include:

- reporting to the US Weather Service.
- documenting observations on Journey North.
- participating in the annual virtual Monarch Butterfly migration.
- caring for Yellow-cedar seedlings and recording our data.



Hollis School staff and students continue to volunteer at the Hollis Public Library, the Volunteer Fire Department, and the Volunteer Emergency Medical Services.



The school continues to report as an official part of the Hollis Community Council agenda and we have been added to the town’s website.



For updates and ongoing information please feel free to check out our Hollis School Facebook Page. We committed to keeping that current and students and all staff are pitching in to share all perspectives. It is a tool for us to document our learning, access resources and provide school information to our target audience – our parents and community. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1483681851918203/> and they tell us it will be caught up this weekend.