



January 2019 Outer Sites Board Report

Curriculum

We continue to add elective class syllabi to the curriculum webpage. Entrepreneurship is the newest. We will be offering some amazing new elective classes in the second semester of 2019. Automotive class will be taught down at the maintenance shop in Thorne Bay. Sewing will be added as will Cinematography and SCUBA to the list offered. We will have Naukati, Kasaan, and Howard Valentine schools bringing in middle and high school students on Thursdays to take part in these and other elective classes. We are looking into the possibility of adding a couple of these classes over the VTC so some of the distant sites can also participate.

Professional Development

February 8th is our last teacher inservice date for the school year. We plan on teachers sharing out best practices in time-savings and resources, looking at STEAM week and doing forward planning for the rest of the school year. We will also conduct a needs assessment survey for professional development for FY20.

School Comprehensive Improvement

The Naukati School staff has been working diligently over the holiday break and into the new year on student data analysis, school-wide discipline plans, trainings for staff members, and scheduling changes to improve the academic and climate of our school. We have been assigned a State school improvement coach and she will be arriving for her first visit on January 21st to work with us. We have been in contact with her for the past three weeks and she seems very knowledgeable and ready to jump in and offer her support. The Naukati teachers, Janet Stout and our State coach will all be attending the RTI conference in Anchorage at the end of this month. This conference will give us some good insight on best practices working with students with accommodations and special needs.

Whale Pass School



The beginning of a new year brought lots of snow to Whale Pass. We currently have about 18 inches, but it is melting fast. We took this opportunity Thursday to have a snow sculpture competition. The students had a great time. We were fortunate enough that Mr. Burch arrived with the superintendent candidate to judge the competition.

We hope the roads clear up before the Battle of the Books travel next week. Our students have been practicing and studying BOB questions furiously this week. We've had mock competitions in the afternoon to prepare the students hoping to keep our winning titles from last year. On a side note, this is the first time we have had a high school team, and I am excited to see them compete. Look out state here we come!!!

We continue to plunge through the curriculum in math, language arts, science, and social studies. Mr. Cook is finishing up his unit on Egypt and soon on to the Greeks. His class has completed an awesome activity mummifying some Cornish Hens. Ms. Cook is finishing up her unit on weather and on to rock and minerals.

In February, Ms. Cook and Ms. Anggi will be going to Juneau for an early childhood conference. We hope to learn some new and fun things for our PreK and early elementary classes.

We are practicing every day right now with the archery team to prepare for the state tournament in February. We are planning tournaments with Coffman Cove and Naukati.

Christine Cook
Lead Teacher

Hyder School

Hyder School had a great turnout for our Holiday Potluck, Play, and Dessert Auction on December 22nd! Many parents and community members came and the students put on a great play! The elementary had fun singing songs as well.

Our secondary class is now preparing to have a cooking class in place of theater arts in the second semester. They will also continue to have art class.

The elementary students have been learning about the law of conservation of energy and what different types of energy look like in real life. Some of them are creating songs about the different types, while others are making books with pictures of the various types of energy.

We have gotten so much snow since the holiday break, and the students have been working hard to clear it off, especially since we have gotten over a foot of snow in the last two days!

We are looking forward to February and our Annual Valentine's Day Banquet, but have not picked a theme yet. Our next ASC meeting will be on Monday, and a theme will be picked then.

Virginia Pulley
Lead Teacher

Port Alexander School

Port Alexander School Happenings: Port Alexander is back to school after an eventful December. We have been blanketed with snow the last few days transforming out town into a winter wonderland which is a refreshing change for the students. The 6-12 are working on Geography, literature, Art and P.E. units and of course math.

We have three students gone on extended vacations but we are still having a great start to the new year.

K-5: Our elementary classroom had a great winter break. They put on a Black Tie Dinner and raised enough money to begin to purchase reading nook supplies, furniture and



carpets, we are accepting donations. We are gearing up for Healthy Choices with the Spring challenge and starting home economics classes on Thursdays. Of course we are working diligently on Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies with additions of coding, typing, career choices and art.

6-12: Our 11th grade student has moved to Thorne Bay for basketball season and two other students are gone on vacation. We are keeping things cozy and lively while they are away. We are looking

to purchase new desks and chairs for our classroom with money we have earned through fundraisers hoping to find some matching funds.



Joe Vondoloski
Lead Teacher, Port Alexander

Naukati School

Happy New Year to all! Naukati School wishes everyone a great start to the New Year.

The month of December had us practicing for our Christmas Program. The Elementary students did a wonderful job of singing several classic Christmas songs like “Jingle Bell Rock” and “The Grinch”. The Grinch even made a quick appearance and surprised the audience and many of our own students. The Middle/High School students worked with partners to create a few parodies and dances for a few Christmas tunes. Entertainment was at the highest level and all of the students put on a great performance. We are already thinking ahead to next year.

On the last three days before break, our students and staff participated in Secret Santa. There were so many thoughtful gifts and many more smiles as the last day of school beheld the last gift received from under our Christmas tree.



Fast forward to 2019. Naukati School has decided to start anew in 2019. We have larger plans for collaboration and building partners with more parents and the community. We are looking forward to pulling in more resources from a hidden supply around our school and focus on growing stronger together.

The rest of January seems pretty relaxed compared to this first week of school. We have been enjoying playing in the snow. We have a couple of North Island Archery Tournaments this month and will also be sending two middle school students to Wrangell for Wrestling. Good luck Archers! Good luck Wrestlers!

Naukati School Staff

Hollis School

We want to express our gratitude to everyone who supported our students and their learning opportunities documented in this report, as it was the work of many who make each and every one of our students' learning experiences possible.

Citizen Science - Wolf Research:

On December 20, 2018 we wrapped nine weeks of monitoring our wolf hair boards when we pulled the boards on December. This year the responsibility for the annual project was handed off to our new middle school students who have been mentored by older students over the past years.

School Pictures:

In December we learned a bit more about green screens as we created our students' annual school pictures. Parents will receive their packets when they arrive in the next week or so.

Hollis Public Library:

Our pre-K through Kindergarten students continue to enjoy their weekly Story Hour with Sandy Curtis at the Hollis Library with Sandy Curtis. Hollis librarian Sandy Curtis is also meeting weekly with our high school students to share the oral story telling information she learned during a recent librarian conference.

Battle of the Books:

Our Hawks have been reading and practicing and four five teams are excited for next week's annual Battle of the Book competition!

Chicken Coop:

Thanks to Mike Congdon's patient teaching and support we are now able to realize the vision outlined in our spring 2018 Hollis School A4LE Alaska Chapter 2018 Transformation Grant. Mike and our students have been bracing some pretty challenging weather to build our "varmint proof" chicken coop so chickens can once again be an important part of our Hollis School community.

Youth Group:

Active in the POW Health Network's youth group. In December they helped out to support the Moose's annual gifts they put together for local community members over the holidays. We so appreciate all of the service and learning opportunities this program provides for our students. This month they will be updating their First Aide and CPR certifications. In a few weeks Hollis High School students will be launching a monthly community game night with a dinner. Their goals to provide another opportunity for people to gather and connect while sharing healthy past times as they know the importance of healthy connections for a healthy life.

Kitchen Grant:

Thank you Priscilla for writing this grant and to Branzon and his crew who doggedly worked over the winter break to upgrade our kitchen with a new sink, stove, refrigerators and freezers and dishwasher to improve our ability to provide healthy meals for our students

Archery:

We have launched our 2018-2019 Archery Season. Our Hawks are enjoying their PW and after school practice with Coach George Vasquez.

Music:

Building upon our Dancing with the Spirit experiences and taking a note from Coffman Cove's play book in December we launched a Wednesday Weekly jam night for Hollis community members to join students at the school to play and enjoy music together. We are also incorporating weekly times for students to practice their skills during the school day.

Visitors:

On December 10, 2019 our students enjoyed touring and interviewing Superintendent applicant Don Clark and his wife. Our favorite student question: "Do you know how to change people's hearts to make them bigger?"

Julie Vasquez & Lisa Cates
Hollis School, Partners in Education

Kasaan School

It is hard to believe that the year is almost half over. We are working hard out here in Kasaan. The student population has grown this month with one transfer student. We are excited to have her here and think that she will positively impact the school.

We are excited that Alaskan Dream Cruises donated \$1000 to the ASC and want to publicly thank them for the generous donation.

The boiler has developed an issue and has a major leak in the system. The system is shut down at this time. The greenhouse is being heated with a small space heater and the fish tank has a few tank heaters. The fish are doing well at this time.

We have been invited to attend and participate in the Organized Village of Kasaan's tribal board this month. This will be a great opportunity for the students to learn more about the landslide and the impact that it will have on the community. The community will also be having a luncheon this month that we plan on attending as the school.

Shane Scamahorn
Lead Teacher

Howard Valentine School

It is hard to believe the end of the semester is next week. The first semester seems to have flown by. We had a good first week back from winter vacation. The students are still adjusting to being back at school, but they are doing well. The snow was a welcome gift and the kids had a blast playing in it while it was here.



On New Year's Eve, we hosted a Lock-In at the school. The kids had a blast, doing arts and crafts, playing games, watching movies, and just playing. Chad and Sheri Dillman chaperoned the lock-in and Sheri also baked snacks and made breakfast for the kids before we dropped them off at home on New Year's Day.

This week has been a busy first week back with Battle of the Books practice, continuing with electives, and regular classes. Our students are excited to participate in the Battle of the Books next week. They have been practicing and quizzing each other all week. Our kids have also enjoyed the electives offered, such as quilting and sewing, maker space, 3D design and printing, and art. We are in the process of brainstorming to see what electives the students want to have offered for the next semester.



We are looking forward to 2nd semester and the wonderful educational opportunities it will bring us.

Best,

Chad Dillman
Lead Teacher