

Southeast Island School District Superintendent Report November 2024

Goals:

- **Collaboration**: Strengthen and maintain a collaborative relationship with the Board of Education and the school district team.
- **Public Trust**: Build public trust and confidence by establishing open, honest communication and fostering positive connections across our communities.

Engagements:

- Oct 28: Coffman Cove school visit and food program evaluation
- Oct 31: POW Team visited the Thorne Bay Greenhouse
- Nov 1-4: Brightways Training in Girdwood, Alaska
- **Nov 8**: SISD Inservice (Agenda shared)
- Nov 6-11: AASB Conference
- Nov 20: CTE Welding and Electrical Career Visit

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 21-23: High School Volleyball Regionals in Kake
- Nov 22-23: High School Wrestling in Sitka
- Nov 25-29: Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 4: High School Basketball Season Begins
- Dec 6-7: High School Wrestling in Sitka
- Dec 13-14: High School Wrestling Regionals
- Dec 19 Jan 3: Winter/Christmas Break

News / Legislative Update:			

Shout-Outs:

Nov 8, 2024 Inservice Successes:

- Recognizing the incredible dedication of our staff, who consistently step up when needed. The boiler wood is split and stacked, and the boiler has never run better!
- Students and staff worked together to create engaging stop-motion animations, and we're seeing increased support for students.
- o Successes with Yellow Cedar trees and teamwork during the Halloween Carnival.
- Completion of progress reports and developing stronger connections with students.
- Brightways Training: Smooth and productive trip; Charlie was wonderful to work with.
- New to District: Personal gratitude for meeting SISD staff and working with students.
- Curriculum Successes: CKLA Intervention and BURST Lessons are improving literacy daily.
- Taekwondo students have qualified for NW District Championships, with one receiving national recognition.
- Morning meetings are filled with smiles; progress in fluency and phonics is evident.
- Community Support: Local history projects received enthusiastic support from our community.
- Fall Festival: Enjoyable and engaging for both students and community.
- SPED team has excelled in shadowing and mentoring, providing meaningful support—special thanks to Matt, Steve, and April.
- A student showing exceptional improvement, now working hard toward success.
- Students excelled in a five-station learning rotation, even without full recess and SEL/PE classes.
- Daily enthusiasm for BURST lessons is translating into literacy gains.
- Successful 2024 ATTSAA Program participation, with highlights from the Sitka Whalefest.
- Teachers have been diligent with paperwork, enhancing overall efficiency.

Schoolwide Milestones:

- Completion of the first quarter marks significant progress.
- The Special Education team is commended for their dedication to compliance and effective service.
- Safety & Wellness Conference attendees brought back insights for district-wide benefit.
- Fall assessments (MAP and mClass) are complete, supporting individualized RTI/MTSS planning.
- Student-run concessions led by Amanda Blankenship's class are fostering real-world business skills.
- Coffman Cove's Harvest Day was a resounding success, with strong student leadership.
- o AK Campus Photo successfully completed school photos, with retakes planned.

Conclusion:

Southeast Island School District is committed to fostering collaboration, community engagement, and student-centered initiatives. We are grateful for your ongoing support, which is crucial to the success of our district, students, and staff. Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission.