

Whale Pass School 10/25/23 School Board Report

It has been a busy time at Whale Pass School since the last board meeting. In the middle school/high school room students have been making great progress in all subjects. Fifth grader, Jesse Dempsey, is a rising math student, so he joins the older kids each day to get the benefit of being in with 7th graders and high school geometry students.

In Science the students are gaining an understanding of the value of accuracy and precision when conducting investigations. Additionally, we are taking a deep dive into how energy relates to forces and motion, and what is required for “work” to be done from a Physics perspective. The elementary students are also diving into forces and motion, and are planning to investigate how mass affects momentum.

During the first semester students are learning about the U.S. Constitution, and how the federal government is structured. Additionally, there we follow current events in an effort to understand them from both a present day and historical perspective.

The school continues to take advantage of any and all community service opportunities. This month we were asked to replace the public library steps and porch in order to make them ADA compliant. The students worked hard and enthusiastically all day, learned a bunch of new skills, and delivered a professional looking finished product.

The school hosted master instructors from the Texas-based Songaham Martial Arts School. They led a three day Tae Kwon Do camp. On Wednesday of that time period we were joined by Superintendent Morrison, Suzi Michaud, and Matt Gore for lunch. The lunch was prepared by the students. The menu of Fish & Chips (caught during our subsistence trips) and apple crumble (apples from the 2022 Coffman School Harvest Fest).

Finally, the students will be managing the wood-fired boiler during the days that school is in session. This will be a wonderful fund-raising opportunity which will result in approximately \$2,500 to go towards their activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

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