



## AK-TRAILS BOARD REPORT Feb. 2024



**Classes:** It was so much fun reviewing work samples and getting to see what students have accomplished this past quarter! Each family takes a unique approach to their child's education. Some students are job shadowing, others are taking college courses, and many are using project based learning.

Second semester courses have started. Ginger White is offering a district wide, distance taught Educational Psychology elective course, and Matt Gore a Technology Class. These are both exciting opportunities for our AK-TRAILS students!

**Sports:** Student Highlight: Anagail Hamby has been chosen as a National Archery in the School Program (NASP) Student Contributor! Anagail is the second AK-TRAILS student to have received this honor. Check out Anagail's [first](#) and [second](#) articles.

In other news, Taekwondo and Red Tide Wrestling continue, and elementary basketball will start soon. I had the opportunity to visit a Red Tide Wrestling practice recently, and our elementary students are working HARD and having so much fun! It is nice to see students from Coffman Cove, Naukati, and Whale Pass all interacting with each other during practice, and the parent support is amazing.

**Events:** On January 26th, 4 AK-TRAILS high school students attended a USFS Career Day in Thorne Bay. Booths helped students learn about various careers and even immediate employment opportunities within the Forest Service. Presentations were given by the forestry, fishery, archaeology, trails management, and administration departments, as well as a Youth Stewardship coordinator for Sealaska.



**Field Trip:** On February 9th-13th, AK-TRAILS students Tia Christopherson, Megan Christopherson, and Anagail Hamby traveled with 4 other SISD students up to Juneau for a Youth Advocacy Institute and Legislative session. Students learned about school funding and the legislative process, including how bills are passed. They toured our state capitol building, met with our local representatives, and even presented testimony in favor of HB 65, which proposes an increase in the base student allocation. Information students gathered and the connections made are invaluable. A special thanks to Stephanie Hamby, Rod Morrison, Debbie Fehr, and Tony Lovell for accompanying students on this trip!







**Professional Development:** This past month, I attended a 3 day virtual RTI (Response to Intervention) conference, which focused on the refinement of reading, writing, math, and social emotional skills. This training gave me additional resources, which will help me to act as a better guide to parents as they instruct their children in the homeschool atmosphere.

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**SISD Vision:**

*"Students are equipped to achieve their dreams and aspirations"*

**SISD Mission:**

*"Set a foundation by cultivating experiences for students to develop goals and thrive in an ever-changing world."*