

Site Report – Nondalton – December 19/January 2020

To: Superintendent Ty Mase
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Moon McCarley
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Outstanding Activities and Events

- We celebrated the early graduation of Ashley Wilson, on December 14th. Ms. Wilson is living in Anchorage working and will be attending trade school.
- The school Christmas program was a great success. The primary group did a song and interpretive dance. The intermediate group studied methods for making gut parkas and used what they learned to make holiday themed paper garments. Those were displayed in a fashion show. The high school performed The Gift of the Magi.
- The school hosted a community potluck to welcome the new teachers.

Personnel

- We were thrilled to welcome Dian Alexie back as the cook. Teresa Rickteroff will return as a sub when Dian has medical appointments.
- Jeff McKinney and Ryland Luciano resigned their positions and did not return in January.
- Jaime Kurmis is now teaching in Mr. Luciano's place. Miss Kurmis was fortunate to take over a very organized classroom where students were on level and have no behavior issues. She stepped right in

and kept all of the positive momentum going without a single hitch. She has a good rapport with the students and they continue to make progress.

- Cassy Pangrazio is now teaching in Mr. McKinney's place. Conversely, the situation she walked into was not ideal. Things had gotten to a point of disarray under the supervision of the previous teacher. Miss Pangrazio had a lot of chaos to sort through. She's done a wonderful job. Behavior has improved tremendously and students are making great progress, academically.
- Both teachers are a very welcome change from the previous staff. The overall school climate is positive and enjoyable. Staff collaboration and camaraderie is at an all-time high.
- Shakim Blackwell returned as our tutor. He has been instrumental in helping the new staff navigate the standards-based system and powerschool. Without him the transition would have been much more difficult for everyone.



Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in every level have completed levels in the last two months.
Technology Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No progress
Facility Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have had several water outages recently. These are due to issues with the city system. We are able to switch to the school well. The well water must be boiled before drinking. • Carl Adams has made multiple visits to address issues with fuel tank gauges and pump. Everything appears to be working well now.
LSAC Activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSAC meetings have been happening as scheduled. The LSAC is excited to support the school during the upcoming basketball tournament.
Volunteer Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
Professional Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On site professional development has been focused on planning, instruction, and rebuilding positive school climate.
Pupil Attendance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very few students were absent when we returned from Christmas vacation. This was a great improvement from the first two weeks of September.
Student and Staff Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nondlton had a period of subzero temperatures, as did most of the region. This gave 6-mile lake time to freeze completely. Students are reminded to be safe and cautious on the ice and dress appropriately for the cold. • The maintenance department has made sure that heat is working well in all school buildings. • Custodian Gary Alexie ensures that outside walk ways are free of hazards and safe.
Subsistence Calendar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Nondalton, the school gives Christmas presents to community members. This year, Miss Cassie and her Elves Club made homemade soap and bath salts. They were one of the most popular gifts we can remember.

