## Site Report – Kokhanok – November 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke and LPSD School Board Members

From: Rob Fagerquist, Principal

#### **Outstanding Activities and Events**

Our volleyball team enjoyed trips to Port Alsworth and Newhalen for meets. We had nine student-athletes on our team; our A squad took 2nd place overall - thanks, Coach Nick, for all your hard work. CTE week 2 was a success. Honey Roehl and Josh Newyaka represented us at NCCER training and Digital Storytelling, respectively. We hosted a Thanksgiving potluck, inviting the community and showing them our appreciation for all their support. The event was designed and paid for by our student government. We continue with our Yupik Word of the Week competition and have quite a few words in our vocabulary by now. Ms. Krista's Kindergarten class can count to 16 in Yupik. Mr. Jon taught his class about Newton's Laws of Motion by sledding down the snowy hill behind the school.

#### **Personnel**

No changes to personnel this month. All is well.

#### **Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress**

We are working to close out the first half of the year on time with our standards progress. By and large, we are meeting our goals. The pressure is still on the K-3 cohort to remain aligned to the AK Reads requirements. Although it is still quite stressful, our excellent teachers, Marina McGourty and Krista Hobson, are figuring it out and making it work.

#### **Technology Insights**

The Internet is holding steady. We received a couple of replacement laptops for students whose laptops were failing after years of wear and tear.

## **Facility Update**

As mentioned, we had a community event at the school. Students and staff did a great job setting it up and cleaning everything after the potluck. Otherwise, the facility is in good working order.

## **LSAC Activity**

This month the LSAC welcomed one new member, Krystle Hanson, who was elected to one of our open seats. We still have one more vacancy to fill as well as the alternate seat. LSAC met this month and discussed upcoming events and added suggestions.

## **Volunteer Report**

Tina Mann has been coming in to do crafts with all of our students. We've learned to bead, and make pictographs, fur earrings, and medicine bags, to name a few. Dena Drake is teaching traditional fish skin tanning to middle/high school students. Colter Barnes donated the fish skins. Our teachers, Krista and McKenna, will be hosting crafting nights over the winter break.

## **Professional Development**

Marina and Krista to Nondalton. Lesa Meath, of the Alaska Statewide Mentor Program visited us during the week of November the 13th. She is helping our four 1st and 2nd year teachers find their potential and hone their craft, and is doing a great job providing much-desired input and perspective. Many thanks, Lesa.

## Pupil % Attendance K-12

Attendance is good. We had an influenza outbreak in Kokhanok, as well as a lot of travel (volleyball and CTE), which brought down our daily head count, but we are back on track and moving forward.

### **Student and Staff Safety**

All is well, nothing to report, thankfully.

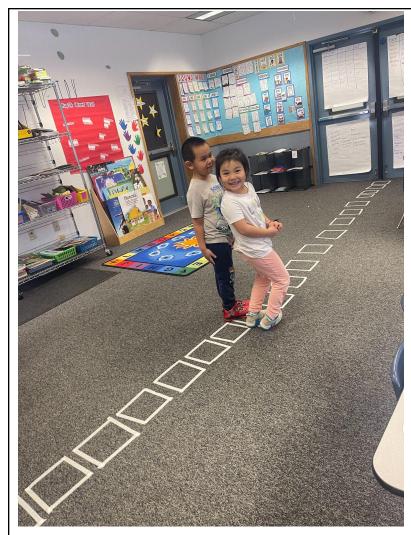
#### **Subsistence Calendar**

We are doing the best we can to keep on track with the tight schedule, and as always the Kokhanok team is consistently going above and beyond the call of duty.

#### Other



Morning activities. Learning to sort by height.



Learning to count in Ms. Krista's classroom



Brandon and Steve enjoying the puppet show



Tina Mann teaching us to paint cookie ornaments



Dena Drake is showing the middle and high schoolers how to tan fish skins in the traditional way.

## Kindergarten Bulletin



#### Hi Kindergarten Families,

November flew by! The Kindergarteners did well with the transition of extending the school day. We now have more time for Reading interventions. We have stepped into Battle of the Books mode for the competition in January. Quayna to the KVC for purchasing a set of Battle Books for each student in the school!

Our class made a permanent Puppet Theater in our class, which is a part of our Learning Centers. They enjoy making puppet shows of books we've read.

This month in math we:

- Learned about and made graphs.
- Identifying numbers after 10
- The attributes of shapes

Our class fevorite meth game this month was Number Squeeze

This month in reading we:

Learned the sounds for the letters A. H. I. R. N

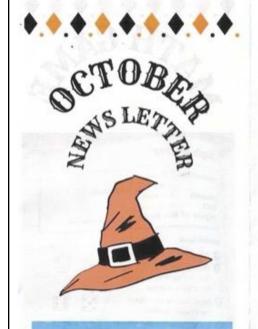
Wrapped up Reading Unit 3: How are Animals Different?

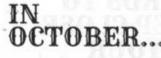
Started Reading Unit 4: How are plants alike and different? High Frequency words:

a my
see the
look is
at am
this like



Ms. Marina's October newsletter. November's wrap-up is coming soon





We did arts and crafts with Tina, finished up unit 1 reading and math, had parent-teacher conferences, got our battle books in the mail, (wohoo!) dug up potatoes and carrots, had our fall festival, and ate lots of candy!



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