

May 2018 Outer Site Board Reports

We will need an additional \$25,000 added to our district curriculum line item to complete the purchase of new math curriculum and e-resources. We purchased the majority of this last year, but did not have enough money to buy complete sets for all school sites. Also need to purchase middle school social studies curriculum for the upcoming school year. This extra money will also provide us with the funds to complete this purchase.

The weather has changed which has led to our teachers taking advantage of all the incredible learning opportunities that can be had with the good weather. As you can see from their site reports they are getting their students out in the communities as well as across the island and even off the island with many field trips.

We have had many community members and off island people work with our students over this past year. Without them, we would have average schools at best. A couple of examples of this are “Dancing with the Spirit” and the various people that we have had work in our schools both on Fridays as well as during the school week.

Our admin team, led by Superintendent Burch, understands that we are an ever changing entity and has instilled his philosophy to think outside the box to get to “yes” when it comes to what is “good for kids”.

We need to continue to work on cultivating a common language that fosters self-respect and respecting others in our schools and classrooms. About 6 years ago we entered into a district wide initiative with the “Choose Respect” theme and I believe that we saw a noticeable difference in how our students interacted with each other.

I look forward to finishing this year strong and instilling a sense of pride in our students so that when they go out into their communities and beyond, they talk well of their teachers and schools and look forward to coming back for another exciting and meaningful year.

Nick Higson
Outer Sites Principal

Port Alexander School

PA Playground and Tract A clean up had many helpers come on the overcast day.



Many went and cleaned up wind-strewn trash while several others started on the chore of building our “taller kids” monkey bars and our geodesic dome.

We are all excited about the dome as the funds for this purchase came from our autumn clean up of scrap metal and aluminum cans. The Afognak was gracious to remove much of the large trash that had accumulated in PA over the years. They removed broken smaller boat and engines, old building materials, miscellaneous tools and several heli-bags of cans. Once all of this was recycled in Washington, there was a few dollars left over that was donated back to the school.

Thank you again to the Afognak for making Port Alexander a more amazing place!

The students have been experiencing the local tide pools and the soil around the school to wrap up the year with studying Invertebrates. The students are making personal field guides to understand the difference between all of the different invertebrates. We also have a plan to map and survey the “invertebrate demographics” of these pools.

The end of the year brings still many more activities with our Mother’s Day Art Show in which the students, as well as the community showcase their art. The Home Economics class is also hosting the last fundraiser of the year in the form of an Italian Dinner



Night. The community is signed up with reservations to come and enjoy a night out on the town.

Our last three days of school look to be pretty fun with an Alice in Wonderland themed Carnival and an awards show with a concert. The students have been working so hard in music that they want to provide another opportunity to the community to hear their great tunes.

Your Partners in Education,
Port Alexander Staff

Kasaan School

The end of the year is approaching quickly, and we are busy here in Kasaan.

Graduation is scheduled for May 21 at 6:00p.m. for our two seniors. The seniors are excited for this event to come.

Coffman Cove came out here for the “Kids Don’t Float” program last week. Kara McCoy was here to teach the importance of using life jackets and water safety. On May 24 we will be going into Craig to use the swimming pool to conclude the safety training for the students.

We have planted the potato garden with red, Yukon Gold, and Idaho russet potatoes. The Haida potatoes that we grew last year were tested by the state and it turned out that they had two different diseases, and we were instructed to not replant those. The state is sending a new crop for us to plant of the Haida potatoes.



Shane Scamahorn, Lead Teacher

Naukati School

Field Trips

The Craig Field Trip was awesome for students and adults alike. We went to the police station and learned about 911, drivers licenses, and power and communications in emergency situations. Next we went to Papa’s Pizza. We got to help make our own pizzas and to order pizza though the database. We ran into Mr. Burch and he generously treated the kids to ice cream. After that we went to fire

and EMS. Everyone got to dress in turnout gear, wear masks, and see a demonstration of the jaws of life. We all sat in the big fire trucks and turned on the siren. Students took turns in the ambulance measuring O2 sats and getting blood pressures taken. Everyone wished we could have spent more time with EMS. After that we went to the post office. This was interesting, but a little harder since we couldn't touch much. Students got to sort and cancel mail by hand and watch the mail go through the sorter. The postmaster also weighed the whole class on a giant scale. We have some awesome pictures on the Naukati Facebook account.

This month we also participated in Kids Don't Float and the Battle of the Books Pizza and Pool Party. Both were great fun and the kids learned a lot.

Sports and other Events.

Almost every eligible student is playing soccer. The first meet was held at Naukati. It was exciting to have so many people from across the island at our school. Last month's community breakfast went well, with the proceeds going to fund sports.

Lettuce, Eggs and Rabbits

Our greenhouse lettuce is absolutely beautiful. We are selling some of it and eating some of it. The same for eggs. The variety of sizes, shapes and colors of eggs makes collecting and using them fun. We have eggs in the incubator and are hearing peeps from one tiny white egg. Naukati also has four rabbits—three females and one male. Currently two of the does have had kindled (had babies) a total of 10 kits (baby rabbits). We plan to process the rabbits in June.

Future May Events

Our Sports Banquet is Friday the 18th at 5:30. We will also honor volunteers who have given their time to make our school a better place. This month's community breakfast is pancakes on the 19th. Monday, May 21st, is our trip to El Capitan. Our end-of-the-year field trip is an overnight trip to Sandy Beach on Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week of school. The last day of school, we are having a community wide clean up and a BBQ to wrap up the school year.

Thank You

I have had a wonderful year teaching here in Naukati. The town is beautiful and the people are friendly—a little piece of paradise. This is the most supportive school district in which I have ever worked. My teaching partner Maggie and my principal are first rate. All of the aides and staff are wonderful with the kids. I loved working in a small school where I could teach each student according to their needs, incorporating the greenhouse and animals at the school. My only suggestion for the school would be to work on teacher retention. This would benefit the students, raising learning dramatically as shown by various studies on looping.

Dawn Jones
Lead Teacher, Naukati School

Whale Pass School

Things are winding down at Whale Pass School in May. We began the month with soccer practice for our 3rd-5th grade students. Caren Cooke is our coach this season with 6 students playing. Three of our students have completed the Alaska Hunter's Safety course online and will be completing the field day portion soon with John Stevens to receive their Hunter's Safety cards.

We have been busy trying to get our greenhouse in order for planting. As of today, we have three potato beds planted with various types including the Haida potatoes, purple potatoes, and red potatoes. We have tomato starts in pots and a bed of lettuce greens beginning to sprout. This week we are getting more dirt to fill our remaining beds. We have two broods of chicks now in the coop. One brood is a mix of the Germani/Icelandic and the other Cerama chickens. We now have our radiators in and the boiler is up and running.

On Monday, May 7 we spent part of the day cleaning a popular fishing/camping site of dumped garbage. We also collected alder that day for our mushroom plugs.

On Thursday, May 10 all the students went to Craig for the last session of our "Kids Don't Float" program with Stacey Mank. The students rotated in four groups practicing getting in and out of a canoe and several water rescue activities.

Our high school graduation will be May 20 at 3:00pm. Come join us in celebration with our one high school graduate Megan Wakefield.

Our last ASC Dinner will be May 22 with a Middle Ages theme. We will be processing some roosters from our coop and serving a traditional Middle Ages meal. The elementary social studies class will present a short show of what they have learned.

Below is the remaining schedule for the year.

May 17—Lake Day—swimming, cookout, water safety in canoes and kayaks

May 18---Gun Safety with John Stevens

May 19---Soccer in Thorne Bay

May 20---Graduation

May 21—El Cap tour—cookout at El Cap Spit

May 22—ASC Dinner and show

May 24—Walk-a-thon and Community Clean-up

May 31--- Memorial Beach Day

Hollis School

For updates, pictures and ongoing information please feel free to check out our Hollis School Facebook Learning Blog designed to keep our parents and community engaged in our learning. The link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1483681851918203/>



On Tuesday April 24, 2018 Hollis School t we were privileged to host Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott, Senator Kookesh and Sid Edenshaw of Hydaburg. It was a marvelous day.

Thank you: Another month has passed and we have so many that we want to celebrate and send out some “thank yous” for some people who came together to help us have the resources we need to teach:

- *THANK YOU to Brent Cason and your partner for your amazing work installing new lights and helping with some long hoped for cleanup as we prepared for our guests. Your work and assistance meant the world to us.*
- *WE SEND SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO OUR GUESTS, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BYRON MALLOTT, SENATOR KOOKESH AND SID EDENSHAW OF HYDABURG for coming to visit with us*

with your kind and patient presence and thoughtful listening as you shared your valuable time and your wisdom with the students and staff of our school.

- *THANK YOU to all from our wonderful Hollis Community who donated their Southeast Alaskan harvest treats to allow us to serve a marvelous meal to our guests, Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott, Senator Kookesh and Sid Edenshaw of Hydaburg. From the fresh crab to king salmon, sea asparagus to berry jam, and halibut to sea cucumber & geoduck chowder, it was a great meal. Of course – we topped our meal with our Hollis School traditional celebratory treat – root-beer floats! We could not have done it without our community's rich support of our school.*
- *THANK YOU Public Health Nurse Colleen Watson, George Vasquez, Roger Cates and Cathy Starkweather for giving of your time and energy to support our students' meal preparations for our honored guests: Lieutenant Governor*
- *THANK YOU Public Health Nurse Colleen Watson for joining us spending two days with our Junior High and High School students. You did a marvelous job respectfully facilitating age appropriate discussion of reproductive health, anatomy and physiology, healthy relationships, risks of decision to be sexually active, pregnancy prevention and prevention of infectious diseases.*
- *THANK YOU to all in our Hollis Community for ordering a meal and supporting Dakota Eller's NASP fundraising efforts. Your support makes such a difference in the lives of our students.*
- *THANK YOU TO HOWARD VALENTINE COFFMAN COVE SCHOOL FOR Your hard work and hospitality and to everyone including CHAD who had a hand in ensuring we took another leap as our 3rd annual SISD Native Youth Olympics was thoroughly enjoyed by our staff and students alike. MANY THANKS MUST BE GIVEN TO CYNDI REEVES who has supported all efforts to establish and institutionalize this program all-the-while patiently mentoring all of us over the years.*
- *THANK YOU TO THORNE BAY SCHOOL FOR HOSTING AND TO EVERYONE who had a hand in making the 2018 STEAM Week a wonderfully memorable event!*
- *THANK YOU TO THORNE BAY SCHOOL FOR HOSTING AND TO EVERYONE INCLUDING ALAN, SHEILA AND JANNELLE who had a hand in making a spectacular 2018 Prom that was thoroughly enjoyed by our staff and students alike.*
- *THANK YOU Klawock School, Kerrie Carl, Amy McDonald and a plethora of community Anchors to came together to make for a marvelous spring 2018 Phlight Club. Everyone soared at this event which brought our Anchors and our students from across the island a bit closer.*

CELEBRATES:

One April 24, 2018 we enjoyed quite a day as we were privileged to host Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott, Senator Kookesh and Sid Edenshaw of Hydaburg. Our Students of the Day greeted them upon arrival and after our traditional welcome with the Hook Song and introductions they were off on student directed tours of our campus and our school facility.

Those not involved in the tours set up our dining space and helped with finishing touches on the meal. It was a privilege to share a meal with our guests, answering their questions and hearing their stories. This day was a highlight for all involved.



HIGHLIGHTS:

Humanities:

Junior High and High School students are completing their culminating essay: "What is our history and why, and who decides?" We are looking forward to reading and learning from their discussions.

Primary and Intermediate students are competing their digital books about Hollis. They are hopeful their work will lead to a movie about our community that the Community Council can post on the web site to help others learn more about our town.

Greenhouse and the Garden: The garden is ready, seeds and starts are ordered and we hope to see amazing transformation as spring is finally, thought reluctantly, coming to Hollis. The weather is finally on our side and planting is beginning and it is happening none too soon as the students love any opportunity to work and learn outside.

Authentic, Place-based Citizen Science Activities:

- **Trees:** We are harvesting spruce tips to prepare syrup to enjoy with salmon in the fall.
- **National Weather Service:** We are monitoring precipitation and awaiting our new equipment to enable us to provide a complete report. .
- **Journey North:** Our Primary and intermediate students completing their last datacollections for the school year. Their bird research and stories will soon be available for viewing in the school.

Community Involvement and Change Agent Activities:

- **Pesticides:**
Our students' work continues as our students are receiving feedback on their Advance Review Copy (ARC) of our book "Rainforest at Risk" so they may complete the final draft for publication over the summer.

They completed their homework on the use of alternatives in lieu of herbicides in Alaska for Governor Walker and are anxiously awaiting feedback on their work and the outcome of his meeting with the Department of Transportation.

They are assembling a report on their alternatives

On Tuesday April 24, 2018 Lieutenant Governor Mallott and Hollis students will continue their conversations when he joins Hollis students for a Southeast Alaskan feast at Hollis School

- **Opioid Issue:** The students are attending the monthly task force meeting and they have identified a mentorship for foster children will be one of their projects.

- **Youth Leadership:** Many have joined a youth leadership program with the POW Health Network and will be attending their May 19, 2018 meeting.
- **Hollis Volunteer Fire Department:** Our students will be helping out at the May 19 HVFD “Fix it Up and Clean Up Day”! Their work and support is key to the long term success of Hollis’s Volunteer emergency services.
- **Kids Don’t Float! Hollis-Chilcat Clean up:** Our students are responsible for maintaining the Hollis Dock’s “Kids Don’t Float building” and ensuring life jackets are available and in good working condition. On Tuesday May 29, 2018 we will be collaborating with Public Health Nurse Colleen Watson to review the program with our younger students and then we will be off working on the building and painting an eye catching mural to ensure people remember the importance of using life jackets. WE will celebrate the hard work with our annual homemade rootbeer floats!
- **Hollis-Chilcat Clean-up:** Years ago the Hollis Community Council designate the Hollis students as responsible for ensuring the Hollis-Chilcat Road is clean and clear of litter. On Tuesday May 29, 2018 we will all grab our gratitude bags and pitch in for our end of the year cleanup. At the same time we hope to pull some weeds and spruce up our USS Hollis garden at the front of the school.

DIVE:

- **Junior High and High School:** Our 2018 “DIVE TIME” – Diverse, Independent, Vital, Exploration Time projects include but are not limited to “Learning Construction from Design Up”, “POP Up Art Sales and Instruction”, “Upcycled Basketball”, “Video Game Design” and “Comic Creation” We have some talented future island entrepreneurs and philanthropists.
- **Primary and Intermediate:** We have launched STEAM DIVE and they are excited. They are using Osmo for art and Coding as well as exploring with Dash and Dot Robots. Last week they starting with our SNAP Circuits sets and that has brought an entirely whole new level of learning fun. We remain grateful to the grants and donors who have made these projects possible.

TESTING AND GOALS:

We will complete our Spring AIMS Benchmark assessments next week..

ACTIVITIES:

Archery: Archery season continues for Dakota Eller who will be representing SISD at the 2018 Worlds in Kentucky in June and West Virginia in August.

Soccer: This will be the last week for our spring indoor soccer season. The soccer has been such a treat for our students and the system that has them playing and learning with kids from other schools is enable them to begin to develop friendships across the district and they are loving that.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lisa is signed up for the:

- June 2018 Science Camp with Ellen Hannen and Cheryl BoBo.
- August 1-3, 2018 Sealaska Heritage Institute Culturally Responsive Education Conference.

Julie Vasquez and Lisa Cates
Partners in Education
Hollis School

Hyder School

It has been an adventurous year at Hyder School! We visited Fish Creek and the BC Hydro Plant this fall. We went skiing and took the long way around to get to STEAM week and Phlight Club. We are still learning even as we prepare for the end of our 2017-2018 school year.

We are having field day on Monday, May 21, with classic events like the spoon and egg race, sack race, and even the limbo! We are also having a play that has been written by our middle and high school Theater Arts class on May 24 after school.

Finally, to end the year off on the right foot, we will have a community barbeque and potluck on the last day of school.

Virginia Pulley
Hyder School

Howard Valentine School

During the District's STEAM week, our students were highly involved and enjoyed participating in all of the events. Some placed in the top three for the spelling bee, bridge busting, and speed cup stacking. They were especially involved in the bridge busting competition that they spent months preparing for, and the science fair projects, which we had 8 students enter in. Our school hosted the NYO games, which 100% of our students participated in, some in every event, which they spend time practicing in P.E.

Our students recently traveled to Kasaan to join the Kasaan School for a "Kids Don't Float" session with the Public Health Network, and will be joining them again in

Craig for a pool session and local tour of the old cannery. They also took a tour of the Kasaan Clan House and Native Graveyard to learn more about local Alaskan culture and history.

We recently had a Spring Concert for parents and the community. Five of our k-8 students from the Music Mondays Club performed songs on their ukuleles, and two of our high school and middle school students sang a song. We will be hosting another concert at our Board Meeting and Potluck on May 16th.

Over Mother's Day weekend, we were especially busy with hosting a district indoor Elementary soccer game. Seven of our k-6 grade students played soccer, while several middle school students helped the ASC run concessions. Our Island Fresh Produce held a successful sale of vegetables and hanging flower pots in the Greenhouse with the help of our high school student. In addition to these events, the after school gaming club had a school lock-in for a Magic of the Gathering card game tournament.



Allyssa Howell
Lead Teacher