# Site Report – Perryville – September, 2022

# To: Superintendent Kasie Luke and LPSD School Board Members

## From: Taryn Williams, Head Teacher

## **Outstanding Activities and Events**

- We are so proud of Analise and Devin, whose artwork and poem were selected **from entries across the state** to be published in the 2023 Alaska Migratory Bird Calendar!
- Eleven PVL students have been participating in the Yup'ik Dance class offered by BBRCTE, which has been a very exciting cultural opportunity for them!



• Our implementation of Late Start Culture Days has been a success so far! At our first one, Superintendent Luke taught all students how to bead glass floats, which they enjoyed immensely.





• Over the summer, Ty took **fifth place** at the national Educators Rising competition in Washington, D.C.! We are so proud of him and everything he's accomplished.





### Personnel

- We were so lucky to welcome McKenna Conselyea as our new elementary teacher! She hails from Pennsylvania and student taught last year in Kokhanok. The students love her and we're so happy she's on our team!
- Tracey Thomas has joined us as the new Itinerant Special Education teacher! Tracey is also from Pennsylvania originally, but has lived in various parts of Southeast Alaska before moving here. She is already off to a great start with our special education students!



• Kennisha Shangin has joined us as the new P.E. Aide. She has been with the district for about ten years and has already been implementing such fun activities for P.E.; we're so excited to see what else she accomplishes in this position!

• Kaylynn Hobson has joined us as our General Aide and she has been such a great help in the elementary classroom. She has been running centers and engaging with the students very positively; we're so grateful to have her with us!

### Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

• Preschool students are settling into their class routines and have thus far learned to count and sing a song in Alutiiq!





• Our elementary class has been working on developing a strong classroom community by establishing routines and procedures. They have taken the time to explore the beaches to search for spirals in nature (with special guest Dawn Wilcox from the Alaska Statewide Mentor Project)!







• Middle School students are soaking up the nice weather while completing place-based and multi-disciplinary lessons. They've been incorporating reading, writing, and math into their science and social studies lessons about changes to the beaches and various hunter-gatherer traditions!





High School students have enjoyed getting to work with all of our new science materials; we're so
grateful that the curriculum team and science committee prioritized hands-on materials when
preparing the new science curricula for the year! We've also been working through cultural arts
projects from around the world.





# **Technology Progress**

• The HS projector broke in late April and Sam and Schyler sent down the parts for a new one. Thank you to Ralph Phillips for putting it up!

### **Facility Update**

• As always, the gym floor—and entire school—looks great from the maintenance team's hard work over the summer! We're so grateful that they put the time and effort in to make our school look beautiful. Thank you to Ralph Phillips, Kennisha Shangin, Angelina Phillips, and Frieda Kosbruk!

## LSAC Activity

- Our LSAC is planning a memorial dinner and plaque in honor of Bertha Skonberg, who unfortunately passed away unexpectedly over the summer. We want to do what we can to honor her legacy and contributions to our school and community.
- We will be having an LSAC election to fill four seats (A, D, E, and the Alternate) on October 6th. There has been strong interest in these seats and we're grateful to our community for the support of the school!

### **Volunteer Report**

- Thank you to Audrey O'Domin and Kennisha Shangin who volunteered to fill in night gym hours while we waited for the BBAHC funding to go through!
- We want to thank Superintendent Luke as well for volunteering to teach students during our first culture day.
- Thank you also to Chris Kosbruk, who has been checking our cross-country running trails on his Honda to ensure they're free from wildlife and safe to run on!

### **Professional Development**

- Congratulations to Megan Maloney, who completed her MAT in Elementary Education over the summer!
- McKenna Conselyea is working with Dawn Wilcox from the Alaska Statewide Mentor Project as she adjusts to her first year teaching! Dawn has already been able to come out to the school once and it was a wonderful visit.
- Taryn is currently participating in a PD program with Educators Rising to learn how to better support LPSD students in becoming teachers in their communities.

## **Pupil Attendance**

• We have had 96.72% daily attendance so far this school year! We are so proud of our students and grateful that we've created an environment where students are excited to come to school.

## Student and Staff Safety

• Our first fire drill of the year was a success and we feel confident that we'll be able to keep our staff and students safe and healthy throughout the school year.

## **Subsistence Calendar**

- Several students are currently working on Experiencing Out projects related to work they completed over the summer! We're hoping that those will be finished by the end of October.
- Many of our students were also able to use their longer summers to participate in activities such as ANSEP and the Educators Rising national conference in Washington, D.C. Students of all ages have enjoyed sharing about the opportunities and subsistence activities they participated in over the summer!

#### Other

 Perryville student government members are currently selling clothing they designed to fundraise for an eventual end-of-year trip that they're hoping to take in 2023 or 2024. Thank you to the school board members who have already supported this fundraiser, we truly appreciate it! The fundraiser closes on October 13th and you can buy your gear or donate here: <u>https://www.customink.com/fundraising/support-perryville-eagles</u>

