

Site Report – Chignik Lake – Dec/Jan. 24-25

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and LPSD School Board Members

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Photos & Description of Activities and Events



Santa Clause came to the village and we had an Eagle as a Christmas Tree topper!

Personnel Update

With the end of December semester, we all had to say goodbye to Luke Lloyd, our secondary student teacher. All the other staff remain rock steady and ready to face whatever the day may bring. January brought not one but two student teachers! We are so excited to have them on board. They are go-getters and willing to take tasks on head first. They are making a great addition to the Lake.



Reanna Reynolds and I had a nice day at the Lake and were able to go out to secret beach (or at least that is what students told me they call it).

Classroom Highlights



Students focused on culture and heritage with modern traditions creating ornaments while learning all about Alutiiq Symbols. Thank you to Justin Zimmerman for the art supplies and art project that brought learning into our school. We are working on Lego Robotics thanks to funding and help from Nathan McAuthor to make this happen. Students this month have worked on narratives and informational writing. Our smallest learners are getting all their foundational skills and with the Alaska Read's Act we are closing gaps. According to our Map data all students made growth! We are proud of how hard they work.

January brought the new year in with lots of rain, but students made it shine inside the school for the day. Students have worked on following rules and procedures and we started weight training in our high school class this semester.

LSAC Activity

LSAC commitment and engagement remains strong and working together we are building more community events to engage and educate parents and students. We are continuing to work through the lunch budget issue and are working on creative ways to alleviate some of that cost for the community. We had students write letters to the Alaska Senators stating their concerns. This not only gave the students a voice to speak, but helped them practice their constitutional rights. We applied for the micro lunch grant through the state of Alaska. I don't think we received it, but now we know how better to write them and will utilize other opportunities as we see them arise. We also worked on a Donors Choose project that will provide Hydroponics for our secondary students to connect food with the community. This will help provide some nutritious snacks for our students all while students learn about the process it takes to grow our food. We have done some research and found out some other schools in Alaska have actually been able to provide a salad bar with the hydroponics.

Community Engagement

Student government put on their annual Christmas Program. There was a dessert potluck that followed. The students loved singing and the parents enjoyed the show.

January is typically one of those months that many of the community events happen outside of the school, such as starring. Our student government is running their student store on Tuesdays and Thursdays and it is a great success. The community is working together to create a list for volunteers as we prepare for our Basketball Districts that will be held at the Lake in February.



Professional Development

Our Lunch Staff completed some of their school lunch training. Our professional development Wednesday's for the focusing on Literacy with Moon has provided needed training and work time for our elementary teacher. The professional learning days gave everyone a breather and a rejuvenated time to lesson plan. Thank you LPSD for designing professional developments that make a huge difference in our teachers' sense of relief and being able to catch up on tasks that may have gotten a little dusty.

Pupil % Attendance K-12

December 73% Attendance: Attendance letters have been sent home.

January: 80% Attendance: We are moving in the right direction. Although a stomach bug/head cold/flu like sickness is affecting many of our students and staff. It has been a rough month, but glad to see our attendance has increased a little. We are hoping that this will improve as the sun shifts and our planning a competition between the school sites. More info to come on that.

Student and Staff Safety

Teachers, Staff, Parents, and LSAC communicate almost on a daily basis about when students are in school or need to be absent. This actually creates a great way to ensure students are being safe, so we know where they are at.

Other:

We have a supportive and wonderful learning community. Sonya Shelley's mentor sent her a care package! Nicole Metzgar continues to remain patient with our thousands of questions and of course the Lake remains one of the most beautiful places! These photos are from December:)

