

Site Report – Perryville - October 2020

**To: Superintendent Ty Mase
and LPSD School Board Members**

From: Rob Fagerquist Principal/Teacher

Outstanding Activities and Events

October saw several challenges. We experienced a 7.6 magnitude earthquake, a tsunami warning, a possible COVID exposure, and a day-long internet outage (see Technology Progress).

On Monday, October 19th at about 1P.M. we experienced a significant seismic event. Classes were in session at the time. Our evacuation following the earthquake to the tsunami shelter went without incident; we were out of the school and at the facility within 3 minutes. Our monthly fire drills properly prepared us for this eventuality, and staff and students alike remained calm and orderly throughout. We remained at the shelter for about three hours until the all-clear was sounded.

The COVID situation came about when it was reported that a community member may have been exposed to the virus en route to the village. This individual is not the parent or guardian of any student, but may have had contact with some of our attendees. Following the village council lead, we opted to remain open and at green status, with a “wait and see” posture. The individual quarantined and fortunately there were no further repercussions. Our safety protocols were further tested (and held firm) with a newly arrived student and their two siblings entering a council-mandated 14 day quarantine, and two other students being “screened out” due to symptoms. We transitioned those students to homebound education. The screened out students followed protocols, consulted with medical personnel via a telemedicine link, and were eventually readmitted to the classroom.

We also hosted a series of properly-distanced or online parent-teacher conferences this month. We have six students who are in line to graduate this year, and plans in place to assist both homebound and in-person students. These matters and individual student progress were discussed. See Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress for details.

On a lighter note, we had an abbreviated student-only Halloween celebration/lunch on the last Friday of the month. We had a costume contest, and the village council provided pizza and cupcakes. We took the opportunity to surprise our recently retired and much-missed classroom aide, Dora Shangin, with a plaque commemorating her 34 years of duty serving the students of Perryville.

Personnel

Our staff remains cohesive and positive in the face of challenges.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Progress remains strong, especially in math. Several of our students are on track to finish a level of math by winter break. Reading is progressing well, and our writing “bootcamp” is showing dividends; we meet every day for ½ hour to work on the fundamentals of writing (grades 3 through 12), and are presently studying the elements of narrative composition. Six students are working diligently to graduate this year, with two who may complete all graduation requirements before winter break.

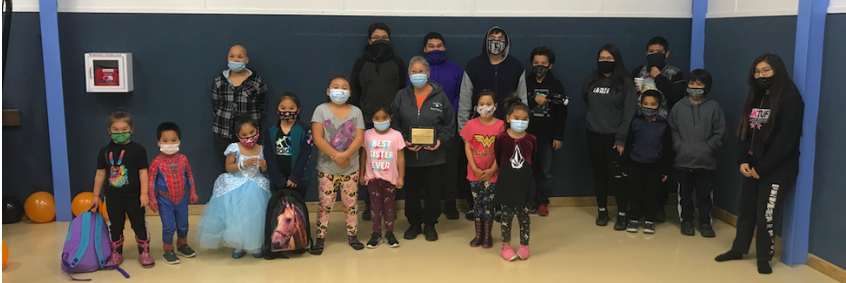
Technology Progress
Our internet failed on the morning of Thursday, October 22nd and remained down for the rest of the school day. We notified DRS, who initially thought either high winds or the earthquake had knocked our antenna off alignment and began the process of dispatching a technician to our site. However, by midnight our internet connectivity returned and has held steady since, and the technician visit was cancelled. The cause of the outage is not known, but it is now suspected to be weather related. Three laptops were returned to the IT department for refurbishing.
Facility Update
We were visited by maintenance personnel this month who were doing a regular checkup on our fire alarm system. They did not stay overnight and completed their work without interacting with staff or students. We worked with the village council to establish norms for essential worker visits and are following those guidelines.
LSAC Activity
We met on October 20, 2020. LSAC report is attached.
Volunteer Report
No volunteers at this point as access to the school is restricted.
Professional Development
Megan Maloney continues her master's degree classes, and James Williams is using the mentor program to great effect. Our cook, Jennifer Kalmakoff, has completed half of her annual training and will complete the other half by the end of the first week of November.
Pupil Attendance
We have 24 students enrolled with four electing for homebound education and three who are in a mandated 14-day quarantine. We have had two students who were "screened out" at various times. Protocols were followed. Our attendance remains strong with few absences.
Student and Staff Safety
We continue to screen students at the door and to monitor for symptoms throughout the day. We are continuing the in-classroom lunches for each cohort, and require face masks when moving through the building. Frequent handwashing and social distancing are encouraged.
Subsistence Calendar
Although we are under increased pressure due to the unusual circumstances brought on by COVID, we are on track to complete
Other
Here are a few pictures from our Halloween/Retirement Party on October 30th



COVID-safe costumes



The costume contestants



The whole gang with Dora



Dora, presented with a plaque from our Student Government