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Principal Board Report
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2018-19 GOALS FOR CORDOVA JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

- Successful implementation of A-day/B-day schedule
- Cultivation of Advisory to promote SEL and positive school climate
- New approach to Quarterly Student Awards
- College Board Suite of assessments/ACT to measure student growth and inform instruction

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE (%)

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	AVG.
AUG	94%	94%	98%	98%	93%	82%	93%
SEPT	94%	93%	95%	94%	93%	92%	93.5%
OCT	94%	95%	96%	92%	93%	89%	93%
NOV							
DEC							
JAN							
FEB							
MAR							
APR							
MAY							
AVG.							

STUDENT ENROLLMENT (Based on first day of the month)

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
AUG	28	24	19	21	35.25	32	159.25
SEPT	28	24	20	21	35	32	160
OCT	27	24	19.15	21	35.25	32	158.40
NOV							
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JAN							
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OFFICE REFERRALS

	Fighting/ Violence/ Vandalism	Alcohol/ Illegal Drugs/ Tobacco	Act of Defiance/ Inappropriate Behavior	Truancy/ Unexcused Absence/ Tardiness	Discriminatory Harassment/ Sexual Harassment	Harassment/ Intimidation/	Bullying/ Cyber- Bullying	Total
AUG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEPT	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	5
OCT	2	1	4	1	0	1	0	9
NOV								
DEC								
JAN								
FEB								
MAR								
APR								
MAY								
AVG.								

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

		Fighting/ Violence/ Vandalism	Alcohol/ Illegal Drugs/ Tobacco	Act of Defiance/ Inappropriate Behavior	Truancy/ Unexcused Absence/ Tardiness	Discriminatory Harassment/ Sexual Harassment	Harassment/ Intimidation	Bullying/ Cyber- Bullying
October	Warning			4	1		1	
	Detention							
	Parent Contact	2	1	1			1	
	Suspension (ISS)							
	Suspension (OSS)	2	1					
	Admin Conference	2	1					
	School Counselor Referral		1					
	Report to Police		1					
	Probationary Period		1					
	Expulsion							

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

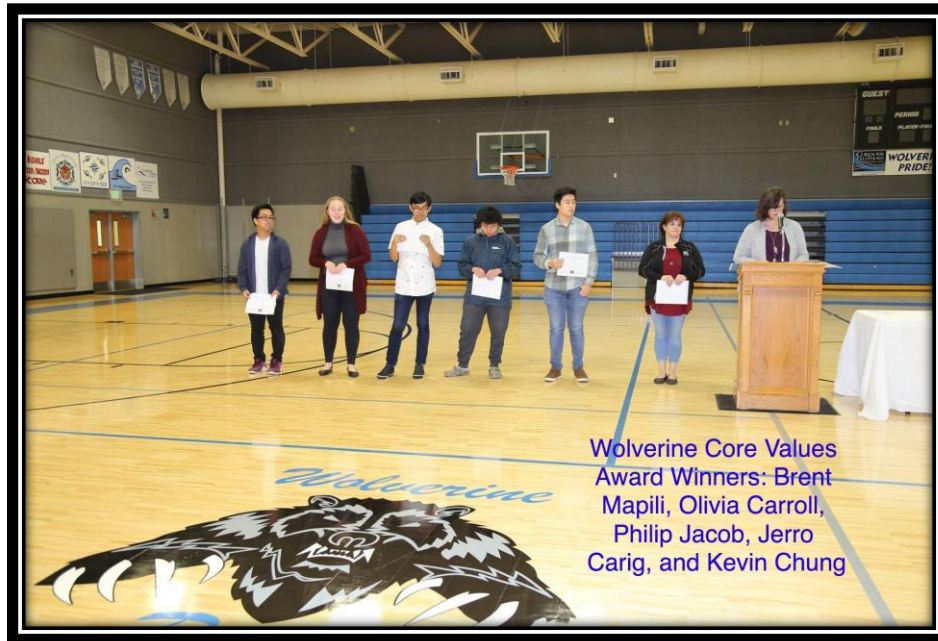
- We traveled to the North Star Theater to hear Fusi Mahlasela (Cordova Arts) on Oct. 15th. Everyone enjoyed the music and the way he incorporated pride for his country and activism.
- Three students attended the Elders Youth Conference in Anchorage with the Native Village of Eyak Oct. 15-19: Kaiden Graves, Drake Reilly, and Jimmy Reilly.
- Ms. Dunn held three events this month. A Senior Student/Parent Info Session on Oct. 16th, a Junior Student/Parent Info Session on Oct. 23rd, and a Freshman/Sophomore Student Parent Info Session on Nov. 1st during Parent-Teacher Conferences. Ms. Dunn also provided a FAFSA Workshop for Seniors and their parents on Nov. 1st, with dinner provided.
- We participated in the Great Alaska Shakeout Drill for the second year in a row on Oct. 18th.
- Weekly travel for volleyball, swimming, JH basketball and cheerleading (both boys and girls), and wrestling has kept everyone busy. The ferry schedule has meant that students are missing both Thursday and Friday for sports travel. Teachers are working closely with students to plan for these absences and coordinate make-up work.
- We hosted Junior High basketball games over two weekends, Oct 26-27 against Grace Christian and Nov. 1 – 3 against Fronteras and Redington. These games were very well attended, with concessions in full swing and cheerleaders keeping fans on their feet cheering!
- Quarter 1 ended on Oct. 19th and Report Cards were mailed out on Oct. 22nd.
- We held our first Awards Assembly of the year on Oct. 24th during Advisory. We have new student awards this year in addition to Student of the Quarter for both junior high and high school. Wolverine Core Values Awards went to Kevin Chung for Passion, Jerro Carig for Respect, Philip Jacob for Accountability, Olivia Carrol for Commitment, and Brent Mapili for Spirit; Junior High Student of the Quarter (7-8) was awarded to Jacob Hamberger and our High School Student of the Quarter (9-12) was Andrea Vargas. We also recognized Mrs. Corrao's students who were selected for All State Music: Autumn Deaton, William Deaton, Alana Esguerra, Maddy Roemhildt and Zya Taylor (alternate). We also had our NHS Fall Induction Ceremony (Mrs. Adams, Faculty Advisory). Four new students were inducted into the Aurora Chapter: Kaleb Carillo, Maya Russin, Zya Taylor, and Andrea Vargas. It was a delight to celebrate student success at this Awards Assembly!



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- Our Teacher In-Service/Mini-ASTE was held at CHS on Oct. 25-26. Frederick Lane had timely and valuable information to share with us all and the sessions presented by teachers were full of useful tips, tricks, and resources. I attended every session offered with Frederick Lane: Cybertraps for Educators 2.0, Teacher/Student Social Media in Small School Districts, and Teaching Digital Citizenship & Cyberethics – as well as the community meeting that evening at Mt. Eccles. Gretchen Carpenter's sessions on Technology Tips that Transformed My Teaching,

Wendy Boatright's SMARTBoard Technologies, Doug Carroll's Hour of Code/HS STEAM, and Web Mastering 101 with Mr. Zamudio were engaging and gave me time to try some new things. These two days of In-Service couldn't have come at a better time!

- The ACT was given on Oct. 27th to 4 students (3 no writing, 1 with writing).
- The SAT was given on Nov. 3rd to 6 students (4 no essay, 1 with essay, and 1 subject test to a homeschool student)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st. Parents from 7th and 8th grades represented the majority of conferences (13 each) with 12th grade representing the least (5).

Grade	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Totals
Parent Conferences	13	13	6	8	12	5	57
Student Enrollment	27	24	19	21	35	32	158

- The second round of Walkthrough observations were completed for all teachers by Oct. 19th and Informal Observations were completed by Nov. 5th.



Student of the
Quarter Award:
Andrea Vargas (HS)
and Jacob
Hamberger (JH)

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- 52nd Annual Alaska Principals' Conference
October 19-22 in Anchorage

I attended this conference for the second time this year. The Pre-conference included JC Pohl and his Teen Truth campaign for positive school climate in the morning. After lunch, Commissioner Johnson was on hand to discuss the 2017-18 System for School Success Report – a very informative session that centered around how to move forward with the implementation of ESSA. The first day of the conference included a keynote with Weston Kieschnick: “Go Forth and Be Bold: Educating for the Future.” These keynote speakers are always inspiring and have lots of resources embedded in their presentations. I especially like the way they share their experiences from their time as an administrator. I went to breakout sessions on the ECHO project with Dr. Mark Stock and others and am excited about being part of it when it starts in January 2019. Dr. Stock was so interesting in the first session that I returned for a session he led on Difficult Conversations that was especially helpful. I really enjoyed the breakout session with Brian McCann about digital

leadership at the end of the day. He is a principal at Joseph Case High School in Swansea, Massachusetts – at the high school that he graduated from – and was a 2018 NASSP Digital Principal of the Year. Twitter is the place to be for all things related to high school principal



resources, so I am contemplating diving into that. The keynote the second day was Beth Houf, who co-authored the book *Lead Like a Pirate* – she had great stories about being a successful middle school principal. An interesting breakout session I attended was with the Dimond High School Principal and Superintendent of Kotzebue School District about Managing a School Crisis from Beginning to End: Coping with the Stress. Both of these school leaders have been through some very difficult times this year and it was valuable to hear their perspectives. I also attended Mary Fulp McMahon’s session on Positive School Climate – she was full of great ideas, as usual. I went to a session on Online Collaboration Tools with a PBS Digital Educator walking us through several applications I could see using to improve communication – things like MailChimp for a newsletter and Remind for emergency communications. I have already set up a Remind group with teachers and am trying it out. The last keynote was Brian McCann (who I heard earlier in his Digital Leadership session) – he was again full of energy and ideas. Our last hours were spent hearing from our Congressional delegation, and in the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals’ Meeting. We ended the day with an EdCamp and I enjoyed getting to talk in smaller groups with principals from around the state about things like community involvement, teacher appreciation, social emotional learning, and more.

Immediately after the Principals Conference ended, the Alaska K-12 New Principal Academy and Transition Support Induction Program began at lunch. I feel so fortunate to have been accepted into this program. There are 30 of us – principals for less than 3 years – that are part of this cohort. The goal is to address the 26% principal turnover rate that exists in the state by supporting new principals. Again, Commissioner Johnson welcomed us – along with representatives from AASSP, AAESP, DEED, UAS, ACSA, ASD, and ASDN. Bernie Sorenson from Education Northwest and a former principal from Juneau, facilitated our first session that pushed us all to reflect on why we became school leaders. Our next session was led by Lexie Domaradzki who co-authored the book *Dispositions of Leadership: The Effects on Student Learning and School Culture*. We discussed concrete ways to communicate to influence and to think and act interdependently. A welcome reception gave us time to get to know one another – one principal I met last year during our AdvancED review process and it was nice to see her again. The second day we went over resources available to us like AkPLN and the ECHO project (which I had already learned about in a breakout session). The Alaska Veteran Principal Panel was super helpful – hearing advice from other principals that have been around for a while during a Q&A session. Our next exercise involved discussing “Problems of Practice” in something called a “Critical Friends Protocol.” Two principals from each group presented a problem and the rest of us analyzed it and offered advice – we will continue doing this twice monthly as part of the ECHO project with a broader audience. The day ended with information on school health and safety and Trauma Informed/Engaged Practice – I was one of only two principals that attended the Alaska School Safety and Well-Being Conference in September, so this information was familiar to me (and the principal from Unalaska elementary school.) Again, I am super thankful to be part of this group. I attended the first webinar on Collaborative Leadership this week – which again brought in someone who wrote the book on the topic. It is an amazing opportunity to have this support network and I know that it will help me to be a better leader. We have our own group on AkPLN and will meet in person again in January as part of the RTI/MTSS Effective Instruction Conference in Anchorage.

SITE COUNCIL SUMMARY

- Our third meeting is scheduled for November 13th.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Nov. 7-11: Youth Leadership Institute in Anchorage – Paoola Vargas is the chaperone for Serena Herschleb (9th grade) and Zya Taylor (10th grade).
- Nov. 7: ALICE presentation by Chief Hicks to 7th graders during Advisory
- Nov. 8: BodyVox dance performance during Morning Assembly Schedule at North Star Theater
- Nov. 8-11: NVE's 25th Annual Sobriety Celebration at CHS
- Nov. 8-11: (Wrestling) ACS Invitational @ ACS; JH Basketball/Cheerleading @ VDZ Tournament; (HS Volleyball) Game @ Cook Inlet
- Nov. 9: Storyteller Gene Tagaban during Friday Morning Assembly Schedule in CHS gym
- Nov. 13: CHS Site Council meetings at CHS Room 2 @ 5:00 pm
- Nov. 14: School Board meeting
- Nov. 13-20: Alaska School Counselor Association Conference (Ms. Dunn)
- Nov. 14-17: All State Music Competition at West Anchorage HS
- Nov. 14: PEP RALLY – Volleyball Regionals Kickoff!
- Nov. 15-17: (Wrestling) Palmer Duals @ Palmer
- Nov. 15-18: Cordova Hosts Volleyball Regionals
- Nov. 16-18: Robotics - Southcentral FTC Meet (Anc)
- Nov. 22-23: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- Nov. 29-Dec. 1: Volleyball: State @ Dimond; (Wrestling) Grace Tourney @ Grace
- Dec. 4: K-4 Winter Concert @ Mt. Eccles
- Dec. 5: ALICE presentation by Chief Hicks to 8th graders during Advisory
- Dec. 5: Hour of Code - Mr. Carroll/Mrs. Carpenter with STEAM students and Mt. Eccles
- Dec. 11: 6-12 Winter Concert @ CHS gym
- Dec. 12: School Board meeting
- Dec. 18: CHS Site Council in Room 2 @ CHS at 5:00 pm
- Dec. 21: End of Quarter 2/Early Release @ 1:00 pm/Grades due by 4:00 pm
- Dec. 21-22: (HS Basketball) Game @ Reddington/Houston
- Dec. 24-Jan. 4: WINTER BREAK
- Dec. 28-29: (CHS) HS Basketball CDV v. Effie
- Jan. 2-5: (HS Basketball) Rally at Regions @ Anchorage
- Jan. 7: Quarter 3 Begins

CORRESPONDENCE

- None to report

OTHER

- Nothing to report