

Site Report – Chignik Lagoon – February

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Name, Position
Nancy Mills, Head Teacher

Outstanding Activities and Events

The Chignik Lagoon High School girls took 2nd place in the State Battle of the Book competition!! Now, I would really like to say that the fierce “Wolverines” took 2nd place, but I cannot. The high school girls so love and admire our little first graders and decided to “copy” them by naming their battle book team the “Dream Girls” just like our Chignik Lagoon 1st graders did when they competed in Districts =D AND SO, it was the Chignik Lagoon Dream Girls who took the 2nd place State medal. Congrats, Dream Girls!!!



While waiting for their plane to take them away to the basketball jamboree, Tatianna and Lani joined me in knocking off a few cultural awareness standards. We pulled out about 30 spawned-out sockeye from the freezer, mixed up a 100%-salt solution and hung them in the smokehouse for drying. By the time they returned from Igiugig, they enjoyed umataq (pronounced: oomaduck), which is slightly dried fish boiled for about 3 minutes. Sooo gooooot! In a few more days, we will have tamaq (pronounced: dumuck), which is fully dried fish.



How strong is paper? Ms. Sara's class decides to experiment with paper towers...



Personnel

Certified:

Nancy Mills, Head/Sped/Secondary Teacher, Year 13

Sara Erickson, Elementary Teacher, Year 23

Classified:

Samantha Jones, General Aide/Indian Ed Aide/PE Aide

Elaina McCormick, Preschool Aide/Night Gym Aide

Amber Peterson-Tanuvasa, Custodian/Cook/Substitute

Katie Jones, Intensive Sped Aide

Henry Erickson, Sped Aide

Mary Grunert, Substitute

Vacant:

Onsite maintenance

Subs needed!

We were sad to say goodbye to Ms. Abby. She fit in like a glove in our school and community. The staff and students loved her, and we will miss her so much. She gets an A+ recommendation from Chignik Lagoon. Incredible teacher!



Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

We are already starting to have students take their end of levels and wrap up. We are focusing more on cultural awareness, technology, and employability as we wrap up levels.

Examples:

Brianna Billadeau is tackling some cultural awareness standards. She will be cooking ten meals for her family focusing on foods from countries around the world. Her family will rate the foods. She will build a portfolio with pictures, recipes, and family ratings. We are so excited for her final presentation!

Tatianna Anderson has decided to tackle March Madness by completing a team project and founding Service Worker Appreciation Week. She will assemble a team of classmates to “gossip” about the service workers in Chignik Lagoon: the health aide, teachers, administrators, airline workers, postmaster, and others. They will talk about all of the wonderful things these service workers bring to our community, while acknowledge their challenges and how well they handle them, and write a letter to their employer sharing how much they appreciate the work that particular service provider does for our community. Tatianna hopes to bring some much-needed warmth, sunshine, and gratitude to Chignik Lagoon!

Technology Insights

Technology is functioning well in Chignik Lagoon. Tatianna is practicing her welding skills daily as we approach CTE session 3. Nate McArthur has been a huge support for her. He is much appreciated! In case you needed to see those grins again....



Facility Update

Over Spring Break, we received a very welcomed visit from Carl. He made some much needed improvements in our school: changed out a pump, changed some faucets, made improvements to teacher housing, and FIXED OUR HEAT!! We are so grateful to Carl and Tim. Those guys work so hard and to keep us up and running and we hope they feel the love!

LSAC Activity

LSAC meetings are taking place regularly. We are very pleased with the active and supportive LSAC we have! Our next LSAC meeting will be held on 3/26 and our living "business" agenda is:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Graduation
2. Swim Trip
3. FY25 Volleyball Tournament Host
4. School Trip/Fundraisers
5. Upcoming Visitors
6. School Pictures
7. Cultural Grant Status

NEW BUSINESS

1. FY25 School Calendar

Volunteer Report

Dan Grunert and Eddie Overton have been so helpful in stepping in when needed for emergency maintenance over at the school. We had a leaky valve in the gym ceiling and they were able to climb up to the fan and turn it off. They are super responsive to our needs and we are so grateful!

Professional Development

Nancy attended the ASSEC conference in Anchorage. It was good to get updated on teaching in intensive environments. It was also good to connect with other sped teachers, Paulene, and Marjorie.

Pupil Attendance

Pupil attendance has been strong.

Student and Staff Safety

No safety concerns currently.

Subsistence Calendar

We had several students take advantage of the experiencing out opportunities presented by the subsistence calendar. It's fun to see summertime learning happening!

Other