



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 2017 Board Report

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February in Whale Pass continues with frozen water and less than ideal conditions on the roads. We've had limited mail this month due to the bay being frozen over. The days are sunny and cold, but nice enough for the students to recess outside most days.

The elementary and middle school students have been studying a unit on ocean waters and tides. I was surprised how many students who live here didn't know how to read a tide book, so we've been having lessons daily. The middle school students have been working on a tide project and will be producing a film on the pictures they've taken daily. We have finished our study on the Revolutionary War and are now working on filming skits to make a movie as a culminating project.

Our Middle School Math students seem to be adjusting well to their new teacher, Mr. Erickson and working on skills for their grade levels.

At the end of January, many of our students entered the Ididacontest with pictures they have been collecting all year. We will have the results on that soon.

Each month the students and staff vote for the student of the month. This month was fairly unanimous with Logan Cooke winning. Logan received a candy bar and \$5.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the entire school traveled to Thorne Bay for the Battle of the Books competition. Our 7/8 grade group, The Fire-Breathing Rubber Duckies won 1<sup>st</sup> place and will be going to state on March 1. Our 5/6 group, The Book Monsters, won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Our 3/4 group, The Sea Wolves, also won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Our K-2 group, The Cupcake Princesses, came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The Cupcake Princess made a pretty impressive entrance in costumes and crowns. Congratulations to all the teams for their hard work.

Our Archery coaches, Jason and Anggi Wakefield have been working hard with the students in archery once a week in PE and twice a week in practice after school. We are hoping to send at least three students to Nationals this year.

Half of the school at the present time has the new windows replaced and we hope to finish this project next week. They look awesome!

One surprise this month was our Donors Choose Grant we received for \$641.00 worth of new books. Many of the students wanted to read the second books to the Battle Books they had read for the competition, so I wrote a grant with Donors Choose and it was met within 3 days. I highly encourage other teachers to try this too.