

Site Report – Pilot Point

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

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Outstanding Activities and Events

The school year has started off with students and parents very excited to be back. In the elementary classroom, we established routines and procedures, co-constructed our classroom rules, and shared lots of stories about our summer experiences. We celebrated the graduation of our PreK student with a ceremony and cookies and juice. We also have a new student in elementary from Hawaii. Her family is here for an extended fishing season.

The secondary class planned a whole school outing to pick berries. We are grateful to have parents lend us their berry pickers. We also had one parent join in the fun. The berries were used later in the week to teach us how to make akutaq. Students shared family recipes and memories centered around this traditional dessert.

Personnel

Our personnel are doing great! We are happy to welcome back Robert Kirchner in the secondary classroom. We are fortunate to have Jenna Bowen back as our preschool teacher in the afternoon and as an aide in the mornings. Michele Hughes was welcomed as our new elementary teacher. Brian Cato is working as our cook and custodian. We are all putting extra hours to keep our school open, safe, and clean.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

In elementary, students are excited about the beginning of their MY Alaska thematic unit. Students worked together to brainstorm a list of projects they would like to work on to represent their research. Top of the list was a video interview of family members retelling memorable moments from their life in Pilot Point. The secondary classroom is continuing the second year of the UAF Winterberry study.

Technology Progress

Our technology is doing well. We are excited to get a few more laptops and iPads for our new kindergartner, our new student, and for use in secondary classes. We are so grateful for the hard work on the part of the tech team.

Facility Update

The facility looks great! Thank you to Robert Kirchner and Jenna Bowen for the new carpet on the bleachers in the gym. The new furniture for the commons area has added an updated contemporary feel. Students and community have commented on how good it looks.

LSAC Activity

With the Smart Start Plan at the forefront, LSAC has communicated through extra meetings this month. Their ideas, support, and feedback are very helpful when making decisions on our start up, staying open, and other school matters.

Volunteer Report
Professional Development
Professional development has been focused on the Smart Start plan.
Pupil Attendance
We have our positive behavior support system in place and attendance is a part of that. Students are excited about the program and the incentives that can be earned.
Student and Staff Safety
Student and staff safety are centered around the prevention of Corona virus spreading into our school and community. Students understand the importance of distancing, cleanliness, and wearing masks. We hope testing possibilities will become available in our village.
Subsistence Calendar
Even though our added safety measures take time, we are protective of our instructional time. We have a collaborative spirit among staff here and that is working to the benefit of student instruction. Now that MAP Growth testing is completed, students and teachers will meet to look at standards and set goals for success.
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