

HOLLIS SCHOOL
JANUARY 13, 2021
SISD BOARD REPORT

CONNECTION:

Connecting our stories, connecting our cultures, connecting our world history, connecting with each other, connecting with our community, connecting with our elders.



The Hollis Tulip Test Garden Planting Crew November 2020:

Gratitude: *Doyackshin, Gunalchéesh, Háw'aa, Muchas gracias, Thank you, Thank you from all of our Hollis School student community – Tsimshian, Tlingit, Haida, Spanish, English*



Thank you to the Hollis Community Council for hearing our request for our High School students' Covid Funds grant project.



Thank you to a community member's donation to provide additional resources for our students.



Thank you community members Sandy and Tia for the holiday gift bags for our students and staff. They loved their treats.



Thank you Nick Brazille for all of your efforts to help us locate resources and, despite the rain, address many of the many small projects that make life easier for all.



Thank you Charlie for your selfless support of our students and inspiring Charlie's Closet! Thank you community members who, along with Charlie, keep Charlie's Closet inventory supplied - the recent gloves and sweat pants donation sure came in handy with all of this cold rain.

Southeast Island School District Vision, Mission, and Goals

Vision: Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations.

Mission: Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals and adapt to an ever-changing world.

Goal Targets:

GOAL: Prepare students for post-secondary life



We have submitted course descriptions for three electives: Technical Reading and Writing, Journalism, and DIVE (Diverse Independent Vital Exploration) all of which build upon the soft skills and academic skills 21st century employers report they are seeking when hiring.



Our high school students worked with the Hollis Community Council to complete a proposal and process for Covid Grant Funds. We are hopeful that they will be able to continue their involvement now that the times lines have been extended



We had a great experience with a school wide guest speaker presentation on Materials science. It was very clear our presenter was both enthusiastic about her topic as well as informed. She had put a lot of effort into provide an accessible and interesting presentation.



We have started our exploration to create our small student store for authentic life skills learning and allow for students to earn funds to make purchases.



This is a reminder as to much time has passed since our last report: We are arranging for guest cooks, artists, and travelers to share about some of the many world cultures we are exploring. *Please let us know if you would like to speak with our students about a place you have traveled and or a cultures you have experiences.* We would love to share favorite stories, art, poetry, plays, celebrations, foods, memories. *Please let us know if you are interested in being a part of our world exploration.*





GOAL: Provide sufficient/effective staff support




We have gratitude that we have been given some time for Bus-driver Nick to help us with small maintenance projects. His ability to help address small issues before they become big ones has been a treat.









Thank you to District staff who check in before they head our way to see what we may need. We so appreciate when they bring needed food, tech, curriculum, etc. It sure makes a difference.


-  Thank you to Branzon Arena for his continued work to keep our water system working, for arranging to teach all of us wood fired boiler protocols, and for committing to send someone to weed-eat and get our campus spiffed up.
-  Thank you Charles for assisting with a course challenge and the modification of our developing our elective course descriptions.
-  Thank you Carol for agreeing to schedule some time for pancakes and paperwork.
-  Thank you Sherry for your time and conversations to review perceptions and needs and remove barriers.


GOAL: Improve communication district and community wide

-  We have struggled with communication in these past months – first the copier broke and when replaces we were unable to scan. Our scanner now works but we await the fax. Outgoing calls were not always possible but incoming calls were typically ok. Now – we cannot call out or received calls except once in a blue moon and then – they typically get cut off. This last problem does appear to be a Hollis landline challenge. We know these issue has been reported to AP&T but we are following up and we are not giving up. We are getting around this frustration with Messenger calling as well as Google meets.


GOAL: Increase visibility to share lifestyle and increase enrollment

-  Our Journalism students will be submitting articles to southeast radios and newspapers for publication.
-  We have resumed our pre-K & Kinder Library story time. We are recording with and publishing on our You Tube channel to share with others. Our students will be sharing on Facebook live in a few weeks after they master the recording.
-  Our High School students created a “Toilet Paper roll” art challenge. They have extended the deadline and will create and publish as digital art show with a distanced gallery opening.
-  Hollis High School students hope to resume their efforts to work with an Advisory Group and the Hollis Community Council to coordinate the Hollis Community CARES Funds use, access and distribution. This will include managing the entire project to include report completion and formally reporting to the Council and the community.
-  Hollis primary and intermediate students are resuming their work to create a news program that will air on our school’s You Tube channel. We will be asking for some advice and support from the SISD Tech Department.
-  We are completing the documentation of the remote school planning process we were requested to create to send our for other schools and districts to use.


 Our Pre-K and Kinder students are working on a digital book and database about our chickens that we will publish.

 Our bike shop is getting some excited support and we have hope that the idea will soon become a reality.


Ongoing:


 Hollis staff and students launched some ongoing service projects and others are in the planning phase:


- Launched:
 - Gratitude bag trash pickup on Hollis Chilkat Road (we were appointed to the task by the Hollis Community Council – we are exploring getting a sign similar to those on the “Adopt a Highway” program.
- Launched but in need of further revision:
 - Hollis Resource Cooperative - Connecting People (Building Upon This with the CARES Funding project.
 - Hollis Community food pantry
 - Tiny Little library (needs repair) and we want to add a Tiny Little Pantry and we are planning a shared community refrigerator.
- Planning:
 - Taking over management of the Hollis Seed Library.
 - Community bus stops (James Stevens mentor)
 - Phone Booth reactivation
 - Upgrading the “Alaska Kids Don’t Float “ life jacket shed.

 Citizen Science: We are anxiously waiting upon word to know if we can resume wolves research. We are preparing to adopt an important salmon stream adoption and cannot wait to begin our work. Launched citizen science projects include:

- reporting to the US Weather Service.
- documenting observations on Journey North.
- participating in the annual virtual Monarch Butterfly migration.
- caring for Yellow-cedar seedlings and recording our data.

 For updates and ongoing information please feel free to check out our Hollis School Facebook Page. We committed to keeping that current and students and all staff are pitching in to share all perspectives. It is a tool for us to document our learning, access resources and provide school information to our target audience – our parents and community. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1483681851918203/> and they tell us it will be caught up this weekend.

 Hollis School staff and students continue to volunteer at the Hollis Public Library, the Volunteer Fire Department, and the Volunteer Emergency Medical Services.

 The school continues to report as an official part of the Hollis Community Council agenda and we have been added to the town’s website.