

## Board Report Oct. 2024

Our elementary students are doing great in their language arts and math classes. Students recently finished reading *Bridge to Terabithia*, and then watched the movie and followed it up by writing a compare and contrast essay between the two.

Things have been going well at the Port Alexander School. Students in our Alaska Tide to Tongass Science and Arts Academy have been enjoying various science, history, and art projects.



Students are finishing writing and illustrating a children's

book about the history of Port Alexander from 1913-1950 from the perspective of a Tierce. This



book will attract the attention of any 3rd-6th grade student, and beyond, because it is factual, fun, well-written, and engaging. They have put many hours into this, and we cannot wait until we submit our final draft on October 25th. This will get published through the Studenttreasures Publishing company where it will be a hardcover book for students to cherish forever, and for our community and school to use in education.



We've been lucky to have a couple expert speakers come out thus far, and have been fortunate to have local Tglinget knowledge taught; but, after having Kari Paustin, a scientist from Sitka Sound Science Center, come out and do hands-on studies of the intertidal zone, the students were able to present their reports to our house representative, Rebecca Himschoot. We had Tracie Castle come and spend a week in town, giving our students and community members lessons in stained glass art. We were going to have an AMSEA (Alaska Marine Safety Education Association) instructor come to Port Alexander last week, but weather wouldn't allow her to fly. With local knowledge, and seeing these lessons taught previously, we will teach cold water survival skills and get students in the water immersion suits week 9 of the ATTSA program. We have a scientist from the Ocean Conservancy coming down week 9 as well, weather permitting, to do a lesson on marine debris.



It has been a lot of fun spending many hours making decorations, and planning a party for the community of Port Alexander. Students will have stations such as: a moss ride, apples on a string, face painting, bean bag toss, buoy decorating, and balloon darts. Also, elementary has had fun coming up with a station of their own, Pumpkin Puzzles, where elementary printed, cut, and laminated, puzzle pieces to assemble as a station.



Lastly, students are looking forward to going to Whalefest in Sitka where we get to attend a seminar and learn from 9 world-renowned scientists, participate in the National Ocean Bowl, and participate in a dual-credit opportunity.

I would also like to give a big thank you to our maintenance crew. Scott came out with Alex and Toby, and they did a great job getting some big jobs done at our school. Our playcourt has new siding and new lights. So thanks again for getting out here.