



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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September 2019 Board Report

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Whale Pass School began the 2019-2020 school year with an orientation day on Monday, August 26. Parents were invited to attend an hour-long ASC meeting and orientation with muffins and coffee. This time was spent having parents fill out the necessary enrollment paperwork and relaying vital information for the upcoming school year. This open house was a great way to accomplish one of our district mission goals of improving communication district and community wide.

One of the first activities of the year for MS/HS students in Mr. Cook's class is the Subsistence Week. This year the students, along with chaperones, set up base camp at El Capitan. Students were exposed to training in survival skills, fishing, and gathering. Some parents and their students did hunt on non-school hours. This is a great experience for the students in learning life long skills.

We are currently working on our Facebook page to increase our school visibility. Pictures of our Subsistence Week will be posted soon. Currently the students are looking forward to Phlight Club in Thorne Bay this weekend, September 12-14. We have five students who will be attending.

Caren Cooke has once again volunteered to coach our Elementary Cross Country team. We had two runners in the race in Klawock this past Saturday. Ashlen C. placed 9th in the 3rd – 5th grade race and Kelsey B. placed 13th. We are excited to see their progress in the season.

To provide sufficient and effective staff support, we have moved a few positions in the school to accommodate the needs of our students. Jason Wakefield is currently working with Mr. Cook in his classroom, Anggi Wakefield will be leading the class for the PreK/K students, Caren Cooke remains in the food service position, Sarah Vasser will be working with Ms. Cook in the elementary room and Connie Plante will remain as the custodian. We had a staff meeting on August 23 to review new/old policies and student goals.

On August 29 the entire school practiced and reviewed all of our crisis plan drills. Students participated in an earthquake drill, fire drill, lock down drill, and tsunami drill. The crisis plan was also covered with parents and community members during the open house on August 26th.