

## Site Report – Chignik Lake – January 2021

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

**From: Barbra Donachy/Head Teacher,  
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### **Outstanding Activities and Events**

Chignik Lake students and staff returned to school after winter break with mixed emotions. After the tragedy here, it was understandable that all of us felt a need to get back into a routine. A pall of sadness certainly began our spring semester. Throughout the month, students are getting back into the swing of things and enjoying each other's company while picking the pace back up again for their learning. Our young smiling faces are definitely having a positive effect on the adults.

Our high school students returned to school via distance. Our elementary students returned to a face-to-face environment. Because of the tragedy at the Lake, a couple of families decided to temporarily move their students with other family members in Akutan. The teaching staff had adjusted to the new numbers and has rearranged classwork to best serve our students.

At the end of the month, the high school students participated in the district-wide jamboree. To mirror their fun, the elementary students went on a (zoom) field trip to the Anchorage Museum to learn about northern waters and northern animals. We finished up our fun day creating entries for the Katmai art contest.

### **Personnel**

It was a difficult month. Several deaths related to the village and travel restrictions required the staff to be flexible. We compensated by using distance instruction, available subs, and different assignments in order to support our students.

### **Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress**

Several students have passed end of level tests for the levels they were working on last year. Slowly but surely, it feels like we are catching up from all the lost school days of last year.

### **Technology Progress**

New computers have arrived to replace all of our old ones. We are in the process of backing up and migrating all the data to the new computers. Due to staff being out of the building due to local Covid mandates, this process is taking a little longer than expected.

### **Facility Update**

Our response to Covid has been excellent. All staff, students, and visitors are being supplied with PPE upon entering the building. We still have a good amount of PPE stock. Cleaning protocols are being followed. There are a few maintenance issues that have been reported (burned out lightbulbs, bubbling linoleum, fallen gutters, bathroom backboards delaminating). Items have been ordered to attend to these issues. Maintenance help arrived at the end of the month to help us with our to do list. So far the school got a whole lot brighter with the replacement of fluorescent bulbs with LEDs!

### **LSAC Activity**

The LSAC met on January 20<sup>th</sup>. See the LSAC report for details. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Volunteer Report**

Volunteers have been working in the library sorting and shelving books. Jack Donachy has been volunteering to teach chess to students from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Jack also has been working with the student government

to create inspirational posters reflecting the values of our school, which showcase photographs of local animals. We will be using the posters to enhance school culture and teach school values.

### **Professional Development**

All Lake teachers participated in the RTI conference. It was a great opportunity to look at teaching practices and find new ways to better serve our students.

### **Pupil Attendance**

Twelve students began school after winter break in the K-12 school. By the end of the month, we now have nine students regularly attending. Preschool now has five students regularly attending. It is anticipated that the students who left will return during the summer and enroll again in the fall. As an aside, there are a couple of families looking to return to the Lake and enroll students in the fall. We could have a boon in enrollment!

### **Student and Staff Safety**

All staff and students have been careful in following safety protocols. All have been willingly participating in daily health screenings. We have hired a new sub for our custodian to ensure all the sanitizing and cleaning gets accomplished. It's been very icy here at the Lake. Thankfully we ordered Yaktrax earlier this year so we were able to ensure all staff can walk around safely.

### **Subsistence Calendar**

Students are still working hard within the calendar framework.

### **Other**

Our after school "open" gym, for students who have been screened earlier in the school day, has been well-attended.



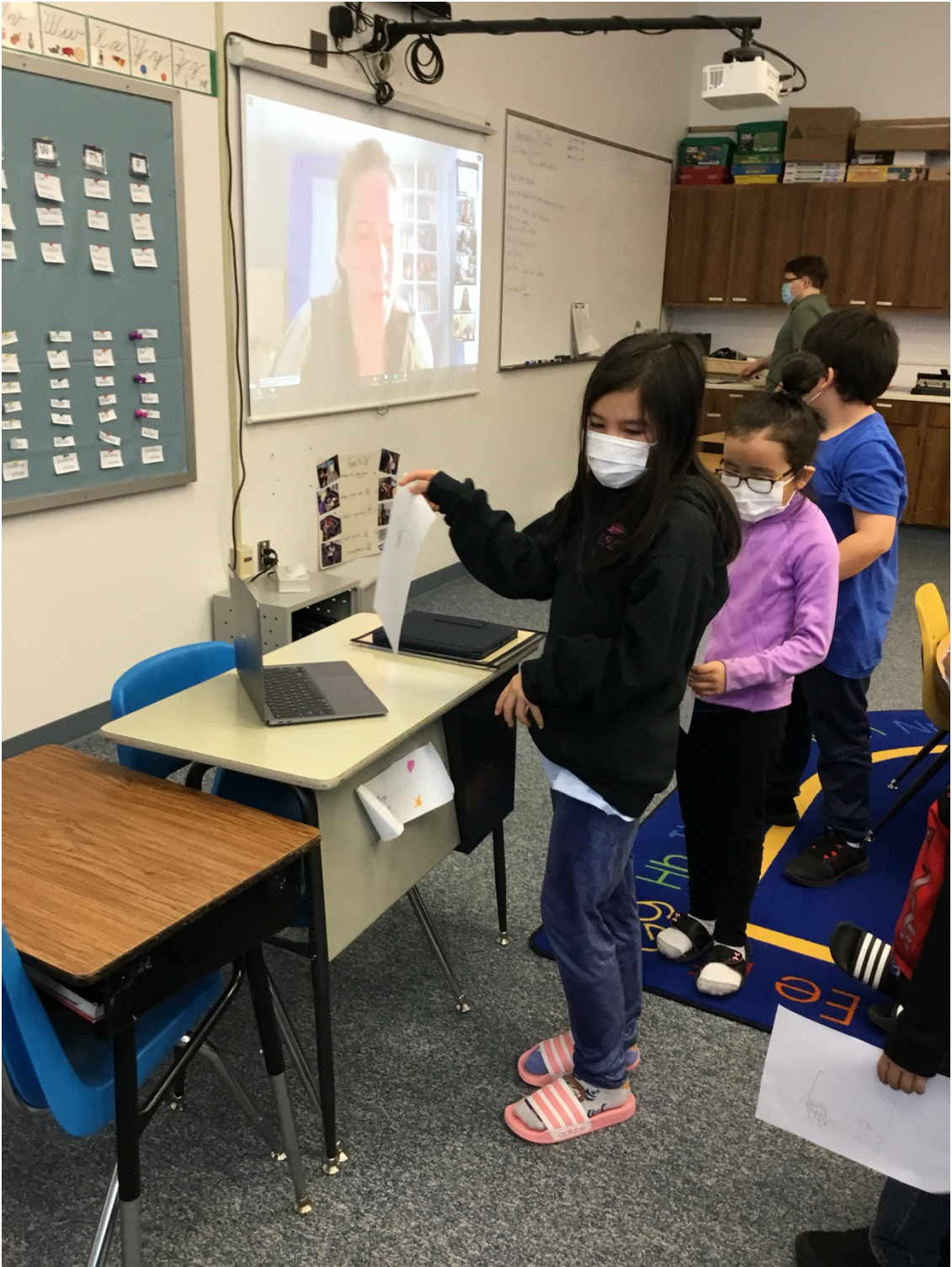
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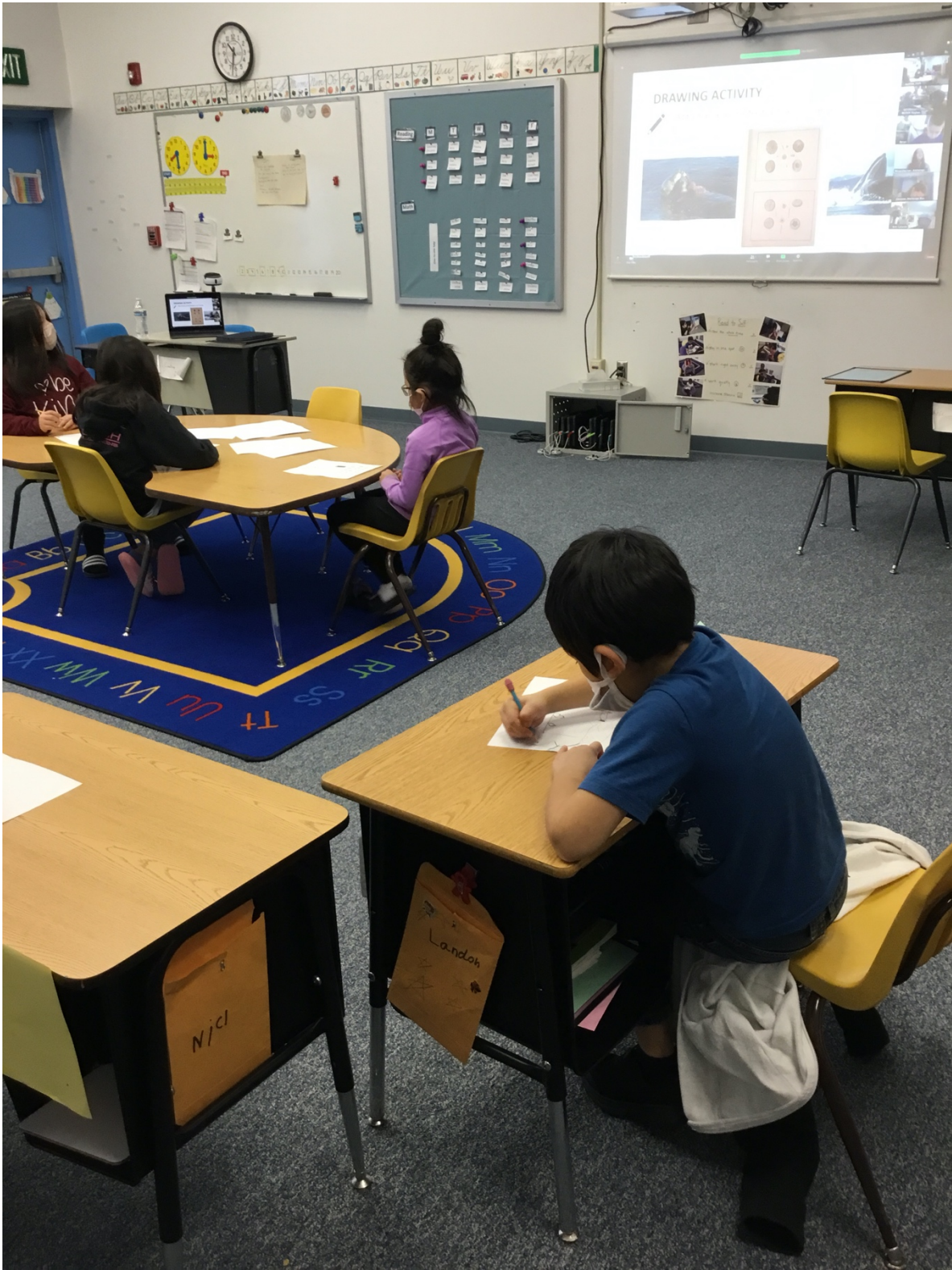
Chignik Lake 1 Katmai Pin Art Entry



Chignik Lake 2 Katmai Pin Art Entry



*Chignik Lake 3 Zooming to Anchorage Museum*



Chignik Lake 4 Zooming to Anchorage Museum



*Chignik Lake 5 Taking advantage of fresh air on a sunny day*