Site Report – Kokhanok – January 2024

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke and LPSD School Board Members

From: Rob Fagerquist, Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

In the short month of January we were able to complete the latest round of benchmark testing, send our basketball team to the basketball camp in Newhalen (six student athletes and our coach Nicholas Mike), and gear up for both the virtual and the in-person portions of the RTI/MTSS conferences, all the while dealing with an electrical failure, a water outage, and a COVID outbreak. We also managed to hold engaging and edifying lessons and celebrated our students' successes. Here is an example: Ms. McKenna's classroom, learning about trading along the Silk Road.



Personnel

We recently added Gabrielle Calhoon as a tutor in Kokhanok. She is the latest in a string of great tutors and student teachers we've had the pleasure of working with. Gabrielle has jumped right in to help us better serve our students, and is doing a fantastic job at it.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

We have begun our ramp-up to a very busy spring semester. We have lots to do, but are looking to have another good year overall.

Technology Insights

Our internet has been slow since we experienced a sustained period of very high winds in January. It's not known if this is related to the degradation of bandwidth, or if it is coincidental. We have been working with both DRS and our IT team to troubleshoot the problem. The DRS side of things appears to be fine at this time. We are expecting a representative of IT to visit us in the near future to help install a Starlink system to see if that will bolster our internet.

Facility Update

The facility experienced a few hiccups in January. The entire village lost power due to damage to the power lines as a result of hurricane force winds. Our maintenance person, John Mike, fired up our generator and we were able to carry on with our duties while the problem was being resolved. The village also lost the ability to deliver water this month, resulting in a school closure on January 18th. This day will be made up at a future date to be determined at our next LSAC meeting.

LSAC Activity

No LSAC meeting this month. Last month's meeting minutes have been submitted.

Volunteer Report

We have had a number of local people join in to help get our basketball team in shape.

Professional Development

As mentioned, the teaching staff were present for the virtual (Saturday the 20th) and the in-person RTI/MTSS conference (Friday the 26th through Monday the 29th). Many ideas were gathered and we are sorting out what we should implement and how we can do so.

Pupil % Attendance K-12

Attendance was down from our normal rate due to several factors, but mainly due to an outbreak of COVID in Kokhanok.

Student and Staff Safety

All is well in this regard. We had an injured player at the basketball camp who is being tended to by medical personnel.

Subsistence Calendar

We are going full steam to get our students in the best position to finish this year strong.

Other

For your enjoyment, here is Ms. Marina's latest newsletter.



