

## Board Report September/October 2023

We now have 21 students! Wow, I wonder when the last time Port Alexander has had 21 students! One of our kids took a project into his own hands and ended up making a desk for another student last weekend because we had to dig desks from under the school!

Our Elementary students have been busy diving into their reading, math, science, and social studies curriculum! We just finished a unit on “making medicine from herbs in the forest” and each child got to take home a salve they made. They were SO proud! We are getting back into studying the Alaska Territories and Alaska History. Students are also working on creating an art piece to submit to the Whalefest art competition.

We wouldn't be able to get everything to run smoothly if it weren't for all of our community helpers! We are also lucky to have some community members helping our students thrive. Michaela is doing a wonderful job as the ATTSAA Coordinator, and has volunteered many many hours to make the program successful! Jennifer Carter is a para at the school and is proving very helpful with our preschooler as well as some of our elementary and middle school students. We also have Laura Pollard helping with some fun music instruction and read-alouds. Paul Young is also doing great teaching some middle school courses, as well as doing so much more! Shanna has joined us again and is jumping right in helping with Algebra 1, middle school history, and tutoring/homework help in the elementary. We have the Port Armstrong students joining us as well, and Dana has stepped up to help with math tutoring.

Our Alaska Tongass to Tides Science and Art Academy (ATTSAA) has 10 amazing high school students that have been busy getting acquainted with Port Alexander and diving into their classes. Again, Michaela has done a wonderful job at this!

I want to thank everyone who was able to come out to Port Alexander for the September School Board Meeting; it has been around three years since any admin has been able to make it out to PA.

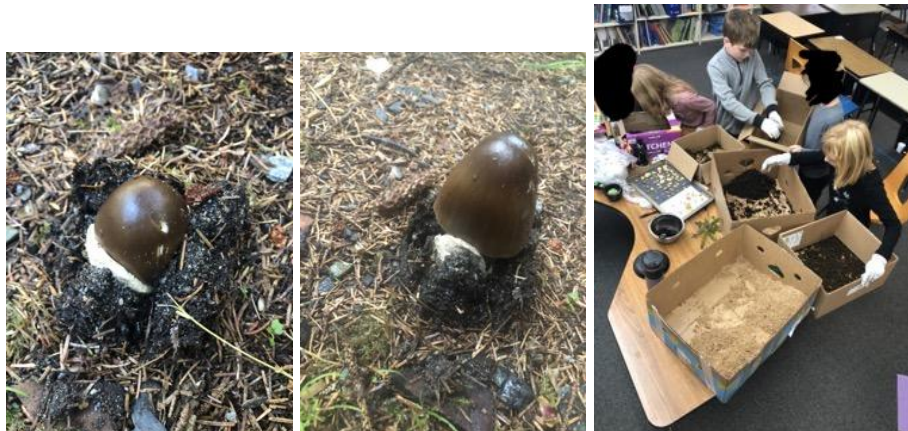
One last thing, we wanted to say an additional HUGE thank you to our maintenance staff for making sure our school was ready to open with heat and all, because it almost wasn't with the oil spill. So thank you to Branzon, Josh, Bud, and everyone working behind the scenes to make sure things worked so that we can have a great school year!

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**K-12:**



**Low Tide Field Trip and afterschool squirrel hunting**



**Becoming Naturalist** - documenting a huge mushroom that is growing on the playground.

**Growing our own mushrooms** from spore prints

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K-12 hangman fun at lunch time!



2023-24 ATTSAACrew!



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Week 2 - Tongass Tinctures and Botanicals - making medicine from plants

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**Week 3 - Kari - Marine Biologist came out to educate students about the intertidal zone.**

**Week 4: Local Fisheries - Traveled to Port Armstrong Hatchery**

**Week 5: AMSEA Survival Training**

