

Whale Pass School
May 21, 2025 Board Report

Dear S.I.S.D. Board Members,

The two Whale Pass School archers who qualified and attended the national competition in Sandy, Utah had a very successful experience. Our sincere thanks goes to John and James Stevens, and the other chaperones who participated in the trip.

On the academic side the students spent the month of May playing games of chance as they took a deep dive into probability. They continued to apply their statistical knowledge to their accounts on the Investopedia stock simulator site. They learned how to make decisions based on the Bollinger Bands, Relative Strength Index, and other indicators. Additionally they started to understand the psychology of the markets, and how national and world events affect them directly in the "pocket book".

In Biology we covered the anatomy and physiology of the kidney, neurobiology, and anatomy and physiology of the human eye. From drawing, coloring, and labeling the various structures to understanding mechanoreceptors, chemoreceptors, thermoreceptors, and photoreceptors they have completed a year-long course normally not encountered until they are juniors or seniors in high school, and had a great deal of enjoyment along the way.

We finished World History with the rise and fall of the Roman Empire. From the decline of democracy to the final emperor we continually looked for parallels between Rome and today's global society.

The high point since the last board meeting was the Ketchikan radio station interviewing Michelle Dempsey and the TKD students. The program has aired both locally and state-wide, and may be aired nationally.

We look forward to STREAMS Days, our annual Lake Day cookout and swim fest, and the annual trip to Memorial Beach.

Respectfully Submitted,

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