



HOLLIS SCHOOL  
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It is hard to believe we are concluding our first month of school. As one kindergartener shares as she says her good-bye on her way to the bus, "I LOVE school! It was a GREAT day!"

The Hollis Crew on the first day of the 2019-2020 school year:



## **Southeast Island School District Vision, Mission, and Goals**

**Vision:** Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations.

**Mission:** Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals and adapt to an ever-changing world.

### **Goals:**

- ▶ **Prepare students for post-secondary life**
- 🎯 We have spent our first days working as a community as we explore who we are, as well as defining our norms and ensuring we know why we do the things we do and that they have purpose. We utilized a series of what we have called "Leadership, Respectful Communication, Teamwork, Flexibility, Critical

Thinking Challenges” to know ourselves as individuals and as a community of learners. Student reflections have been powerful as they have examined their leadership and communication styles as well as explored their learning styles and how they are smart.

- 🎯 We have completed our fall benchmark assessments and students are preparing to review their data trends along with their portfolios as they create their academic and character goals for the coming year.
- 🎯 We have eight (8) students and three (3) staff slated to attend the Fall 2019 Phlight Club which will provide foundation for their increased connections, improved goal setting and networking.
- 🎯 This year’s integrated academic exploration explores the lines and boundaries that may tell our story, define our world view and help us to safely navigate the world.
- 🎯 Our high school students renewed their contact with Jon Wunrow and he is slated to return to inspire while also mentoring their dreams and aspirations and assisting their continued connections with our community. His visit will be a highlight.

#### ► **Provide sufficient/effective staff support**

- 🎯 Julie is completing the Alaska Staff Development Course for Elementary Reading Intervention Strategies to improve interventions and instruction.
- 🎯 Lisa completed the annual STEAM camp and made some connections to collaborate and expand student learning opportunities while also accessing new resources that our students will utilize this year. She completed the Code.org course and made a commitment to incorporate this intrusion across our grade levels.
- 🎯 We had an excellent summer expanding our garden days and collaborating with the US Forest Service bunkhouse workers. Their efforts lead to some major progress on the completion of many projects. The connections have continued after their departure and our students have received some lovely books they are already treasuring.
- 🎯 We have started a volunteer area with a list of dreams, jobs and resources and we are delighted by the response. Things that we could not otherwise complete on our own are getting accomplished.
- 🎯 Thank you to Branzon Arena for his continued work to keep our boiler and water system working.
- 🎯 Thank you Jonathan Fitzpatrick for completing our long dreamed of greenhouse – we are successfully raising peppers, onions and tomatoes and thanks to a student worker we are harvesting fresh lettuce for our school lunches every week.

#### ► **Improve communication district and community wide**

- 🎯 For updates and ongoing information please feel free to check out our Hollis School Facebook Page. It is a tool for us to document our learning, access resources and provide school information to our target audience – our parents and community. The link is:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1483681851918203/>

- 🎯 8.24.19 - We conducted our annual working open house to support parents completion of registration paperwork as well as provide opportunities for new and returning families tour the school and learn more about the coming year's instructional plans. Thus year we incorporated our Annual "Fix It Up and Clean-Up Day" with the event which allowed those who wanted to volunteer to do so while completing their registration.
- 🎯 We are excited about the approval of the planning funds for a possible new school. We have spent the past year following the directions we were given for creating the planning process to serve as a model for other small Alaskan communities. We have made progress on the vision, preplanning and establishment of a team to create a cost effective 22<sup>nd</sup> century learning community school. Now we can move forward with what is becoming and incredible authentic learning opportunity for all of our students.
- 🎯 Thank you to Chris Page Haufe for her persistence and unyielding efforts to may it possible for Hollis residents to vote in SISD School Board Elections. This has not been a possibility in recent memory and the community is very appreciative
- 🎯 The school is now an official part of the Hollis Community Council agenda and we have been added to the town's website. We are updating our school pamphlet and will update our website when training is set.

► **Increase visibility to share lifestyle and increase enrollment**

- 🎯 We have a marvelous community of 24 registered Pre-K through 11<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- 🎯 Hollis staff and students volunteered and sponsored the root beer floats, art and kid's game at the Annual Hollis Volunteer Fire Department FUNday FUNdraiser.
- 🎯 Hollis students have begun their citizen science work with Journey North as well as nurturing the yellow cedar trees with Pat Tierney. He will be on campus at 1:00 PM on Tuesday September 17, 2019 to work with our students.
- 🎯 We are in the final planning stages to launch the following collaborative opportunities with our community to include the bike and welding shop, hosting an ETT Class for our high school students and a ceramics class with our kiln upon its installation.
- 🎯 With community help we are expanding our place based play on the playground to include a float plan and fishing vessel and we have installed benches in our Memorial Orchard.
- 🎯 Our students are completing several high profile projects to insure their community pamphlet, book publication and launching their business.
- 🎯 In cooperation with our community and the POW Health Network Youth Group with Director Heidi Young and Assistant Amy Eller we will be hosting a bus stop build day to support Hollis and all youth who take school busses with a dry place to wait for their transportation.