

Site Report – Chignik Lake – January 2023

**To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members**

**From: Barbra Donachy/Head Teacher,
Chignik Lake**

Outstanding Activities and Events

Happy New Year! If January set the pace for the remainder of the school year, we are in for an eventful, busy remainder of the year! Our middle school author team is working at completing their original children's book they will compete with next month at the Educator Rising Conference in Fairbanks. Many of our students practiced and competed in Battle of the Books. Our K-2 team took 2nd place in the LPSD competition! And our Wolves basketball team traveled to their first game in Kokhanok. They mixed in with the other teams and enjoyed their first trip of the season.

We welcomed our student teacher, Dora Wilt, to Chignik Lake School. She has already been learning a lot working with students and helping out by subbing in classrooms where needed. Alanna Anderson spent a week with us this month. She spent much of her time helping students learn social emotional skills and productive ways to occupy themselves, all while participating in the arts and creating crafts. Teachers, too, were busy engaging in professional development. All teachers participated in the rural RTI conference. The K-12 teachers also completed a book study on teacher clarity. And we ended the month MAP testing students, which will help us fine tune our road map of instruction for the coming weeks.

We came together as a staff and community to create new vision and mission statements for Chignik Lake School. The LSAC had the final point of input. They enthusiastically adopted the statements as our school guide for serving our students. Note that our adopted motto is boldly embedded in our vision statement as a nice piece of common language we can quickly use as a lens from which to make decisions. Here are our newly created statements:

Chignik Lake School Vision Statement:

***Every student**, from preschool through high school, receives an excellent and equitable education that empowers them to reach their full potential **every day**.*

Chignik Lake School Mission Statement:

To provide quality educational experiences that reflect each student's needs in order to prepare them for productive citizenship.

Personnel

Chignik Lake School has all positions filled but one. We have broadly advertised for a newly opened SPED aide position (35 hours) and have yet to fill this job. This month, we have been able to cover all of our student needs in spite of absences due to illness and scheduled training thanks to staff flexibility and commitment to our students.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

All students are making progress in our standards-based system.

Technology Progress

We continue to limp along without our full complement of Apple TVs. We still hope the solutions to the Apple TV problem will be solved soon.

Facility Update
Our facility is in good shape. We have hired an additional temporary maintenance person to ensure our facility stays in good shape. Our custodial staff is keeping everything clean and sanitized. Our maintenance crew is keeping on top of rising issues.
LSAC Activity
The LSAC met on January 18 th . Minutes will be sent separately. The next meeting is set for February 15, 2023.
Volunteer Report
Community volunteers continue to pitch in when needed. Regular monthly hours have been donated to running items from the airfield and to and from our village office as well as shelving library books.
Professional Development
This was a big month for professional development. Nina, our preschool teacher, was able to attend a PreK conference virtually. All Chignik Lake teachers returned from the Rural RTI conference with many ideas to implement to better serve our students. Jacob, Melody, Barbra, and Dora completed a book study of <u>The Teacher Clarity Playbook</u> by Doug Fisher et al. This book helps teachers design standards-based lessons and units with clarity in mind. Based on meta studies, clarity is cited as having a high effect size. In other words, you get a big bang for your buck (student growth) if you are clear in your instruction, your assignments, and your expectations.
Pupil Attendance
We are maintaining our enrollment of sixteen at the Lake. We have attached open gym attendance as an incentive to encourage students to come to school on time and every day. The LSAC clarified eligibility to attend night gym as attending school all day and arriving no later than 8:40am for the morning sessions and no later than 12:40 for the afternoon sessions, in order to be on time for online classes.
Student and Staff Safety
Students are regularly supervised to ensure all are interacting in a safe manner.
Subsistence Calendar
Students and staff are diligently working to maximize efforts to work within our allotted calendar days.
Other
Unfortunately, the school truck was taken without permission this month. The person who took the truck, at the end of their joy ride, stashed it in the back of the school without the key. It appears that this person also backed the new truck into the school fence, ripping a hole in the chain link and scratching the truck. Although efforts have been made to encourage the return of the key, no one has turned it in. We were able to get the one spare key quickly from the district office, thanks to Tim McDermott.

Dora - working on her first pair of earrings at a community beading event.



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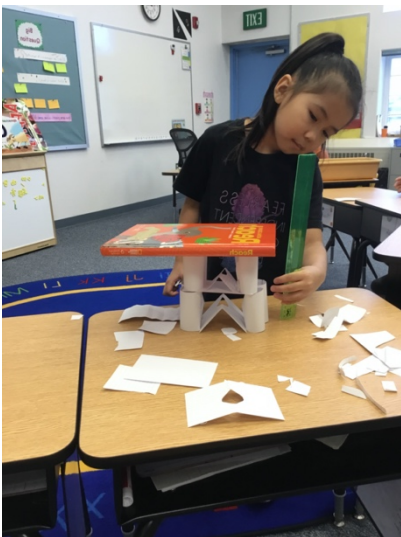
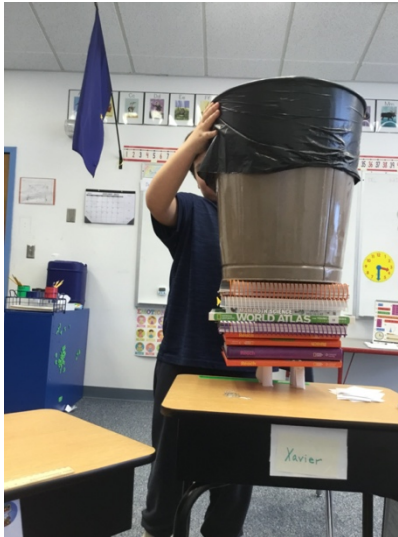
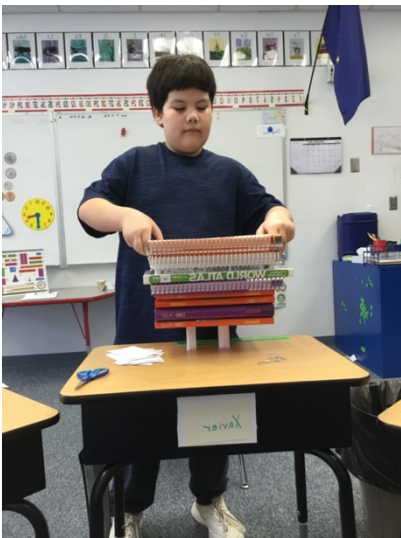
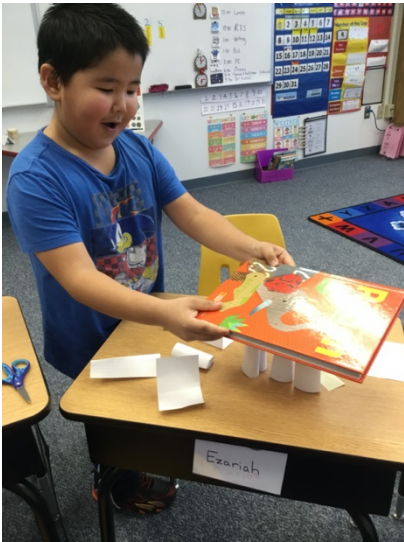


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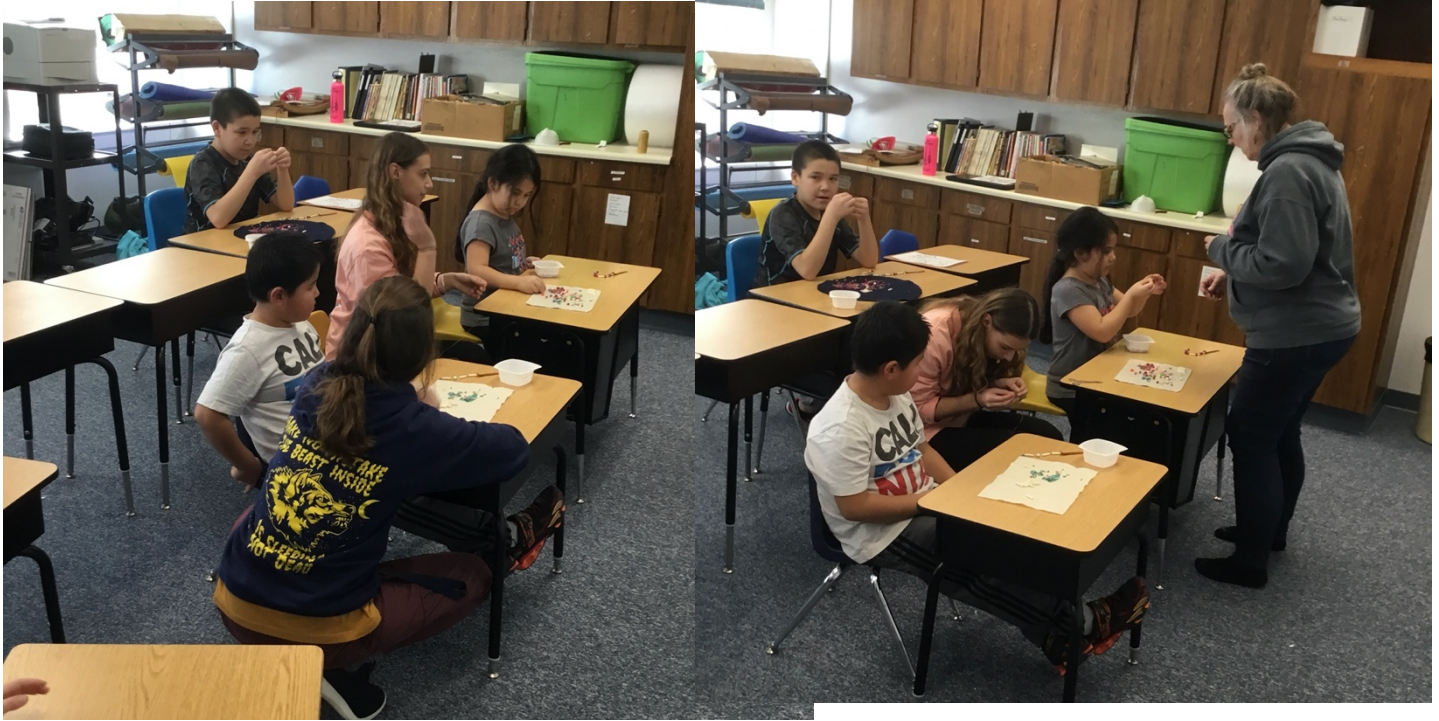
Chignik Lake School Vision

The LSAC requested a banner be posted with our new vision statement. Here's the latest version.

The K-2 class studied materials. The challenge was to build a tall structure and a strong structure using just paper and paper clips.



Beading patterns with Ms. Alanna



Traveling to the Far East to learn about Lunar New Year. Welcome Year of the Rabbit!



Bridges



Fire drills, we got this.



Fun in the winter sun!

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December is a time for working hard and playing hard. Two middle schoolers wrote a play for essentially the whole school to perform before winter break. They will transform the play into an original illustrated book which they will submit for the Educator Rising competition in February. The students performed the play before winter break to a Huge crowd. The majority of the village came to watch! Our intermediate class took on the challenge of sewing their own kuspuks with the coaching of their teacher with very impressive results! The primary students have finished several reads of all of their Battle Books and are now practicing for the upcoming battle.

Personnel

We were sad to say good-bye to Riss Call. She has been a great asset to the Lake team. She was filling three positions for us supporting all the students at one time or another during the day. Her last day was December 19. We were able to post her positions and have a qualified applicant apply to obtain the three jobs. Welcome Tara Redfox to the team! Tara has already been training with Riss and has assumed her responsibilities. This is great as we will be able to hit the ground running after winter break with a minimal amount of disruption. All of the positions at Chignik Lake School are currently filled.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

All students are making progress in our standards-based system.

Technology Progress

We are still limping along without our full complement of Apple TVs. We hope the solutions to the Apple TV problem will be solved soon. We have received an additional computer to use for para-pro training.

Facility Update

Our facility is in good shape. Our custodial staff is keeping everything clean and sanitized. Our maintenance crew is keeping on top of rising issues.

LSAC Activity

The LSAC met informally on December 16th, as there was no quorum. The next meeting is set for January 11, 2023.

Volunteer Report

Community volunteers continue to pitch in when needed. As usual, volunteers have been running items from the airfield and to and from our village office as well as shelving library books.

Professional Development

Jacob and Melody are both participating in required coursework needed for their teaching licenses. Jacob was able to travel to Nondalton to shadow a secondary teacher who is teaching similar classes. He came back with many ideas to integrate into his own classroom to better the teaching and learning experiences.

Pupil Attendance

We still have sixteen students enrolled and all are regularly attending face-to-face. We have had some students in and out of the village for medical appointments and parent meetings. We have attached open gym attendance as an incentive to encourage students to come to school on time and every day.

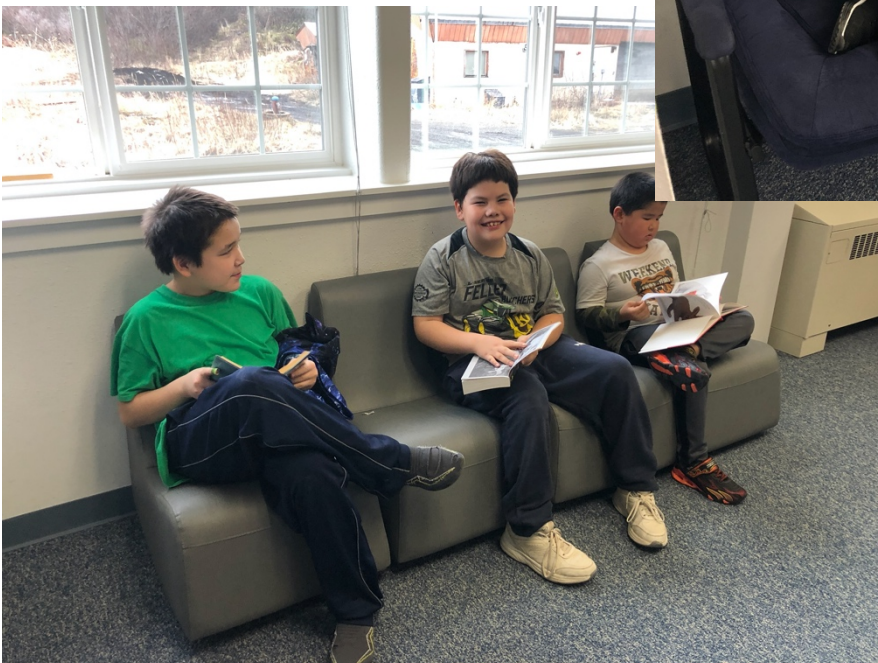
Student and Staff Safety

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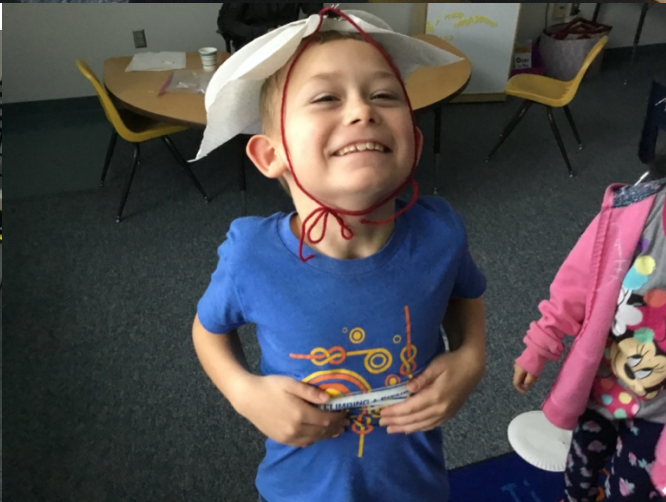
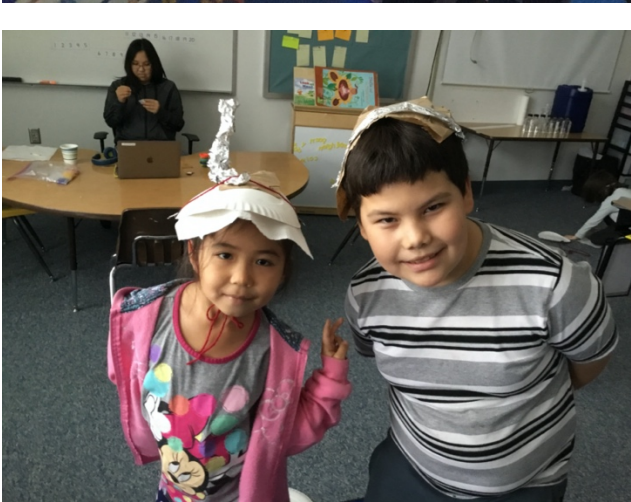
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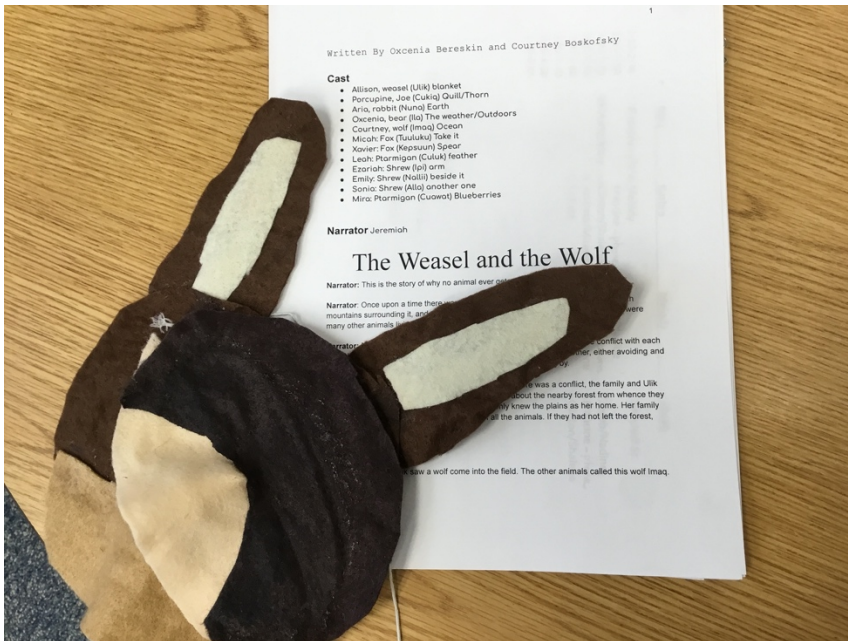
The Challenge: your boat sank close to a desert island. All you have is a sack lunch, and it is very hot. How could you make a hat to soak up the sweat and keep the sun off your face?





Yea! Our kuspuks are finished. Don't they look great?

Chignik Lake Theatre presents: The Weasel and the Wolf



An original play written by two Chignik Lake students, directed by our secondary teacher. The students were energized and nervous by the large crowd coming to view the show.



