

# *Thorne Bay School*

*"Into the future with pride and enthusiasm"*



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## *Home of the Wolverines!*

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We just finished up our testing, with grades 3-9 completing the AK STAR test for LA and math last week, and grades 3, 5, and 10 taking the PEAKS science test this week. We were also able to host AK TRAILS and IDEA students for their testing.

March 28th was Seward's Day. We commemorated this with cupcakes at lunch for the students! A huge thank you to Brandy Prefontaine for donating time and eggs to make the cupcakes!

High school track and field has started with Aly Howell as coach, and elementary basketball has commenced with coach Korissa Oatman. We are thankful for staff and community members who make these athletics possible for our students! We hosted a basketball tournament for the Island on Saturday. The stands were packed with schools representing 5 teams! It was amazing to see so many communities come together in support of our younger basketball stars.

This Saturday the gym will see another tournament come to town - this time for volleyball. Although we didn't have any middle school students at our site who wanted to participate in volleyball, we are happy to be able to help with this event. We are hoping it will be another community bonding time.

Our high school had the opportunity of going to Coffman Cove and helping their greenhouse operation while learning about pruning and plant care. We are thankful for Loubeth Vaughn, Shane Williams, and Amanda Kiely for all they have done to help our students find their green thumbs! It's been exciting to watch our own school gardens be prepared and planted. Tomorrow, they will join Whale Pass students in an

adventure at Harris River. We are constantly grateful for our stellar staff who consistently go above and beyond to create this wonderful learning opportunities for our students,

We have 2 student makeup days coming: April 15 & 29, 2022. These are for either days that we canceled due to inclement weather or power outages.

This week marks the end of the quarter. P/T conferences are the 12th and 13th of April. It is hard to believe that the school year has only about 9 weeks left! It's been a memorable year!

We have much more to look forward to! We hope for elementary soccer; if we are able to find a coach, we have many youngsters who would love to play! Earth Day is around the corner, April 29th, and is an opportunity for us to give back to the community by picking up trash, ending with a Recycle Art contest! We will end the month with two different postsecondary trips, with some seniors heading off to visit the campuses in the Anchorage area while other juniors and seniors fly to those in Seattle. Track and Field will compete in their meets in Ketchikan and archery Nationals will take place in Utah; we have several students who placed in the top 5 in their division and will represent Thorne Bay School well.

There is so much more to come, and it will be a busy quarter up to the last day. We are excited for all the opportunities for growth and look forward to finishing the year strong!