



March 2019 Outer Sites Board Report

Curriculum

We are about to roll out some six traits of writing resources for our school sites. We are planning a training on these materials on Friday, March 29th. We have been looking at various middle school social studies curriculum for the past two years and I think we will have a winning resource to purchase so we can roll it out for the FY20 School Year.

CPI Training

Shane Scamahorn, our Crisis Prevention and Intervention (CPI) trainer, has been working with the staff at each school site this year. De-escalation is the key to not having to physically restrain. This training teaches our staff to recognize, understand, and appropriately react to situations before, during and after an event. Shane has done a great job facilitating this training this year!

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Week

April 15th – 17th at the Thorne Bay School. We are very excited to have this opportunity for our district students participate and/or compete in events such as Pinewood Derby, Science Exploration, Technology, Spelling Bee, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Speed Stacking, Climbing Wall, Scholastic Book Fair, and a Talent Show. It is going to be an incredible week filled with learning opportunities, fun, and exploration.

Port Alexander and Hyder Schools will be traveling in to participate in all of these events. Travel costs are very high from these sites, but the value of face-to-face interactions with their peers and other teachers from around the district as well as the educational value of these events makes it well worth the cost.

Native Youth Olympics

April 22nd will bring in the fourth annual Native Youth Olympics. This year it will be at the Thorne Bay School. Alyssa Howell and her school is facilitating this event this year. Students from around the district will gather to compete in various physically challenging events. Last year we had over 100 students from SISD compete.

SISD Prom

April 13th is the date for this year's prom event. It will take place at Thorne Bay School this year. The theme they voted on was the 80's. Sounds like a lot of fun!

Battle of the Books Pizza and Pool Party

Last year we had over 100 students participate in Battle of the Books. This year we had nearly that total. This event fosters a love of reading as well as developing good reading

habits and skills. The Battle of the Books Pizza and Pool party is scheduled to occur on April 18th from 12:30pm – 2:30pm at the Craig pool and then from 2:30pm – 3:30pm at Pappas Pizza. Congratulations to all the students that participated and competed this year!!!

Phlight Club

The Spring Phlight Club is scheduled for April 18th – April 20th at the Klawock School. Many of our students will attend this event. I would say that Phlight Club has become institutionalized as in our district as it promotes understanding, building and maintaining healthy relationships.

National Archery Trip

This year's trip will see our shooters head to Utah again this year. There are fundraisers happening across the island to raise monies for those that were invited to compete. The trip is scheduled for April 22nd – April 29th. Good luck to our archers!!!

State Testing

The window of State PEAKS testing opens March 25th and closes April 25th. Our school sites have been preparing for this and we strive for academic growth in all of our students.

Nick Higson
Outer Sites Principal

Whale Pass School



Whale Pass continues to be an icy, snowy landscape. The roads are quite treacherous at this point, so we have been keeping travel to a minimum. We have braved the roads a few times to get kids to archery practice and to the Resiliency Training in Craig on March 7th and 8th. We have three archers we are fund raising for to go to Salt Lake City. Logan Cooke who placed in the top 5 for Middle School, Alayna Parsley for the High School and Buddy Wakefield for 6th grade. We will be having a raffle starting this week and several dinners—March 26 and April 12 to help with funding.

We are gearing up for testing right now with practice tests and testing strategies. Our testing window will be the first week in April. April is a crazy month with testing, STEAM week, NYO, Phlight Club, and the National Archery competition. We hope to plan many low-key activities and adventures close to home and on this end of the island for May. Among these will be a trip to El Cap cave, Beaver Falls, and Memorial Beach.

Mr. Cook has started a Donor's Choose for his MS/HS class for fly-fishing equipment. So far he has 30 donors with AML donating money for shipping.

Christine Cook
Lead Teacher

Hyder School

Hyder has probably had more snow in the last week than in the whole of February! While spring weather seems to be eluding us, we have been trying to stay vigilant in uncovering our snowed-in district vehicle. Just yesterday, we heard about orcas down at the dock and make a trek in an attempt to see them, but just missed them. The students still had fun getting out and about on our journey.

Our Valentine's Day banquet saw such a crowd that by the end of it, there was standing room only! The community seemed to enjoy themselves and the food we served. We made over \$300 (most of it was Canadian)! We are getting ready for testing the two weeks following spring break and then we begin preparing for our trip to STEAM week.



We have been working hard in classes with everyone learning different skills at their own levels. The elementary students are creating timelines of the American Revolution and doing planet studies in science class. The older students learned to make macaroni and cheese from scratch and a few of them had peach cobbler for the very first time after learning to make it.

Virginia Pulley
Lead Teacher



Port Alexander School



School Happenings: Dr. Seuss Day Celebration of Reading! Students young and old painted rocks, cooked green eggs with ham, (Only one student did not like green eggs & ham) They learned about "Salmon eggs and clams," made Cat in the Hats and competed in Dr. Seuss related



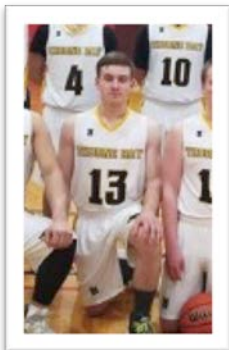
activities in the gym. All of the events of the day included the reading of Dr. Seuss books as you can see Molly Kimzee reading to students painting.

A great time was had by all!!!

We are anticipating visit from Mr. Higson this month to collaborate on the following:

- Housing for new teacher.
- Shore up travel and accommodations for STEAM Week/Prom/Phlight Club/NYO Games/ College Tour/Archery
- Graduation planning for Zoe
- Go over maintenance needs at the school and housing unit that can be worked on and completed over the summer
- Schedule fuel delivery for school
- Additional future planning

6-12th grade: Port Alexander is planning to send one archer to Salt Lake City for the National Championships this spring. Sixth grader Jackson VonDoloski finished 1st in the state for his grade and 3rd overall for middle school. Good luck Jackson. (He's really looking forward to getting Taco Bell)



Joseph VonDoloski Jr is currently in Anchorage as a member of the basketball 1A Regional Champions.

Zoe and Joseph VonDoloski were nominated for an all expense paid trip to serve in the offices of Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins in their extern program. They will be representing SISD as they experience legislative life, attend caucus meetings, help

with committees as well as meet friends of the office as they soak up the fascinating, fast-moving political atmosphere of the Alaska Capitol. These two wrote essay applications and were nominated by a committee of 3 district teachers.

Kindergarten through 5th grade: We have a new schedule for Science and Social Studies. Mondays are career days. We are studying different careers, what kind of education you must have to do this career and what department or business you would work for. Tuesdays we are studying colonialism and the constitution. We are discussing the different amendments and will have a debate team between two separate parties to discuss and agree or disagree with the amendments. We will also write our own constitution and bill of rights.



Wednesdays are reserved for aerospace. We are completing a study of different forms of aerospace with lesson plans and activities from the aerospace program. We look forward to a visit from 1st Lt. MacPherson. Thursdays we are cooking and writing a cookbook to print and sell for funds for the elementary. We “nailed it” for French Macarons last



Thursdays: Currently we are tracking the Iditarod and updating our hand drawn maps with each student’s chosen mushers as they reach each checkpoint with time and date.

3rd to 5th grades are practicing how to use the tools for PEAKS testing and are quite adept at it, with their recently gained typing skills. For Dr. Seuss Day we made hats and read Cat in the Hat with Chloe

~Soar High~Port Alexander!~

Joe VonDoloski, Anna Mekki, Shanna Smith, Laura Pollard, Heidi VonDoloski

Naukati School



Four students will be traveling towards the end of April to compete for the SISD Team at Nationals for Archery. The students are really excited and looking for ways to earn a bit of quick cash. Please support them by attending their Chinese Dinner Fundraiser on April 6th. Flyers will be posted soon!

Naukati School has been removed from the boil water notice. The levels in our water are stable through the hard work of our local Director of Maintenance, Branzon Anania. We are super excited to properly use our new water bottle filler soon without having to worry about what is in the water. Thank you.



We have potted twenty-five hanging baskets that we will also be selling in May and have been cleaning up our greenhouse. Once the ground thaws out a little bit more, we have some outdoor projects to clean up.



April is usually a busy month but the school is looking forward to May for picnics and swimming trips. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at STEAM Week this year!

We are sending everyone good spring vibes. May the planting begin!
Spring is coming.

Laura Anania, Lead Teacher

Howard Valentine School

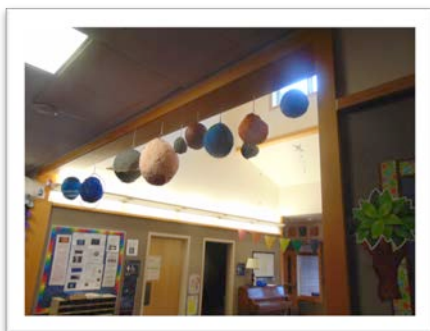
It is hard to believe that the third quarter ends in just a few short weeks! The students are getting very excited about STEAM Week, Phlight Club, and the Battle of the Books pizza and pool party. We also attended the Island Grind on March 2nd in Craig. Our students had a wonderful time and the show was great.



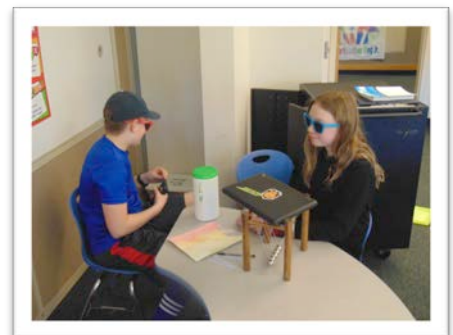
We are proud to recognize our archery team. They put in many hours of hard work and it paid off. Congratulations to Tia Christopherson, who won the State Archery Tournament for the Elementary Division. She is getting ready for the National

Archery Tournament next month. Also, from Howard Valentine, Hailey was invited to join the middle school archery team at Nationals.

Our students are currently working on several projects. Our elementary and middle school students completed work on a paper mache` solar system. Our middle school students are also working on a Museum Project about the civilizations of Mesoamerica. In MakerSpace, the students are making a Rube Goldberg Machine.



Chad Dillman
Lead Teacher
Howard Valentine School



Hollis School



Branson for your work to get our wood fired boiler back up and running. Thank you for persevering as you unravel the maze to allow the filters to properly work so we can have potable water.



Principal Nick for opening door for access and providing your own vehicle. Thank you Branson, Alex and Shane for all you have done to shuttle vehicles and repair vehicles to keep us in operation. And thank you to our Hollis Crew who is stepping up for support unexpected transportation needs as they arise. We are happy to report Bus Driver Nick is back and we made it thanks to everyone's support.



Hollis Librarian Sandy Curtis for facilitating our High School students "Oral Story Telling". We are excited this program will continue and expand to support our high school student's growth as leaders of their communities and of their own learning.



POW Health Network Director Heidi Young, Assistant Amy Eller and Volunteer Colleen Gregg for meeting and planning amazing year round volunteer and learning and connecting events for our POW Youth Group



POW Health Network and Community Connections and Craig School District for offering an amazing two day Resiliency training experiences that was spot on for our staff and high school students.



Thank you for our Hollis School and Community parents and families who supported the first Hollis School Family Game night. Our students look forward to continuing this opportunity to connect family and community members all the while having fun.



Thank you Ellen Hanna for a day of robotics. It was a win for everyone as they worked not just on coding but also on those important soft skills to include problem solving and communication and working as a team.

Current Academic Explorations:

Primary students continue to work on their exploration of community and quality of life. Their pamphlet text is close to completion and they will soon use the green screen to create their film to celebrate their community, their learning and share with our Community Council.

Intermediate and Middle Schools deep in their learning as they delve further into their two major collaborative learning projects: the Alaska Hoops Project and their New

School Planning project. We are excited to see where both of these explorations take their and our learning.

High School is exploring Civics and Alaska as they have completed “Land Gone Lonesome” and are now reading “A Dangerous Idea” and “Do Native People Get Free Medical Care” (*No, they paid in advance.” Their last book, “Firecracker Boys” will hone in on citizens and government and the impact of their actions on the future. We are excited to hear their thinking about what they define as they pivotal moments, places and people that make Alaska.

Chicken Coop and Garden:

We are excited for our greenhouse to be completed. In the meantime, we are locating dirt sources and a “Dirt Saturday” will soon be calendared to hardest what we need to support our garden and greenhouse beds.

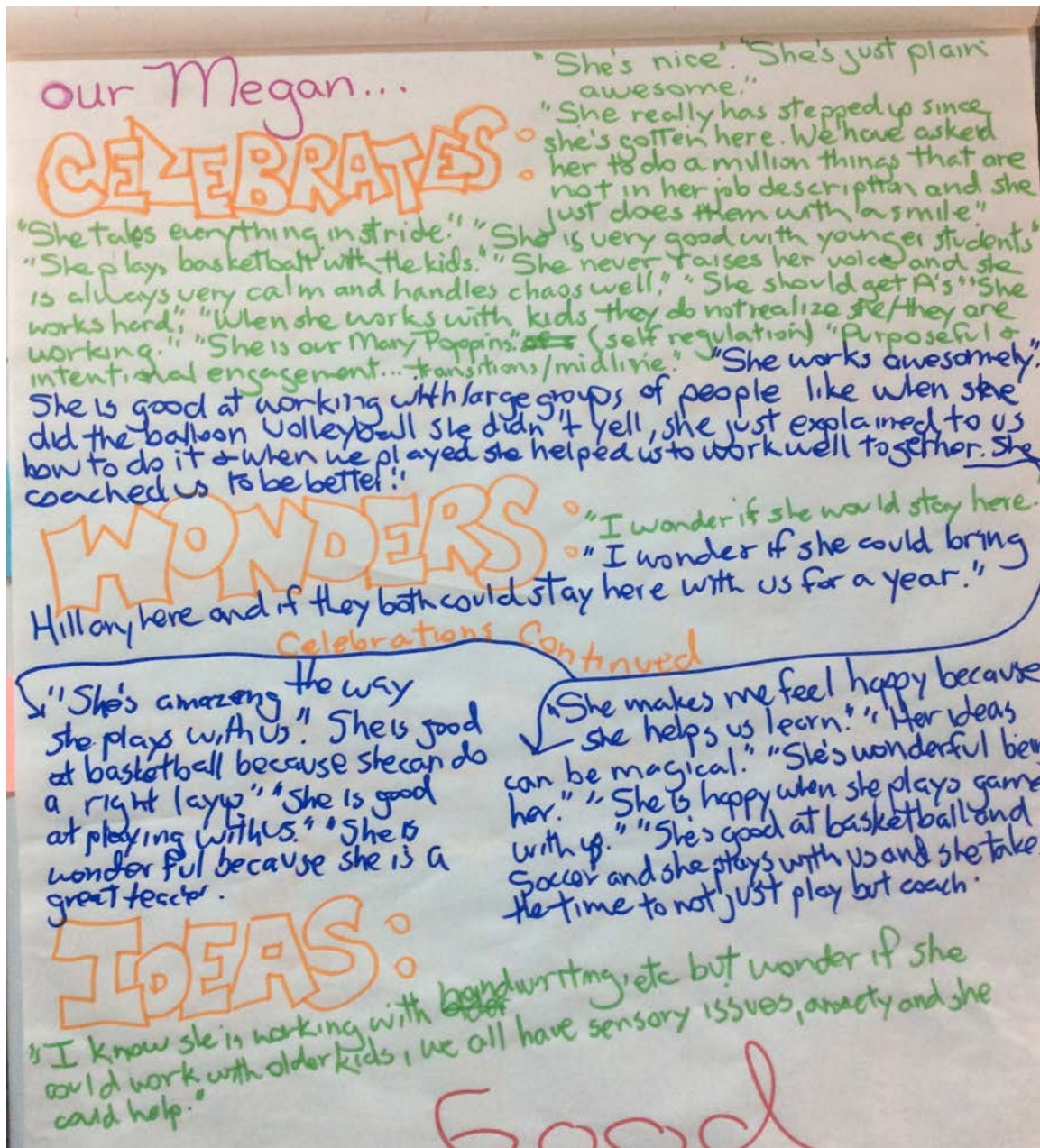
In the garden front, seeds are being orders and some are getting planed so we can have another wonderful summer of community gardening in Hollis.

Our door is here and we will soon have a completed “varmint proof” chicken coop! The sunshine is helping with the shingle installation and the building is really looking quite good. This is good as our life baby chickens are slated to arrive in Hollis on Wednesday March 20, 2019. Fortunately, we have a week or two to complete the coop as they will be living in Lisa’s classroom until they are acclimated and ready to live outside. We are so excited and appreciative for all of the district’s support of this project so chickens can once again be an important part of our Hollis School community.

Staff and Visitors:

We had an amazing eight weeks with our Indiana Wesleyan University School of Health Science Occupational Therapy Program OT Resident Megan McMaster: She wasted no time diving in and supporting all students and staff as well as our community. Her “I can” attitude, innovations and creative ideas have expanded out ability to support our students at a whole new level.

Our student community utilized our feedback norms that it is specific, helpful and kind when they met on February 14, 2018 to document their Celebrates, Wonders and Ideas to her advisor PHD Residency Mid-Term review with send to her advisor to inform her Mid-Term Evaluation and support her growth as an OT. As you can see in this photo summarizing their comments – she made a powerful connection with our students and we are hopeful the time will come when she returns.



Celebrates:



We celebrate that Hollis 6th Grader Chloe Vasquez and 4th Grader CJ Vasquez have been selected to join our SISD Archery Team heading to Nationals. They are taking their training and their role on the team quite seriously. We are excited to share our Coach George Vasquez has also been ask to join the team to support our SISD Archers!



We got a kiln! We are so excited to add hand building and other work to our daily activities. We also see it, as with our playground, as another opportunity for a genuine connection with our school and our community and that is a win for our students.

Training:

Completed:

Hollis School is excited that we had twelve people (8 staff and 4 students) scheduled in attendance at the March 7 & 8 Prince of Wales Resiliency Summit. We had been long anticipating this opportunity and we were excited to attend. Five of our staff are now certified in Youth Mental Health First Aide. We look forward to the soon to be launched Mental Health First Aid Training for our Youth.

Scheduled:

Lisa is scheduled for the annual science camp and is excited to bring back new ideas to implement in the coming year.

Lisa Cates and Julie Vasquez
Partners in Education
Hollis School