

Site Report – Kokhanok – October 2021

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

From: Rob Fagerquist/Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

Our first month and a half has been quite active. We identified, as a team, our theme and focus for the year: Doing the Right Thing. To promote this, we've had a school-wide poster making event, engaged in volunteer activities, and participated in "Social Circles" Fridays where we discuss Doing the Right Thing scenarios (and have fun). Beyond that, we fielded a large cross-country team this year (ten athletes) and added an event to our schedule: the Smokin' Stampede at Eagle River. Although there was a last minute venue change due to snow, our Varsity Team had a great time and managed to avoid the moose that decided to join the race. Two of our team, Smitka Delkittie and Rayden Woods, qualified for State at the regional XC meet in Igiugig. We have also joined the ranks of Mix-6 Volleyball, and have been going hard at practice. We would like to thank the Kokhanok Clinic for their outstanding work in maintaining our athletes eligibility through weekly COVID testing. Our student government has been active. They've ordered supplies for their store, and had a hugely successful Spaghetti Dinner Drive-Thru fundraiser. Many more exciting events are in the planning stage.

Personnel

This year we have a new Preschool Aide, Krista Hobson, who has eight little ones in her classroom. Dana Wolff is our kindergarten through second grade teacher. She has been hosting a student teacher, McKenna Conselyea, who has jumped right into the mix (see pictures below). Austin McCourt has the third and fourth graders. This year he is facilitating a writing/cultural exchange with a class from the Keystone Local Schools in LaGrange, Ohio (his mother, Heather McCourt, happens to be the teacher there). Josh Jenks is both the fifth grade teacher and the Student Government Advisor. Jordan Davis is in charge of the middle schoolers. Jesse Davis is our Math Specialist and Online Math Leader for grades 6 and up. Kait Moitoza is our SPED teacher and High School teacher. And if all that isn't enough, Jordan Davis is our Cross-Country coach, with assistance from Austin McCourt, who volunteered his time as chaperone. Both Austin and Kait Moitoza are co-coaching the Mix-6 Volleyball team this year, and are off to a running start.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

We have identified the areas that need the most attention by way of reviewing test score data, student levels, and anecdotal information. We are concentrating on teaching our youngest online math students how to increase productivity and success in the online format. We are on-site for our Language Arts instruction. Kait Moitoza is leading this endeavor, with the intention of offering more direct instruction and intervention to our reading and writing students in levels 6 and above.

Technology Progress

We started the year short on equipment as a significant number of our students were moving up from iPads to laptops as they transitioned to the online instruction platform. We made the first two weeks work without technology, but we are very grateful that all of our students are now fully equipped with technology. Everything seems to be working out just fine.

Facility Update

The facility is in great shape, due in large part to the diligence of our custodians John Mike and Leonard Cobb. The maintenance team has made it our personal goal to get Kokhanok school in tip-top shape, putting in hours to fix minor nuisances, as well as, cleaning and organizing all spaces to make our school neat and orderly!

LSAC Activity

LSAC met in September, with our largest topic of discussion being COVID protocols, specifically masking in school. After much listening we have come to a great compromise in order to keep students safe! LSAC minutes attached.

Volunteer Report

Austin McCourt, Dana Wolff, McKenna Conselyea, and Kait Moitoza volunteered their time to help train the Cross-Country team. Our high school and middle school students volunteered to clean up the cemetery in September.

Professional Development

Even though we weren't able to make it to Katmai Lodge, we all had a great reminder of what makes LPSD so unique with our onsite inservice this August. We are applying what we learned and refreshed in our minds to our daily teaching practices. Dana Wolff and Josh Jenks are taking classes towards a Master's degree through UAA. Austin McCourt and Kait Moitoza are making great use of mentorship programs, both at the state level and within LPSD. Jordan Davis and Jesse Davis are developing creative solutions to ensure our middle schoolers are getting the extra help they need at that critical stage of educational development.

Pupil Attendance

We had a steady attendance with the only absences largely due to COVID related concerns. Luckily, no one has had COVID in Kokhanok, but the parents/guardians in each case felt it was prudent to keep their child at home (example: a parent returning from Anchorage who is quarantining, per village mandates, until a negative test is secured, keeps their children at home). We have also had a few students out due to a death in their family, but we are supportive in that family comes first.

Student and Staff Safety

As mentioned, there have been no cases in Kokhanok this school year, but we have decided to increase our vigilance due to the COVID outbreak in nearby Newhalen. At this point, we are restricting access to the school to visitors, and requiring masks to be worn in common areas. We are practicing social distancing as much as we can, and promoting frequent hand sanitization.

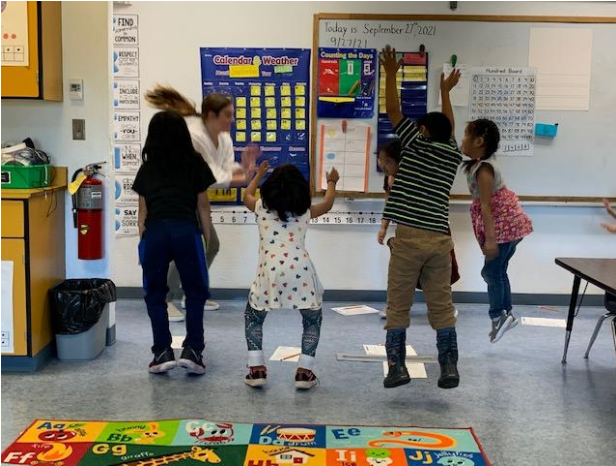
Subsistence Calendar

We are off to a good start with staff and students pushing to get as much done as possible this semester. We know we're "Doing the Right Thing" when students come to school exhausted, yet elated, on the first day, because they were able to catch a moose the night before! A huge congratulations goes to Dylan Eknaty, Rayden Woods, Dawson Hobson, and Gunnar Eknaty for your accomplishment!

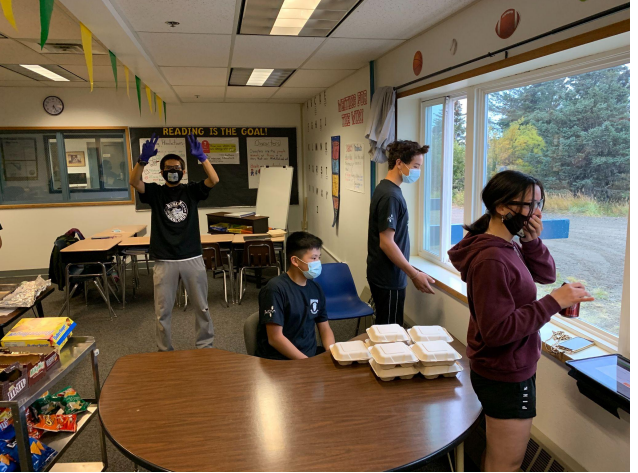
Other

We have had a great start to our year and want to keep our momentum going!

Our Student Teacher McKenna teaching the kids how to skip count by pretending to be frogs.
Tossing bean bags with Kindergarten to learn number recognition
Traveling on a “plane” to China for our social studies standards to explore people and cultures

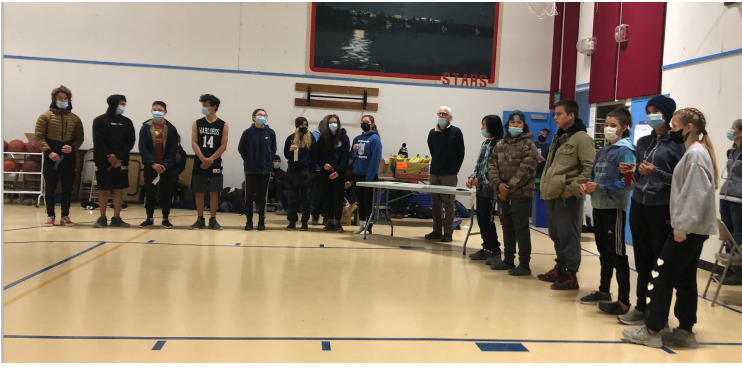


The World Famous Kokhanok Drive-Thru - best spaghetti and meatballs in town! And a very creative and COVID-safe FUNdraiser

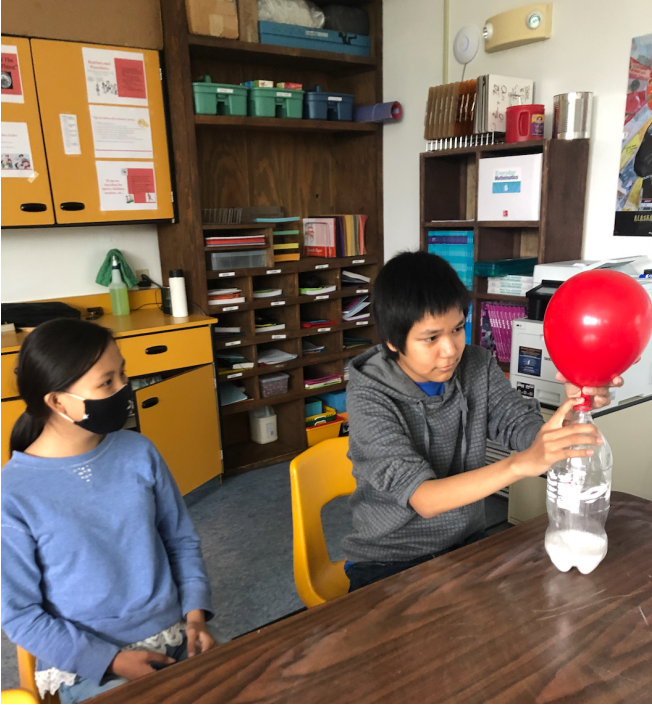


The “Smokin’ Stampede” Cross Country meet. This was where Bullwinkle the Moose made a surprise appearance. Congratulations to the Kokhanok Cross Country Varsity Team and Coaches for a good trip and great sportsmanship





Mrs. Davis' Science class has been flying through their standards from messy experiments and multiple means of learning: hands on, technology, charts and graphs, and so much more!



Austin's class Zooming with a class in Ohio - talking about how Fall is similar and how it's different for the kids. The Ohio students really enjoyed hearing about our hunting and fishing adventures.

