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Board Report
Howard Valentine Coffman Cove School
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1. On Friday, August 25th, we had our Back-to-School Potluck where all of our students' families showed up as well as our staff and Superintendent Rod Morrison. Connections were renewed and it was a great way to start the year!
2. Our ASC has met twice so far; the students are now joining us for each meeting so that they can get a closer look at how the school is run and can voice their ideas and opinions.
3. On August 31st, we took our K-12 students on a field trip to Klawock and Craig to learn about local businesses, tourism, culture, and local history. We visited Wendy Hamilton at the POW Chamber of Commerce, Jon Rowan at the Klawock Carving Shed, walked the Klawock River trail to identify wild berries and observe fish swimming upstream to spawn, ate lunch at Veteran's Memorial Park in Klawock, Craig Tribal Association (CTA) and Cannery Point in Craig with Haida Historian Rob Yates, and the Scholastic Book Fair at the Craig City Gym (sponsored by the Craig Public Library). Ginger White was able to join us, too! It was amazing how many things we learned that day! Each student wrote a reflection on our experiences and it was wonderful having so many hands-on experiences in one day.
4. On September 5th, many of our MS/HS students picked up several bags of garbage both on campus and around town. Their efforts to help clean up the local environment was very much appreciated!
5. Three of our HS boys went to Hollis with Mr. Nixon to assist with the move-in to the new school. We appreciate their willingness to work hard and help others in our school community!
6. On September 6th, Naukati joined us for a softball game. Many community and family members showed up as well. It was a lot of fun and the older students did a great job helping the younger students learn the rules of the game. We were very impressed with the positive reinforcement and encouragement the older students showed.
7. On September 7th, we took our K-12 students out for a mushroom foraging trip, led by one of our student's mother (Kate Holtman). We collected Golden Chanterelles in addition to many other species for identification purposes. Kate then taught us how to make wild cream of mushroom soup. It was delicious

- and was a great beginning to having students' families be more involved in our school activities.
8. On September 8th, mycologist Noah Siegel gave a talk at a community potluck. Dozens of community members attended for this very informative talk. Great food and connections were made.
 9. Our MS/HS students have started their computer science class and are actively working on collaboration and problem solving.
 10. The week of September 11th, Mrs. Dougherty traveled to Atlanta, Georgia for the USDA Farm to School grant training as part of our greenhouse grant. There are some exciting opportunities to build our program and extend the greenhouse program. This movement is all about providing education and healthy food to students and the community in an equitable way.
 11. The MS/HS classroom now has 3 table-top hydroponics systems and all 36 pods are filled with sprouting plants! Some will be transplanted into our greenhouse, some into small 4" pots, and some will be used as gifts for special occasions and holidays. We will also be discussing fundraisers with flowers and herbs.
 12. Mrs. Nixon has our elementary students actively involved in our local library again this year. The book the students wrote last year has garnered more and more interest, from in-state hospitals, the Children's Hospital in Seattle, and now Scholastic wants a copy! The students are very proud of their work and we are excited to see what they do this year!
 13. Looking forward: Once again, our K-12 students will be helping with the Yellow Cedar project with Mr. Patrick Tierney. This project uses a controlled environment to root as many Yellow Cedar as possible and then, eventually, they are transplanted where needed on our island. MAPS testing will be the week of September 18th for all grades in CC.

There are TONS of pictures on our Facebook page.