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April Board Report 2024

This is a report on the activities and programs taking place in Kasaan for the months of March and April of 2024. Keeping our students and parents focus on school has been a great challenge for us. Now that we are but a few months away from the end of the year, students and teachers are trying to find ways to keep the kids on track and stay on a good schedule for the rest of the year. Staff in Kasaan are working hard on creating fun and exciting educational activities that take advantage of the sunny weather as much as possible. Our goal for the next few months is to see a smile from each and every student every morning, and a smile when they leave to go home.

Now that spring has finally come, we are now working on developing more science hands-on learning activities in our school garden and in the outdoors. Our science lessons are focused on the processes of photosynthesis, creating a healthy environment for plants and animals. Kids are composting, starting up our worm farm again, and finishing up our new garden greenhouse storage shed.



Over the last month our middle school students have gathered tree limbs from local weeping willow trees and propagated them to make new young trees to sell in our new Green house store. It has been fun for the kids to see the new roots form and see the process of root growth. After each tree matures in our greenhouse they will be able to take their tree home or plant them around our community.



The state has added some new science standards that incorporate using nature as your classroom and using more outdoor activities in the class. It is called Nature journaling, and this program is designed to get kids asking questions about the world around them. We are hoping to take students out over the next few weeks to use their journals and explore the science in our outdoors.

Another fun Activity that our students have been excited about are their stop motion projects. Students have been working on some awesome stop motion films. They are making all their miniature scenes and creating some very realistic forms.



Our high school students have been working hard with the Sitka college Razer program developing a presentation showing their research on the health of our local beaches. They have been testing PSP levels and creating graphs and charts that can be sent into the state databases. (Real world problems) They have also been working hard on preparing for the exciting DC trip in May by working off all their community service hours.

Kasaan school is still working with the Organized Village of Kasaan to incorporate more Alaskan culture learning. We are taking groups of students once a week to our local carving shed and participate in other cultural learning activities. We have been working with the Organized Village of Kasaan on finishing our wood shed build fundraiser projects, worth up and over 10,000 dollars.



We are planning on some fun activities this month: After our AKStar testing we will be taking our students to Craig library, swimming pool, and having a big pizza party.