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Apr. 2025 School Board Narrative

Classes: This month, secondary teacher Jay Mihal collaborated with community volunteer Cole Martensen to offer a short woodworking workshop for our students. In two days, students constructed 5 picnic tables out of local lumber. 2-3 tables will replace worn ones at our facility, one went to the lumber provider, and 1 will likely be raffled/auctioned off as a fundraiser to help pay for sports travel.

In other news, Naukati had one student complete the recent Toyo Heater class in Thorne Bay, landing a job offer straight out of class!

We also have 3 students taking advantage of the post secondary readiness trips that are happening this month. One was part of the trip that traveled to Spokane, and two are currently away checking out opportunities up north, including colleges and trade schools in and around the Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Valdez areas.

Maintenance: Last weekend, a pipe coupling in the pump room under the school failed, and this room experienced significant flooding as a result. Luckily, this did not happen during school time, so school was not interrupted. Staff happened to be at the school preparing for a fundraiser, and they were able to shut the water system down before further damages occurred. Thank you to maintenance director Scott Randall for spending his Saturday getting us up and running again!

Sports:

NYO: On April 3rd-7th, Naukati sent 4 students to compete in the Traditional Games Native Youth Olympics competition in Juneau. Our students did outstanding! Justice Collins placed 5th in archery and 2nd in the wrist carry, nearly matching his record-breaking distance of last year! Seth Howell placed 4th in archery in and 5th in the Dene stick pull. Seth also had the extreme privilege of being chosen to fly in the air during the blanket toss. Middle schooler Kayden Jones also did amazing, placing 1st in archery, 4th in the Dene stick pull, 4th in the 2 foot high kick, and 4th in the seal hop! We are very proud of all our athletes. Thank you to Ernie Jones for volunteering as the male chaperone for this trip!





Archery: Two Naukati students are preparing to travel to Western Nationals at the end of the month. They are traveling to Thorne Bay twice a week to practice, and hosting a practice in Naukati on Thursdays.

Professional Development: During the week of April 22nd-24th, secondary teacher Jay Mihal, paraprofessional Pam Martensen, special education teacher/coordinator Robbin Perkins, and principal Shaine Nixon will travel off island to attend a PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Support) conference.

Testing: Naukati is finished with MAP & state testing, and will complete mClass this week. Thank you to Matt Gore and Ginger White for providing assistance when we were short staffed! Flexibility and a willingness to jump in whenever needed are strengths of SISD staff.

Other Events:

- **April 1st:** Special meeting of the Naukati ASC
- **April 10th:** Naukati students & staff attended a health fair in Thorne Bay, followed by a Sandy Beach excursion.
- **April 10th:** After school Naukati held its ASC monthly meeting.
- **April 5th & 12th:** Taekwondo fundraiser BBQs at the Craig & Klawock AC stores
- **Every Wednesday:** Open Gym from 6:00-7:00 p.m.