

Site Report – Kokhanok – September 2020

**To: Superintendent Ty Mase
and LPSD School Board Members**

From: Jordan Davis, Head Teacher, Kokhanok

Outstanding Activities and Events

XC practice has started and we have 3 runners. We're excited to have this opportunity to enjoy sports this fall.

Culture Boat Rides: A huge thank you to Lysa Lacson, Brittany Rush, Beth Hill, and the numerous volunteers who made the 5 culture boat rides around the southside of Lake Iliamna happen this summer and fall. Students of all ages were able to get out and explore our side of the lake from naturally occurring soda springs, viewing salmon jumping up Kokhanok falls, and kayaking near Sid Larson Bay. The school is working with the Kokhanok Culture Coordinator to give students credit on Cultural Awareness standards that have been covered during these trips. We value the experiences the KVC provides our students, and the continued partnership between KVC and the Kokhanok School!

Personnel

Matrona Eknaty - Cook: Making sure our bellies stay full of healthy, nutritious food

Leonard Cobb - Custodian: Going above and beyond in these COVID times making sure we stay as clean and healthy as possible

Johnny Mike - Maintenance: Keeping Kokhanok up and running at full capacity

Irene Wilson - Secretary: The backbone of our school/The boat that makes for smooth sailing!

Moses Mike - Paraprofessional: Helping students stay healthy and fit both physically and mentally!

Sonia Delkittie - Paraprofessional: Working with our middle elementary, middle school, and Preschool; a Jane of all trades!

Brittany Rush - Paraprofessional/Preschool: Little ones take a special person with tons of patience! We're thankful for Brittany's many years of experience to help wrangle in the littles!

Janessa Woods - Paraprofessional: Distance learning is a breeze with super support from Janessa who also makes her way to Preschool! Janessa is also the first person to greet and screen kiddos at the door...Thank you, Janessa!

Nick Wassillie - Paraprofessional: Usually Nick is our Night Gym aide, however, he now fills a crucial role with lunch time help with preschoolers and monitoring distance classes after lunch. A real "Yes" man!

Austin McCourt - Our fantastically fun new teacher, who really teaches with his whole heart and soul! We couldn't be happier to have Austin on our team!

Kait Moitoza - On her way to being the Secondary Teacher of the year! Kait also fills the much needed role of onsite Special Education teacher. We're so excited to have Kait back!

Dana Wolff - Tenured. Mentor. And one amazing Kinder teacher! Dana is bringing great ideas to her classroom, and those she is mentoring as well!

Josh Jenks - Middle elementary teacher extraordinaire! Josh brings his calm yet uplifting awesomeness to his class everyday!

Jesse Davis - Going the distance this year! From online class support and elementary math to filling in every other need we have (tech support, bus driver, you name it!)

Jordan Davis - Upper Elementary and Middle school as well as head teacher.

Bill Cornell - Genuinely the nicest and most thoughtful Principal! We're so grateful for the continuity with Bill as our team leader for another year!

Standards Based System

With guidance from Shelby and Lexie, we've come together as a team to determine what is best for each student in the literacy realm. We've also taken a close look at our MAPS data, and were surprised to see that our students really didn't lose much ground. In fact, it was what we would expect to see even after a full year of school.

As mentioned above, we have partnered with KVC to assign credit for Cultural Awareness standards that students fulfilled through KVC's culture boat rides.

Curriculum Progress and Professional Development

We are now getting into the swing of things curriculum wise in our classrooms. The virtual August Inservice allowed all staff, certified and classified, to get on the same page with the start of the school year.

Technology Progress

The Tech Team truly deserves a standing ovation. They have gone above and beyond to make sure we were prepared to start the year. The tech team has answered an approximate 5,000 emails from Kokhanok alone and we are so thankful for all they have provided. More computers and iPads will be needed as we continue to grow and students join distance classes.

Facility Update

A big shout out to Leonard and Lenny Cobb for making sure that our school was cleaned to perfection for the start of the year!

LSAC Activity

The LSAC has met quite a few times, and has given great direction and thought into Kokhanok school. The LSAC along with the Local COVID Advisory Team to develop Kokhanok School's Smart Start Plan. The collaboration between these two groups allowed us to develop a well thought out start to the school year. Although there have been a few tweaks to our plan getting started, the work that was put in by these individuals was commendable.

Our next LSAC meeting will take place on 9/29.

Volunteer Report

Beth Hill has been volunteering her time to help run with the Cross Country Team.

Trips Planned

Due to COVID, trips will not be planned. However, the KVC is providing many opportunities for students to get out and explore the local area.

Pupil Attendance

Kokhanok is like the Energizer Bunny. We keep growing, and growing, and growing! This is our current breakdown of students:

K-5: 25
6-8: 10
9-12: 6
Preschool: 8
Total: 49

We have been fortunate that a minimal number of students have missed school due to COVID restrictions.

Student and Staff Safety

Tim McDermott came to Kokhanok School September 2nd and presented to staff how to properly use the Triad cleaner. The COVID Awareness training through Satori Group was also helpful in providing everyone a baseline understanding of COVID, and how to keep our students, staff, and facility safe.

Our first thermometers were not accurate. Everyone screened were receiving hypothermic/low readings. However, we have received new thermometers that are working properly, and we now have accurate readings.

Staff are continually wiping down surfaces and keeping things clean! The students have really taken to washing hands and sanitizing as well!

Subsistence Calendar

The subsistence calendar continues to drive us to work hard, play hard. A few students have gone out and returned with their first caribou and moose! We're proud of our student hunters and the work that they do providing for their families and community! We are working with these students to receive credit for their experiences.

Other

The beginning of this unique new year has been challenging to say the least. However, we just go with the flow, and take each day as it comes!

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