

Site Report – Chignik Lake – September 2020

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

**From: Barbra Donachy/Head Teacher,
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Outstanding Activities and Events

Has it only been a few weeks? It's been a very busy start at Chignik Lake. After finalizing protocols for keeping symptoms out of our school and readying our classrooms, it was time to get curriculum ready and check in with our families. Matt and Barbra scheduled meetings with each of our families using a listening conference format in lieu of having a Back to School Night. The families had an opportunity to share their goals and concerns about their children as well as ask questions about the safety protocols we put in place to keep the school and people associated with the school safe. We received positive feedback from families about these meetings.

After welcoming our students back to school and rebuilding our sense of school community, the next order of business was assessments. As of this writing we are almost complete with our initial MAP testing. We are eager to study the results so we can see where all of our students are academically compared to last Spring, when we went to the homebound education model.

Our secondary students are working on their education maps and personal goals. On Fridays, they will spend a half hour dedicated to an open learning session with a focus on a personal goal. This could be learning about careers, or skills like photography or welding, as examples.

The elementary students are studying the local environment. We have trail cameras see which local animals are active on nearby game trails. We have had a local photographer come in and share images he's captured. Students will be raising Salmon in the Classroom as soon as our hatchery permit is approved to further learn about our local environment and our treasured fish.

Personnel

All staff at Chignik Lake School are returning staff! The community is happy to have stability this year with returning staff familiar with the school and students and all focused on making this a great school year for our students.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Students have been completing assessments to help teachers determine where they are in our standards-based system. This will inform the starting place for individual students.

Technology Progress

We are waiting for a couple of iPads, computer and keyboards for our new students. We have almost finished the install of a projector in the Commons. All other technology is functioning well.

Facility Update

The facility is in good shape. New hand sanitizers are being installed. One of the sewer pumps went on the fritz for a teacher housing unit. We're happy for the quick response on taking care of that problem.

LSAC Activity

The LSAC met on prior to school start and again on September 9th. See the LSAC report for details. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14th.

Volunteer Report

Jack Donachy, our resident photographer, came in to show students recent photographs of animals active in our local environment.

Professional Development

Our school participated in the myriad of professional development meetings in order to get school underway again.

Pupil Attendance

Fifteen students are regularly attending school in the K-12 classrooms. Four students have been regularly attending preschool.

Student and Staff Safety

All staff and students have been careful in following safety protocols. All have been willingly participating in daily health screenings.

Subsistence Calendar

Students came back eager to work.

Other

There has been a continued community request that the board consider opening night gym in our community. We have protocols in place for safety and the community feels strongly that since we are operating in the “green,” we could safely open night gym now.