

Whale Pass School

Board Report

February 19, 2025

Highlights for the past month include our weekly visits to the Naukati School to practice archery in their gym, and join Mr. Mihal's Russian class in person. The students look forward to interacting with the NKL students both during archery practice and Russian class.

John and James Stevens did their usual wonderful job putting on the district's second tournament on February 1st. The pressure is rising with the State tournament on February 21st, and our archers are improving steadily.

We have put Algebra on hold and are doing Geometry and Statistics in preparation for the spring testing season. We have finished the genetics unit in Biology, and are getting deep into the human immune system. Both of these units are rich with recent real world examples to delve into and discuss. Students are always excited to figure out blue eyes vs. brown eyes, and other genetic traits using Punnett Squares. Gaining a deeper understanding of antibiotics, and bacterial versus viral infections.

In English we are working on creative writing assignments connected to The Crusades, which is where we are currently in World History. Students pick a notable figure from The Crusades, pick a historical moment that figure was involved in, then write a personal narrative as if they were accompanying that historical figure.

The Thorne Bay crew did a wonderful job hosting the annual district Battle of the Books competition. The students worked hard, and held their composure during their turn to compete.

It is certainly nice to be going to and from school in the daylight, and we are looking forward to Spring!

Respectfully Submitted,

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