

Site Report – Perryville School – September, 2017

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

From: Joe Ward, Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

The upper elementary and lower elementary classes led by Mrs. Dalberg and Mrs. Ward are collaborating on Friday afternoons for intensive classes and group activities across the curriculum. They have completed activities for STEM, Spelling and Vocabulary development.

The upper elementary worked together with the secondary class to do a joint art project on Friday, 9/8/17.

Mrs. Ward is leading a basketball camp for 2nd - 6th grades each Saturday 1-3 PM. Students work on ball handling, shooting and passing drills. They finish up by dividing up to play a game. We plan to have a big game on 11/2/17 inviting parents and the community to come and watch. A priority for the camp is learning to follow instructions.

On Friday, 9/15/17, Mr. Williams and Mr. Ward met with parents of students who are in 8th -12th grades to discuss college/career readiness. We reviewed the national college/career readiness indicators and the minimum Accuplacer scores that the University of Alaska system requires for students to reach or exceed in order to take credit bearing classes. In conclusion, it was emphasized that a student who is interested in college and some careers must complete high level courses in order to be prepared for the challenges they will face.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward led the Cross Country team practices. A qualifying race was held on 9/26. All 5 students who were on the team qualified to travel. Unfortunately, weather did not cooperate and our team was not able to attend the regional meet at Naknek.

Mrs. Dalberg and Mr. Ward served as coaches for Perryville's First Lego League Robotics team practice. The theme for this year's competition is Hydro Dynamics. We viewed First Lego League's videos for the robotics challenge and project challenge and began building pieces that are placed on the robotics playing field. The team must build and design a robot to complete tasks in the robotics challenge to score points. In the project challenge, the team will do research on a problem related to people's use of water. They will strive to develop an innovative solution using technology. At the competition, they will make a live presentation of the problem they have identified and their solution to a group of judges. The judges will score the presentation on teamwork, creativity, practicality and the innovative nature of their solution. It is expected that students will complete science, writing and technology standards as they prepare for the competition. The Perryville student government purchased the registration and robotics kits so that the team may take part in this competition.

Personnel

Bernard Williams began his first year teaching here in Perryville this fall. He is working with 6 students in 8th - 12th grades.

Maryellen Dalberg transferred to Perryville from Nondalton. She is leading the 4th - 6th grade class. She has 9 students.

Melissa Ward is leading 3 kindergartners and 1 second grader in our lower elementary class. In addition to helping coach the Cross Country team, Mrs. Ward has also volunteered to be the student government advisor this year.

Dora Shangin does not remember exactly how many years that she has worked in different roles at the school, but she is sure that is more than 30. She will be working as a classroom aide this year.

Bertha Skonberg is carrying a number of responsibilities this year as PE/SPED/Indian Ed./Classroom Aide.

Audrey O'Domin-Kosbruk (she married JR this summer) is beginning her 13th year as preschool aide. Her youngest daughter will be in her class as a 3 year old.

Kennisha Shangin is starting her second year as cook.

Gerald Kosbruk has been our custodian for decades and will continue to serve in that role.

Technology Progress

Jon Ludwig came to Perryville 9/6-8 updating network hardware and existing computers, delivering ipads and new student computers, connecting existing Smartboards to Apple TV units. He also changed the network password to ensure that we have only authorized use of our network.

Facility Update

A new dryer was received to replace one in teacher housing that was no longer working correctly.

LSAC Activity

Perryville's LSAC did not meet in September.

Pupil Attendance

Perryville has maintained an average enrollment during the month of September of 19, K12 students. We had 2 students who enrolled on day 1 and left for Anchorage on day 2. Without those two transient students, our percentage present was 96.5%. With the transient students absences counted, it was 91.2%.

Subsistence Calendar

The primary strategy for intensifying instruction being used at Perryville is having the certified teachers work with small groups during their class's PE time. Mrs. Ward works with 3 students from the secondary class and Mrs. Dalberg works with 2 leaving Mr. Williams a small group of 2. The beginning focus of these small groups has been to work on filling holes in students' knowledge so that they may pass end level assessments for the levels they were trying to complete last year. While the groups continue to work toward that goal, they are adding writing assignments and other work that the students need.



Kindergartner Kylie Kosbruk shows off her monster she made while learning the “m” sound.



Analise Kosbruk (4th) and Janette Kalmakoff (5th) measure ingredients to study cross linked polymers (slime) as a model of the properties of liquids.



(Left to Right) Mrs. Dalberg, Clifford Phillips (4th), Alec Phillips (2nd), Jazzell Kosbruk (6th) and Ignatius Kosbruk (4th) are exploring the properties of slime.



5th grader, Janette Kalmakoff shows that hands on learning is fun!



2nd - 6th grade are having a blast at Mrs. Ward's basketball camp. (Yes, I know I could have said that they were having a ball, but Melissa said that was too corny).



Sallena and Kylie Kosbruk are working with Mrs. Shangin and Ms. Skonberg to make thumbprint apple trees to celebrate the letter, "a."



Mrs. Ward is kicking off a joint STEM lesson with the upper elementary. (Starting with Mrs. Ward and moving right) Mrs. Ward, Analise Kosbruk (4th), Jazzell Kosbruk (6th), Alec Phillips (2nd), Clifford Phillips (4th), Devin Kosbruk (6th), Ty Kosbruk (5th) Janette Kalmakoff (5th), Sharlise Yagie (6th) and Destiny Nusbaum (5th).



2nd Grader, Alec Phillips III learned to cut fish this summer. Here, he is helping his dad and uncles cut a net full of humpies after school.