

SISD School Board Report
May 15, 2024

To: Members of the SISD School Board
From: Anthony Cook, Lead Teacher

Dear School Board Members,

As always it is my pleasure to provide you with the monthly update on the activities at Whale Pass School.

Our two national archery competitors both shot their personal best in Utah. They reported having an extremely enjoyable experience, with many highlights. Our thanks goes out to John and James Stevens, Shaine Nixon, and all of the chaperones for supporting our students.

The weekly Thursday swim lessons that will continue throughout the month of May started on May 2. We ensure that students bring their workbooks with them in order to stay current on some of their assignments. The weather on that day was perfect, and we enjoyed lunch at one of the Crag playgrounds. On the 9th the weather was poor, and our students spent their down time at the Craig Public Library. It is a testament to our students that the library staff invited them back for the next Thursday.

I got very positive feedback regarding the STREAM Week in all respects including organization, the variety of activities, and the overall student experience. Organizing that event is no easy task, and Amanda Blankenship and staff did a wonderful job.

Eight Whale Pass students enjoyed the Battle of the Books pizza party that the district provided on May 14. All BoB participants are already gearing up for next year's competition.

David Cook leaves for the Up-Close trip to Washington, D.C. on Saturday, the 18th, which he is looking forward to with great anticipation. David has also been offered a summer position with the Forest Service via the Alaska Youth Steward program. Additionally, he has been accepted into the fall semester Marine Service Technology, Occupational Endorsement program by Prince William Sound Community College.

As we wind up our academic year we are scheduling our traditional Lake Day and cookout at Memorial Beach.

In closing I would like to thank Michelle Dempsey, Matt Gore, Shaine Nixon and Rod Morrison for their support during/following a recent family emergency. They didn't skip a beat, and the students lacked for nothing and maintained their typical super behavior.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Cook
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