

Site Report – Pilot Point School – October, 2020

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

From: Michele Hughes Elementary Teacher

Outstanding Activities and Events

Pilot Point School recently received a donation from the Piland family. This donation from Kathryn Piland was made in the memory of grandparents Nefotie and Figley Neketa and mother Christine Glikelia Neketa Malone. Mrs. Malone attended Pilot Point school for her K-8 education in the 40's. She completed high school at Mt. Edgecombe. Their generous donation of \$750.00 will be used by the PIP student government for future student activities. Sharing Kathryn Piland's letter with students has encouraged rich discussions and creative social studies project ideas that coincide with the current social studies standards that elementary students are working on. Students knew of other Neketa relatives that still live in the village. We are so grateful for their generous donation. Students had fun making a special thank you card to be sent to the Piland family. Please see a copy of Mrs. Piland's letter below.

The newly elected Pilot Point School Student Government is proud to be represented by Alaysa Wise, Dylan Wise, and Lena Kalmakoff. Alayssa Wise is also the newly elected South Sites Representative of the district-wide Student Government board. Mr. Kirchner is acting as Student Government Advisor.

Grant updates:

The Igiugig Native Culture grant purchased kick sleds and winter clothing for all Pilot Point students. Also purchased with this money was the NASP Program Archery kit for elementary and secondary students. Mrs. Hughes will begin range safety training the last week of October. Shooting training will start as soon as the archery kit arrives.

The School Improvement Grant is being utilized for students in a variety of ways. The link below connects to the current list of expenditures.

The Reading 360 Grant has provided for books and magazine subscriptions for all students. Birthday books have recently been ordered for all students as well. They will get 3-5 books to enjoy on their birthday.

Personnel

Committed, reliable, positive, motivating, fun, and hard-working. What a great team we have here at Pilot Point!

Even though we miss Mr. Luthi's visits, his leadership spirit is felt everyday. Our weekly Zoom staff meetings are invaluable. He keeps us focused and forward-thinking.

Mr. Cato is doing a great job keeping our facility extra clean and lunches hot and tasty. We appreciate all he does.

Ms. Jenna's class: Preschool has an amazing class this year, with three wonderful students ready to learn, grow ... and have lots of fun! Preschoolers have been learning about letter sounds, sharing and personal responsibility (i.e. cleaning up one's toys). They are often found adventuring around the school, learning from all of the interesting things all around us.

Mr. Kirchner's class: The Secondary Class has had a great first quarter! Students are showing a new level of focus and cohesiveness, and the positive behavior incentive system we have implemented seems to be supporting this growth effectively. We are diving deeper into Earth Science, learning about the driving forces of climate variability, and other changes in our Earth system. And we continue our journey into the distant human past, exploring early human migration and the development of early cultures and civilizations. Our Winterberry Study is going strong and we are excited to be able to get the researchers at UAF another round of valuable data this year. And we will soon collect data on shoreline erosion as a class as well - more REAL science that our students get to engage with.

Mrs. Hughes' class: Elementary students are focused on core subjects and standards. They have mastered classroom routines and procedures. Self-regulation and stamina is increasing a little each day. For social studies, students are interested in comparing what life was like in the past to life today. Students decided to make a timeline, interview family elders about what school and village life was like when they were young, and organize a mock trading post for PreK students.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Technology Progress

All elementary students now have iPads. Students are practicing blended learning. Students use iPads to practice skills taught in core subjects. This will serve them well in the event of a change in school status. 2 new laptops are also en route for use by the Secondary class.

Facility Update

LSAC Activity

Pilot Point recently had city elections. LSAC had a few seats that were on the ballot. This year's members are Lori Ann Abyo, Breanna Greichen, Molly Wise, Samantha Holm, Michael Etuckmelra. Our October meeting included updates and discussions on grant projects and purchases, providing transportation for students to and from school, covid related topics, Halloween party planning, and dates for parent teacher conferences for the elementary.

Volunteer Report

Professional Development

The recent Inservice training opportunities were excellent. We received relevant new information on literacy assessments and using SORA the new ebook website. Many other topics were provided to refresh and update general knowledge. A big thank you to this board for supporting our professional development days and to all involved in planning and facilitating the professional development.

Pupil Attendance

Congratulations to Kobe Matson and Byron Wise have received positive referrals for excellent attendance for the first quarter. Incentives are in place to reward students for consistent attendance. Thanks to the school improvement grant, we can now offer transportation to and from school. We hope this will improve overall attendance.

Student and Staff Safety

Our October Fire Drill was a success. All students and staff are informed on safety procedures for fire and earthquake.


Subsistence Calendar

Other

[School Improvement Grant Allocation](#)

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Hello,



Please accept this donation, made to honor the memory of my late grandparents Nettie and Fighey Neketa and my late mother Christine Glikelia Neketa Malone. My dear mother attended your school in the forties, when it was kindergarten through 8th grade and went on to attend Mt. Edgecombe to complete her high school years. I hope this helps you in teaching today's students.

Sincerely yours,

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