



# October 2018 Outer Site Board Reports

## Principal's Report

### Professional Development

A teacher inservice is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Thorne Bay School. On this day SISD teachers and administrators will be getting CPR and First Aid trained. With the increasing use of opioids and opioid abuse we will also be trained in administering Narcan so if and when the need arises we are ready. The 4<sup>th</sup> R Training will be a major focus of this inservice. We will be going through the curriculum to determine how best to utilize this in the classroom.

### MAPS Testing

MAPS testing started on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and will finish up on the 12<sup>th</sup>. All students from grades 3-12 will be tested over these two weeks. We will analyze the data and compare it to the PEAKS testing data from last year to gain a clearer picture of where we are with our students and their grade level expectations. The district inservice in November will be dedicated to MAPS, PEAKS and Progress Monitoring data interpretation and how to utilize it to drive and individualize instruction. I should have enough information from multiple sources to present student achievement to the school board at the November meeting.

### College Fair and Maritime/Shipyard Tour

10 students and two chaperones will attend the annual College Fair in Ketchikan on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. They will listen and interact with presenters from over 50 colleges and vocational schools in the Western United States and Alaska. The Maritime/Shipyard tour will not be happening this year as funding has become an issue to offer this program this year. They are hopeful that there will be funding for the Ketchikan Shipyard to offer this experience next year.

### School Sites

The school year started out great this year. Our schools are functioning well with some minor issues like internet, connectivity, and power outages. Much of these issues have been rectified and are now running smoothly again.

Pre-K programs have been running now for about a month and it is good to see the little ones at our school sites getting some "school time" in to socialize and get them familiar with the school routines. A big thanks to Priscilla Goulding for pursuing this grant and her efforts to implement it!

Below are the individual site reports....

## Hollis School

For updates and ongoing information please feel free to check out our Hollis School Facebook Page. It is a tool for us to provide school information to our target audience – our parents and community. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1483681851918203/>

### The Official October 1, 2018 Hollis Playground Ribbon Cutting:



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### R FIRST MONTH:

We have had a busy first month with much to celebrate. We have a great crew of twenty-five (25) new and returning students enrolled for the 2018-2019 school year. Our students range from pre-K (3 and 4 yoa) through 11<sup>th</sup> grade in attendance.

Thank you: As we begin our year we want to celebrate and send out some thank yous for some people who came together to help us have the resources we need to teach:

- Thank you again to *our SISD Maintenance Crew Branson, Forest, Ron, & Principal Nick* and *our amazing Hollis Community Volunteers: Dan Sharp, Travis Watkins Sr, Nicole Graham, Ron Curtis, Catherine Guillaum, Nick Gregg, Mike Hoffman, Lynn Burnett, Chad Burnett, Deanna Tipton,*



*Jessica Hoffman, Steve Gass and Roger Cates* for coming together and working hard at our September 12, 2018 Community Build Day!

We cannot thank Branzon and his crew enough for returning on Sunday September 30, 2018 to finish the job! They worked so hard on their weekend and we cannot celebrate the enough. The best we can do is share the joyful faces of our students at the Official Monday October 1, 2018 Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of our Outdoor Workout Circuit and Playground.



This was a two year process from crafting the grant to cutting our ribbon and we want to know that all who were in involved in every are so very appreciated for helping us to bring our vision of a community and family friendly healthy futures place based playground to a reality. We have to add a thank you as their work included building a French drain to project our community's library which we are fortunate to use to support our learning and enrich our school days. This event and all of the work has built more than a French drain and a playground addition, it has built new relationships that strengthen our school, our families, and our community.



- *Thank you to Heidi Young, Ami Eller, Colleen Watson and the many adult youth mentors continue to work together to foster our Health Network supported youth program. This months activities included the Opioid Task Force March and Family Friendly March, BQ and Games. It was a successful event and our Junior High and High School students enjoyed being a part of the planning and the event itself.*
- Thank you to Amy McDonald for another great Phlight Club. Thank you Aubrey and Sam for going as chaperones to support our seven students in attendance. Thank you Thorne Bay School staff and students for all of your efforts and wonderfully warm hospitality. They all report it was a great success.
- Thank you Laurent Burch for helping is to launch our Alaska Perspectives Exploration – Fishing in Alaska – our middle and high school students will never forget their experience catching, and processing halibut to share with our community.



### Curriculum Highlights:

In the past two weeks our 2018-2018 Multi-Disciplinary Exploration of Alaska Perspectives has launches three field studies:

1. Primary through Middle School took a silent walk exploring our natural world as they began exploring “Who shares our Path”?
2. A second big adventure allowed us a first hand look at fish, one of our state’s wonderful natural resources the sea provides for subsistence, commercial fishing and the related industries, and tourism, fishing is a huge part of Alaska and our history,
3. Pat helped us begin looking at Alaska through our relationship with trees as we learn about the importance of yellow cedar to our eco system and our cultural heritage.

Service is another Hollis School value - this month our students participated in three major service learning projects:

1. The POW Art Extravaganza - our students were a part of creating and arranging the cards for participants to record wishes for others on the roses they placed at the Healing Heart Totem Pole.
2. Our students supporting the planning and successful launch of the Opioid Task Force’s March and Family Friendly March, BQ and Games.
3. With new gravel available, our students revitalized the path to our community library took on a fresh new look!



### Testing:

We completed our fall MAPS Testing this week.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

We had our last Cross Country meeting in Hydaburg and now we are transitioning to Middle School basketball and soon, archery!

Julie Vasquez & Lisa Cates  
Hollis School, Partners in Education

## Howard Valentine School

First, we would like to thank the School Board Members for having their September meeting at the Howard Valentine School.

As it looks now, October looks to be a busy and exciting month. Our students began the week MAPS testing and will complete the testing next week. Our Gaming club is having our potluck and dessert/gift basket auction Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to have Kara McCoy come out on the 11<sup>th</sup> for "Pillowcase Preparedness" and "Healthy Relationships" classes. We will also be hosting Jason and Stella from Dancing with the Spirits the last week in October!

Our students have been busy working on many different projects so far this year. The middle and high school students are creating a collection of children's books based on Egyptian myths for social studies. In science, the students just completed working on a baby book for our Adopt-an-Element project and 3-D Bohr Models of their elements. For 6 traits of writing, the students have been hard at working creating their "Fractured Fairytales."

Our Cross Country team finished strong with a great showing in Hydaburg. All of our runners placed in the top 5 in their divisions.



Chad Dillman  
Lead Teacher  
Howard Valentine School

## Hyder School

The kids had a great time with Jason and Stella from Dancing with the Spirit!

The students are preparing to go camping at Nisga'a lava beds this weekend and for a fundraising Fall Carnival, complete with a haunted house made by our very own

secondary art class! We are learning about animals and their special adaptations that help them live in their environments. We are already hard at work reading battle books as well. We would like to welcome our newest staff member, Jane Almost as soon as Jason and Stella left, it was time to get ready for Phlight Club! Our five students and Amanda, our chaperone, had a blast!



Virginia Pulley  
Lead Teacher  
Hyder School



## Whale Pass School

This week in October marks seven weeks of school. Our elementary and middle school students have just completed their season of cross-country. Caren Cooke commented that all students made progress with their running times and that the Middle School students who went to Ketchikan all finished with their best times ever. Thank you Caren Cooke for coaching this season.

October 1 began our Middle School Basketball season. This year we are teaming up with Naukati School again. The students met with the Naukati ASC on Tuesday, October 2 to discuss team uniforms and fundraising ideas. This year our team will go with the Whale Pass/Naukati Running Rebels. Our coaches will be Tara Quigley, Sarah Vasser, and Kayleena Toman.

Our last ASC meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> was a great success. We had gyros cooked by our elementary students and an awesome dessert auction. The donations for the night were a total sum of \$748.00. These donations went to Melva Broad to help pay for expenses on our mural in the PREK room. Our next dinner will be on October 11 at 4:30 with the School Board Meeting. The menu will include food gathered during the subsistence week—halibut lasagna, game meat stew, greenhouse salad and bread. There will also be a silent dessert auction that night to raise funds for our Dancing with the Spirit week.

We continue to look forward to getting into our new addition. The Fire Marshall permit has been sent and work should start to progress again. All the students are anxiously awaiting the new exercise room.

### **Some things coming up over the next month are:**

- \*MAPS testing –October 8-11
- \*MSBB @TB at Naukati 6:00pm on October 11
- \*Dancing with the Spirit-October 15-19
- \*MSBB @Klawock 6:00pm at Klawock on October 17
- \*MSBB@TB 6:00pm in Thorne Bay on October 25
- \*ASC Meeting (only) October 25 at 3:30
- \*End of the Quarter October 25
- \*Movie Time Friday October 26 from 1-3
- \*School nurse visit (Stacey Mank) on October 29
- \*MSBB @Craig Girls in Naukati 6:00pm in Naukati on October 30
- \*Halloween pumpkin carving and trick-or-treating excursion-October 31

Christine Cook  
Lead Teacher  
Whale Pass School

## **Port Alexander School**

Jason and Stella were with us for the last week of September. Check out our school facebook page for some of the jamming and strumming that went on. There was individual and small group instruction as well as the whole school playing, dancing and singing together. We wrapped up our week by having a Community concert and potluck.

In 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, October has us completing our class insect collection and doing a hands on Unit in Aerodynamics complete with airplane construction and drones.

We finished our Lord of the Rings Unit and are venturing into a study of Call of the Wild by Jack London. All students are memorizing the poem "IF" by Rudyard Kipling.

We completed our overview of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World and are looking at Geography and famous ancient battles.

We continue to clean out our classroom space and set it up for maximum learning space. We are eager to start our small engine repair class that Mr. Higson and Mr. Martin are putting together for us.

Superintendent Burch is visiting PA this weekend. He brought John Stevens with him so he led our archery practice this week.

### **K-5th Class Social Studies/Science Project**

As a group they decided we needed to also explore environmental science and clean up our environment by picking up garbage from our walkways and beach. The elementary students are exploring their environment by using mapping skills to find degrees of latitude and longitude of our area, where we migrated from and social mapping by interviewing residents and determining where they migrated from to get to PA. The students learned about beginning mapping by using mental pictures to draw floor plans of their homes. The students are also exploring the flora and vegetation and identifying toxic plants, edible plants and types of leaves. Students used leaves, pine cones, shells and small pieces of wood to create artwork and leaf prints.

We hope to combine everything we are learning including more exploration of the ocean and beaches to develop a map with written findings and art work of Port Alexander area, people, animals and plants. That we can display and be proud of that will be used by those visiting in the future.

Joe Vondoloski  
Lead Teacher  
Port Alexander School

## **Naukati School**

“Hello. It is I, Father Time,” the old man said. “Autumn is upon you all so stay prepared.”

It is amazing how fast time is speeding by since it is already October. We are getting into those months of holidays; which seem to get pretty busy. Naukati students are working hard in their academics: MAPS testing has opened, other subjects tests are being given and two of our high school students will go in next week to take PSATs.

Dancing with the Spirit gurus, Jason and Stella will be adding music and spreading joy through our community next week (Oct.7-12). We are looking forward to getting our week “All Shook Up” with some great tunes.

Naukati and Whale Pass middle school students have joined up to have a Basketball team this year. Go Rebels! Their first game is October 11th at 6 pm in Naukati. Come on over for some tasty concessions!

Our greenhouse is continuing to flourish thanks to Eric and Rose. Thank you so much for rebuilding our seedlings bed and checking in with natural fixes for our greenhouse slumps. We are learning a lot and growing not only some food but also more ideas for future agricultural adventures.

Your Partners in Education,  
Naukati School Staff

## **Kasaan School**

This week we have had Jason and Stella out here for Dancing with the Spirit. This went great, and the students really enjoyed playing the instruments and singing the songs. We will have our community potluck and hoedown on Friday October 5.

We have two students that are planning on attending the college trip next week in Ketchikan. They are planning for the future and want to take advantage of this opportunity to help narrow the prospective colleges down.

We have been trying to take advantage of the great weather in the past few weeks, and have gone on some walks as a school. This has been a great way to bond the students together across the different grade levels. The older students are able to interact with the younger students in a different way than usual.

Shane Scamahorn  
Lead Teacher  
Kasaan School