



HOLLIS SCHOOL
 MARCH 5, 2021
 SISD BOARD REPORT

Connecting our stories, connecting our cultures, connecting our world history, connecting with each other, connecting with our community, connecting with our elders.



Our
Walks

Daily
Morning
for Learning

have had a noticeable positive impact on our morning learning. March 2021

Gratitude: *Doyackshin, Gunalchéesh, Háw'aa, Muchas gracias, Thank you, Thank you from all of our Hollis School student community – Tsimshian, Tlingit, Haida, Spanish, English*



Thank you Hollis residents Nami and Rick and Nick Rada for coming to the school to plow and de-ice during Roger's absence. All of us celebrated when we heard you working outside to keep our school accessible and all of us safe.



Thank you and Alex Hurt for arranging for Hollis and Whale Pass to see what is involved with participating on the Districts' Shooting Team. Well done. The opportunity was done in a safe manner and the experience allowed all of the students and adults to find success. Everyone is excited.



Thank you Carol Randolph for a great day conducting assessments and providing Child Find vision and hearing screening.



Thank you Sherry Becker for conducting a great training for our ASC.



Thank you Sandy Curtis and Colleen Watson for assembling food boxes for us to send out along with our Farms to Families boxes.



Thank you Klawock AC for reaching out to our school and expanding our students service opportunities while proving access to health food for our community with the Farms to Families food boxes.



Thank you Hollis Library for hosting our students on Read Across America Day.

Southeast Island School District Vision, Mission, and Goals

Vision: Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations.

Mission: Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals and adapt to an ever-changing world.

GOAL TARGETS:

GOAL: Prepare students for post-secondary life



Our high school and middle school students are reaching out to mentors to support their DIVE learning explorations.



We continue to seek guest cooks, artists, and travelers to share about some of the many world cultures we are exploring. *Please let us know if you would like to speak with our students about a place you have traveled and or a culture you have experienced. We would love for others to share their favorite stories, art, poetry, plays, celebrations, foods, memories. Please let us know if you are interested in being a part of our continued world exploration.*

GOAL: Provide sufficient/effective staff support



Our new janitor has been a marvelous gift to our school. The good news is that she has been able to get a long awaited procedure so she still probably be out for the remainder of the school year. In the meantime – everyone is pitching in to stay on top of the janitorial duties.



Thank you to District staff who check in before they head our way to see what we may need. We so appreciate when they bring needed food, tech, curriculum, etc. It sure makes a difference.

GOAL: Improve communication district and community wide



Phones continue to be a challenge but that is just Hollis. We are excited about the new user-friendly website and increased connectivity. We are renewing a commitments to update our learning blog.



We were excited to celebrate Read Across America Day and Spread the Word to End the Word Day. This month we will also celebrate Pi Day.

GOAL: Increase visibility to share lifestyle and increase enrollment



We had several coop rears and have lost our chickens. We are getting some new checks for our pre-K and Kinders to raise and hopefully we will resume harvesting fresh eggs in the fall.



Thanks to our amazing Ameri-corps volunteer the natural history museum – science island – has come alive with a slew of fish, crickets, fruit flies, newly hatches praying mantises. used her grant funds to build on science island and we will not have fish and hermit crabs, Stevie our lizard, and a tarantula. Everyone is so excited. With so many new additions we are thankful for a new display car for our nonliving neural history museum specimens.



In April we will take the next steps to adopt an important salmon stream and cannot wait to begin our work.



Hollis School has started sponsored Hollis Community's participation in a monthly island cleanup with Klawock and Craig – the next date is next week so we may need to reschedule as we have an archery tournament.



We have resumed our pre-K & Kinder Library story time. We are recording with and publishing on our You Tube channel to share with others. Our students will be sharing on Facebook live in a few weeks after they master the recording.

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Our High School students created a “Toilet Paper roll” art challenge. They have extended the deadline and will create and publish as digital art show with a distanced gallery opening. (Sadly we only received one submission – the kids still want to open the virtual gallery so we are going to give it another try.) Please spread the word and help us get more submissions.



Our bike shop is getting some excited support and now our students can use he bikes for PE! It is exciting for the idea will soon become a reality and we cannot wait for it to get to its next level.



All are excited for the discussed classes at the vo-tech. Many are looking forward to mastering the skills to become a welder.

Ongoing:



Hollis staff and students launched some ongoing service projects and others are in the planning phase:

- Launched:
 - Gratitude bag trash pickup on Hollis Chilkat Road (we were appointed to the task by the Hollis Community Council – we are exploring getting a sign similar to those on the “Adopt a Highway” program.
- Launched but in need of further revision:
 - Hollis Resource Cooperative - Connecting People (Building Upon This with the CARES Funding project.
 - Hollis Community food pantry
 - Tiny Little library (needs repair) and we want to add a Tiny Little Pantry and we are planning a shared community refrigerator.
- Planning:
 - Community bus stops (James Stevens mentor)
 - Upgrading the “Alaska Kids Don’t Float “life jacket shed.
 - Taking over management of the Hollis Seed Library



Citizen Science: We are anxiously waiting upon word to know if we can resume wolves research. Launched citizen science projects include:

- reporting to the US Weather Service.
- documenting observations on Journey North.
- participating in the annual virtual Monarch Butterfly migration.
- caring for Yellow-cedar steklings and recording our data.



Hollis School staff and students continue to volunteer at the Hollis Public Library, the Volunteer Fire Department, and the Volunteer Emergency Medical Services.



The school continues to report as an official part of the Hollis Community Council agenda and we have been added to the town’s website.



Hollis primary and intermediate students are resuming their work to create a news program that will air on our school’s You Tube channel. We will be asking for some advice and support from the SISD Tech Department. We hope to have our first broadcasts in March.



We are completing the documentation of the remote school planning process we were requested to create to send out to rural Alaskan Communities for other schools and districts to use.

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Our Pre-K and Kinder students are working on their digital book and database about our

For updates and ongoing information please feel free to check out our Hollis School Facebook Page. We committed to keeping that current and students and all staff are pitching in to share all perspectives. It is a tool for us to document our learning, access resources and provide school information to our target audience – our parents and community. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1483681851918203/> and they tell us it will be caught up this weekend.