



## AK-TRAILS BOARD REPORT March 2025



**Culture Camp:** Several AK-TRAILS students fully participated in the recent culture camp in Kasaan, including the sea lion hunt. All were thankful for the incredible experiences. The adults did an amazing job of instructing students (and adults!) and teaching about our local Alaska Native cultures. I've heard rave reviews of everything from the food to the atmosphere, and especially of the headband weaving, cedar bark roses, and crafting of copper jewelry, which was particularly special. THANK YOU to SISD, OVK, and whoever else had a hand in putting together or volunteering at this event!



**Sports:** AK-TRAILS has had 3 students do well enough in the state competition to qualify for Nationals! Davin Hamby placed 3rd in the bullseye competition, and was offered a district-paid slot on the team. Tia and Megan Christopherson placed 4th and 7th in the 3-D competition, and will be raising funds and traveling with the team as well.

Megan and Tia Christopherson also competed in the recent district NYO competition, Megan placed 1st in the one foot high kick, wrist carry, and

scissor broad jump, and Tia placed 1st in the Denai stick pull. Both girls are looking forward to representing the district in Juneau in April.



**Testing:** State testing is just around the corner. Parents have been contacted, and many have sadly opted out. As per regulations, state testing must be done in person at a registered testing facility such as a school, and this is especially difficult for some of our remote clientele. For families that wish to test, plans are being made to test them at the nearest school site.



**Trips & Special Classes:** April is going to be a busy month! AK-TRAILS has one student participating in the Toyo Heater class, and at least one going on each of the post secondary trips. Also, congratulations to AK-TRAILS students Curtis Harriger and Taylor Andis, who have been selected to participate in the Close-Up trip to Washington, D.C. at the end of May!

**Purchasing:** With a purchasing deadline of March 30th, we are in the home stretch of processing purchase requests. Families are planning ahead, and also ordering some really great supplementals such as science kits and subscriptions.

**Professional Development:** Cassandra Christopherson is finishing up coursework for an Alaska Reads Act Letrs training, and also for her class in literacy leadership development. As part of this class, she is completing a practicum that includes providing literacy coaching guidance to a fellow SISD teacher.

Report Respectfully Submitted by Cassandra Christopherson

***SISD Vision:***

*"Students are equipped to achieve their dreams and aspirations"*

***SISD Mission:***

*"Set a foundation by cultivating experiences for students to develop goals and thrive in an ever-changing world"*