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Outstanding Activities and Events

This month, we hosted a community School Wide Plan meeting. We invited the community to come and discuss improvements and plans for our school. Following the meeting, we had pizza and continued with discussions. **Attached is a copy of the Update Spring Semester and Summer Plan**

Our student government council also organized and ran basketball night for the community. They sold student store items and played against community members. Parents came and watched and had a great time!

I am also attaching a Spring Semester Calendar of Events for Pilot Point. Lots going on this semester and our hope is that the events will help create a desire to be in school..... See attached Spring Events.....

Personnel

Our personnel are excited to continue working with our amazing students this semester! Robert Kirchner is in the secondary classroom. Hannah Ward is in our primary classroom. Jenna Bowen has been working as an aide in the school. Mary West is our preschool teacher and Brian Cato is working as our cook and custodian. The Spring Semester is shaping up well with the relationships and procedures we have in place .

I must comment of the work of the Staff to support students. This has started with the development of relationships. This is a fine balance between establishing rules and regulations while allowing for a degree of independence. All-in-all our staff is finding that balance for education.....

I would also like to commend Hannah Ward for her attention to detail as the Head-Teacher at Pilot Point. Her willingness to take on the extra duties makes for a smooth operation (most of the time anyway).

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

The teachers are doing their best to make their lessons relevant for our students. The elementary class is getting closer and closer to meeting their reading goals. The secondary class has been focusing on physical science and class projects, including construction of a Gaga Ball pit! . (you should look up GAGA Ball – something to see!!!)

Technology Progress

Our technology is performing well. Student computers are up and running, and seem to be doing well.

Our staff is getting more into the swing of things with Time Clock!

The Distance Classes have required some adjustment but are improving. The work of our Distance Instructors has made the process easier and more productive. Our thanks to Marley and Christian!

Facility Update

The facility is in good condition! Each Thursday, we use the end of the day to have students work together to do up-keep tasks (sweeping the gym, emptying trashcans, dusting shelves and tables). We are hoping to instill pride in our students by teaching them to take care of what we have.

We must stop and thank Mr. McDermott and his crew for their work on behalf of the school. The building has not looked better. I would also comment on our appreciation for the quick response to needs. Tim and his crew have much ground to cover and they make it seem effortless. Thank You Mr. McDermott and Crew!!!

LSAC Activity

We held an LSAC meeting January 23rd. We discussed our plans for the School Wide Plan, Valentines, vacation days, and upcoming events. We hope to hold our next meeting February 4th.

It should be noted that with the support of the LSAC we have moved our two Spring Break days around to accommodate our Smoke House Project!

Volunteer Report

We have no volunteers at this time.

Professional Development

Our professional development has been centered around MAP Skills.

I would also like to share with the Board that Liz Will of the Mentor Project is making a monthly visit to Pilot Point. Her emphasis during that visit is to spend time with Ms. Ward. We have also invited Dr. Scott Christian to make a monthly visit in support of Robert Kirchner. Both Hannah and Robert are doing well but these visits are to provide additional support as they grow as professionals.

Pupil Attendance

We are working on getting students to come to school on time and daily. We are looking for incentives to get our students into school each day. We have continued with our attendance drawing each month with Student government providing prizes.

Folks, this a continual challenge and one of the main reasons we have been designated as a "Comprehensive" School. This is not to say that all families have poor attendance but to say that we have some pockets of need that we continue to work on..

Student and Staff Safety

Students safety lately has been about anti-bullying and how to show respect to others, and care for our school environment.

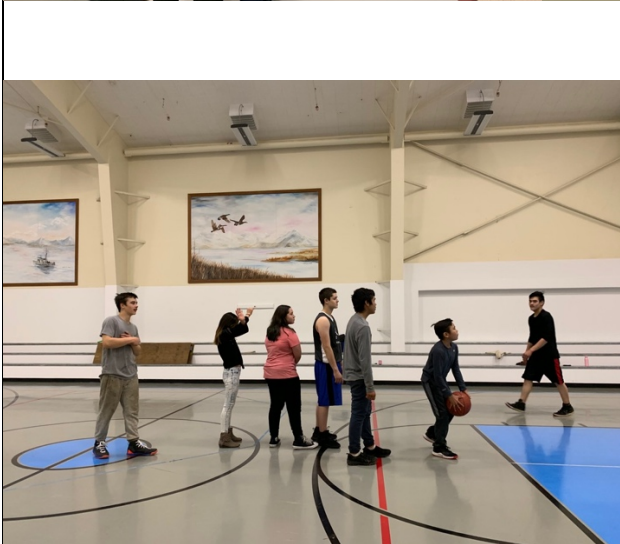
Here again I want to commend Mr. Kirchner for his efforts with our secondary students. His efforts to create a learning environment are to be commended. Although this seems to go slower than we would like Robert has laid the ground work this year that I believe has the potential to pay dividends in the future.....

Subsistence Calendar

This Calendar is a mixed bag. On one hand it has created a sense of urgency that helps to keep up focused. On the other hand there is so much that needs to be covered that there is a constant worry of what will be missed.

Photos from left to right: (Next Page....)

Student store on basketball night, Byron Wise running laps with the team, team warming up, jump ball, Gaga Ball pit.



School Wide Comprehensive Plan Proposal

First of all I want to thank everyone that turned out for our update meeting on January 17.

As this meeting, there was general support for each of the following proposals. As a result of this support the staff will begin to plan and implement as much as possible.

1. Hire a person to assist with providing transportation to school each morning.
2. Hire a person to provide after school and Saturday events for students. This position will target study hall and tutor events with some high interest activities included.
3. Purchase Fit Bits for students grades 5 and up. We had talked about alarm clocks for older students. The purpose of the FitBits are kind of a personal alarm clock. This device will be to give upper grade students a assistance with learning to establish personal schedules. The ultimate hope is that these students will begin to develop responsibility for getting to school on time.
4. Provide Mentor support for the Teaching Staff
5. Purchase new furniture for the educational center
6. February: 17th – 21st *Bring in an Artist in Residence. Help us decide what medium to concentrate on? (Music, Art, Dance, etc...)*
7. March: 16th – 20th *Construction of a Smoke House*
8. April: 20th – 24th *Culture Week The hope will be to use local folks as well possible invited guests to establish a time to share the culture and history of Pilot Point.*
9. May – Aug: Summer reading opportunities to include books home and if possible a community member to lead a summer reading program at the school.



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Pilot Point: Second Semester Schedule of Events

Parent Teacher Conferences: (To Be Announced)

January 29 – Feb 1	Basketball Jamboree – Kokhanok
February 3 – 5	Battle of the Books
February 11	Pilot Point City Council Meeting
February 13	Introduction to Commercial Fishing
February 13 - 14	School Pictures
February 14	Valentine Dinner
February 23 – 28	Artist in Residence (Jenny Carlson 0
March 6 – 8	PIP Carnival & UAF Presentation
March 10	Pilot Point City Council Meeting
March 13 - 16	Spring Break
March 11 – 14	District Basketball – Nondalton
March 17 – 20	Smoke House Construction (Mike Janecek)
March 22 – 28	CTE Session
April 6 – 10	PEAKs Testing
April 14	Pilot Point City Council Meeting
April 13 – 17	SNAP Meet
April 20 – 24	Culture Week
April 19 – 24	CTE Session

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