



# **Kenai Peninsula Borough School District**

## **2013-2014**

# **School Annual Reports to the Superintendent**

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## School Annual Report to the Superintendent

School Name Aurora Borealis

Submitted by Larry Nauta

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5<sup>th</sup> grade team first place in State Future Problem Solving

6<sup>th</sup> grade team second place in State Future Problem Solving

Cole Nelson first place in Borough VFW writing contest

Nimi Pollock second place in Borough VFW writing contest

Mathew Torkelson first place overall in KPBSD District Math Competition

Quinn Lucas first place in target round for KPBSD District Math Competition

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School  
Name**

Chapman School

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**Submitted  
by**

Conrad Woodhead

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## Yearly Activity Report For Chapman School

- 18 Pre-K Students enrolled at Chapman
- Chapman School continues to enjoy Fruit & Veggie state grant
- Currently using the following computer programs: Accelerated Reading, Milestones, Read Naturally, Skills Tutor, Read Naturally, Star Math, Star Reading, Typing Master Pro, Moby Max, Lexia, Headsprout, Orchard, Raz Reading, My Writing Web, Discovery Ed.
- New Scoreboard purchased by Parent Group installed over the summer
- Active Groups at Chapman: Student Council, Chapman Parent Advisory Group, Site Council, Title I
- Salmon Egg Collection - Anchor River
- Community - HEA Yearly Open House BBQ held at Chapman, Youth Group, Zumba, Adult Basketball, Adult Volleyball & Popeye Wrestling
- Child Find
- SPROUT Playgroup
- 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> CPR Training - Anchor Point Volunteer EMT Services
- Read Across America with School wide activities
- Halloween Carnival
- Chapman School Open House well attended
- Art Program with District Itinerant Debbie Harris
- Sports: Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Junior High Wrestling, Track
- Hosted Junior High Small School Basketball Tournament
- Cookie Dough and Gifts & Things Fundraiser
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Senior Citizen Craft Bazaar
- Monthly Title 1 Parent Activities
- Quarterly Awards Assemblies
- Dissection of Fish
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Music Concerts: Fall, and Spring
- Canned Food Drive for Community Thanksgiving Baskets & Anchor Point Food Bank

- Anchor Point Public Library - Cabin Fever Variety Show
- Character Counts Behavior Incentive Program
- Spelling Bee - Winner Kimberly Abbott
- 100s day activities school wide
- Parent Organized Snow Rondi Events at Chapman: Pinewood Derby & Dog Show
- Battle of the Books 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Teams
- Science Fair grades 2<sup>nd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>
- Grades 3-8 ice skating in Homer - Testing Reward (paid for by student council)
- Special Music Programs: Mass Band & Mass Choir
- Math Bowl in Homer
- 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grades - Career Day In Homer
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Step Up Day to HHS
- Volunteer Appreciation Cookie Reception
- Student, Jack Heimbold, chosen as Chapman's Masonic Student
- Student, Luciano Fasulo, chosen as Anchor Point Youth of the Year by A.P. Chamber of Commerce
- Teacher, Heidi Stokes, chosen as Anchor Point Employee of the Year by A.P. Chamber of Commerce
- Support Staff, Martha McQuiston, selected for the Golden Deed Award by the A.P. Chamber of Commerce
- Student Film Festival
- Pre-K Portfolio Review & Kindergarten Open House
- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students - Two weeks of swimming lessons
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grant Funded field trips to Challenger Center & Sea Life Center
- Registration for Pre-K / 12 students signed up
- 21 Kindergarten Students graduate
- Nine 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students promoted
- Field Day
- All School/Community BBQ Last Day of School

### **Chapman Extracurricular Activity Directory**

#### **Student Council**

*Coach/Advisor:* Lila Johnson

*Entry Requirements:* Grades 5-8, Students must be voted in by peers

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* Year round, meetings on Tuesdays at lunch

*Short Description:* Student Council Officials are elected in order to lead their class and the Chapman Middle School. They should follow all school rules, be advocates for their school, and lead by example. Student Council Officers and Representatives attend Site Council Meetings when asked and help with the Fall Carnival, Spirit Weeks, Field Day, SBA activities, graduation, dances and fundraising for student activities. All officials must attend weekly meetings with Ms. Little's room on Tuesdays.

#### **Engineering Club**

*Coach/Advisor:* Jonathan Sharp

*Entry Requirements:* Open to all students grades 5-8

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* Year round, 3:10-4:00 Tuesdays and Wednesdays

*Short Description:* Participants explore STEM concepts by completing various long-term projects. Projects include, but are not limited to popsicle stick bridges, Mind of Maze projects, student-designed projects and various other fun activities as they are discovered.

#### **Mind-A-Mazes**

*Coach/Advisor:* Karen Weston

*Entry Requirements:* Open to all students grades 4-8.

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* Projects mostly done at home with parent support

*Short Description:* Kids work together in teams to solve a long term, hands-on problem. Past activities have included pendulums, catapults, paper airplanes, and more!

#### **Spelling Bee**

*Coach/Advisor:* Kim Johnson

*Entry Requirements:* Grades 3-8, teacher nomination required based on class spelling test scores

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* Oct-January with practice at lunch 2 days a week. Final Bee is at the end of January.

*Short Description:* Spelling bee is a great challenge for students. Students challenge themselves to memorize and learn many spelling words. The spelling bee team works together to make spelling fun. Students are challenged with words they may not be used to seeing or using in their daily vocabulary. It allows students to gain confidence in standing up in front of a crowd and trying your best. The winner of the Chapman spelling bee is given the opportunity to participate and compete in the state spelling bee in Anchorage.

### **Battle of the Books**

*Coach/Advisor:* Linda Brady (3/4), Lila Johnson (5/6), Mary Simonsen (7/8)

*Entry Requirements:* Open to all students grades 3-8.

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* August-February. Battles are in the first 3 weeks of February.

*Short Description:* Alaska's Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program for students in grades 3rd-12th. Students read books and come together to demonstrate their abilities and test their knowledge of the books they have read. Students who participate in Battle of the Books Team are expected to read 10-16 Battle books in a given year. Each student is given his/her own set of Battle questions and a Battle bookmark to keep track of his/her reading. The teams meet a lunch to read and quiz each other on questions. The District competition is in February.

### **Forensics**

*Coach/Advisor:* Lila Johnson

*Entry Requirements:* Open to all students grades 4-6

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* Oct-March; KPBSD meet is the first Saturday in March

*Short Description:* The KPBSD Forensics program is designed to teach students public speaking, presenting, and acting skills. Students who participate in Forensics are expected to memorize a poem or excerpt from a book. Students may present in small groups or individually. The team will meet on Thursdays at lunch about twice a month to practice their pieces in front of an audience.

### **Quest Film Festival**

*Coach/Advisor:* Jon Crocker

*Entry Requirements:* Open to all students in grades 5-8; exploration time provided to students in grades 6-8

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* Exploration class time

*Short Description:* Students work together to create their own short films (less than 7 minutes) of varying genres in small and/or large groups (depending on the project). The teacher facilitates, but creative decisions are left up to the students. They also perform the acting, filming, and part of the editing.

### **Math Bowl**

*Coach/Advisor:* Karen Weston/Jonathan Sharp

*Entry Requirements:* Open to all students in grades 5-6

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* Spring, District Meet is in May

*Short Description:* Students practice math problem-solving and then go to the Seward Math Bowl to compete in a team against other students from around the District.

### **Math Meet**

*Coach/Advisor:* Karen Weston/Jonathan Sharp

*Entry Requirements:* Open to all students in grades 7-8

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* Spring, District Meet is in May

*Short Description:* Students practice math problem-solving and travel to Homer Middle School to compete both individually and as teams in a high level math competition. Last year's first prize was an iTouch!

## **Chapman Extracurricular Athletic Directory**

### **Soccer**

*Coach/Advisor:* Kim Johnson

*Entry Requirements:* \$60 fee paid to Chapman for sports students in grades 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> have priority. 6<sup>th</sup> graders allowed if approved due to low numbers of junior high student. Must meet Chapman eligibility requirements for behavior and grades according to the student handbook.

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* Practice afterschool 3:15-5:00 4 days a week. Attend scheduled games. August-September

*Short Description:* Students play on a co-ed team with an emphasis on teamwork and working together to achieve a goal. Students are taught the basic soccer skills along with rules and strategies for game play. We play other teams within the Kenai Borough School District.

### **Girls' Basketball**

*Coach/Advisor:* Kim Johnson

*Entry Requirements:* Female Students 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, depending on numbers, 6<sup>th</sup> graders are allowed to play. Students who participate in basketball must maintain a C average in order to play in basketball games and must also demonstrate good behavior during regular school hours and practices to attend away games.

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* Basketball season takes place during the month's of October and November. Practices are held Monday-Friday from 3:20-5:00. The basketball team normally has between 12 and 15 games a season.

*Short Description:* Students who participate will learn the fundamental skills and strategy of the game of basketball. They will learn how to work together as a team and show good sportsmanship. During the season, the basketball team will play vs. Ninilchik, Cook Inlet Academy, Aurora Borealis Charter School, Nikolaevsk, Seldovia, and Homer Middle School's B Team. At the end of regular season play, the basketball team will participate in a small schools tournament, where trophies are awarded to the top three teams. A sportsmanship award is given to the team that exemplifies good sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

### **Boys' Basketball**

*Coach/Advisor:* Aurielle Newman

*Entry Requirements:* Male Students 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, depending on numbers, 6<sup>th</sup> graders are allowed to play. Students who participate in basketball must maintain a C average in order to play in basketball games and must also demonstrate good behavior during regular school hours and practices to attend away games.

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## **Girls' Volleyball**

*Coach/Advisor:* Heidi Stokes

*Entry Requirements:* Female Students 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, depending on numbers, 6<sup>th</sup> graders are allowed to play. Students who participate in volleyball must maintain a C average in order to play in volleyball games and must also demonstrate good behavior during regular school hours and practices to attend away games.

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* The Volleyball season takes place during the months of January and February. Practices take place Monday-Wednesday from 3:20-5:00. Games are usually scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The volleyball team will play 8-12 games a season.

*Short Description:* Students who participate will learn the fundamental skills and strategy of the game of volleyball. They will learn how to work together as a team and show good sportsmanship. During the season, the basketball team will play vs. Ninilchik, Nikolaevsk, CIA, Seldovia, and Homer's B squad. At the end of regular season play, the volleyball team will participate in a small schools tournament, where trophies are awarded to the top three teams. A sportsmanship award is given to the team that exemplifies good sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

## **Wrestling**

*Coach/Advisor:* Bubba Wells

*Entry Requirements:* \$60 fee paid to Chapman for sports students in grades 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> have priority. 6<sup>th</sup> graders allowed if approved due to low numbers of junior high student. Must meet Chapman eligibility requirements for behavior and grades according to the student handbook.

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* The Wrestling season takes place during the months of January and February. Practices take place Monday-Friday from 3:20-5:00. Meets are usually scheduled on Saturdays.

*Short Description:* Students will learn grappling techniques such as throws, takedowns, joint locks, pins, and other grappling holds. Students practice competing against one other wrestler. Wrestling is a great way to get in shape and have fun working together to meet individual goals. During the season, the team competes against students from around the District. The finale of the season takes place at the Kenai Peninsula Borough Middle School Wrestling Meet. Students will receive individual awards for their accomplishments.

## **Track**

*Coach/Advisor:* Heidi Stokes

*Entry Requirements:* Male and female Students 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade are allowed to participate. Students who participate in track must maintain a C average in order to attend track meets. They must also demonstrate good behavior during regular school hours and practices.

*Season/Meeting Schedule:* Track begins the end of March and ends the first week in May. Track Practices take place 3-5 days a week. They begin at 3:20 and end at 5:00. Normally, there are 4-5 regular season track meets and a borough tournament the final weekend of the season. These meets are all dependent on melting snow.

*Short Description:* Students will participate in running events, throwing events, and jumping events. Jumping events are high jump and long jump. Discus and Shot-put are the throwing events. Finally, there are the running events. There are multiple events the test quickness in short races (100 m and 200m) there are also quite a few for runners who demonstrate endurance such as the 800m and 1600 meter run. Students will also learn team work as they participate in events such as relays. Track is a great way to get in shape and have fun working together to meet individual goals. During the track season, the team competes against students from Homer,



Kenai, Soldotna, Ninilchik, Nikiski, Cook Inlet Academy, and Seward. The finale of the season takes place at the Kenai Peninsula Borough Middle School/ High School Track Meet. Students will receive individual awards for their accomplishments in the various events.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Connections Homeschool Program

**Submitted by** Lee Young

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## Connections UA Scholars for Connections Homeschool Program

- Eli Butler
- Jacob Carlson
- Matthew Hinkle
- Casey Neill
- Heather Morton
- Erick Paulsrud
- Selah Smardo
- Ashley Thornton
  
- Jonathan Bruxvoort National Merit Finalist
- Ashley Thornton graduated with honors from KPC and also graduated from Connections in the same year  
Homer Connections grades 5/6 District Battle of the Books Champion Award 2014
- Jimmy Gao – Arctic Winter Games – 3 Bronze Medals For Table Tennis
- Sara DeVold, a kindergartener in the Connections Homeschool Program, has been selected to receive awards from the UAA/Anchorage Daily News Writing Contest (a state-wide writing contest open to all ages) for both her poem “Horses” and her short story “One Day in the Field.”
- Victoria Askin (11<sup>th</sup>) participated in the bowling state and pepsi tournament and placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the girls 15-20 age group
- Gabrielle Humphreys 5<sup>th</sup> grade, First place in Grades 4-6 for Alaska in 2014 State Fish Art contest , US Fish & Wildlife Services
- Micah Hilbish received the KSRM ESPN Award
- Drake Thomas – American Math Competition. Highest math score in Alaska on the AMC-10. Second highest scorer on the AMC-12 and the Alaska high scorer on the AIME. He is the Alaska highest scorer in the past 4 years.
- Jayce Miller was also a National Merit Finalist

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Cooper Landing School

**Submitted by** Michael Hanson and Heidi Chamberlain

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During the 2013-2014 school year, Cooper Landing School (CLS) students experienced many successes and exciting opportunities. The school received a Rasmussen Art Grant, which funded an Artist in the Schools visit that focused on student creation of stained glass projects. Not only did the students get to make two of their own pieces, but they created two beautiful windows that now hang in the school. The students also benefitted from a Rasmussen Excursion grant which funded travel to several performances in Anchorage including West Side Story and Black Violin at the Performing Arts Center. We also were able to visit the Anchorage Museum for a planetarium showing and the 'Gyre: The Plastic Ocean' Exhibit. This trip was made possible by a grant from Exxon Mobile awarded to the Anchorage Museum. In addition, students worked with the Cooper Landing Ski Club to create a winter trail guide for the Russian River Ski Trails. The brochure discusses how adaptations of local flora and fauna allow them to survive the long, cold winters of the north. This brochure was a big success and has been shown far and wide to other ski clubs and school groups.

Hope Quinn (9<sup>th</sup> grade) and Leihla Harrison (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), were recognized for their leadership and academic effort with Masonic Outstanding Student Awards. All students 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade competed in National Archery in Schools Program (NASP). Everyone also pitched in and we received 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Kenai Peninsula Great Aluminum Can Round Up.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Fireweed Academy

**Submitted by** Kiki Abrahamson

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By request of the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve, Fireweed 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students worked with staff to research, develop and present to the public, a *Discovery Lab* commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Exxon Valdez Oilspill. By request of the Kachemak Bay Conservation society Fireweed students in grades K-2 participated in painting silk banners of the earth in four views for the Earth Day Celebration and offered the opportunity for other kids participating in the celebration to paint their own earth banner. Fireweed students comprised half of the finalists in the Homer News Writing Contest. Older students sent four teams to Mind of Mazes and won first place in the Spontaneous problem.

Fireweed students participated in a holiday reading of the Grinch on local radio station KBBI. All Fireweed students contributed to the building and celebration of the Burning Basket Installation. They participated in the Shorebird Festival, Howl's Dirtbag Cleanup, The Center for Alaskan Coastal studies beach clean up and debris sculpture, The Farmer's Market Poster contest, Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor program with two winners in their writing contest, and *Jubilee!* Salmon in the Schools was housed at the Fireweed K-2 site.

Students benefited from diverse Artists in the schools including Jack Dalton, Storyteller; Hawkeye Herman, Blues Musician and instrument maker; and Sharlene Cline, Calligrapher and painter. Students in grades 2-6 went to the Senior Center and joined staff and seniors in painting quilt squares using several silk painting techniques. Little Fireweed collaborated with the People's Garden, Elaine Grabowski, Valley Quilters, and Farmer's market to plant a garden, build a shed and a greenhouse. Another highlight of our year was the passage of new charter school funding by the Alaska Legislature and the Governor. For the first time, Fireweed will be funded at the same level as other schools its size in the district.

## School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Homer Flex

**Submitted by** Karen Wessel

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Eight Graduates

Masonic Outstanding Student Award: Alannah Campbell

Community Scholarships of \$2500 to Drew Shepard, attending AVTEC

Four students participated in HHS choir, one accepted into Swing Choir next year

Anton Kuzmin selected to Arctic Winter Games Hockey

Student participation in PHAT Peer Health Program and Homer's Green Dot Training

Improvistional Theater Troupe teaching West Homer 4<sup>th</sup> graders

Student led fundraiser for Doctors without Borders

Homer Spit Highway Cleanup

Community Service Project at Kevin Bell Hockey Arena

Flex "Garden of Eatin'" Partnership with Twitter Creek Gardens (CSA) and Homer

Soil and Water Conservation

Artist in the School Grant for Improvisational Theater Workshop

Downtown Rotary of Homer Grant for healthy foods, cooking, physical education

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name:** Homer High School

**Submitted by:** Douglas Waclawski

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Homer High students and staff have earned many academic, sporting and service awards this year. This is a credit to our students, our teachers and our supportive community. The awards earned include but are not limited to:

## **Sporting:**

- State Dive Champion – Kaec Brinster
- Region XCR Champion – Megan Pitzman
- State Runner Up – Girls Cross-Country Running Team
- Regional Wrestling Champion – Jadzia Martin

## **Academic**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Caring for the Kenia – Katherine Dolma
- Presidential Scholarship Semifinalist – John Walsworth
- 3<sup>rd</sup> State Poetry Out Loud – Juan Sarmiento
- 5<sup>th</sup> State National Ocean Bowl Competition
- Best of Show (Entire State Art Competition!)- Hayden Chase
- 3 National Merit Scholars
  - Patrick Latimer
  - Evan Boyer
  - Jonas Noomah
- United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) Delegate – John Walsworth

- State Skills USA Competition
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: Job Interview – Trevor Flynn
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: Job Skill Demonstration – Colton Fankhauser
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Construction – Calvin Johnson
  - “Best of the Show” Photography – Mariah Radeke

### **Service**

- KTUU Fund the Future Award – Zoe Story
- Prudential Spirit of Community Award – Katherine Dolma
- Pratt Museum’s Youth Volunteer of the Year – Sierra Wylde

### **Staff**

- Governor’s Inclusive Practices Award – Homer Intensive Needs Program
- Region III Hockey Coach of the Year – John Carlson
- Region III Cross-country Running Coach of the Year – Bill Steyer
- BP?

### **Schoolwide**

- US News & World Report Silver Medal Award
- Earned National Accreditation through Advanc-Ed & NWAC

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Homer Middle School

**Submitted by** Kari Lee Dendurent

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## Teacher Recognition

### BP Nominees

Margi Blanding  
Dan Calhoun  
Lisa Fellows  
Bonnie Jason  
Doug O'Brien

Alaska Department of Education Teacher of the Year Nominee  
Dan Olson

Alaska Department of Education New Educator of the Year Nominee  
Rand Seaton

Alaska Sea Life Center Marine Science Outreach Award Nominee  
Margi Blanding

## Grants Received

October 22 Homer Foundation Grant with Dave Schroer \$3,000

## School Climate and Culture Activities

September 26	Pep Rally
September 27	Participate in HHS Homecoming Parade – Most Enthusiastic
October 15	Quixotic Performance at HHS
November 6	Crockpot Cook-off
November 18	HLP Survey
December 2	SOS Presentation to 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
December 9	Angel Tree and Share the Spirit Baskets
February 10-14	Spirit Week



February 17- 28	Pennies for Patients
May 4-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
	"Muffin to do but appreciate you"
	"We are Nuts about our Staff"
	"Thank you for helping our students Bloom"
	"Thank you for Making our Students Pop"
	"Our staff is Soup-er"
May 15	HHS Step Up Day for Rising 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders
May 21	End of Year BBQ and Pep Rally

### **Parent and Community Involvement**

October 8	Ted Talk Tuesdays (Monthly)
October 10	PhotoVoice Project and Display at K-Bay Cafe
October 29	Partnership with Anna Meredith REC Room
November 10	Artists in Residence Salsa Lesson in PE
January 24	Kenai Brown Bears Meet and Greet
February 17/19	Hawkeye Herman in 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Classes
Feb 28- March 6	African Drumming Workshops and Performance
May 15-16	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cold Water Safety and Marine Awareness
Jan-May	Marine Debris Project with Alaska Coastal Studies and Art
Classes	

### **Academic Achievement**

October 12	Mind of Mazes- Quest
October 15	Quixotic Performance at HHS
November 10	Artists in Residence
November 22	Artists in School Celebration
December 6	Spelling Bee – Bria Gregory
December 7	HMS Robotics Team in Competition- Your Mama's
Llamas	
December 12	Geography Bee- Denver Wacławski
February 8	State Robotics Competition – Your Mama's LLamas
March 28-29	Math Counts
April 11	KPBSD Math Meet
April 24	Andie Sonnen Masonic Award Recipient

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Hope School

**Submitted by** Michael Hanson and Patti Truesdell

Please list the outstanding achievements of students, staff and/or your school for the past year. It is important that you share the following information; grants awarded, districtwide, statewide and national academic awards, regional and state athletic titles, special school-wide projects, etc. It is not necessary to list each member of a team or group unless it is pertinent to an individual award. Your submission may not be longer than two (2) pages in length. This electronic form must be emailed to Debbie Tressler, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

We began our year with Mind Mazes in October. Our intermediate/senior division took second place with the "Hope Pulley Pullers." Our junior team, the Zig Zigs received the award "The Most Creative Use of Duct Tape" and 17<sup>th</sup> place! Nice way to begin the year.

Our middle students brought a proposal to the PTSA in November. They wanted to set up a school store and raise money for a middle school end-of-the-year trip. The idea was approved and seed money of \$100 approved to get the store set up. Ms. Barron, our math/science teacher acted as the student advisor. The store opened in January – The boys earned about \$300 and reported back monthly to the PTA on the store's progress.

Christmas Program - Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer –Directed by parent, Kristy Peterson. Most of the Hope community attended and Christmas cookies and punch were served.

Second Semester: Battle of the Books in February. Hope had two teams, 2-3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades student from Hope (River) worked with Cooper landing via Skype and they competed together as one team. First time we think that has been done! Our Middle School team took 5<sup>th</sup> place!! We are ready to go again next year!

Hope middle school and high school students were able to access Spanish I from a highly qualified teacher in Cooper Landing via the polycom!! Several of our students had requested taking Spanish as an elective, and being able to offer this class to our high school students in cooperation with Cooper Landing students has been extremely positive.

Field Trips: Our middle students received a field trip grant of \$500 from the KMTA Corridor Fieldtrip National Heritage Area. Nine students attended the field trip to explore the Kenai Mountains – Turnagain Arm corridor for two days, spending one overnight in Girdwood.

Moving to April – as the weather got warmer; our high school students received an invitation to the Seward High School Prom. Four students from Cooper Landing and Hope attended the Seward prom and danced all night! It is our philosophy at Hope School that just because we are a small school, high school students should still be able to participate in fun activities that other students in larger schools get to attend.

Test Scores/SBA/HSQE: Our sophomore student not only passed all three parts of the test, but she went from non-proficient in math last year to high proficient this year. Four of our seven students who took the SBA's were listed as "Advanced" and 100% of our students are proficient in writing – Again, improvements from last year.

May 21, 2014 - Two seniors graduated from Hope High School and both received \$600 scholarships from the Hope School PTSA. In order to get the scholarship, graduates have to be accepted to an accredited school or university. Both of our graduates met that requirement and received the scholarships for their future training/education.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science

**Submitted by** Robin Dahlman

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## School Community Achievements:

- 10 year anniversary celebrated with introduction of our mascot purchased for students/school by our PTA
- Artist selected by students, staff and our Art Project committee. Artist, Kate Demske, is sculpting a large scale art piece that symbolizes our school. This is to be installed this fall.
- Charter reapplication renewed for 5 years
- 5 student artists winners in the Kenai Watershed Forum art contest of "What is a watershed?"
- Continued high achievement on required state assessment
- Rated 5 star school through the ASPI rating
- 2 teachers nominated as BP Teachers of Excellence
- School Community connected when faced with unexpected loss of one of our own Kindergartners, Floyd Murphy; also, came together to support two staff with significant unexpected health conditions

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** K-Beach Elementary

**Submitted by** Nate Crabtree

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<b>Student Achievements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hudson Metcalf-Masonic Award Winner</li><li>• District Forensics Winners – Brandiee Bowers 4<sup>th</sup> grade interpretive reading, Connor Koppes and Cassidy King-5<sup>th</sup> grade Multiple Poetry 1<sup>st</sup> place, Emylee Wilson and Elora Olson 4<sup>th</sup> grade multiple poetry 1<sup>st</sup> place</li><li>• Aldon Burns-Regional Spelling Bee Champion</li><li>• Avrie Medina - won first place in the Tustumena 200 Art Contest</li><li>• Oscar Wahl-HEA Essay Winner</li><li>• Elementary Trimathalon – Ryan Hill, Danielle Kjostad, Braden Lemm, and Grace Wahl took 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Kilei England 3<sup>rd</sup> place Counting Computation and Braden Lemm 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mental Math.</li><li>• Middle School Math Meet participant Ryan Hill was among the top 12 competitors and was a member of the team that took top honors.</li><li>• Emma Mullet – took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the FPS State Bowl.</li></ul>
<b>Staff Achievements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7 Teachers nominated for BP Teacher of the Year</li><li>• Grandma Dee and Grandma Brenda-Golden Apple Award Winners</li></ul>
<b>Special Schoolwide Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RIGS (summer reading program)</li><li>• Veteran's Assembly</li><li>• Art Fair</li><li>• Jump Rope for Heart</li><li>• Artist in Residence</li><li>• Kenai Fine Arts Center highlighting of student projects</li><li>• Forensics</li><li>• Battle of the Books</li><li>• D.A.R.E.</li><li>• Healthy Futures</li><li>• Running Club</li></ul>

- Wrestling Club
- Volleyball Club
- Box Tops for Education
- JA in a Day (Junior Achievement) – this was the first ever JA in a day on the Kenai Peninsula
- Performance with Kenai Symphony
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade Recycling Project
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Food Drive

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Kenai Alternative

**Submitted by** Loren Reese

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## Individual Awards and Recognition:

Masonic Outstanding Student – Jesse Abe

ELKS Lodge #2425 Student of the Year-Elizabeth Mesa

UA Scholars Award Recipients – Andrew Pearce, Sydni Brown, and Kalee Brusven

XTO Energy Outstanding Student Scholarship-Elizabeth Mesa

## School-wide Projects

KAHS offers a morning breakfast program which is run by the Soldotna United Methodist Church, Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, and the River Covenant Church. These groups coordinate efforts to secure grant funding for the project, purchase food items, prepare the food and serve breakfast to our students every morning. Their tireless efforts provide a hot meal to many students that would otherwise go without.

Kenai Alternative continued to collaborate with 17 other alternative schools from Alaska. The Alaska Alternative Schools Association held its second annual meeting this October. Each site was able to share their successes and struggles. KAHS completed its three year grant with the DEED. During the second rotation, KAHS held a Healthy Choices/Changes class that offered information on nutrition, healthy cooking on a budget, and avoiding risky behaviors.

This year KAHS had 42 graduates.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Kenai Central High School

**Submitted by** Alan Fields

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**Kenai Central High School** received United States Department of State Certificate of Appreciation for Youth exchange Programs

Allison Ostrander, Thomas Randall, and Jeremy Ruggiero recognized as a National Merit Scholar Finalist

Caring for the Kenai Finalists: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kyrsten Maxson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Taylor Sheldon

Band/Choir All State and All National Music:

Kenai Central (525) had 14 all state band students, tied with Chugiak High School having 14 (student body 1500). Ariana Gabriel – Alto Saxophone solo – was selected 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Saxophone category for Command Performance by ASAA.

Alexandria Bergholtz – Bass Clarinet solo selected as 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the clarinet category for Command Performance by ASAA. Olen Danielson – Trombone Solo – selected 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Trombone category for Command Performance by ASAA. Logan Boyle – Euphonium Solo – selected 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Euphonium/Tuba category for Command Performance by ASAA. The KCHS Choir had 19 chosen for all-state. The choir had Allison Jones, Josephine Jones, John Agular, Raymon Machen-Gray, and Caleb Rohn selected for Command Performance Choir. 56 KCHS students in the Borough Honor Choir, 11 Students in the All-National Honor Choir.

Skills USA

Emily Evans – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Culinary Arts at Skills USA Regions

Jay Willford – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Culinary Arts at Skills USA Regions

Keenan Orth – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Small Engines at Skills USA Regions

Dustin Everett – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Trailer Back-up at Skills USA Regions

Cross country running:

Allie Ostrander—1<sup>st</sup> place cross country 4A State championships



Football:

TJ wagoner—2<sup>nd</sup> team all-state for defensive back position

Swim/Dive:

Cole Gross—2<sup>nd</sup> place at state for diving

Wrestling:

Paul Steffensen—1<sup>st</sup> place at state 126lb

Ellery Steffensen—2<sup>nd</sup> place at state 145lb

Stan Steffensen—Region III coach of the year

Track:

Allie Ostrander set a new state record in the 3200 (10:13).

Abby Beck took second in the discus

Prudential Spirit of Community Award received by Jessica Roper

President's Environmental Youth Award was given to Jessica Roper by President Obama

Drake Thomas-USA Junior Math Olympiad Qualifier -Highest Alaska score for the AMC regional competition

Kirsten Nyquist – Trig Star first finisher for school competition in April (Yearly competition put on by the National Society of Professional Surveyors, NSPS)

Travis Cooper – Nordic Skiing. Travis made the Junior National Team to compete at Junior Nationals

Battle of the Books team won the KPBSD District Championship

Renee Henderson 2014 Alaska Music Educators Music Teacher of the Year

Greg Zorbas 2014 ASTE Teacher of the Year

Meredith McCullough Educator of Distinction for The National Society of High School Scholars.

Emily Sims KPBSD CTE Teacher of the Year

Deb Sounart Region III Band Director

The graduating class of 2014 received substantial scholarships from various universities and other sources totaling over \$985,000.00.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Kenai Middle School

**Submitted by** Vaughn Dosko

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## SPORTS

Soccer	Girls – Borough Champions Boys – Borough Champions
XC Running	Finished in Top 10
Track	Girls – Borough Champions Boys – Borough Champions
Basketball	Girls – Third Place finish Boys – Third Place finish
Volleyball	Lost out in first round of boroughs
Wrestling	Finished in Top 5
XC Skiing	Finished in Top 10

## ACADEMICS

Math Counts	2nd Place in State
Math Bowl	1st Place in Homer
FPS (Future Problem Solving)	1st Place
Geography Bee	1st Place – Annabelle Schnieders
Spelling Bee	1st Place – Lisa Krol
Battle of the Books	7th & 8th Grade – 1st Place
After School Tutorial	November 12, 2013 – April 10, 2014 (Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's)
Masonic Award	Karl Danielson– 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Band Concerts	5 Band Concerts throughout the year
Choir Concerts	5 Choir Concerts throughout the year

ACTIVITIES

WAK (Welcoming All Kids)	August 14, 2013
Open House/BBQ	September 6, 2012 April 18, 2013
Spirit Weeks	September 16-20, 2013
Activity Nights	September 21, 2012 November 16, 2012 December 14, 2012
Hay Maze	October 16 & 17, 2013
Red Ribbon Week	October 29-31, 2013
Book Fair	October 21 – November 1, 2013
Canned Food Drive	December 2-19, 2013
Character Counts	August 30, 2013 – May 17, 2014
SOM (Students of the Month)	October 1, 2013 November 4, 2013 December 3, 2013 February 4, 2014 March 4, 2014 April 8, 2014 May 5, 2014
Celebrations	October 31, 2013 April 4, 2014
Ice Fishing	February 28, 2014 (7th Grade)
Clubs	January 17 – February 21, 2014
Volunteer Luncheon	April 19, 2014
New Student Visitation	April 14, 15, 17 & 21, 2014
Aluminum Can Drive	April 22 – 24 , 2014

	1st Place
Minicourses	May 19-20, 2014
6th Camp	May 14-16, 2014
Farewell Ceremony	May 16, 2014
<u>MEETINGS</u>	
Staff Meetings	September 4, 2013 October 9, 2013 November 13, 2013 December 11, 2013 January 8, 2014 February 12, 2014 March 19, 2014 April 9, 2014 May 7, 2014
<u>DRILLS</u>	
Fire Drills	August, 2013 – May, 2014 (Monthly)
Earthquake Drills	October 17, 201
Intruder Drills	November 13, 2013
<u>BUILDING USE</u>	
AWANA's	September, 2013 – April 2014 (Sunday's)
HEA	November 2, 2013
Peninsula Midnight Sun	January – March, 2014
Little League Baseball	March – April, 2014
Kenaitze Indian Tribe	May 27 – August 4, 2014

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Kachemak Selo (56)

**Submitted by** A. Rothenberger

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- One 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference Hockey, Konstantin Reutov
- Battle Books 5-6, 7-8—5<sup>th</sup> place
- One Mason Award recipient
- Three Presidential Award for Academic Achievement
- Two High Flier Award
- Two Best Attendance Award
- Five(5) A-Roll and Principal's List academic achievers (Gr. 6-12)
- Four Kindergarten graduates
- Six 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotions to high school
- Four 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduates
- UA Scholar recipient
- 100% graduation and 100% performance scholarship recipients
- Sports Coop—Head of the Bay football, wrestling, soccer and Homer High Hockey
- Jakalof Bay underwater ORV field study of intertidal species (Gr. 7-11)
- Parent volunteers: Site Council, maintenance and new construction, field trips/class projects
- Russian language instruction
- Educational Specification completed
- Site selection for proposed building
- School achievement goals: Nonfiction composition, science assessment rubrics, math learning plans
- K-5 Swimming Lessons
- Teacher professional development: CAFÉ Daily 5 implementation (K-5) LA and Math
- Once ASCD Conference Attendee
- Outdoor lab activities and field studies
- Student clubs—student council, math, chess, electronics and homework clubs
- Construction workshops for students
- Student fund raising and contributors
- Field and picnic day activities
- Collaboration schedule—focus on unpacking new standards (LA/Math)
- New furniture and equipment
- Marine Debris cleanup
- Head of the Bay beach and highway cleanup (20 miles)
- Shed project for equipment and rotational materials
- Alternative/variance calendar

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** McNeil Canyon Elementary

**Submitted by** Pete Swanson

## Staff Achievements

- **Debbie Piper** wrote 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive, successful Artist-in-Schools grant that provided the opportunity for all students to improve their writing skills and integrate writing with music and dance. Creative writing and music lyric instruction by Artist's in Residence Johnny and Sharon Bushell provided an opportunity for all of our students to work on developmentally appropriate story writing, music lyric writing and dance. McNeil students were very actively involved in this two week program. It culminated with a collaborative community informance at school with students demonstrating their writing, song and dance. This grant program has had a tremendous impact on the entire school and has become a very real tradition.
- **Pete Swanson**, selected for the Homer Council on the Arts, 2013-2014 Arts Leadership and Advocacy Award.

## Student Accomplishments

- **Alec Rhodes** qualified for the National Geographic State Geography Bee and **Mariah McGuire** qualified for the State Spelling Bee. Alec is a 6th grade student this year and Mariah is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student.
- Robotics teams placed in regional competitions.

## Co-Curricular Accolades

- Volunteer parents provided almost all of the co-curricular coaching and sponsor support for our co-curricular activities.
- K-6 Students competed in Battle of the Books.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Moose Pass School

**Submitted by** Jason Bickling

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Awarded "High Progress School" by DEED

Jonah Lindquist – 2<sup>nd</sup> Audience Choice Award – KPBSD Film Festival  
Lindy Guernsey – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Humorous Poetry – KPBSD Forensics Meet  
Hana Cooney – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Humorous Poetry – KPBSD Forensics Meet  
Cody Bryden – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Story Telling

First Lego League – Judges Award (State Competition)  
Sumdog: Southcentral Alaska Math Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

\$2300 Grant from Seward Community Foundation via Moose Landing 4H Club to support Lego Robotics / First Lego League

Moose Pass School participated in a number of exemplary activities both within the school and also some with Hope and Cooper Landing Schools including:

- Downhill ski lessons at Alyeska
- Online with Libraries
- Soccer and Cross Country Running
- End of year picnic and field day.

Archery in Schools Program - Jeff Bryden (parent)  
All School collaboration on Thematic Units  
Christmas Play Production – Santa Claus is Coming to Town  
Nordic Skiing for PE  
Swim Lessons at Seward High School  
Raising Salmon in conjunction with hatchery  
Holiday Craft Bazaar  
Battle of the Books  
District Spelling Bee  
Mind Amazes  
Piano Lessons

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Mountain View Elementary

**Submitted by** Norma Holmgaard, Principal

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## **Mountain View Elementary Vision**

Mountain View Elementary collaboratively meets the needs of all diverse learners by creating a positive school environment which focuses on learning, builds hopefulness, celebrates effort, and guarantees a curriculum for all.

## **Student Recognition**

The Kenai Masonic Lodge conducted its annual Masonic Outstanding Student Award Program. Haven Walluk a fifth grade student at Mountain View Elementary was selected as the recipient of a certificate of achievement and a savings bond.

Mountain View's Student Council this year included: Dylan Duniphin, Hadessah Parkki, Denali Glenzel, Haven Walluk, Molly Hendrickson, and Andrea Beile. The Council honored Soaring Eagles each month. They also sponsored spirit days each month such as wacky day and hat day. Each month the Council hosted a special luncheon for the Soaring Eagles with pizza provided by the Mountain View Elementary PTA. A local dignitary attended each luncheon to honor the attendees and encourage them to continue with their great citizenship.

Mountain View District Forensic winner in Humorous Poetry was Matthew Grzybowski. He placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the district competition.

## **Staff Accomplishments**

Barbara Ralston received her second Golden Apple Award for outstanding service to her school, the district and the community.

## **Mountain View Adds Choir**

Under the direction of Jonathan Dillon Mountain View Elementary hasted Elementary Choir this year. Grades 4, and 5 students had the opportunity to participate in an after school choir program during the first semester and again during the second semester. Two concerts were presented to the public allowing the students to show what they had learned.



**D.A.R.E Continues**

Mountain View Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade students again participated in the D.A.R.E. program. Officer Alex Prins from the Kenai Police Department leads the students through the DARE Decision Making Model. Students learned some hard facts about substance abuse and they learned how to resist peer pressure.

**Teachers Develop Professional Learning Communities**

Mountain View Elementary teachers lead by grade level teacher-leaders developed grade level PLC Teams with the objective of improving student achievement. Teams met regularly during common planning time, after school and during release time to review content standards, establish grade level pacing guides, share instructional strategies, develop common assessments and analyze data. Several teams also worked on weekends to allow for more uninterrupted time in which to analyze data and plan for enrichment and intervention activities.

**School Climate Improves**

Through the work of the Mountain View School Climate Committee, students learned 6 strategies for resolving conflict. In addition they learned how to tell the difference between bullying and unkindness. The School Climate Committee also developed lessons that could be used by all teachers to teach these resolution strategies.

Bus Safety was also targeted this year. Three bus safety rules were taught to Mountain View students and to the bus drivers. Students worked to make 100 miles of safe behaviors and were treated to a chicken dance from Mr. Kircher and their drivers.

**Improving Attendance**

Grade level teams focused on improving grade level attendance. Each quarter awards were given for outstanding attendance. Mountain View Elementary saw an increase in these awards throughout the year.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Nanwalek Elementary/High School

**Submitted by** Nancy Kleine

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## **Awards & Scholarships**

UA Scholar Ivana Ash

Kenai Peninsula Administrator's Association Scholarship – John Romanoff

Project Grad Scholarship – Ivana Ash

Spirit of Youth Award Nominees – Ivana Ash; Timothy Ukatish

Principal's Awards 2013-14 – Paraskovia Jimmy; Charlie Moonin

Alaska Performance Scholarship

Ivana Ash

John Romanoff

## **Athletic Awards & Participation**

Boys' Basketball Team Captain – John Romanoff

Peninsula Conference Tournament First Team – John Romanoff

Peninsula Regional All Conference Team - John Romanoff

Seldovia All-Tournament Team – John Romanoff

Participation on Team: John Romanoff, Jay Greene, Nicholi Ukatish-Gahimer, Timothy Ukatish, Xavier Romanoff, Joshua Evans, Lavrentie Ukatish

## **Native Youth Olympics (NYO) Awards & Participation**

Timothy Ukatish – First Place, One Arm Reach

Samuel Swenning – Third Place, Wrist Carry

Xavier Romanoff - Sixth Place, Indian Stick Pull

Participation on Team: Ivana Ash, Nicholi Ukatish-Gahimer, Timothy

Ukatish; Lavrentie Ukatish; Xavier Romanoff, Samuel Swenning, Terence Swenning, Carmella Tanape, Katelynn Romanoff, Verina Ukatish, John Romanoff, Josiya Moonin, Joshua Evans

### **Nanwalek School/Nanwalek Village Collaborations**

Thanksgiving Feast

Sea Week

Village Clean Up

Winter Bear Suicide Prevention Play

### **Kenai Peninsula Native Youth Leadership**

Leadership Project Completion: Timothy Ukatish

Leadership Project Participation:

High School: Sarah Evans, Jay Greene, John Romanoff, Nicholi Ukatish, Timothy Ukatish, Angeline Evans, Xavier Romanoff, Samuel Swenning, Amber Tanape, Joshua Evans, Lavrentie Ukatish, Tehya Ukatish, Terence Swenning

Middle School: Josephine Evans, Paraskovia Jimmy, Josiya Moonin, Katelynn Romanoff, Malaika Swenning, Verina Ukatish, Uriah Huntsman, Johnathan Jimmy, Carmella Tanape, Evan Evans, Justus Evans, Kate Kinneevauk, Seth Tanape, Seraphima Ukatish, Marcus Wilson

### **Career and Technical Achievements**

OSHA Cards: Ivana Ash, John Romanoff, Timothy Ukatish

Completion of Welding Institute: Ivana Ash, John Romanoff, Timothy Ukatish

Culinary Arts Completion: Jay Greene, Sarah Evans, Timothy Ukatish, Xavier Romanoff, Angeline Evans

### **Student Council Members**

President	Ivana Ash
Vice President	Joshua Evans
Secretary	Paraskovia Jimmy
Treasurer	Lavrentie Ukatish
Historian	Timothy Ukatish
Historian	Carrie Damian

**Nanwalek Site Based Council Student Representative -Ivana Ash**

**Staff Distinctions**

Sonya Selanoff

Masters of Curriculum & Instruction

Masters of Educational Leadership

Neil Denny

10 Years of Service to KPBSD

Nancy Kleine

10 Years of Service to KPBSD

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Nikiski Middle/High School

**Submitted by** Debbie Carstens

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**Middle School Fine Arts** Rebecca Gillen was a Peeps Art Show winner. In the Borough competition Alicia Bridges took 3<sup>rd</sup> and Matthew Weathers took 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
**Battle of the Books** The 6<sup>th</sup> grade team took 4<sup>th</sup> in the Borough competition.  
**Quest** The Mind A-Mazes 7<sup>th</sup> grade team won the Judges Choice Award for their creative device design. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team won both the overall Spontaneous Problem Challenge and 1st place overall for the intermediate 7-12 division. At the FIRST LEGO League competition the Nikiski team won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Robot Performance and then went on to the State meet where they finished in the top 10. Jaylen Uhls and Jamie Yerkes both received Honorable Mention awards for their submissions to the annual "Peninsula Creative Writing Contest." Jakobee Anderson placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the counting computation portion of the KPBSD Middle School Math Meet & KPBSD Trimathlon.  
**Athletics** The Nikiski MS girls Basketball team were Borough Champions this year. The Nikiski MS girls Volleyball team were Borough Champions this year as well. Nikiski also had 4 borough wrestling Champions: Justin Cox -110 lbs., Donovan Orth – 115 lbs., Rykker Riddall – 125 lbs., and Ian Johnson – 167 lbs.  
**Outdoor Recreation Class** Jesse Bjorkman was able to take a group of students on a Moose hunt this fall following the completion of their hunter safety course and certification. They all also learned how to take care of and package the meat.  
**High School Grants** Anna Widman received a grant from the Alaska State Council on the Arts again this year. She partnered with the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area, and with the help of her classes and community members created a mural that will be hung on the Nikiski Recreation Center in August.  
**CTE** Clyde Swaby was able to offer an after school academy of welding. Paul Johnson and Vern Kornstad attended a CorelDraw training. CorelDraw is an industry standard application that we use to design projects for the Roland wide-format printer/cutter. The CAD-CAM classes have produced many projects for different community organizations. The Foods class worked with the Nikiski Food Bank and also baked pies for the Thanksgiving food baskets.

**Fine Arts** Emily Cooper and Marilynn Davis had art pieces hung in the State Capitol Building. The following students placed in the borough art show: Jade Elsey – 1<sup>st</sup> Drawing, Kerry Ross – 1<sup>st</sup> Mixed Media, Alexa Schmidt – 2<sup>nd</sup> Painting, Lauren O'Brien – 3<sup>rd</sup> Drawing, Alyssa Darch – Honorable Mention Photography.

**Musical Theatre** For the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, acting, dancing and singing came together in the play "Hello Dolly." Students participate in not only the performance portion, but the set design, sound, lighting, and all things involved with stagecraft.

**Caring for the Kenai** Braden Ellis took 5<sup>th</sup> place in the CFK competition for his EZ H2O project.

**National Honor Society** NHS held a food drive in the fall to help our local food bank. This spring they had a fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society called Pennies for Patients. Students also participated in roadside trash pick-up.

**Athletics Football** - The Nikiski Football team won the state championship this year, defeating Monroe 36-28. Dennis Anderson, Michael Stangel, Ruben Sepeda, and Luke Johnson were on the State All-Tournament Team. Jesse Eide was the Player of the State Game. The football team also won the State Academic Award.

**Volleyball** – Rachel Thompson was 1<sup>st</sup> team all-conference. Jodi Cook made the all-tournament team at the West Spiketacular tournament.

**Wrestling** – Luke Johnson was the State Champion at 195 lbs. Michael Stangel took 6<sup>th</sup> at state at 152 lbs.

**Basketball**- The girls' team had a 20-7 winning record and were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the South Central Conference and earned a state berth. They were tournament Champions at the Bethel Tournament, Nikiski Tournament, and the Cordova Tournament. Alyssa Darch made 1<sup>st</sup> team state all-tournament team, as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> team all-state. Rachel Thompson made 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-state. Jodi Cook made the ASAA Good Sports Team. For the boys, Seth Carstens made the 1<sup>st</sup> team all-conference, made the all-tournament team at the Nikiski Tip-off Tournament, the SoHi Tip-Off Tournament, and the Homer Winter Carnival, and was also an AABC senior all-star selection.

**Soccer**- Rachel Thompson was named 1<sup>st</sup> team all-conference. Garrett Feller was named 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-conference.

**Track & Field** – At the State Track meet Seth Carstens took first place in the High Jump with a 6'3" jump, setting a new school record. Seth also placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Long Jump. Luke Johnson placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Shot Put. Arianne Parrish placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Long Jump. At the region meet: Kerry Ross 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m, the 400 relay team took 3<sup>rd</sup>, Arianne Parrish 2<sup>nd</sup> in Long Jump, Seth Carstens 1<sup>st</sup> in High Jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Long Jump, Luke Johnson 1<sup>st</sup> in Shot Put and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Discus, Asa Quimby 2<sup>nd</sup> in Shot Put and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Discus. Both Seth Carstens and Kerry Ross have been invited to the Brian Young Invitational All Star Track Meet in Kodiak.

**Community Involvement** Nikiski Middle/High School continues to work with the community in different areas. Nikiski Nazarene, Lighthouse, and Nikiski Church of Christ all provided for our hospitality rooms for various sports events. We again partnered with the Nikiski Freestyle Wrestling Club and they were able to host another wrestling tournament this year bringing athletes from around the state. Spring semester a foods club was held and supported by community donations. Sharon Thompson's Special Education class shopped for a local assisted living home each week. The PTSA re-started its Reflections program this year. As always many local businesses have helped support the school in numerous areas of need.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Nikiski North Star

**Submitted by** Margaret Gilman

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## School wide Projects

- NNS parking lot upgrade – students, staff and families have adjusted to the parking lot changes and safety is improved
- NNS partnered with NMHS to write a professional development grant to be used for studying Differentiated Instruction. Cindy Strickland will be speaking to staff from both schools during the August 2014 in-service days. The expectation for NNS is that we will have full implementation of KUDs as part of classroom instruction. This will allow our school to align with NMHS, our feeder school.
- NNS had visits this year from NMHS students involved in sports, theater and music as part of a program to develop cooperation between the two schools. NNS students very much enjoyed seeing the older kids and acknowledging the future accomplishments they can look forward to at NMHS.
- NNS participated in an online professional development. The course was run through the Massive Online Open Course site, Coursera, and was entitled “Effective Classroom Interactions Supporting Young Children’s Development”.
- NNS offered a class to staff, parents and community members titled, “Child Nutrition and Cooking 2.0”. This course was offered through Coursera and was taught through Stanford University.
- NNS Leadership Team was established with members from primary, intermediate, special services, and specials classes.
- NNS celebrated Love of Reading month in February with “One School One Book”. Every student received a copy of “My Father’s Dragon” to read independently, with their families, and in their classroom. Discussions, incentives, and contests were held and the month culminated with a family literacy event.
- Full implementation of PBIS was achieved this year as NNS transitioned from a Character Counts program to using the PBIS model.



#### Student Awards

- Rosalie Anderson, grade 5, is our Masonic Outstanding Student.
- Trinity Langston, grade 5, won the school Geography Bee.
- Shannon Pitt, grade 5, won the school Spelling Bee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.
- Fourteen individual and group entries were selected to represent NNS at the KPBSD borough forensics meet in March.
- Artwork from the NNS kindergarten classes was selected to display in the Capitol Building in Juneau.
- Cooper Stock (5<sup>th</sup> grade) won first place in the State PTA Reflections contest for photography.
- Aiden Quiner (PreK) won first place in the State PTA Reflections contest for visual arts.
- Telan Fallon (1<sup>st</sup> grade) won first place in the State PTA Reflections contest for literature.

#### Staff Awards

- Monica Heath nominated for BP Teacher
- Adrienne Bostic nominated for BP Teacher

#### School/Community Connections

- Senator Murkowski, KPB Assembly member Wayne Ogle, and KPBSD School Board member Joe Arness visited Nikiski North Star.
- Continued successful partnership with Boys and Girls Club and Nikiski North Star. Each day an average of 100 NNS students stay after school to participate in Boys and Girls Club activities.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Nikolaevsk

**Submitted by** Michael Sellers

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## Nikolaevsk 2013-14 Highlights

- Seven students and one community member earned ETT certification, one student renewed ETT certification
- Nianiella Dorvall signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Skagit Valley Community College in Washington
- Debate Drama and Forensics Club started with 4 high school students participating.
- Two high school students attended (were in the operating room with Dr. Ross) a total knee replacement surgery at Central Peninsula Hospital
- One student attended Close-Up in Washington DC
- Chelsea Johnson earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the target round at the Middle School Math Meet
- Megan Hickman and Greg Trail participated in State cross country running
- Junior high girls basketball team went undefeated and won the championship
- High school mixed 6 volleyball team were the Denali Conference champions
- High school mixed 6 volleyball team earned 4<sup>th</sup> place at State volleyball
- High school girls basketball team won the Peninsula Conference championship and the boys team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Both high school boys and girls team qualified for 1A State basketball
- Nianiella Dorvall was selected as the state 1A girl basketball player of the year
- Nianiella Dorvall was selected, and participated in the Senior Basketball All-Star game
- Steve Klaich was elected to be Region II representative on the ASAA board of directors
- Bea Klaich was named 1A girls basketball coach of the year
- Heather Pancratz received an ASDN grant to attend AP English Language training in Anchorage, AK

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Ninilchik

**Submitted by** Jeff Ambrosier

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**Ninilchik School-** Entire staff participated in Accreditation. External review was in early March and the school was issued full accreditation.

**Volleyball-** 3 students (Ajiel B., Krista S. and Naomi H.) 2 students all academic team

**High school Boys basketball**

6 all tournament selections

3 all regional tourney selections

2 all region selections

**Basketball girls**

6 All Tournament

1 Team Sportsmanship

2nd Place Unalakleet Invitational

2 All Conference

2 All Tournament Regionals

1 First Team All State

**Track-** 3 girls all academic team (Ajiel B. Mykayla C. Naomi H.)

**Caring for the Kenai-** This is the first year that we have had a student place in the top 12 for this event.

**Project Grad:** World cultural fair night. Students showcased their art projects along with writing samples at this event in April. This is the second year in a row they have done something like this and it's a great event for students, teachers, and parents.

**Quest film festival:** Middle school team participated and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

**Academic:** Four student received district recognition for a 4.0 gpa for the first 3 quarters of school.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Paul Banks Elementary

**Submitted by** Eric Pederson

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Paul Banks Elementary has continued to work at providing a quality educational program that suits the needs of all our students. Some of the accomplishments we had in the 2013-14 school year are listed below:

PBE was awarded five stars by the State of Alaska as a *highest performing school*.

PBE conducted many great community and family nights. These include Bingo for Books, First Friday Art Extravaganza, Family Math and Science Night and Summer Activities Fair.

A week long Read-A-Thon around the theme of Iditarod pushed many of our students into 'full-fledged' readers. The event also brought a lot of positive media press about our school.

PTA Winter Carnival and Spring Festival not only raised a lot of money for the PTA it provided an opportunity for staff to intermingle with parents and students in a fun setting.

The Winter and Spring Musical presentations filled the Homer High School auditorium to the delight of many parents, grandparents and community members.

The School took numerous field trips that exposed our students to the great outdoor activities that lay outside their backyard in Kachemak Bay.

The school partnered with 4-H and a local hatchery in the rendering of salmon in the classroom.

The PTA won third place in the Farm to School Challenge with our school greenhouse. The prior two years they won first place.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Port Graham

**Submitted by** Nancy Kleine

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## **Awards & Scholarships**

Spirit of Youth Nominee

Michael Anahonak

## **Athletic Awards & Participation**

Nanwalek Boys' Basketball

Michael Anahonak

Susan B. English MS Basketball

Monique Cook

Malachi Joseph

Susan B. English HS Girls Basketball

Kelsey Meganack

NYO Participation : Michael Anahonak, Kelsey Meganack, Dimeana

Okegawa, Rick Jager, & Monique Cook; Kobe Norman

**Port Graham Site Based Council Student Representative** - Monique Cook

## **Kenai Peninsula Native Youth Leadership**

Leadership Project completion: Michael Anahonak, Rick Jager, Kobe Norman, Dimeana Okegawa

Leadership Project participation:

High School: Michael Anahonak, Kelsey Meganack, Rick Jager, Kobe Norman, Dimeana Okegawa

Middle School: Nick Meganack, Monique Cook, Malachi Joseph, James cook

## **Battle of the Books**

Participation: Malachi Joseph, James Cook, Ashlen Malchoff, Koa Smith

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Razdolna 2013 - 2014

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**Submitted by** Tim Whip

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## **Kachemak Emergency Services**

Kachemak Emergency Services visited the K-1 class for a fire safety presentation, including practice calling 911 and seeing a woman firefighter in fire gear. They were surprised to learn that ladies could be firefighters, too. They even brought the real 911 dispatcher from Homer to help reenact calling 911! The fire chief gave out hats and gift bags which was very exciting. The assistant fire chief, Steve Boyle, returned later in the year to visit all the classrooms and discuss other aspects of fire safety. The scheduling of this visit proved to be very timely, as the village experienced a wildfire in the canyon the day before the scheduled visit. This really gave some extra weight to the importance of fire safety! In the following weeks the children could be heard seriously practicing their 911 calling skills, memorizing their phone numbers, and acting out firefighting in the fire station center.

## **Homer Public Library – Story Time with Claudia Haines**

Claudia Haines, the children's librarian at Homer Public Library, visited the K-1 class twice in February. The children were delighted to hear the new stories that she brought and to use puppets to dramatize a story.

## **Outstanding Achievements**

Razdolna students entered many contests that encouraged creative thinking and artistic growth. The awards received include the following:

- ❖ AEA Writing Contest "School is Cool"
  - Fifth Grader, Zoya Basargin, won first place in the state in the 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade category
  - Fourth Grader, Martinian Basargin, won first place in the state in the K-4<sup>th</sup> grade category
    - Both won a Nook and \$50 gift certificate from AEA and Barns and Noble
- ❖ HEA
  - Third Grader, Dimitry Basargin, won the prize for 'Most Humorous' safety poster in HEA's annual contest.

- ❖ Ninth Grade student, Zoya Basargin, won the Masonic Award for Academic Excellence.
- ❖ Seventh Grader, Arseni Basargin was this years Most Improved Student due to his increased academic performance.
- ❖ Michelle Fournier was accepted into the Alaska Humanities Forum ECCI program. She will be spending a week in the Educator Cross-Cultural Immersion program. Following this she will continue course work through the fall and culminate with the opportunity to share her experience with her peers. The social studies material she gathers will enrich the area school Alaska Studies curriculum.

### **School and Community**

- ❖ Razdolna School received the generous gift of a field trip to the Sea Life Center in Seward. Kurtis Schoenberg and Michelle Fournier chaperoned 20 of Razdolna's K-12 students on the round trip bus ride. The students were able to tour the Sea Life Center, enjoy hands on learning, and experience an engaging lesson on bioluminescence.
- ❖ Alaska Coastal Studies came to the school two days and did an educational component and an art component that used marine debris to create art. Students learned about the danger to sea life through this project.
- ❖ Chris Etzwiler of Project GRAD and Kurtis Schoenberg, Title 1, presented a school wide Get Caught Reading program that focused on students reading outside of school. Get Caught Reading ran for six weeks and students read over 13,000 minutes. Students earned a Scholastic buck for each hour they read and could be spent buying Scholastic books.
- ❖ Buccaneer Alaska came to the school and gave a presentation about oil and gas exploration on the Kenai Peninsula.
- ❖ Students learned how to represent fairness, equity and justice with paints when they entered the Alaska State Legislative Art contest.
- ❖ Students in grades 3 – 7 participated in the Battle of Books competition. This year's battle of the books team was 5<sup>th</sup> grade group: Simeon Serebrekoff, Maxim Basargin, Savaty Basargin, and Susana Basargin
- ❖ Razdolna School parents got together this year and formed their first ever PTA. They are excited to support their children and school community!

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Redoubt Elementary #46

**Submitted by** Mary Helminski & John Pothast

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT REDOUBT ELEMENTARY May 30, 2014**

### **STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS**

Redoubt continued focus on its efforts of the implementation of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system this year, and has found great success with it. The staff developed common expectations for student behavior in the school setting, explicitly taught those expectations several times through the year, and focused on acknowledging appropriate student behavior through a variety of individual and school-wide reinforcements. In addition, this year the school implemented Tier II interventions into its structure. This new approach to student behavior has been an exciting addition to our school.

New staff this year include: Anne Buckbee, Kindergarten teacher, Kristie Cotroneo, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Kellie Davidson, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Jacqueline Engels, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Jake Eveland, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Samantha Lamphier, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, Brandy Nelson, Sped Aide, Rebekah Pelletier, Sped Aide, Rebecca Jorgensen, Speech Aide, Iris Wertz, School Nurse & Molly Bauder, full time secretary Attendance/Title One

### **STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Masonic Student of the Year –Cameron Blackwell

#### Forensics

Fourth through sixth graders participated in a school-wide forensics program this year. After a performance at Redoubt, winners of the school meet competed at the borough level in March.



Redoubt Spelling Bee

Classroom spelling champions from grades 4, 5, and 6 participated in the school bee. Elijah Wackler won the competition.

National Geographic Geography Bee

Parker Kincaid was Redoubt's geography bee champion and represented Redoubt at the state level. Grades 4, 5, and 6 participated.

Battle of the Books

Redoubt's 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade teams participated in the Battle of the Books competition this spring.

Math Bowl

Redoubt students participated in the District Math Bowl competition.

PBIS Program

Students and staff were active participants in the school's PBIS program. Students earned tickets by demonstrating respectful, responsible, and safe behavior. Students who earned five tickets in one week received a card to hang in the hallway. Celebrations, including Electronics Day, Snow Day, and Super Hero Day were planned as students reached card count goals.

**COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Intramural Program

Redoubt's intramural sports program is an excellent program promoting fitness, skills acquisition, good sportsmanship and team spirit. Fourth through sixth graders participated in team sports throughout the school year consisting of soccer, "wacky" co-ed intramural competitions and trash ball.

Band

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade band students participated in Soldotna Middle School's Concert Band program throughout the school year, while our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated at Redoubt under the leadership of Sue Biggs. Band student preformed at the Link Up Concert, Redoubt and K-Beach Elementary 4, 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band students linked up with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra & Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute at Kenai Central High School to perform a free concert for the community.

DARE Program

Redoubt students participated in the DARE drug prevention program sponsored by the Soldotna Police Department.

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

#### **Volunteer Involvement and Recognition**

Volunteer involvement at Redoubt is active and successful recognized in April with gifts.

#### **Community Organizations**

Local community organizations such as the VFW, Soldotna Rotary, and Soldotna Elks Club provide funds for needy students as well as activities for students.

#### **Local businesses continue to provide support.**

Numerous local businesses provide support through donations of student rewards/prizes, etc. for various activities. Soldotna Trustworthy Hardware and Safeway E-Scrip Program have been an invaluable support to our school.

#### **CES Fire Safety**

The staff at Central Emergency Services presented their annual fire safety puppet presentation to Redoubt students. Each student received a bag full of goodies and fun activities.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SERVICE**

#### **Food Bank Fundraiser and Holiday Kindness Program**

Redoubt staff and students ran numerous projects to make the holidays brighter for the community. A successful canned food drive and fundraiser collected non-perishable food and money for the local food bank during Thanksgiving.

Redoubt families received holiday dinners and gifts at Christmas through PTA's Holiday Kindness Program. Twenty Five Redoubt Families were sponsored this year.

#### **Family Activities**

A variety of family activities were offered, including a Family Fun Run, Walk your Child to School Day, family reading nights, Love of Reading Month activities, a Halloween parade, Family Math and Science Night, and Bingo for Books.

#### **Book Fairs**

Two book fairs were held this year.

#### **Elf Shelf**

This is an annual PTA sponsored program that offers students a holiday

shopping opportunity.

#### Box Top Fundraiser

Redoubt PTA redeems box tops for money for our school. Students who bring in box tops are entered into a weekly drawing.

#### Halloween Parade

Students, staff and parents enjoyed the school wide Halloween parade in the school gym. Students and staff enjoyed showing off their creative Halloween costumes to parents and visitors.

#### Winter Carnival

Redoubt PTA sponsored Redoubt 2nd Annual Winter Carnival February 15th 2014. This was a community event, a variety of games booths along with a silent auction and raffles were held. Funds were raised for student equipment.

#### Official Red Cross Shelter (Funny River Fire)

Redoubt was the site of an official Red Cross Shelter during the recent Funny River fire. Redoubt opened its doors to the Red Cross staff and families in the community who had been displaced by the Funny River fire. The shelter was used to house, assist and feed families in need. Several community fire update meetings took place in the Redoubt library.

#### Kenai River Cleanup Day

Redoubt's 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in this year's first annual Kenai River Cleanup Day. All the trash that was collected on Friday was brought to Centennial Park where Soldotna Mayor Dr. Nels Anderson presented the award of Most Trash Picked Up By a School: Redoubt Elementary 840 lbs. Participating students (70) from Redoubt each received a new rod and reel combo from the Kenai River Professional Guide Assoc. (KRPGA) and the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of this event.

### **OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST**

#### Boys and Girls Club

We hosted their after-school program at Redoubt again this school year. Boys and Girls Club provided a program of academic help, crafts, physical activity, and snacks for students after school until 6:00 pm every school day.

#### Fun Fest

This popular, after-school mini-carnival was held three times this year. Students paid \$4 to participate in a wide variety of crafts and games. Refreshments were sold by the PTA.

#### Powerschool

Powerschool is an important tool in our effort to maintain excellent communication with parents. Many parents are using Powerschool to access student and school information.

#### School Blog

Our new school blog is active and provides parents easy access to school activity information, forms, newsletters, school supply lists, photos and more.

#### End of Year Activities

Redoubt ended a successful school year with field day, a school picnic, and student awards assemblies.

#### New Big Screen TV

A new 60inch Smart TV monitor has been installed in the school hallway. We are now able to showcase Redoubt and display upcoming events and important information to parents and visitors as they enter the school. E-script money was used to purchase the TV.

#### Office Sliding Reception Window

We have had a great response from students, parents and visitors using our new walk up reception window in the school office. We are able to provide prompt attention and help to volunteers, visitors, parents and students as they enter and exit the school.

#### Redoubt Office Remodel & Reception Area

Redoubt's office remodel is finally completed. The school's office has a new and updated look. Visitors, students, parents and employees feel a warm welcome as they enter the school. The new counters and desks in the office are clean and updated. Parents and visitors can be comfortable in our new reception chairs as they wait for their child. The secretaries working in the office appreciate their new working area and send a huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this beautiful work space a reality.

#### Help Counter

This was Redoubt's second school year using Help Counter. This valuable internet based program continues to prove its worth by providing an excellent means tracking visitors, volunteers and students as they enter and exit our school. This program has become an essential tool at Redoubt.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** River City Academy

**Submitted by** Dawn Edwards-Smith

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**MODEL UN:** Capra Edwards-Smith, Misha James-Ravin, Kiowa Richardson, Sterling Stasak and Rachael Todd participated in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Model United Nations program at the University of Alaska, Anchorage Feb. 27-Mar 1. The students represented the Islamic Republic of Iran and were the first team from the Kenai Peninsula in more than 15 years to participate in the program according to Kimberly Pace, Professor of Political Science and Director of the MUN program at UAA. Students from 14 other schools including the University of Alaska Anchorage and Le Jardin High School from Oahu, Hawaii participated in the three day conference which debated this year's topic "*The Ethics of Emerging Technology*."

Teacher AnnaLeah Karron received the UAA Outstanding Faculty Award at the Model United Nations, which was voted on unanimously by the UAA Secretariat & staff.

**INTERNSHIPS:** RCA students participated in five-day long internships at Central Peninsula Hospital. The students: Kiowa Richardson, Sheilyn Pogue, Nicole Mills, Jordan Smythe, and Zoe Zorn all completed a full day of required training prior to their five days. They received valuable hands on experience in the fields they chose to observe. A very special thank you to CPH volunteer coordinator Jim Childers for helping with this project.

Students also participated in a variety of job shadows including Central Emergency Services as First Responder Ride Along, Soldotna High in the art department, K-Beach Elementary in the OT/PT department, and the Kenai Wildlife Refuge in their PEEPS program.

**FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING:** Future Problem Solving is a program developed 40 years ago to help kids think creatively and out of the box. RCA had two teams participate in the qualifying round. Our Senior Team of Rachael Todd, Misha James

Ravin, Morgan Stoddard and Logan Trigg qualified for the State Bowl and brought home 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Presentation of the Action Plan. Rachael Todd also placed third in Senior Scenario Writing.

**FIRST AID TRAINING:** Eight students participated in First Aid Training through the school and each earned their First Aide Card.

**SHADOW DAY:** RCA hosted a Student Shadow Day in May for incoming students. Students spent the day shadowing a current student and learning about life at RCA. Students also participated in a few team building activities to ease the transition.

**COURSES:** Students completed a variety of courses outside of the walls of RCA. Students completed courses at KPC including College Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, Trigonometry, C# Programming, Introduction to Writing and Communications. Students also completed Spanish, French, and Biology through the Distance Education Department. And RCA has the first student to complete the CTE course Intro to Pharmacy Tech.

#### **AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

Masonic Outstanding Student of the Year - Sheilyn Pogue

Masonic Scholarship Recipients \$1,000 – Sheilyn Pogue & Shelby Fletcher

UA Scholar – Kiowa Richardson

United States Air Force Academy Appointment – Kiowa Richardson

Distinguished Young Women Recipient – Kiowa Richardson

KTUU Fund the Future \$3,000 Award Recipient – Kiowa Richardson

#### **ATHLETICS & CO-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION**

RCA Students participated in the following activities at other schools:

Skyview High School: Football, Cross Country Running, Wrestling, Cross Country Skiing, Track & Field, and Soccer

Soldotna Middle School: Cross Country Running, Volleyball, Cross Country Skiing, Track and Field

Soldotna High School: Cross Country Running, Cross Country Skiing and Battle of the Books.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** William H. Seward Elementary School

**Submitted by** Mr. David Kingsland

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## **Student Achievements**

School Geography Bee, Jack Gunter  
School and State Spelling Bee, Joshua Park  
State PTSA Reflections Competition – regional finalist and one state finalist  
Masonic Lodge student of the year, Madilyn Moore  
Forensics, 13 ribbon winners: eleven first place winners and two second place winner.

## **Mind-A-Maze**

Junior Division  
1st place – Seward Elementary  
Coach: Augusta Lind  
Max Pfeiffenberger, Tommy Cronin, Jaden VanDyke, Trey Ingalls, John Moriarty, Neil Lindquist  
2nd Place – Seward Elementary  
Coach: Augusta Lind  
Connor Spanos, Clay Petersen, Collin Mullaly, Justin McMurray, Joshua Park

## **State Jr. Native Youth Olympics**

Tommy Cronin – 1<sup>st</sup> place two foot high kick  
Layla Alexi – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, two foot high kick

## **School Wide**

School Yard Habitat Project  
School Library - Birthday Book Program  
Intramurals Program  
*Sea Week* in cooperation with the SeaLife Center  
Running, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball  
Salmon Husbandry with Alaska Fish and Game  
Two Library Book Fairs  
Swimming Lessons: Kindergarten – 6th grade  
Books and Bingo  
Junior Achievement  
Veterans Day Program  
Winter/Spring music programs

Jump Rope for Heart  
Field Day  
Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads  
Improv and Writer's Retreat (Quest)  
Family Art Night  
Kenai Fjords National Park. – Art in the Park  
First, and Second Grade Science Fair

**Pilot Year District Wide Trimathlon Challenge**

**Staff**

David Kingsland, National Distinguished Principal 2014  
Terri McKnight, BP Teacher of Excellence  
Valarie Kingsland, Ken Haycock Award, San Jose State University  
Mark Fraad reelected NEA Region III Director & KPEA Executive Board member

**Major Community Partners**

Boys and Girls Club  
Kenai Fjords National Park  
U.S. Forest Service  
Alaska SeaLife Center  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Qutekcak Native Tribe  
Junior Achievement  
Seward Teen and Youth Center  
Wells Fargo – Hands on Banking  
Seward Parks and Rec.  
Seward Community Library  
Rotary Club



# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Seward High School

**Submitted by** Trevan Walker

- The staff and administration at Seward High School made tremendous strides in our transition toward a hybrid high school. Every course offering in our master schedule now has a digital parallel in Google, Moodle, or Word Press. This provides infinite flexibility in our ability to deliver instruction to meet students' needs. Seward High School continues to provide a traditional bell schedule for those students and parents who require it.
- The staff and administration are proud to announce that Seward High will maintain its unbroken accreditation status. Seward High earned a 3.06 Average Indicator Score, on a 4.0 scale, from the AdvancED's External Review Team. This process provided positive affirmation about our direction toward a hybrid high school and specific suggestions for pursuit of our continuous improvement model.

Seward High continues to be a strong presence in local, regional, and state academic, athletic, and artistic competitions and local performances. With many students who participate in multiple sports and clubs there were 405 total participants in all of the activities offered at Seward High. This represents 238% student co-curricular participation.

The girls' swim team was the highest finishing small schools team at the State meet. Olivia Beckham placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100 backstroke, the 200 yard free style girls relay placed 5<sup>th</sup>, and the girls 200 yard medley relay placed 5<sup>th</sup>.

The boys' Cross Country placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at Regions and 4<sup>th</sup> at State. Girls' Cross Country placed 4<sup>th</sup> at Regions and 8<sup>th</sup> at State. Matthew Moore was the fastest overall runner for Seward High placing 4<sup>th</sup> at State.

The girls' volleyball team placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the Region III Volleyball Championships. Ashley von Borstel was selected to be on the All-Region team.

Wrestling finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Region III.

The girls' basketball team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Region tournament. Ashley von Borstel was selected to the All-Region team. They placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the state basketball tournament and Laura Kromrey was selected to the State All-Tournament team.

The boys' basketball team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the region. Matthew Moore was selected to All-Region basketball team.

The boys track team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the region track meet. Tannen Berry was the region champ in the 300 hurdles and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 110 hurdles. Nick Zweifel placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 110 hurdles. Laura Kromrey was the Region and State Champion Discus thrower.

In its third year in existence, Seward High's Debate, Drama, and Forensics team posted a 2<sup>nd</sup> place state finish. The Reader's Theater group comprised of Robin McKnight, Josephine Braun, Hayden Tiner, and Emily Brockman won the State Championship.

Seward High started Pep Club. There were 53 participants in its inaugural year.

The National Ocean Science Bowl team competed with a project on tidal power as a renewable energy resource.

All Biology students participated in the Caring for the Kenai competition.

Seward High art teacher, Bethany Waggoner was a delegate of Seward and also represented Seward High in Obihiro, Japan and participated in a mural exchange project.

Art Students submitted pieces for the Music and Arts Festival, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Art Show, and ART for Parks Art Show with the Kenai Fjords National Parks. They participated in The National Ocean Sciences Bowl Art Show and took many top prizes, including BEST IN SHOW to Veronica Wilde.

They created a mural for the front entrance of the school with guest Artist Justine Pechuzal in collaboration with School Yard Habitat Project and Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area.

2008 Seward High Graduate Tyler Haddow was awarded Stanford University's J. E. Wallace Sterling Award for Scholastic Achievement; one of their most selective academic awards since its inception in 2006. It is based on overall academic performance and is presented to the top 25 students of each year's graduating senior class in the School of Humanities and Sciences. A very special part of this award is the in-person recognition of the secondary school teacher whom the recipient's name as having most influenced their scholastic career. Tyler named Dan Marshall who was able to receive this award in person in early May.

Seward High Students participated in field trips to Catalyst Marine Engineering flew at the airport with certified flight instructor Andy Shafer, Seward Electric Utility, The Alaska Sea Life Center, South Central Power Project, and CH2M Hill-Engineering.

Seward High welcomed guest speakers Burke Anderson (professional pilot), CJ Rea from the National Parks Service, Engineer Chris Edgar, and Alaska State Economist Alyssa Shanks.

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Seward Middle

**Submitted by** Jason Bickling

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## **Athletics/ Activity Awards:**

Cross Country: Girls Borough Champion

Volleyball: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Boroughs

Wrestling: 3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Places, 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Places

Track: 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Places, 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Places

Battle of the Books: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Middle School

Forensics: Team State Semi-Finalist, Boys Individual 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, Girls Individual 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

Archery: First Year having a competition team – 9 competed at state competition (one female missed qualifying for nationals by one place)

22 8<sup>th</sup> graders getting credit for HS Algebra

Seward Community Foundation Grant to support our Foods class which teaches student nutrition and how to cook from scratch, using natural ingredients. The foods class cooked a Thanksgiving dinner for family in need as well as food for a student memorial service.

Planetarium display at MS, Checking Invasive Species traps with UAF, Marine Science Field Trip with KFT, ASLC guest speaker, participation in the Ocean180 program, Kenai Fjords NP Climate Change Presentation (Glacier Ice Loss) with interactive student research, Northwest Passage Collaboration (Science, Social Studies) – Jesse Osborn presentation, Community Members speaking about experience in 64 Earthquake – contributed data to state seismic research, Cross curricular collaboration / mapping, participation in Math, Science, and Social Studies district committees, Marc Swanson – primary source documents from Seward History, Covenant House Presentation – Sex Trafficking in Alaska, Junior Achievement, DARE, TATU Presentation

# Superintendent's Annual Report – 2013-2014

**School Name** Skyview High School

**Submitted by** Randy Neill

## ACADEMIC/VOCATIONAL AWARDS

### ART:

District Art Show 4 students placed, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Open

### MUSIC:

Borough Honor Choir: 7 students qualified

Borough Honor Band: 8 students qualified

All-State Solo/Ensemble: 4 students qualified

### SCIENCE:

Caring for the Kenai: 4 Finalists

### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:

SkillsUSA: 4 students placed at District and at State competitions

### COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Foreign Exchange: 1 students

UA Scholars: 8 students

4.0 Superintendent's List: 10 students

Student of the Year Awards: 19 awards to 16 students

Skyview Scholar Athletes: 22 students – maintained 3.7 GPA while playing sports

Scholarships and Awards: 15 seniors received scholarships and awards from colleges, businesses, military, state and community groups worth \$133,000.00

## ATHLETIC AWARDS

**CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING:** 1 runner qualified for State

### FOOTBALL:

Conference Awards:

**NLC / 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offense:** Bailey Jones, Kicker

**NLC/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense:** Bailey Blumentritt: Outside Linebacker; Charles Gibbons: Defensive Back; Sage Hill: Punter; Honorable Mention: Brandon Rice: Halfback, Bailey Blumentritt: Tight End, Tim Duke: Utility Player

### VOLLEYBALL:

**Regions:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Good Sport Athlete:** Samantha Reynolds

First All-Conference Team: Samantha Reynolds, Casey Neil, Cheyanne Laber, Haylee Ramsell

**State:** 3rd place at 3A State

### WRESTLING:

Regions: Region Champions

**Region Champion:** Seth Hutchison (113), Austin Craig (106), Sam Janorschke (132), Bailey Blumentritt (145) Outstanding Wrestler: Seth Hutchison, Coach of the Year: Coach Gardner,

State: **STATE CHAMPION – Seth Hutchison (113) and Austin Craig (106)**

**BASKETBALL:**

Regions: Girls - 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference – Samantha Reynolds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference – Meghan Powers.  
Boys-1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference – Jacob Carlson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference- Tim Duke  
All Conference Sportsmanship Team: Micah Hilbish

**TRACK & FIELD:**

Boroughs: Boys – 2<sup>nd</sup> place (tied with Homer)  
Regions: The Track and Field team was at Regions. The following athletes qualified for the state meet: Haillee Landess finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100. The relay team of Haillee Landess, Hayley Ramsell, Heather Tolliver, and Jessie McNamara finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 400m relay and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 800m relay. The relay team of Casey Neill, Haillee Landess, Abby Cook, Jessie McNamara finished 3rd in the 1600m relay. The relay team of Mika Morton, Abby Cook, Casey Neill and Brittany Hollers finished 3rd in the 3200m relay. Hayley Ramsell was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the triple jump. Micah Hilbish finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 800 and 2nd in the 400. Phillip Lawton, Lukas Patten, Charles Gibbons, Coltin Yancey and Brandon Rice placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 800m relay. Logan Hemphill, Coltin Yancey, Sky Schlung and Micah Hilbish won the 1600 relay. Logan Hemphill, Coltin Yancey, Brenner Musgrave and Micah Hilbish won the 3200 relay. Adam O'Guinn placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the shot-put. 21 athletes qualified for State meet.  
  
State: Micah Hilbish won the 800. The boy's team of Micah Hilbish, Brenner Musgrove, Logan Hemphill, and Coltin Yancey won the 3200m relay.

**MISCELLANEOUS STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/AWARDS**

**Robotics:** The team competed in three regional competitions, the FLL & FTC state competitions, earned the 'FTC Connect Award' and Motivate Award at one of the regional tournaments.

**STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS/AWARDS**

Kyle McFall Coach of the year Girls Basketball  
Eric Willets Assistant Coach of the Year Wrestling  
Rob Sparks Coach of the year Track/Field  
Kent Peterson was selected Region III Coach of the year

**SPECIAL SCHOOLWIDE PROJECTS**

**Classroom Without Walls (CWOW):** World History students from Skyview, Soldotna High and Nikiski Jr/Sr High continued their involvement in the CWOW program. The program uses technology such as Polycom teleconference screens, SMART Boards, laptops and even cell phones to deliver and follow through on shared lessons between the local schools as well as with students from schools in other countries.

**SST (Speed Strength Training) Competition:** Skyview continued with the SST collaborative competition between physical education students at Skyview, Kenai Central, and Nikiski Jr/Sr High Schools. The competition showcased the students' hard work, teachers' collaboration, and the district's support for physical education. Every student in the competition was enrolled in a SST weight training class and met district eligibility standards.

**Battle of the Books :** Placed 4<sup>th</sup> in district

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Soldotna Elementary

**Submitted by** Teri Diamond

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This has been another successful year at Soldotna Elementary, and I continue to be proud of the outstanding job our teachers, students, and parents do to make our school shine.

Our school was granted a Cultural Grant this year from the Alaska State Council on the Arts. Sharlene Cline, an artist from Homer introduced our students to an exceptional cultural experience in Chinese painting. She spent a week working with our students. We will continue the Artist in the School program this next year in partnership with Bunnell studio in Homer, a newly developed partnership.

Community events have been on our list to welcome families into our schools. This year we were able to organize an "Art from the Heart" night, a math night, a family movie night, and a soup lunch to encourage parents to spend lunch time with their children.

Because we promote giving, sharing, and helping others we had our school-wide Christmas drive, providing several of our families with the means to help them through the holidays. We worked in partnership with Rotary and with Soldotna Elks. In addition our students and families collected 760 lbs of aluminum as a recycling project. Our students also participated in Pennies for Patients, raising over \$1000, and our first annual child's clothing give away took place.

Our students also received recognition for Battle of the Books at the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade level. They also participated and performed for our school Forensics, with 18 students performing for students and staff. Our Spelling Bee was also a success with two students from each grade level, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> participating with one final contestant and runner up being selected. Our final contestant, Clara Moore, participated at the state bee in Anchorage.

Three of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students were also nominated for the Masonic Award. The finalist chosen and who participated at the Masonic Ceremony was Tim Cashman. In

addition, we had five students recognized for the Presidential Outstanding Achievement Award, and fifteen recognized for the Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence.

Our students also had several opportunities for after school experiences. These included Intermural basketball, Gymnastics, one of the only offered in the district at the elementary level, and our After the Bell Program.

Three of our terrific staff members were nominated for the BP of Excellence. They included Shaya Straw, Kelli Creglow, and Gayle Buben. All deserve and have earned this honorable recognition.

We also have two strong reading promotion/incentive programs that are a part of our school year. One is our Reading Counts program which has been in effect for four years. Our students are deeply motivated by this program and it is run by our Librarian, Debbie Adamson. This is a point program and a huge celebration occurs at the end. We are also fortunate to have support from Rotary to start our new summer reading program, SMORE. Students will keep track of minutes, and we will celebrate a variety of levels in the fall.

Last but not least we were in our first year of PBIS, or Positive Behavior Support. It has been successful years with more than 90% buy in from staff. The office referrals have decreased and behavior in all of the areas we targeted decreased. We look forward to expanding next year to make our school a kinder, safer, and more responsible place to be.

## Superintendent's Annual Report 13-14

**School Name** Soldotna High School

**Submitted by** Todd Syverson

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Soldotna High School has completed another great year. We continue to implement the A-Team After School Tutoring.

Soldotna High School continues with its great success in athletics and activities. Listed below are this year's accomplishments:

- \* Congratulating to the SkillsUSA members who placed at the CTSO Skills Based Assessment Conference:
- \* Student Council collected Prom dresses (Cinderella's Closet) again this year and it was a success from all over the Peninsula and across the bay even.
- \* SoHi won the State Football Championship
- \* SOHI PTSA hosted a Soup Supper for our Students in Need program with the Advanced Ceramics class making ceramic bowls, they made \$1,100. This helps students and their families throughout the year and especially during the holidays.
- \* The Soldotna High School Child Development class provided free daycare as part of the classroom teaching.
- \* Skyview & Soldotna high school robotics team competed at two tournaments. They took home both awards they went to win: Connect & Motivate. The StarBots team (Margaret McGlothen, Alex Lisenby, & James Elsey) were chosen for one of the finalist alliance teams and won their second Motivate award
- \* Daisy Nelson with the SoHi Art Club painted a new mural in the commons. Daisy designed and painted the mural with support from the art club.
- \* Battle of the Books team won 3<sup>rd</sup> place among 9 district high school teams! The team members were Audrey Helgevold, Chloe Kincaid, Sabrina Hilbrink, and Nicole Mills with Ila Cobb, Sabrina and Carmen Kelly.
- \* Hannah Pothast submitted her work to the Kenai Peninsula Writers Contest and won in two categories.
- \* KRPGA Charitable Foundation thanked the girls' soccer and football teams for helping with the Wounded Warrior Event last summer. This helped raise money for their programs and much needed support for the Event.
- \* The Girls 4A Basketball team scored the highest Combined GPA average of 3.92 for the State Academic Achievement for 2013-2014.

Soldotna High School continues to strive for excellence and has the goal of leading our School District on the path of continual improvement. Thanks for a great year!



## Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Soldotna Middle School

Submitted by Sarge Truesdell, Principal & Curtis Schmidt, Assistant Principal

Soldotna Middle School is a comprehensive middle school with an enrollment of 380 full time students in seventh and eighth grade. SMS continues to provide a full array of elective courses such as band, choir, art, technology, vocational education, and foreign language. SMS continued this year to offer sections of reading, math, and language arts remediation to students who scored below 330 on the 2013 SBA tests. SMS has a part time Quality Schools tutor in the building who directly serviced 26 SMS students on a daily basis this year. These students averaged a 56 point increase on the 2014 Math SBA. The use of IXL Math was expanded this year to include not only Tier II and Tier III intervention but as a Tier I intervention in all math courses at SMS, it showed a great benefit with students who used the program seriously. The Soldotna Middle School after school tutoring program continued in 2013-14 with 44 students participating throughout the year. A Title VII program was continued at SMS this year and proved to be beneficial in assisting both struggling and successful Alaska Native students to build tighter connections to school and increase academic performance. Preliminary 2014 SBA results are promising on initial review with many of students showing significant improvements in not only gaining proficiency but in average scale scores as well.

### Staff Accomplishments

Mr. Sarge Truesdell successfully completed his third year as the Principal of Soldotna Middle School. His leadership in guiding the Site Council, staff, students, and parents through the Soldotna Schools Reconfiguration process has been outstanding. Soldotna Middle School is excited and prepared to transition to the Skyview building and become Skyview Middle School. Soldotna Middle School had the following teachers nominated as BP teachers of the year: Sheila-Margaret Pothast, Jeff Vincent, Tiffany Carter, Andrea Eggleston, Mike Gustkey, Jeff Moore, WendyPotton, and Rob Moore with Mrs. Pothast qualifying as one of 5 finalists for the District.

**Masonic Student of the Year:** Jode Sparks

**Masonic Student of the Year Nominees:** Jode Sparks, John-Mark Pothast, Portia Padilla, Rachel Davidson, Cody Quelland

**SMS Spelling Bee Winner:** Jode Sparks

**Geography Bee Winner:** Laurel Graves (qualified for State Competition)

**Outstanding Band student of the year:** Anna Aley

**Outstanding Choir student of the year:** Melia Miller

**Chamber of Commerce Students of the Month-2013-14:** Erika Bennett, Haley Buckbee, Hannah Delker, Danica Schmidt, Rachel Davidson, Gage Burns-Hankins, Jaela Hubbard, Cody Quelland

**Perfect Attendance:** Garryn Baker, Derrick Bever, Tovia Bremond-Hilton, Carsen Brown, Sam Byerly, Charis Curry, Wyatt Denna, Megan Eskue, Colin Fleming, Alexis Giles, Victoria Giles, Grace Graham, John Holland, Angel Matuneak, Jayden Kemp, Denali Lombard, Calvin Mitzel, Michael Moore, Emily Pieh, Cody Quelland, Austin Reeves, Arin Reger, Tre Rybak, Aliann Schmidt, Logan Schrader, Luke Trammell, Hailey Wilkinson, Denali Wurst.

**4.0 G.P.A. (Entire year) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade –** Anna Aley, Kelie Arthur, Ethan Bott, Rachel Davidson, Austen Errickson, Derek Evans, Gavin Goggia, Alice Han, Selby Hill, Jaela Hubbard, Madeline Kindred, Sarah

McConnell, Hannah Noyes, Portia Padilla, John-Mark Pothast, Cody Quelland, Delaney Risley, Christy Satterwhite, Jode Sparks, Hannah Wells 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Kortney Birch, Brittani Blossom, Haley Buckbee, Rylan Burrows, Hannah Delker, Aliann Schmidt

**Outstanding Effort in History Writing:** Selby Hill and Jode Sparks

**Reading Remediation**

Our Read 180 program continues its success at taking long term, below grade level readers, and moving them into proficiency or better as measured on the SBA Reading Test. Data on the program demonstrates that it continues to be of high value to Soldotna Middle School and to students who go through the program. CBM, Lexile, and SBA results all confirm the program is doing what it is designed to do in helping students to fill in learning gaps in the area of reading comprehension and fluency. The area where the program needs to expand is in the area of decoding and finding ways to meet the needs of students with decoding issues will be the next step in this area.

**Spanish II**

For the sixth year in a row, Soldotna Middle School Spanish II students worked with Redoubt Elementary School first graders teaching Spanish lessons. SMS students chose the lesson content, developed the lesson plans, and created visuals and games to aid in the delivery of instruction. Sixteen SMS students visited Redoubt a total of three times – once for observation purposes in preparation for teaching and two times where they actually delivered a Spanish lesson each time. This Teaching Experience Project once again proved beneficial, both to the SMS students as well as the Redoubt first graders, and is a project we will continue in the future.

**Student Council**

Student Council saw an expanded role at Soldotna Middle School. Along with ongoing projects that are discussed below the Student Council planned and organized all of Soldotna Middle School's Under the guidance of Mrs. Sheila-Margaret Pothast students undertook all aspects of the quarterly student activity events. They volunteered for setting up and taking down the events, helped choose themes and ordered decorations, undertook deejay responsibilities, and organized alternate activities such as ice cream sundae bars, cupcake decorating, movies, etc. Student attendance and feedback demonstrated the success of the events and this student empowerment will continue far into the future.

SMS Student Council members also sponsored a non-perishable food drive during the Thanksgiving season. Homerooms competed to see who could bring in the most items of food and winners were treated to special prizes at Turkey Trot and in Homeroom. In total, Soldotna Middle School donated all collected food items to the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank.

Spartan Student Council also sponsored Spirit Week dress up days the last week of Third Quarter and created SBA week posters to encourage students to prepare well for testing. Student Council Advisors helped organize the SMS Talent Show and coordinated volunteers for Parent Teacher Conferences both semesters.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Program**

In early August, young people arrived at Soldotna Middle School from K-Beach Elementary, Sterling Elementary, Tustumena Elementary, Redoubt Elementary, and Connections. Making new friends, learning locker combinations, class routes & school layout, tips for comfort zone, Google docs and Smart Board technology, they also had time for games, team building, and creative expression through locker decoration and a transitions collage. In addition to being on campus for two days and learning to navigate their new daily schedule, everyone received a T-shirt, and a backpack with helpful school supplies to help get them off on the right foot. Student participating in the program had great success at Soldotna Middle School both behaviorally and academically.

**Extra-Curricular Sports**

Soldotna Middle School continued to offer its traditional athletic program in 2013-14. With over 400 participants in Soccer, Cross Country Running, Basketball, Wrestling, Cross Country Skiing, Volleyball, and Track & Field

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Soldotna Montessori Charter School

**Submitted by** Mo Sanders

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## **Academic Awards:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:** Seward Math Bowl

Our students participated in:

- Nine-week volunteer support at the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank: all fifth graders
- Nine-week volunteer support at Riverside Assisted Living: all fourth graders
- Nine-week volunteer support at Soldotna Senior Center: all sixth graders
- Battle of the Books for Grades K-6
- State Spelling Bee
- Seward Math Bowl
- Math Olympiad
- Mind-A-Mazes
- Leave No Trace Environmental Camp for all 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> graders
- UAF Field Station at Kasitsna Bay Overnight Studies for one 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade class
- Peterson Bay Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies Overnight Studies for two 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes
- Kenai Peninsula Wildlife Refuge Research Project extended
- Conscious Discipline implementation continued with professional development for all staff/all classrooms
- Sixth Grade Swimming Lessons two weeks in May
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Band
- Field Studies at all grade levels
- Challenger Center Missions for Fifth and Sixth Grades
- Adopt-a-Stream: monthly monitoring of Soldotna Creek: all 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades
- Staff participation in State and National Montessori Conferences

- Teacher participation in Nancy Atwell's Center for Teaching and Learning

**Parent Volunteers:**

Volunteers contributed 1729 hours at SMCS.

**Academic Policy Committee:**

The SMCS Academic Policy Committee, a nine member committee established by state statute to oversee the charter school curriculum, met monthly from August through June. Agendas and minutes are posted at the school and electronically.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Sterling Elementary

**Submitted by** Sheryl Hingley

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The 2013-2014 school year started off with 7 new teachers and a new principal. Students were greeted with a bulletin board of a smart phone displaying staff photos as apps. The caption read, "Learning at Sterling there is an app for that."

Sterling Elementary held many special school and community events, such as:

- Open House was held before school opened for students to meet teachers and bring supplies before the first day;
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in Student Leadership: assisting K-3<sup>rd</sup> students in the lunch room and engaging in positive play with K-3<sup>rd</sup> at recess;
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in snow club during the winter and running club during the spring time;
- Trunk or Treat, which provided a safe place for children to go Trick-or-Treating on Halloween;
- Falcon Fun Night provided activities for students and parents to participate in together;
- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students and band members participated in an All American Concert;
- K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders participated in a "Snowmen at Night Concert";
- PTA "Pirate Carnival" for all community to come spend the night with fun and games;
- 4 different PBIS celebrations celebrated the positive student behaviors of being safe, responsible and respectful;
- The first Monday of each month a teacher from each class was celebrated as the class super star with a certificate and pizza with the principal. Pizza was provided by Magpye's Pizza in Sterling;
- Kinder-Fair provided future Kindergarteners and their parents the opportunity to register for Head Start and Kindergarten. Many local community resources had booths to provide info for parents, and engage children in early literacy, health, and safety activities;
- Reading Is Fundamental book distributions provided three free books to children during the school year;
- Art Week provided special art projects every day for all K-6 students. A local artist/parent provided the leadership during this week.
- The School Habitat Trail was completed and used by classrooms, snow club and

community.

- All school talent show on the last day.

Teachers at Sterling Elementary received grants for extra activities for their classes:

- Four classroom teachers received grants to participate in trips to the Sea Life Center in Seward;
- Two classroom teachers received grants to participate in trips to the Imaginarium in Anchorage;

During the school year, students participated in:

- Grades 5/6 and Grades  $\frac{3}{4}$  Battle of Books;
- Elementary Forensics tournament, where students in grades 4 through 6 competed in a school tournament, with high scorers representing the school at the Borough Elementary Forensics Tournament held at Tustumena School. Two students also shared their pieces with the School Board during the school presentation.
- Students participating in the Jump Rope For Heart. Students jumped rope and raised money for patients with heart problems;
- K-6 students participated in Healthy Futures, which encouraged students to get outside and exercise;
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade participated in a girls choir, which emphasized positive self-esteem, that met at lunch/recess time and performed a concert in the Spring;
- Grade 3 through Grade 6 made significant gains in their spring SBA scores in the areas of math, reading and writing.

The following individual students were also recognized:

- Bailey Smith's artwork was selected as the piece most exemplary of Sterling Elementary and will be proudly displayed on next year's school calendar magnet;
- Victoria Kitson was selected as this year's Masonic Outstanding Student in recognition of her service to the community and to the school, as well as for her kindness and commitment to academic excellence.

The school was able to share the facility with organizations that provided other positive activities for the students:

- Sterling Judo Club
- Sterling Girl Scouts

# School Annual Report to the Superintendent

**School Name** Susan B. English

**Submitted by** Judy Standafer

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Our 3rd and 4th grade Sea Otters placed 2nd in Battle of the Books. We sent one 8th grader, Sam Scribner, to the State Spelling Bee and one 4th grader, Frankie Haller, to the State Geography Bee in Anchorage. This year was the first time in having a co-ed volleyball team and we placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Region. Our great Sea Otter boys' basketball team won 1st in Regions and went on to place 3rd in State. Our own Coach Mark Janes won Coach of the Year for the Region. Vivian Rojas escorted 7 students on a Close-up trip to Washington, DC. We had two presentation dinners by our international students from Kazakhstan and Mali. Both dinners were made up of foods from their countries. Four of our students performed in the Homer Jubilee. Our band students also attended the affair which inspired them to audition next year. The Sea Otter track team took first in Regions and five students attended the State competition. Last, but not least, Olivia Turner won the Kenai Masonic Lodge for Outstanding Student Award.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Tebughna School

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**Submitted by** Marilyn K. Johnson

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Please list the outstanding achievements of students, staff and/or your school for the past year. It is important that you share the following information; grants awarded, districtwide, statewide and national academic awards, regional and state athletic titles, special schoolwide projects, etc. It is not necessary to list each member of a team or group unless it is pertinent to an individual award. Your submission may not be longer than two (2) pages in length. This electronic form must be emailed to Debbie Tressler, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

We were very honored this year to have one of our students, Trinity Standifer, chosen to receive The Spirit of Youth Award. From this award, she has received a scholarship and attended a banquet in Anchorage as well.

Tebughna Native Corporation (TNC) has held two meetings at our school. They have donated \$2,300 to be shared by our staff members and used for students to participate in field trips.

The Tebughna Foundation provided opportunities for our students to practice golf indoors. They provided two trips for personnel from First Tee in Anchorage to visit our school and they worked with all of our students in grades K-12. They also brought native dancers, both male and female, to our school. This presentation included an explanation of their regalia as well as opportunities for students and staff to participate. This was a great way to learn about other native cultures from the lower 48.

Every spring we, staff and students, help the community by planting seeds and caring for them. Then when the sets are large enough, we help to transplant them into the community garden. Each fall we help to gather the harvest.

Because of a fire close to our community we were unable to hold our end of the year promotion ceremony and awards presentation. I am hoping to be able to present these certificates and awards at a future community meeting held to inform the community of the fire status. The following is the list of awards to be presented: Best Attitude (3); Citizenship Award (4); Most Improved Reader (4); Most Improved Writer (4); Most Improved Math (4); Best Behaved (6). We also gave bowls to staff members who would not be returning. Promotion certificates will be given to one 8<sup>th</sup> grader and five kindergarteners.



# Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name **Tustumena Elementary**

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Submitted by **Doug Hayman**

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Please list the outstanding achievements of students, staff and/or your school for the past year. It is important that you share the following information; grants awarded, districtwide, statewide and national academic awards, regional and state athletic titles, special schoolwide projects, etc. It is not necessary to list each member of a team or group unless it is pertinent to an individual award. Your submission may not be longer than two (2) pages in length. This electronic form must be emailed to Debbie Tressler, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

Our school did not actively apply for any major grants this year. Our community (through the Eagles Club) donated an additional \$1,000 dollars to support our School Yard Habitat (SYH) project. This was in addition to the \$2300 that was raised through the partnership with the Borough, Fish and Game, Department of Water Conservation, Spruce Bark Beetle, and Forestry Department. These funds will be used to enhance the project by adding a nursery/garden, covered instructional area, and signs. Next year we plan to start a "Fun Family Ski" event called, the Tustumena Moose Chase and Ski Race. It will be a fundraising event but the higher purpose is to provide another positive outlet for our area families during the winter months.

This year our collaborative time was focused on improving Science instruction. The initial data is promising with a raise from 45% to 65% of students demonstrating proficiency on the SBA. We also reinstated a Science Fair and modeled how to unpack the Science Standards and accessing Next Generation Science Standards for our district.

Three teachers were nominated for the BP Teacher of the year. None were awarded the prize but it was clear that their communication with parents and dedication was at a noteworthy level. These teacher were models for the rest of our building as well as evidence that our teachers are being "pushed" a little more toward their capacity than in years past. They have skin in the game. Next year they will be the only school in the district to have 100% of the staff piloting the new SLO process. This will have a positive effect on their teaching next year as well as lower the anxiety of student data being used for teacher evaluation the following year.

The Tustumena "Future Problem Solving Team," was one of 33 teams that qualified for the Alaska State Bowl. This bowl consisted of public, private, and international schools. Our team won first place in the presentation portion of the competition and second place overall.

Tustumena will continue to be the host school of our district Forensics Match as well. Most of our staff volunteers for the event which makes it a positive experience for everyone who visits us. We serve the community, our district, and our state in every way possible.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Voznesenka School

**Submitted by** Mike Wojciak

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One of our greatest academic successes was the introduction of an intervention program that proved to be an integral part of our educational program. Students participating in this program are now being served and monitored as determined through our I-Team meetings. Student needs are being targeted, with researched-based programs, to address prevalent educational gaps. With this additional data and focused small-group instruction much progress is being made with this new endeavor.

An outstanding achievement for our small site was the participation of 13 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Close Up program. These students visited both Washington D.C. and New York City, including the privilege of meeting both of our Senators and our Representative. We toured the Capitol, the Library of Congress, a few of the Smithsonian Museums, several Memorials, and multiple other D.C. destinations. In NYC we visited Wall Street, Central Park, Rockefeller Plaza, Ground Zero, Little Italy, 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Times Square, Roosevelt Island, the Brooklyn Bridge, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and many other sites. From an educational standpoint, to cultural exposure, and including eye-opening perspectives these fourteen students gained incredible insight about life outside of Voznesenka.

A special project for Voznesenka School is our year-long effort to create a personalized Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) program. A dedicated group of staff members, along with district support, tackled this project with diligence. From the onset, this program was to be implemented after winter break. After much contemplation this was postponed until the start of the 2014-15 school year. We are very excited about the roll-out of PBIS and know that waiting was the right choice for our school.

An additional school-wide project is our dedication to marine safety training, which is a two day event. The first day of training takes place at school and students learn about making MAYDAY calls, building safety shelters, they participate in a PFD fashion show, and they receive instruction from several fire fighters about their equipment, use of flares, as well as practicing to use a fire extinguisher. After several years, this year

the second day of training took place at the Homer Harbor. Here students received instruction from several members of the Coast Guard and an AMSEA (Alaska Marine Safety Education Association) instructor. Coast Guard members instructed students on using a dewatering pump and knot tying. An AMSEA instructor reviewed boating safety and how to conduct emergency drills. Students were also provided an opportunity to practice getting into immersion suits, swimming with them, and entering a life raft while in an immersion suit.

Scholarships:

UA Scholar- Mirimia Kuzmin

Alaska Performance Scholarship- Savely Kalugin, Mirimia Kuzmin, Irina Reutov

Homer Elks Lodge Scholarship- Mirimia Kuzmin

American Legion Post 16 Scholarship- Mirimia Kuzmin

Kachemak Board of Realtors Scholarship- Savely Kalugin

Homer Electric Association Scholarship- Savely Kalugin

Red Boucher Scholarship- Savely Kalugin

Project Grad Scholars- Savely Kalugin, Mirimia Kuzmin, Irina Reutov

Athletic Awards:

Avraam Kalugin- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference Quarterback

2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference Defensive Back

Honorable Mention Punter

Honorable Mention Return Specialist

Dennis Martishev- 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference Line Backer

2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference Fullback

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** West Homer Elementary School

**Submitted by** Raymond Marshall

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West Homer Elementary School has worked hard to provide a well-rounded, outstanding academic program for students. In 2013/14:

- In 2013 West Homer Elementary School (WHE) was recognized by the state of Alaska as a 5-Star school.
- In 2013 WHE was recognized by the state of Alaska as both a *Highest Performing* school and as a *High Progress* school. WHE was one of nineteen schools state wide to be recognized in both categories.
- WHE had two very deserving teachers nominated for the BP Teacher of Excellence Award: Katie Bynagle and Barb Veeck. Barb Veeck was named the Kenai Peninsula BP Teacher of Excellence for the 2014 school year.
- WHE's Battle of the Books Grade 3-4 team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in district and 5<sup>th</sup> in the state of Alaska.
- WHE's Battle of the Books Grade 5-6 team placed third in the district.
- WHE's Mind-A-Mazes team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall for the Long-Term Problem; and received the Judges' Choice Award for most creative design
- WHE is the only elementary school in the state of Alaska to have a Youth Court. For the 2013-2014 school year we had 16 active participants, 4 students with perfect scores thereby being sworn in as judges, and we participated in the State Youth Court conference.
- WHE conducted an Art Fair that was a great success.
- WHE sent representative Peter Syth to the state spelling Bee and representative Micah Mershon to the state Geography Bowl.
- WHE school 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, Noah Fisk, recived the Mansonic Outstanding Achievement Award.
- West Homer Elementary continues to offer a locally relevant academic programs in outdoor education which takes advantage of our close proximity to Kachemak Bay. This is exemplified by our school's working in conjunction with the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game as part of the Kachemak Invasive Species Monitoring program.
- WHE is also quite talented musically, with our music and band students providing concerts twice yearly to rave reviews. Additionally, we performed a Christmas show for the Long Term care unit at the local hospital.

- Athletically, WHE students were offered many sport and club opportunities from which to choose: soccer, cross country running, X-country skiing, volleyball, wrestling, basketball and gymnastics.
- West Homer student maintain garden boxes that were established in 2011-2012 with a People's Garden Grant and gardening grant from the Alaska Department of Natural resources. We utilize our annual crop of potatoes for a Potato-fest event and feed every student in the school as well as dozens of parents.
- At the KPBSD's Robotics Competition WHE's won both the *Robot Design Award* and the *Judge's Award* and competed at the state level.
- WHE was awarded a KPBSD professional development grant that was focused on Peer Observations.
- West Homer Elementary School has a very positive, enthusiastic, growing PTO that is focused on supporting and improving education and programs for students.