



**Kenai Peninsula Borough  
School District**

# **2011-2012**

# **School Annual Report**

# **to**

# **Superintendent**

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## Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** ABCS

**Submitted by** Larry Nauta

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ABCS students won state first and second place in Kidwind power generation and presentation.
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# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Chapman School

**Submitted by** Conrad Woodhead

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## Yearly Activity Report For Chapman School

- 21 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, Accelerated Math, Star Math, Star Reading, Typing Master Pro, Lexia, Headsprout, Orchard, Raz Reading, My Writing Web, Discovery Ed.
- Active Groups at Chapman: Student Council, Chapman Parent Advisory Group, Site Council, Title I
- Weekly Intervention Meetings
- Salmon Egg Collection - Anchor River
- Community - HEA Yearly Open House BBQ held at Chapman, Youth Group Wednesdays, Adult Basketball, Adult Volleyball and Zumba
- Child Find
- SPROUT Playgroup
- Community Garden Project
- Fire Safety - Anchor Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Read Across America with School wide activities
- Halloween Carnival
- Chapman School Open House well attended
- Art Program with Volunteer Dana Bachiochi
- Art Program with District Itinerant Debbie Harris
- Sports: Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Junior High Wrestling, Popeye Wrestling, Track
- QSP Magazine Sale - Fundraiser Event for Spring Swimming Lessons

- Scholastic Book Fair
- Senior Citizen Craft Bazaar
- Cowboy Tooth Fairy - Dental Hygiene
- Quarterly Awards Assemblies
- Dissection of Fish
- VFW Veteran's Day Assembly
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Music Concerts: Fall, and Spring
- Canned Food Drive for Community Thanksgiving Baskets
- Anchor Point Public Library - Cabin Fever Variety Show
- Student Teacher - 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Character Counts Behavior Incentive Program
- Spelling Bee - Winner Jake Roberts
- 100s day activities school wide
- Unalakleet Athletes NYO presentation
- Parent Organized Snow Rondi Events at Chapman: Pinewood Derby
- Student, Wyatt Frank, chosen as Anchor Point Youth of the Year
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>
- Future Problem Solving Team
- 100% Participation during SBA testing (no retakes necessary)
- Grades 3-8 ice in Homer - Testing Reward (paid for by student council)
- Student Mediation Program
- Special Music Programs: Mass Band & Mass Choir
- Volunteer Appreciation Cookie Reception
- Student, Labri Estrada, chosen as Chapman's Masonic Student
- Math Night
- Math Bowl
- Kindergarten & Pre-K Open House
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students - Two weeks of swimming lessons
- Registration for Pre-K / 19 students signed up
- Sixteen Kindergarten Students graduate
- Eleven 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students graduated
- Field Day
- All School/Community BBQ Last Day of School

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Connections Homeschool Program

**Submitted by** Lee Young

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## University of Alaska Scholar Award Recipients:

- Camille Huber
- Selia Butler
- Caleb Murray
- Nathaniel Reams
- Ethan Atwater
- Tanner Penrod
- Shannon Reid
- John Akers
- Naomi Chythook
  
- Carolyn Sisson – Freestyle gold medal winner in Statewide ISI Ice skating competition
- Leah Flory – Ken Fisher Memorial Scholarship recipient for outstanding Christian character.
- Mason Yamada selected to represent Alaska at the Bowling Nationals in Indianapolis this summer.
- Conway Seavey – Winner of the Junior Iditarod
- Rachel Hannan – All State Solo, Ensemble, Choir
- Ethan Atwater – Whitworth University – Presidential Scholarship Recipient
- Jimmy Gao – 1<sup>st</sup> place table tennis tournament in Anchorage – Bronze medal Arctic Winter games; team and double events
- Jaymie Nichols – U-10 State Hockey Championship Team Member

## Superintendent's Report Information:

### **Cooper Landing School 2011-2012**

Submitted by: Dr. Christine Ermold

- All students participated in the **National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)**, and fifth grader, James Holben, placed second in the grade 3-6 division and was invited to compete at the National Archery Competition in Kentucky.
- Students have continued to perform at high levels on the Alaska Standards Based Assessments and excel academically through the use of various teaching and learning experiences that include distance learning experiences, field trips, and other hands-on opportunities made available by the support of many volunteers and donors.
- Staff and students continue to be very conscious of energy conservation and remain heavily involved with the community recycling program that occurs in partnership with the AmeriCorps Raven program.
- Students in grades 3, 4, 5, & 6 participated in the Battle of the Books competition.
- Cooper Landing School works collaboratively with the community preschool program to provide a variety of learning opportunities for the community's preschool age children.
- A strong collaboration with Hope School and Moose Pass has continued to provide successful experiences both academically and socially for students at each school.
- The school has continued to receive the BIRCH AmeriCorps grant that provides for the Community Schools program at Cooper Landing.
- Cooper Landing School was awarded an Alaska State Council on the Arts grant that allowed the entire school to travel to Anchorage for the Anchorage Performing Arts Center event, Beauty and The Beast.
- Our Parent Advisory Committee continued to support and fund many educational, recreational and social events for our students. This year's events included: swimming lessons, gymnastics lessons, skiing lessons, rock gym climbing lessons, participation in a hay bale maze, a trip to the Anchorage Museum, a visit for the release of a Great Horned Owl, travel to the Trail Lakes Hatchery for a salmon egg take, a Kenai River float trip and ecology lesson, and attendance at School House Rock and Shanghai Circus performances in Anchorage, AK.

Narrative Description  
2011-2012 School Report Card  
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

School Name: Fireweed Academy

Narrative Description of Parental, Community, or Business Involvement

**Parental, Community, or Business Involvement**

Parental: Academic Policy Committee members  
Office and Classroom Aides  
Music, Dance, Art, PE Enrichment classes  
Lunch/Recess Supervisors  
Mentors on Special Topics  
Drivers/Chaperones on field trips/after school programs  
Fundraising  
Legislative action support

Community: We continue to maintain strong working relationships with several non-profit organizations. We rely heavily on local folks to host field trips and provide expert speakers that provide a link between school and community and make learning more authentic and meaningful. We have benefited from our relationship with Bunnell Street Gallery, Homer Council on the Arts, Kachemak Heritage Land Trust, Pratt Museum, Alaska Islands and Ocean, Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Homer Public Library, Homer Youth Court, Big Brothers, Big sisters, and Community Mental Health. We have also benefited from the expertise of many local individuals.

**Highlights for this year include:**

Harvest Festival  
Fall Fundraiser  
Student Led Conferences  
D Project Maori Dance, Sharlene Cline, Eddie Wood: Artists in schools  
Structures 2012 Grand Exposition  
I Safe Training  
Found object collage  
Afterschool ski club  
Math Bowl  
Kodiak Youth Drum Group  
Shackleton Presentation  
Sister Pine Awareness  
K-2 Theme Culminating Performances  
6<sup>th</sup> Spring Field Trip to Talkeetna  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Spring Field Trip: Peterson Bay

## Other Information the School Wishes to Share

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Fireweed continues to enjoy the support of Title I programming. I believe we are the only charter school in the state that does. We are very proud of the fact that our student population reflects the demographics of our community. Many of our younger students benefited from the extra help they got in reading this year.

We were granted space at the WHE campus to address the needs of students with disabilities. Fireweed is increasing and refining our skills and dispositions for providing services for students with intensive needs.

Adding a K-2 East Campus continues to challenge and reward this year. Parents are committed but still need more information on our Theme Immersion Model and constructivist methods. We are planning on adding school lunch service at the K-2 campus next.

Fireweed "recycled" some of the playground equipment from the former Karen Hornaday Park playground which has enhanced opportunities for play and exercise. Students painted colorful salmon to beautify the chain link fence.

People's Garden granted \$4900 to Fireweed to expand their garden and provide students with tools and raised beds.



# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Homer Flex

**Submitted by** Karen Wessel

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STUDENTS: Thurmond Scholarship, UA Scholar, Masonic Outstanding Student Award

STAFF: Alex Koplin, Nominated for BP Teacher of Excellence  
Chris Brown, Accepted, Educational Leadership, MA in Education at UAS  
Jeff Szarzi, AKLN, Teacher of Marine Biology 2012-2013

GRANTS: People's Garden Grant, a schoolwide project  
Homer Incentive Trust, Donor-advised Grant through the Homer Foundation, awarded Fall 2011 and Spring 2012

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**School Name** Homer High School

**Submitted by** Allan Gee

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## **Skills USA- Most Employable School-3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year**

Largest Chapter Skills USA in the State of Alaska

Top Three Welders: Skills USA Region Competition

Willie Paag #1

Nathaniel Hardy #2

Dave Jolly #3

Heath Johnson 1<sup>st</sup> Place State Competition Skills USA-Construction

DJ Marsengill 2<sup>nd</sup> Place State Competition Skills USA-Construction

Taylor Ellison 3<sup>rd</sup> place State Competition Skills USA –Pre-School

## **Sean Campbell, BP Teacher of Excellence**

### **Homer High School Choir Achievements for 2011-2012:**

HHS Choir received the Academic Award for the highest combined GPA at Alaska State Solo Ensemble Festival (ASAA State Championship Event)

Performed Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Kenai Peninsula Community Chorus, Kenai Peninsula Orchestra, and professional soloists

27 Participants in Alaska All-State Honor Choir (ASAA State Championship Event)

6 Participants in All-National Honor Choir that will sing in The Kennedy Center in Washington DC this summer.

**People's Garden Grant - \$5,000 received.** Construction has already begun on this garden, and students from our Natural Resources class are already involved in the project.

**Matt Tucker, Special Education Teacher**, was recognized with an Inclusive Practice Award, presented by the AK Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education at the 2012 AK Special Education Conference.

**\$3,000 Grant from the Training Institute for Partnerships in Science (TIPS).**

Science teacher, Vicki Lowe, participated in this institute at UAF learning how to integrate biotechnology into her science curriculum and received \$3,000 for classroom materials support.

**New Peer Mentoring Program** supported by Paul Gutzler and Paul Story was successful by pairing up 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students for mentoring, tutoring, and goal setting. All students who completed the entire year traveled to UAA for a tour of the campus. 9<sup>th</sup> graders participating improved their GPAs almost 146% (almost 1.5 times higher) than in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Football Team (state runner-up)** had the Highest GPA in State Competition  
Highest success rate for eligibility- 48 out of 50 players eligible for the entire season.

**Cam Wyatt – Northern Lights Conference Football Coach of the Year**

**Drama, Debate and Forensics State Tournament**

Adella Sundmark and Theo Noomah – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Pantomime  
Jacob Mayforth – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Original Oration  
Adella Sundmark – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Original Oration  
Jacob Mayforth and Herman Hannan – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Duet Acting  
Trevor Waldorf – 5<sup>th</sup> place, Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Overall, Small School – Drama  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Overall, Small School – Forensics

**DDF 2012 Coach of the Year – Amy Christianson**

**Cheerleader 2012 Coach of the Year – Anna Fisher**

**\$863,000 in total scholarships for the Class of 2012.**

**#2 Ranked High School in the State of Alaska** (Source: U.S. News and World Report)

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**School Name** Homer Middle School

**Submitted by** David Larson

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## Grants:

- Homer Council on the Arts grant for performing arts Artist in the Schools
- Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shroer grant for \$2500 for extracurricular activities
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade cold-water survival training grant from the Homer Foundation

## Athletic Titles:

- HMS Girl's Basketball achieved first place in the Borough Tournament
- HMS hosted the Borough Mass Band
- One student achieved second place at the State Spelling Bee

## Schoolwide Projects:

- HMS hosted the Borough Math Meet
- HMS qualified for the state Math Counts competition
- Community Food Drive
- Project Angel Tree
- Area wide outdoor clean up
- Artist in Residence focused on Salsa Dance
- Student Council hosted activity nights and spirit weeks
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade participated in a beach clean-up and a beach quadrats survey
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade participated in cold-water survival training

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Hope Elementary High School

**Submitted by** Monica Hinders

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The 2011/2012 provided to be an excellent year at Hope School. All three graduates from last year are wrapping up their first year of college, (Tessa at UAA), and technology school-(Deana and Tyler at WyoTech in Montana and Florida. We are very proud if these graduates and pleaded that they have chosen to continue on with their education after leaving Hope School

Enrollment/HSGQE: This year we began the year with 12 students with no seniors. Our four 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders have passed the HSGQE and are expected to graduate in the next two years with their diploma. We expect to have 14 students next year with the addition of two students entering kindergarten.

Welding Class/Class M Certification: Biggest news this year was the development of a welding class for our Hope students. Hope School and staff worked with the district to get one of our own Hope parents certified through the State to teach welding. Our first class began second semester with four students participating. Next year it is our hope to have another person in the community with an automotive certification. Students in the welding class attended three different welding related trainings, including two welding association meetings in Anchorage with new teacher, Willie Davidson.

Farm to School Grant/ AmeriCorps: Our AmeriCorps member obtained a \$500.00 grant to purchase grow lights for our science program. New to Hope School this year, our AmeriCorps program emphasised local grown products, food preparation, and the preparation of healthy snacks. Together with our teacher, the AmeriCorps staff set up a science/food nutrition class on Tuesdays and taught the intermediate students how to grow some of their own food like zucchini and edible flowers, how to make jelly, how to tap birch trees for syrup, and how to make healthy snacks. Students researched their recipes, made shopping lists, and prepared the food under the supervision of the AmeriCorp worker, Lisa Simono.

Battle of the Books-5th and 6<sup>th</sup> grade team- With only two students in that age group, we still managed to win two battles and had a great time.

Technology-Using our new technology to connect up with Cooper Landing School for show and tell on Friday mornings and accessing CNN news for kids on the smart board for current events of Thursdays.

Veterans Day-Round Table- A first for Hope School. Students invited local veterans to Hope School on Veterans Day and enjoyed hearing about their experiences in the military first hand. Veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq came to Hope School and talked about their experiences. Parents also came to the round table and everyone took the time to honor the men and women of the Hope community who served our country. This is going to be a yearly event! Students made snacks and refreshments for the guests.

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**School Name** Kachemak Selo School (56)

**Submitted by** Andy Rothenberger

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- Parents and community support-- Federal Programs parent involvement projects
- Parent volunteers: Site Council, maintenance and new construction, field trips/class projects
- Russian language instruction
- Kachemak Selo School new building council—and borough support
- School achievement goals: geometry and measurement, K-3 reading fluency, science Fridays
- Teacher professional development: AIMSweb, I-Team, IPT, AWA, Discovery Ed, SMART Technologies, AIS residencies, and Head of the Bay Language Arts PLC.
- K-1 afternoon learning centers
- Outdoor lab activities and field studies
- Writers Workshop blog
- K-1 Properties of Water production
- 4-5 Real Story of the Three Little Pigs production
- Iditarod Sled Dog reading race
- Artist In Schools residency program with Eddie Wood—focus on storytelling
- Kenai Peninsula Writer's Contest honorable mention recipient
- Student clubs—math, chess, electronics and homework clubs
- Sports Coop—Head of the Bay villages and Homer High Hockey
- Voznesenka/Selo Wrestling and Football
- Construction workshops for students
- Student fund raising and contributors
- Field and picnic day activities
- Peterson Bay Research Station field trip (9-11)
- Battle Books 5-6, 7-8
- Five(5) A-Roll and Principal's List academic achievers (Gr. 6-12)
- Five (5) Kindergarten graduates
- Four (4) 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotions to high school
- Eight (8) 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduates (including one Connections student)
- UA Scholar recipient
- Collaboration schedule—focus on Science Fridays, spiraling electives (K-12), Russian curriculum with scope and sequence (K-12), writing, SpEd support and RTI
- AYP
- New furniture and equipment
- Marine Debris cleanup
- Head of the Bay highway cleanup (23 miles)
- Increased storage space for equipment and rotational materials
- New primary playground and drainage
- Alternative/variance calendar
- Tech integration equipment

## Superintendent's Annual Report

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

**Submitted by** Robin Dahlman

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Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science 2011-2012 Achievements:	
June 2012	-Representing Alaska in the National Future Problem Solving competition, Indiana University
May2012	-Assisted in clean-up and preparation of the Burney Huss Trail, Kenai -Alaska State Champions in Junior Division of Future Problem Solving -Mrs. Elaine Larson awarded the AK State Arts Consortium Award of Excellence -100% of 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students proficient in Reading Spring SBA
February 2012	-Hosted Artist, Shala Dobson who provided Profession
October 2012	-Hosted <i>Total Learning</i> by Dr. Sue Snyder to provide professional development in effective student engagement and integration teaching practices



# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** K-Beach Elementary

**Submitted by** Melissa Linton

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The K-Beach community strives to meet the needs of each and every child so they meet their academic goals. We are especially proud that K-Beach students perform well on both KPBSD formative and summative assessments. Our overall academic success reflects the staff's dedication to making sure every student performs at their personal best.

The Kenai Peninsula School District has made a commitment to assign K-Beach Elementary School with two full-time Intervention teachers. Teachers, with the help of our school Intervention Team, review assessment data, student work and other student achievement evidence to identify those students who are most in need of academic enrichment. Using research-based, direct instruction programs, we are able to assist at-risk students to meet or come closer to meeting district-wide assessment benchmarks. Our Intervention Team served over 65 students in need of academic or behavior assistance.

Staff at K-Beach strive to stay current with best practices in education. For example, K-Beach staff uses scheduled collaboration time to effectively address the needs of our students. Grade level collaboration teams set SMART goals and used formative assessment data to guide and improve their instruction. Our teachers participate in a variety of professional development opportunities throughout the year that enhance their instruction and assessment techniques. For example, teachers address 21<sup>st</sup> century learning styles by incorporating Smart Board activities and Discovery Education resources into their daily lessons. Teachers are using these technologies in a variety of ways, but the main goal is to increase student engagement in the classroom. Our teachers are participating in many professional development classes to learn and share new strategies to increase overall student achievement.

K-Beach students continue to excel not only in academics, but also in the arts. Students from K-Beach are extremely competitive in school, local and state-wide competitions, such as the DARE Essay Contest, the Tustumena 200 Sled Dog Race poster contest, the state spelling bee, Battle of the Books and Future Problem Solvers. Our Artist in Residence, Ms. Liz, spent five weeks exploring a variety of artistic mediums with our students. During her time with us, students created art projects linked to literature and writing. Our culminating Art Show showcased over 2,000 pieces of art made by K-Beach children. In addition to our art program, music is also cherished in our school. The intermediate musical *Tom Sawyer* and the primary musical, *The Elf Impersonator* offered students the opportunity to share their theatrical and vocal talents. Our K-Beach band and band alumni for SkyView High School ended the year with a joint concert open to the community. We encourage and support our students to participate and excel in every way and the efforts are recognized and appreciated!

Parents, community and business members support our school in a variety of ways. Students could not reach their academic and social goals without the help of our K-Beach community members. Reading to children, chaperoning field trips, donating supplies and food, assisting teachers in the classroom, organizing events, and sharing talents are a just few ways in which K-Beach families and community members help educate our students.

Student Council organized many successful community out-reach projects this year. The K-Beach community donated magazines and supplies for our troops. During the holidays, we donated over 100 toys to the Toys for Tots program and over several hundred pounds of food and blankets to the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank. Our students and staff served our community in a variety of ways this year and our hope is to continue and expand these initiatives next year.

The K-Beach PTA serves all the children and staff in our school. Our PTA organizes many events that provide safe, free/low-cost, and enrichment activities for families. Open House, Kindergarten Tears and Cheers, Reading Programs, Nutrition Education, the Halloween Carnival, and the end of the year family barbeque are a few of the events sponsored by the PTA. Likewise, the PTA organizes several fund raising ventures that pull together teachers, students, community and business members. Funds are distributed to staff members to support school events, purchase educational equipment, and offset field trip transportation costs. This year in particular the PTA worked in partnership with the Caribou Student Council to help support our school-wide goal to increase student voice and participation in school decision making. Students were involved with choosing the events PTA sponsored and as a result, we had the most participation ever! We are very proud of our PTA as they not only support our school, but they genuinely care and respect our school community.

**Business and Community Partnerships:**

Diamond M Ranch	Pizza Hut
Kenai Wild Life Refuge	Duck Inn
Short Stop	Don's Rent it Center
Save-U-More	Orca Theater
Poppy Lane Flowers	Soldotna Police Department - DARE
The Duck Inn/Kenai River Lodge	Central Peninsula Hospital – Safe Kids
River City Cheer	State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game
Jumpin' Junction	Challenger Learning Center
Foster Grandparents	Amanda Elmore, 31
Soldotna Food Bank	Stanley Ford
Scrapaholics	Solid Rock Bible Camp
Hooked on the Bean	Soldotna Sports Center
Kaladi Brothers	H2 Oasis
Safeway	Nikiski Pool
Coffee Roasters	Trustworthy Hardware
Orca Theater	Grace Bretheren Church
Big Daddy's Pizza	Love Inc.
Kenai Visitor's Center	Soldotna Rotary
Love Inc.	

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Kenai Alternative High School

**Submitted by** Loren Reese

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## Individual Awards and Recognition:

Masonic Outstanding Student – Janae Brooks

ELKS Lodge #2425 Student of the Year-Devin Buscher

UA Scholars Award Recipients – Tatiana Edelen

John Demelta

..... Cierra Conkila

..... Penny Nelson

XTO Energy Outstanding Student Scholarship-Devin Buscher

Bernard Stroman Memorial Scholarship-Tatiana Edelen

## 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.

This year KAHS continued its mentoring program and collaboration with the Community Action Coalition and KPC. With the help of these two community partners, 20 seniors were given the opportunity to participate in either a mini-internship or plan for attending classes in their post secondary educational lives.

We received a grant for \$26,000 through the Alaska Department of Education. This grant Kenai Alternative and 17 other alternative school from the state of Alaska. Kenai Alternative used the funding to create a healthy choices/changes class that ran from December to February. Topics covered included shopping and cooking healthy foods on a budget and avoiding risky behaviors. The I-Safe curriculum was also covered during this time frame. KAHS plans to continue working through this grant for the next school year.

This year we had 40 graduates.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Kenai Central High School

**Submitted by** Alan Fields

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## Football:

2011 Medium Schools State Champions

AJ Hull—offensive player of the year, 1<sup>st</sup> team all-state: quarterback, defensive back, and return specialist

Daniel Carlson—1<sup>st</sup> team all-state: offensive guard

Kyle Dougherty—1<sup>st</sup> team all-state: inside linebacker

Alex Nason—1<sup>st</sup> team all-state: defensive line, offensive tackle

AJ Hull—Gatorade Player of the year

## Cross Country Running:

Ali Ostrander—Gatorade player of the year (runner of the year)

## Wrestling:

Ellery Stefansson—3rd place at state, 132 pounds

Team won academic award at state

## Hockey:

Zack Zulkanycz—1<sup>st</sup> team all-state

## Nordic Ski:

Girls team who qualified for state won the academic award

## Swim/Dive:

Olivia Piefer—6<sup>th</sup> at state in the 200 free style

## Basketball:

Boys basketball qualified for state, received the sportsmanship award at state

AJ Hull—3<sup>rd</sup> team all-state

AJ Hull, Bailey Beeson, Morgan Wensley—all chosen to play in the senior all-star game

## State Track:

Bailey Beeson—3<sup>rd</sup> in 800

Leah Sandahl—8<sup>th</sup> in 100 hurdles

Jonah Theisen—7<sup>th</sup> in 1600

4\*4 girls relay team—2<sup>nd</sup>

4\*8 girls relay team—4<sup>th</sup>

**Soccer:**

Girls team qualified for state

**Baseball:**

Boys team qualified for state

The following students received awards at the district art show.

Nick Bodnar-1<sup>st</sup> place drawing

Brandi Wagoner- 1<sup>st</sup> photography

Melanie Wortham – 2<sup>nd</sup> Photography

Liberty Rohn- 3<sup>rd</sup> photography

Evening Ferguson- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceramics

Jonathan Torkelson- Honorable mention drawing

**Honor Choirs:**

58 students selected for the\_KPBSD H.S. Honor Choir

20 students selected for the Alaska All-State Honor Choir

17 Kenai Central Choir members were chosen for the 2012 ACDA (American Choral Directors Association)

15 students selected for the All-National Honor Choir (KCHS has 3 times more than the next closest choir in the U.S.A.

**Drumline:**

Drumline performed at the Championship Football game half-time show. KCHS Drumline is the only Drumline in the district.

**Honor Bands:**

9 students selected for All-State Band

Deb Sounart received an accolade at the ASAA Band Director's meeting for having the most band students chosen to the All-State Band from Region III

23 members selected for the KPBSD Honor Band

**Solos & Ensembles:**

District Ensembles: 5 Superior Ratings

District Solos: 10 Superior Ratings

State Ensembles: 3 ensembles; 2 Superior Ratings

State Solos: 10 solos; 2 Superior Ratings

Prudential Spirit of Community Award for two students - Noelle Schmitter-Schrier and Courtney Stroh

Spirit of Youth Award for two students- Miranda Udelhoven and Forrest Vest

The graduating class of 2012 received substantial scholarships from various universities and other sources.

Developed and implemented a program in the special education department for Building Academic Vocabulary using Marzano's instructional model

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Kenai Middle School

**Submitted by** Vaughn Dosko, Principal

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SOCCER	Girls - 1st Place Borough Champions Boys - 1st Place Borough Champions
TRACK	Girls - 1st Place / Borough Champions Boys - 1st Place / Borough Champions
BASKETBALL	Girls - 3rd Place Boys - 3rd Place
VOLLEYBALL	1st Place - Borough Champions
MATH COUNTS	1st Place - State Competition
MATH BOWL	1st Place - Drake Thomas 2nd Place - Caleigh Jensen 3rd Place - Ean Atchley & Taylor Shelden
FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING	1st Place - Junior Presentation 2nd Place - Middle Presentation 1st Place - Middle Presentation & Team Booklet Competition
GEOGRAPHY BEE	1st Place - Mikaela Salzetti 2nd Place - Elizabeth Meyer 3rd Place - Gavin Bennett
SPELLING BEE	1st Place - Brett Brown 2nd Place - Mara Yougren-Brown
BATTLE OF THE BOOKS	6th Grade - Finished In the Top Half 7th & 8th - 3rd Place
TALENT SHOW	1st Place - Noelle Roberts 2nd Place - Kelsey Booth & Tekaiya Rich 3rd Place - Destiny Schmidt

MASONIC AWARD	Dalton Dosko
AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING	11/08/11 - 04/12/12 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
BAND & CHOIR	10/13/11 Choir Concert 10/18/11 Band Concert 12/08/11 Choir Concert 12/11/11 Band Concert 03/05/12 Band Concert 03/06/12 Choir Concert 04/24/12 Choir Concert - Mass 04/26/12 Band Concert 05/01/12 Band Concert - Mass 05/03/12 Choir Concert
SITE COUNCIL	Meetings Held 10/20/11, 11/15/11, 01/17/12, 02/21/12, 04/17/12, 05/15/12
LEADERSHIP	"Welcoming All Kids" Orientation Organized Special Days - Sports, Nerd, Neon, Twin & School Spirit Sponsored School Activity Nights and Dances Shopped for School Supplies for New Students Set-Up & Clean-Up Crew for Open House/BBQ's Organized Kossack Corner - Clothes Closet Updated Bulletin Boards purchased \$400 worth of calling cards for military personnel in hospital donated \$245 to The Bridges Community Resource Network donated \$245 to The Way Café' to feed local homeless families donated pet food and toys to the Kenai Animal Shelter held a Dr. Seuss party at Mt. View with the kindergarten students provided Christmas dinner, toys, clothes, and winter clothing for local families celebrated Veteran's Day with community, students and staff



ACTIVITIES / AWARDS

Ice Fishing - 8th Grade - February 24  
Clam Digging - 7th Grade - May 9  
Camp - 6th Grade - May 15-17  
Farewell Ceremony - May 18  
Character Counts - Pizza Awards / Every Friday  
Students of the Month - Pizza Awards / Once Monthly  
Canned Food Drive - November  
Aluminum Cans (418 lbs) - April

BUILDING USE  
Program)

07/16/11 - 08/15/11 Nakenu Family Center (Summer  
08/06/11 Peninsula Community Health Services  
09/01/11 - 04/30/12 Calvary Baptist Church (Sunday's Only)  
11/05/11 Homer Electric Association  
11/12/11 Mobilizing for Action Through Partnership  
11/01/11 - 05/31/12 Native Youth Olympics  
12/19/11 - 12/22/11 Joel Reemtsma (Soccer Camp)  
01/03/12 - 03/31/12 Peninsula Midnight Sun Volleyball  
02/10/12 River City Cheer  
03/24/12 Young Life AK29  
03/28/12 Kenai Peninsula Hockey Association  
04/01/12 - 05/31/12 Boys & Girls Club (Indoor Soccer)  
04/07/12 Kenaitze Indian Tribe (Easter Egg Hunt)  
05/05/12 CIRI  
5/29/12 to 8/12/12 Nakanu Summer Program

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** McNeil Canyon Elementary

**Submitted by** Pete Swanson

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## Staff Achievements

- Debbie Piper wrote 19th consecutive, successful Artist-in-Schools grant that provided the opportunity for an all school dance experience. Dance instruction by Artist in Residence Jerry Falik provided an opportunity for all of our students to work on developmentally appropriate creative dance experiences. McNeil students were very actively involved in this two week program. This grant program has had a tremendous impact on the entire school and has become a very real tradition.
- Sheryl Sotelo wrote and obtained the following grants:

Marine Debris Grant	\$1700	Center for AK Coastal Studies
Citizen Science Project	\$4900	Toshiba
Robotics	\$2500	National Space Grant
Geology in Classroom	\$500	Alaska Science Teachers

## Student Accomplishments

- Jaron Morris qualified for the National Geographic State Geography Bee and Tristan Gonzales qualified for the State Spelling Bee. Jaron is a 6th grade student this year and Tristan is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student.
- Forensics team finished all participants in top three places.
- Robotics team placed in both regional and state competitions.

## Co-Curricular Accolades

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

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Moose Pass School

**Submitted by** Jason Bickling

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

Started Archery in Schools Program - Jeff Bryden (parent)  
All School collaboration on Thematic Units  
Learned NYO Games  
Itinerate PE teacher/trainer  
Mammoth Exhibit in ANC as part of the Alaska History Unit  
Christmas Play Production – Polar Express, Native Dancing  
Downhill Ski Lessons at Alyeska with Moose Pass and Cooper Landing Schools  
Student Council – Fundraisers, School Dance with Hope and Cooper Landing Schools, Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes for Food Pantry  
Fundraising through sale of Moose Pass School sweatshirts  
Guest Artists from Community – Iva Cooney, Willow LaBrake, Melissa Guernsey  
All School Talent Jamboree  
Senator Murkowski visit

Moose Pass students also participated in a number of competitions throughout the district including:

Mind Amazes competition  
Forensics Competition  
Battle of the Books  
Math Bowl  
Participated in XC race in Soldotna (w. SWMS)  
Earth Day Fair Competition

# **Superintendent's Annual Report**

**School Name** Mountain View Elementary

**Submitted by** Norma Holmgaard, Principal

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## **Recent Student Recognitions**

The Kenai Masonic Lodge conducted its annual Masonic Outstanding Student Award Program. Shanna Anderson was selected from Mountain View Elementary and received a certificate of achievement along with a \$50.00 saving bond and a personal plaque. Delbrian Parfitt was our school winner for the Geography Bee and was participated in the Alaska State Bee in Anchorage on March 30, 2012.

## **Staff Accomplishments**

Retired – John Wensley, Rob Dimick

Shannon Hoffbeck and Cindy Thomas received BP Teachers of Excellence certificates.

## **Other Points of Interest**

A conscious effort was made to ensure that each grade level had common planning time. With students having three specials teachers the 40 minutes the students were in specials provided a perfect opportunity for common planning and collaboration.

Students at Mountain View Elementary participated in the district's universal screener process by utilizing the AIMSweb assessment. After each of these testing windows the Intervention coordinator facilitated grade level meetings to go over this data and identify the students who were below the 10<sup>th</sup>%tile and the students below the 25<sup>th</sup>%tile. These students were then referred to I-Team and if parents agreed the intervention process would begin. This was a great way to look at grade level data and help the teachers determine where students might need some extra help and the team was there to offer suggestions on how they might change or add something to their instruction.

This year Mountain View Elementary implemented the use of EdPerformance Performance Series testing from grades 3-5 in the fall, winter and spring. The results were analyzed by the grade level teams and plans were made to use this information to change instruction. This information was also used when considering intervention for students identified through the Universal screening process.

Each grade level team evaluated their data and wrote quarterly goals based on student need.

Mountain View Elementary staff attended The Write Tools professional development opportunity and easily implemented this protocol into their writing repertoire.

Many of our staff members are a part of the SMART technology cohort as well as the Discovery Education Cadre.

Mountain View Elementary hosted an after school math club focusing on students in grades 3-5. Students were selected by their performance on EdPerformance, AIMSweb and SBA tests. The program started on November 7<sup>th</sup> and ran through December 15<sup>th</sup> on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00. The 3 groups had no more than 10 students and focused on computation, estimation, probability, measurement and fractions depending on grade level. This focus was based on student need from pre-test as well as our school goals. Students were given a pre-test and post-test with Orchard math program.

Mountain View Elementary hosted an after school writing club focusing on students in grades 3-5. Students were selected by their performance on EdPerformance, AIMSweb, and SBA tests. The program started on February 6, 2012 and ran through April 12, 2012 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00. The three teachers worked collaboratively and team taught the students using The Write Tools materials they had all received training on in the last two years. The teachers used a writing assessment pretest from the Anchorage Test Item Bank that is based on the grade level expectations for each particular grade. After they completed their final product and published it in a hard back book, they took the assessment again to look for gains.

Family Math Night- March Math Madness, Thursday March 29 5:00 to 6:30

This year our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the D.A.R.E. program. This program was facilitated by Mountain View Elementary's safety officer from the Kenai Police Department, Alex Prins. Students learned some hard facts about drug and alcohol abuse and they practiced how to avoid involvement and resist peer pressure.

Students of the month awards Sponsored by the student council went to one student from each class that exemplified respect, honesty, hard work and citizenship. Beginning in November, 39 students received this award each month. A special luncheon was held each month with pizza provided by the Mountain View PTA.

For the first time in many years a 5<sup>th</sup> grade science fair was held in April. Fifth grade students selected experiments and using the scientific process of inquiry developed their projects. A fair, open to the public and school was held with great success.

After school Chess Club was bursting with students in grades 3, 4, and 5. So many students participated that two tournaments were held as a culminating activity. This was a six week club open to all students in these grades.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Nanwalek School

**Submitted by** Scott Handley

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We had several achievements this year

1. The fourth edition of Alexandrosk was printed this year as a tool to help with Writing at the Middle School and High School. This is a cultural yearbook and we partnered with Project Grad to accomplish this task. The primary classes produced their own cultural books complete with pictures and stories.
2. 30 E-readers were donated by Homer Rotary as a way to help with our library project and help our Middle School and High School reading skills.
3. 6 literacy nights were held in conjunction with Project Grad and focused on Math, specific measurement and Reading games that could be used at home.
4. Sea Week was another success held in May and elders in the community were brought into school to help students understand subsistence and cultural practices.
5. This year we sent 10 students to the Voyage to excellence program in Anchorage. This is a follow through of the program we adopted as a site. We formed two partnerships with Chugach Alaska and Chugachmuit to help with the funding of this and other programs.
6. We started the process for creating a welding program in Nanwalek. The funds have been set aside and the construction of a welding shop and the hiring of the welding teacher are underway and welding will be offered next year in Nanwalek as an elective for students.

7. We have created more parent involvement in school each year. We have created a welcoming climate for all and it has been shown by our high attendance at Parent Teacher conferences- 95 percent attendance rate.
8. We have used more elders in the classroom this year due to our creation of the Alexandrosk book and the welcoming climate of the school.
9. Our Site Council adopted the Sugpiaq scope and sequence for bilingual class for K-12. Our high school students now will be registered in a beginning, intermediate or advanced class of Sugstun. This will greatly help with language acquisition and instruction K-12.
10. Our seventh grade students on the SBA outscored both the district and state in all three areas of Reading, Writing and Math.
11. Deb Vannesse and Mike Murray, Alaskan Authors, were brought into Nanwalek to help inspire writing within the school.
12. Honor Luncheons were held each month to honor students that had maintained a 2.5 or better. Our Middle School students had 70 percent of the students maintaining a 2.5 or better by the end of the year. Nanwalek High School had 60 percent of the high school obtaining a 2.5 or better by the end of the year.



# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Nikiski Middle/Senior High School

**Submitted by** Dan Carstens, Principal

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 Sally Tachick, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

During the 2011-12 school year, Nikiski Middle/High School accumulated many different honors for academics, arts, and athletics which were the center point for a vast array of positive activities.

In the past seven years, NMHS has continued to increase our fine arts offerings and with it we have been able to garner honors for both individuals and groups. Ciarra Farrow was able to begin the year with the honor of singing the National Anthem at the state championship small school football game. This prompted another invitation from the state activity association to invite Ciarra to sing at the state 3A basketball championships as well. Later in the fall, our musical theatre class, in conjunction with our art teacher, put on our first annual arts night featuring music, acting, dancing, and works of art. In the spring, our Drama, Debate and Forensics team competed at the state tournament against many schools larger than ourselves and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in solo acting and 7<sup>th</sup> in mime. We continue to increase our numbers in the borough honor band and choir from zero a couple of years ago to seven this year. We had numerous award winners in the borough art competition and had five students submit pieces to the all-state art competition. We were able to finish our school-based fine arts activities with the production of *George M!* during the last weekend of April and the first weekend of May. Over 60 students, three regular classroom teachers, and numerous volunteers made this play a possibility. Joe Rizzo also wrote and received a grant to put on a theatre workshop for our sixth grade students.

Along with the arts, our students are excelling academically as well. Annaleah Ernst qualified as a national merit scholar and was one of two students from the entire state to be recognized by the National Council of Teachers of English to receive a certificate for superior writing. Our own Jenna Hansen was selected as the winner of the annual Caring For the Kenai competition for peninsula students. Our Battle of the Books teams fared well at both district and state. Sixth grade was fifth in district, high school was second in district, and middle school was first in district and placed eighth overall in the state meet. Our middle school teachers put on an activity in the

beginning of the year that brought every discipline together in a Survivor type atmosphere. Students were required to use their math, writing, reading and science skills in order to successfully complete this activity.

Athletics was a bright spot at Nikiski Middle/High School as well. Our football team kicked off the year with a team state championship with a 52-20 victory over Barrow, a team we had lost to earlier in the year. We followed that with a region championship for our wrestling team, the second in as many years, and then turned around to host the 1A,2A,3A state wrestling tournament where we placed third as a team and crowned two individual state champions, Kaden Spurgeon, who repeated, and Lincoln Johnson. We had two volleyball players voted to the all-conference first team, Rachel Thompson and Taylor Calderwood, one girls basketball player, Savannah Griffel, and two boys basketball players, Lucas Herrin and Colton Anderson, who was also one of 20 players selected to play in the state senior all-star game. Track and Field continues to grow as well with our boys team finishing third at regions and sixth at state. Senior standout Sayyid Parrish was a quadruple gold medalist at the region meet. Dan Adair, our track coach was also voted as coach of the year for Region III. Although neither of our soccer teams qualified for the state tournament, for the first time in Nikiski's history, we had a girl voted as the MVP for Region III. That young lady was freshman Rachel Thompson.

Many activities dotted our landscape as well beginning with our fall Red Ribbon Week with a special presentation by Paul Perry on distracted/drunk driving. The Alaska State Troopers presented an activity in the spring on impaired driving where students drove a scooter with impaired vision goggles on. Finally, on our last day of school, Nora Ribbens, our library aide, has organized our second annual Mini-Relay for Life with the help of a large contingent of Nikiski students.

Lastly, we were able to graduate 43 students this year. These 43 students were able to combine for over \$100,000 worth of scholarship monies.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Nikiski North Star

**Submitted by** Lisa Callahan

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## **School Achievements**

Our school staff focused on increasing student achievement in reading and writing this year. SBA data shows our school's average scale scores in reading and writing this year to be the highest our school has achieved in the last eight years. In addition, our school's average scale scores in reading, writing, and math within the subgroup Students with Disabilities are the highest our school has achieved in the last eight years.

## **Individual Student Achievements**

- ❖ Garrett Ellis earned Masonic Outstanding Student of the Year Awards.
- ❖ Tiki Zimmerman won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for her photograph "Explosion!" in the Alaska Life Photo Category in the Alaska Society of Technology in Education IditaContest.
- ❖ Tiki Zimmerman, Katerina Sinenko, and the team of Kelsey Clark and Shaeanne Dohse placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively at the KPBSD Forensics Meet in the categories of Storytelling, Humorous Poetry, and Interpretive Reading Multiples.
- ❖ Kelsey Clark was the top scoring NNS student in the World Spelling Day contest with Jaylen Uhls and Garrett Ellis placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. Thomas Halliday was the top scoring NNS student in the World Science Day competition followed by Garrett Ellis and Dustin Mullins. Over one and a half million students around the globe participate in these contests.
- ❖ Garrett Ellis won the NNS Geography Bee and scored high enough on his assessment to qualify for the state competition. Shannon Askam won the NNS Spelling Bee and went on to compete at the state level.
- ❖ Aubrey Day brought home three trophies for her entries in the local, state, and regional Reflections competitions.

## **Staff Awards**

Teachers Robin Thye, Karen Pala, Monica Heath, and Sherry Matson were nominated for BP Teacher of Excellence Awards.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Nikolaevsk

**Submitted by** Michael Sellers

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## Nikolaevsk 2011-12 Highlights

- Scott Trail – Placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 25 m breast stroke, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 25 m free style, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50 m free style at the Homer Special Olympics.
- Nianiella Dorvall - received the Masonic Outstanding Student Award for Nikolaevsk School.
- John Jones, Chelsea Johnson, and Beverly Sellers all competed at the State Science Fair in Anchorage receiving perfect scores from judges.
- Heather Pancratz – received a grant to attend the *Advanced Placement Summer Institute – English Literature and Composition* in Iowa City. Mrs. Pancratz will be offering AP English to students at Nikolaevsk as well as others across the district via a distance option this fall.
- First ever Nikolaevsk girls high school cross country running program.
- Cross Country running results at Region II meet-State qualifiers:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> place girl at Region II meet-State qualifier
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place boy at Region II meet -State qualifier
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place boy at Region II meet (Region II champion-Blake Klaich)-State qualifier
- Junior High basketball-girls team record 14-1, won the small schools basketball championship.

- Mixed 6 volleyball, 2<sup>nd</sup> place team at the Southwest Conference Tournament.
- High school basketball, Girls Team:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Peninsula Conference Tournament-State qualifier
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place at 2A State basketball
  - ASAA 2A girls State sportsmanship award
  - Sophia Kalugin was selected to the 2A State all-tournament team
  - Coach Bea Klaich 2A girls “Coach of the Year”
  - Coach Bea Klaich Region II girls “Coach of the Year”
  - All-state 2A girls 2<sup>nd</sup> team: Kilina Klaich
- High school basketball, Boys team:
  - All-state 2A boys 1<sup>st</sup> team: Andre Tipikin
- Implemented the National Archery in the Schools (NASP) program at Nikolaevsk. Participated in the State archery competition with 24 students (grades 7-11) participating, receiving the 4<sup>th</sup> highest high school team score in the state.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Ninilchik

**Submitted by** Jeff Ambrosier

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**Middle School volleyball**, 2<sup>nd</sup> in conference tourney

**Volleyball**- Amber Mahoney All Academic Team, Esther Ehlers 5 all tournament teams, Jessica Rogers 4 all tournament teams

**High school Boys basketball**

Sportsmanship award at Yakutat tourney

Sportsmanship award at Chevak Tourney

2<sup>nd</sup> place at Seldovia

**Middle school Boys basketball**

Sportsmanship award borough tournament

**Basketball girls**

Sportsmanship award at Chevak.

**Wrestling**

Soldotna Rubber Chicken Classic, Peter first place,

Borough finals Tourney- two 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes

**Track**- Three boys earned participation in the state track meet.

**Project Grad Art Grant** for 2500.00. Students of each grade level created canvases documenting each decade since Ninilchik was established. These are being hung in the lunchroom and possibly the stairwell.

**Future Problem Solvers:** Middle school team participated in State competition.

**Academic:** One student received district recognition for a 4.0 GPA for the first 3 quarters of school. One student was awarded the UA Scholarship.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Paul Banks Elementary School

**Submitted by** Benny Abraham

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This has been a very productive year for the students and staff at Paul Banks. This fall we started off with "Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dad" as part of our Title One Parent Involvement Program. This was a fun event and provided us with a great way to share information about our Title One Reading Program and visit with parents.

In October the Paul Banks PTA sponsored a Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences. Teachers took the opportunity to incorporate the new Smart Board Technology into the parent teacher conferences. Students demonstrated the interactive capability of the Smart Boards and also used the Smart Boards to demonstrate various student projects using such programs as "Film Maker". Teachers continued to collaborate on a regular basis this year to share ideas and lessons for use with the Smart Boards to increase student involvement in the classroom. The PTA also continued to provide after school programs for the students at Paul Banks. This year students were able to enjoy programs such as art, basketball and nature studies. Paul Banks students were also able to receive a week of swimming lessons this year thanks to the support of our PTA. I am very appreciative of the parent and community support for the students and staff at Paul Banks.

During the months of January and February, Paul Banks held another Read-A-Thon Fundraiser. This is an excellent way to help motivate students to remain focused on learning during the long winter months. This year the theme was "Saddle Up and Read". Students read over 176,000 minutes and raised money to help support various school programs and activities. In February we celebrated our Read-A-Thon awards and Bingo for Books Night. This is always one of the most fun events of the year. Every child who attended was able to take home at least ten to twelve books.

In April Paul Banks presented the "Paul Banks First Friday Art Extravaganza". Students displayed their art work using a variety of mediums including water colors, sculptures and ceramics. The main event of the evening was the unveiling of our Artist in the School Project. Mrs. Ruby Haigh was our resident artist this year. Mrs. Haigh worked with each student and various staff to create a self-portrait on tiles which were then fired and used to create an eight foot by twelve foot mosaic mural. The mural is fantastic and is now on display in the hallway at Paul Banks for everyone to enjoy. This was without a doubt the most special Artist in the Schools project we have had.

## Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Port Graham School

Submitted by Sheryl Hingley

Port Graham School is proud to recognize the accomplishments of students and staff. Once again PG worked with Project Grad and saw the graduation of 3 project grad scholars. 2 graduates received UA scholarships and 2 graduates received Project Grad scholarships. 1 senior attended Camp Kick Ash and completed EMT certification. 1 junior attended the Fish and Game conference in North Carolina. PG school and Project Grad received a grant from the AASB that was used for art murals to decorate the gym.

Students were able to participate in athletics with Susan B English School during middle school volleyball and basketball and high school basketball. The middle school volleyball was first in district. The middle school boys' basketball team was first in district. 4 students participated in Native Youth Olympics.

4 students participated in the district's Native Youth Leadership program meeting several times during the year to improve leadership skills.

6 students participate in the Seldovia Workforce Academy and took part in classes in leadership, welding, gardening, first aid, writing, film, etc. During the evening hours students joined with Project Grad participated in the making of a wood frame kayak, took swimming lessons and learned how to roll a kayak.

The K-4 class took part in community and school clean up, had field day and sea day.



# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Razdolna

**Submitted by** Tim Whip

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 Sally Tachick, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

## **ELL Program**

The parents and students of Razdolna spoke at the September 2011 school board meeting about the importance of teaching reading and writing of the Russian language at Razdolna School. The school district responded to their request and hired a half time ELL aide to support students in transitioning from Russian to English. This half time position allowed the full time ELL aide to support students in learning Russian for a half hour a day.

## **Parent Involvement**

Razdolna School saw increased parent involvement in family nights and school improvement. The four family night attendance rates for parents was double the attendance rate of previous years. This was due to personal invites, newsletters with calendared events, and teachers talking with students and parents about what would be happening during the event.

Parents, through the site council and community meetings, were involved in adding time to the school day to accommodate teachers' instruction time for core subjects while adding Russian language instruction. Parents were also involved in the block scheduling of Reading/Language Arts and Math. This allows students to be best served at their instructional level.

The parents of Razdolna have taken on the job of repainting, remodeling, and re-carpeting the old school building. The parents are using community grant money from the state to redo many of the buildings problems. Parents are working nights and weekends to accomplish this.

## **Robotics for grades 4-12**

Teachers in grades 4-12 involved students in two different robotics projects. The students in grades 4/5 did the Lego Mindstorms and students in grades 6-11 did an underwater robot project. All the students were engaged in hands-on learning that was focused on problem solving, reading, and mathematics standards.

### **Reading Fluency using the iPod Touch**

The second and third graders used the iPod Touch to increase their reading fluency. This was a nine week district and state pilot program that Razdolna was involved in. The reading fluency scores increased by 87% for the second graders and 32% for third graders in nine weeks.

### **Adventure to Fitness with Mr. Mark**

The students in grades 2/3 did the Adventures in Fitness program with Mr. Mark three times a week for physical education. This is an internet based physical exercise program. Students watch Mr. Mark on the SmartBoard while following along with his exercise program. The students were rewarded with a Skype interview with Mr. Mark for being one of the top three schools in the state participating in the program.

### **Battle of the Books**

Students in grades two through eleven were involved in the Battle of the Books. The team from the seventh and eighth grade took fourth place in the district competition.

### **Buildings**

Razdolna School is growing and to accommodate the new students there will be two additional buildings on site. There will be a portable to house the middle school and the Village of Razdolna is finishing their building that will house the kindergarten and in the future the pre-school.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT  
REDOUBT ELEMENTARY  
May 31, 2012**

**STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS**

Redoubt focused its efforts on 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. This new approach to student behavior has been an exciting addition to our school.

Matthew Epplin joined the Redoubt staff last fall as a kindergarten teacher. Other new staff included Molly Bauder, SpEd Aide, Jeremy McKibben, Title I Teacher, and Joe Mooney, SpEd Teacher. We were also fortunate to have Shanna Johnson, Teacher Mentor, and Lisa Schmitter, Elementary School Counselor, in our building this school year.

**STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Masonic Student of the Year – Anna Aley

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.

Spring and Fall Music Programs

Redoubt students performed two excellent musicals to full houses this year under the direction of our music teacher, Sue Biggs. Primary students performed ***The Giving Box***. Intermediate students performed ***Camp Grizzly***.

Redoubt Spelling Bee

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

Redoubt Alaska Bee

John-Mark Pothast was Redoubt's Alaska Bee champion.

National Geographic Geography Bee

Liam Selden 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 Hawaiian Day, extra recesses, and Hat 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.

#### Healthy Futures Challenge

Students were provided information and encouraged to build the habit of daily physical activity through participation in the Healthy Futures Challenge, a program offered by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and Healthy Futures,

#### Band

Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band programs were very successful, with many students participating under the leadership of Sue Biggs. Several concerts were performed this year.

#### 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. Volunteers log their time in a sign in book in the office. Volunteers were recognized in April with gifts.

#### Community Organizations

Local community organizations such as the VFW 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. The Safeway E-Scrip Program has been an invaluable support to our school.

### **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.

#### 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.

Our One School, One Book program is very successful in promoting and enriching the shared reading experience. Each school family received a copy of the chosen chapter book, The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden. Students participated in daily trivia questions and had the opportunity to win prizes. The grand finale was a family movie night at the school, featuring the movie version of The Cricket In Times Square.

#### Book Fairs

Two book fairs were held this year.

#### Parenting Workshops

Practical Positive Parenting, hosted by Redoubt PTA, offered seven parenting sessions at the school January – March. Lisa Schmitter offered additional parenting workshops this spring.

### **OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST**

#### **Boys and Girls Club**

We were pleased to have a successful after-school program at Redoubt again this school year. Boys and Girls Club provided an excellent, well rounded program of 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 and more.

#### **End of Year Activities**

Redoubt ended a successful school year with field day, a school picnic, and student awards assemblies. The school hosted a retirement reception for Candy Goldstein, who taught at Redoubt for over 30 years.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** River City Academy

**Submitted by** Dawn Edwards-Smith

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## RCA Testing Data:

- Made AYP every year since opening (2009, 2010, 2011)
- SBA increases in Average Scores in Reading, Writing and Math for previous two years
- Average score for Reading is 398 in 2011
- Percent proficient increases for Reading and Writing for previous two years
- 10% increase in percent proficient in Math from 2010 to 2011
- 40% increase in percent proficient in Science from 2010 to 2011

## Technology Events for 2011-12

- Kindles in the Classroom – all classic novels are on Kindle now for all levels
- Non Violent Revolution Movie Making Project with Jamie Meyers
- Blue Screen Movie Making Class with Jamie Meyers during Interims

## Student Awards & Achievements

- Rachel Todd – Future Problem Solvers Second Place in Scenario Writing in her Division
- Future Problem Solvers group participation for first time for RCA
- Craig Hills Artwork Accepted into the Seward Nation Wide Art Show
- Mind A Mazes Middle School participation
- Shannon McConnell - Masonic Outstanding Student of the Year
- Izabeau Pearston – AWA Outstanding Essay
- Kiowa Richardson – Publication of her children's book, "The Christmas Kangaroo"
- Daniel J McIntosh - UA Scholar

## Staffing & Academics

- All Staff completed either Intro or Advanced Quality Tools Training
- Follow Up Webinars with David Langford for integration of Quality Processes
- Lindsay Keener – New School Secretary
- Gary Wiebel – Counselor
- Added Social Studies teacher for 2012-13 – Annaleah Karron
- Revised and Implemented new Math standards for 7-12
- Revised and Implemented new Technology standards for 7-12

#### Job Shadow & Site Visit Hosts

- Alaska Sea Life Center
- Big G Electric
- Central Peninsula Hospital – Laboratory
- Central Peninsula Hospital – Radiology
- Credit Union One
- Dr. Matthew Cannava - The Dermatology and Skin Cancer Clinic of Alaska
- K'Beq Site Visitor Center
- K-Beach Elementary School - Speech Pathology
- Kenai Peninsula College – IT Department
- Kenai Water Shed Forum
- Kenitze Indian Tribe
- Mission Aviation Repair Center (MARC)
- Peninsula Clarion Newspaper – Daryl Palmer, Composition Manager
- Redoubt Elementary School - Pre-K
- River City Dental
- Safeway, Inc.
- Samaritan's Purse at Soldotna Airport
- Soldotna Animal Hospital
- Soldotna Police Department
- Tauriainen Engineering and Testing, Inc.
- Twin City Veterinary Clinical – Dr. Mary Huhndorf

# Superintendent's Annual Report



William H. Seward Elementary School 2010-2011  
Mr. David Kingsland, Principal

## Student Achievements

School Geography Bee, Jack Gunter

School and State Spelling Bee, Riley von Borstel

State PTSA Reflections Competition – local, state and regional winners

## Forensics



15 Ribbon Winners at the district-wide meet

## Battle of the Books

3/4 Grade Team 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Sadie Lindquist, Meghan Mullaly, Karl Pfeiffenberger, Riley VonBorstel

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Plankton Survey, Resurrection Bay vs. Kachemak Bay

5/6 Grades – Frost Tube Data Collection – w/Kenji Yoshikawa, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

5/6 Grades – Subnivean Tube Data Collection – w/Kenai Fjords National Park

Kindergarten – *Jammin' Salmon Day*; with U.S. Forest Service

## School Wide

School Library - Birthday Book Program

*Sea Week* in cooperation with the SeaLife Center

Salmon Husbandry with Alaska Fish and Game

Swimming Lessons: Kindergarten – 6th grade

Junior Achievement

Hands On Banking – Wells Fargo

Fall/Spring Book Fair

Family Math Night

First, and Second Grade Science Fair

Volunteer Tea

Intramurals Program

Running Club

Two Library Book Fairs

Books and Bingo

Veterans Day Program

Book Fairs

Field Day

Kindergarten – Cookies and Carols

Before School Morning Reading Prgm.

Jump Rope for Heart



25<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Day, Trail River  
Elk's Hoop Shoot  
Kenai Fjords National Park. – Art in the Park

Flag Honor Guard Program, 60 participants  
Two Schoolwide Book Exchanges

### **District Wide**

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Seward Invitational Math Bowl, 40 teams from across the district participated  
Battle of the Books,  
Mind-a-Mazes

### **Staff Achievements**

BP Teacher of Excellence Program Nominated – Kathy Sandoval  
iTrec! Teachers  
Mark Fraad - Scholarship for the Alaska Physical Education Standards Training in Anchorage by the Alaska Dept. of Ed.  
Nominated for Alaska PE Teacher of the Year 2011  
Certified Youth Archery Instructor by NASP National Youth Archery Program  
  
Valarie Kingsland – Scholarship to San Jose State's Master's Degree Program in Library and Information Sciences.

### **Fine Arts**

Music instruction twice a week – 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Recorder lessons for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Beginning and Advanced Band 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Kenai Fjords National Park "*Artist in the School*" Program  
Traveled to Anchorage to attend shows at the Performing Art Center

Major Community Partners  
Kenai Fjords National Park  
U.S. Forest Service  
Alaska SeaLife Center  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Dr. Reeg – Tar wars  
Dr. Moriarty – Dental Day  
Qutekcak Native Tribe  
SeaView Community Services  
Chugachmiut  
Junior Achievement  
Elks Club  
Seward Teen and Youth Center  
Wells Fargo – Hands on Banking  
Seward Parks and Rec.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Seward High School

**Submitted by** Treva Walker

The most notable achievement of the staff and administration at Seward High School was our contribution to the challenge of vertically aligning the Seward area schools' writing, math, and SPED instruction in a way that will guarantee and verify a continuum of learning for Seward Students from Kindergarten through graduation. The process we adopted and implemented:

- Identified essential skills at each grade level—eliminating skills instruction overlap and gaps.
- Identified the common vocabulary used to teach the essential skills—reinforcing the language of the standards and state benchmark exams through grade levels.
- Identified the materials and activities used to teach the essential skills at grade level—eliminating resource and activity overlap and gaps.
- Will create common assessments for each identified skills at each grade level for the purpose of future structured collaboration.

The State's submission of proposed revisions of the Language Arts and Math Standards sidetracked Seward Schools' efforts as this work was based on the State's Grade Level Expectations. However, we were able to establish that the structured collaborative process works and are committed to continuing with the new standards in the fall of 2012.

Seward High continues to be a strong presence in local, regional, and state academic, athletic, and artistic competitions and local performances. With 174 students at Seward High School, we enjoyed:

- 107 participants in late Summer sports—Cross-Country, Football, Swimming, Volleyball
- 25 participants in fall sports—Wrestling
- 75 participants in winter sports—Boy's and Girl's Basketball, cheerleading, and Nordic Skiing
- 63 participants spring sports—Boy's and Girl's Soccer and Track and Field

Our non-athletic clubs and activities also boast significant participation:

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| • Drama           | 32 |
| • Music           | 16 |
| • Student Council | 15 |
| • NOSB            | 10 |
| • Travel Club     | 7  |
| • Upward Bound    | 7  |
| • NHS             | 26 |
| • Debate          | 8  |

This total of 391 represents 224.7% student participation in co-curricular activities.

- Cross Country – The Seward boys and girls cross country running teams both finished third in the state. Miles Knotek was the state champion and earned the selection as the Gatorade Alaska Cross Country Runner of the Year.
- Volleyball—Region III Champions. Maggie Fleming and Chelsey Clarke-Dick were named Region III 1<sup>st</sup>-Team All-Conference.

- Swimming—Eileen Audette earned a Region III Championship in 100 Breaststroke. Josh Eavis earned a Region III Championship in 100 Backstroke. The Girl's 400 Freestyle and the 200 Medley Relay team, made up of Rachael Tougas, Isabel Barnwell, Olivia Beckham, Eileen Audette were the Region III runners-up.
- Wrestling—Jed Wilde set an Alaska record with the best career pin percentage ever. 97 of 105 matches ended in fall. He also earned the second highest career pin total in the state history with his 97 pins. Jed was 3rd at state.
- Girls Basketball—Region III champions. Curtis Berry was named the Region III Coach of the Year. Meg Berry, Chelsey Clarke-Dick, and Jessica Stallings were named on Region III 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference. Meg Berry was this year's Region III Most valuable Player.
- Boy's Basketball—Jalen Terry was named on Region III 1st Team All-Conference.
- Track and Field—Miles Knotek won the Region III title in 3200. Tessa Adelman won the Region III title in Shot Put and Discuss. Tessa also won her second back-to-back State Championship in Shot Put.

#### Art accomplishments

- Scholastic Art show –This is a statewide juried art show. Alex Ashford, Jalen Terry and Emily Brockman were 3 of 20 students to have work accepted into this show out of 150 entries. Alex Ashford won a Silver key award.
- Coastal America Ocean Arts Contest—Alex Ashford won an Honorable mention for his painting.
- KPBSD Art Show—This juried show featured exemplary high school student art from all around the Borough. Jed Wilde took the show, winning Best in Show, Best in Sculpture, as well as a Teachers Choice Award for his welding work using silverware. Sara Morrell won Best in Mixed Media, Lindsey Kromery won 3rd place in Painting, Michael Marshal won 3rd place in Watercolor, Emily Brockman received a Teachers Choice Award.
- Michael Marshal's design was chosen as the Mount Marathon logo for 2012 in a competition that was open to the public. He won \$200 and his design will be on T-shirts, posters, etc.

Drama – Seward High, under the direction of Dan Marshall produced two sold-out shows in the high school theater. The fall production was Dirty Work in High Places, but turned out to be one of the best ever done here. The Spring production of CSI:Neverland became a most talked about event and the theater seating was not enough on the final night. Dan, Theater Director, Mark Teckenbrock, and community volunteer, Nikki Berry were the impetus that brought other community volunteers together to these outstanding productions.

Seward High was also proud to field a debate, drama, and forensics team at the state tournament for the first time in many years.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Seward Middle School

**Submitted by** Jason Bickling

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## Students:

### Athletics:

Cross Country - 5 of the top 10 spots for boys, including Borough Champion.

Wrestling – multiple placers at the Borough meeting, including 3 Borough Champions.

Track – multiple placers at the Borough Meet in running and field events, including 4x400 (boys) and 4x100 (boys) Borough Champions.

John Kingsland won first place in ASTE's iDidaContest contest in photography.

Elks Hoop Shoot – Alaska Champion (Ronnie Jackson) – 2<sup>nd</sup> in NW Regional Competition in Portland, Oregon.

Hannalyn Ohlsen - Masonic Lodge Outstanding Student of the Year.

### Staff:

Myla Liljemark, Naomi Wade, and Shelly Walker were all nominated for BP Teacher of the Year.

Jason Bickling trained as an instructor for Archery in Schools – will be implementing next year.

### Significant Teacher - Student Projects:

Student created rubrics and self/group assessment

Langford Quality Processes used in class for students to take better ownership

School Tube Channel Created

Flipped Classroom Experimentation

Students Teaching Lessons

Student Training in Smart Notebook, Prezi, Glogster, Audacity, etc.

Digital Memoirs

Web creation: independent novel analysis

Voice Thread: expository speeches

Webquest: Holocaust/Anne Frank introduction

Prezi: Holocaust ABC books  
Poetry Explication Multimedia project: students teach a self-chosen poem (using grade 8 reading GLEs) to the class.  
Photostory poetry  
Massive data collection trip to LP, ASLC and Seward Boat Harbor  
Cross-School Connections by reading body books to Elementary Students

<https://sites.google.com/a/g.kpbsd.org/mrs-wade-swms/>

Other Notables:

DARE w. officer Alan Nickell  
Art for Parks – CJ Rea  
Quest – Future Problem Solvers  
Forensics Team  
School Wide Recycling Program  
National History Day Activities  
National Geography Bee  
National History Bee

Non-Core Courses Offered:

Art  
Foods  
Wood Shop  
Engines  
Drama (4 productions this year)  
Smartians  
Choir  
Band  
Yearbook  
Skills Remediation  
Skills Enrichment

# Superintendent's Annual Report – 2011-2012

School Name Skyview High School

Submitted by Randy Neill

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

### ART:

District Art Show	1 <sup>st</sup> place in Painting, Watercolor, Photography
ASAA State Art Competition	Julia Buhlmann - HM in Mixed Media

### MUSIC:

Borough Honor Choir	8 students selected to participate
All-State Music Festival	4 students selected to participate
All-State Solo/Ensemble	7 students selected to attend

### PROJECT GRAD:

100% senior graduation rate for 2011-12 school year

### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:

Regional SkillsUSA	1 <sup>st</sup> place in Construction, Employability Skills, Fork Lift, Skid Steer, Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speech
State SkillsUSA	Holly Eyre – 1 <sup>st</sup> place in Prepared Speech – <b>Holly will compete at National SkillsUSA competition, June 2012</b> Chelsea Belden – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place in Food & Beverage Service

### COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Foreign Exchange students	8 students
UA Scholars:	9 students
4.0 Superintendent's List:	23 students
Student of the Year awards:	17 students
Skyview Scholar Athletes	23 students – maintained 3.7 GPA while playing sports
Scholarships and Awards	20 seniors received scholarships and awards from colleges, businesses, military, and state and community groups worth approximately \$230,000

## ATHLETIC AWARDS

### CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING:

Micah Hilbish	Borough Champion, State qualifier
Sam Janorschke	Borough Runner Up, State qualifier

### FOOTBALL:

Albert White	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Northern Lights Conference/ 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Small Schools All-State Team – Offense: Wide Receiver 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-Northern Lights Conference – Offense: Return Specialist 1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Northern Lights Conference/2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Small Schools All-State Team – Defense: Outside Linebacker
Cody Clendenen	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Northern Lights Conference/1 <sup>st</sup> Team Small Schools All-State Team – Offense: Center
Alex Rodriguez	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Northern Lights Conference/ 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Small Schools All-State Team – Defense: Interior Lineman HM All-Northern Lights Conference – Offense: Long Snapper
D. J. Diaz	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-Northern Lights Conference – Offense: Tackle HM All-Northern Lights Conference – Defense: Interior Lineman
JoeBen Hawkins	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-Northern Lights Conference – Offense: Guard
Jasen Suonvieri	HM All-Northern Lights Conference – Offense: Fullback HM All-Northern Lights Conference – Defense: Inside Linebacker
Richard Reynolds	HM All-Northern Lights Conference – Offense: Wide Receiver
Cody Williams	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Northern Lights Conference/2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Small Schools All-State Team – Defense: Utility Player
Jon Alexander	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-Northern Lights Conference – Defense: Interior Lineman

### **VOLLEYBALL:**

Team	1 <sup>st</sup> place - Southern Division
Amanda McDowell	3/4A Southern Player of the Year
Mary Hauptman	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region
Marlee Cunningham	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region

### **WRESTLING:**

9 qualifiers to State

### **BASKETBALL:**

Jordan Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-Northern Lights Conference – Boys
Stefany Malatesta	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-Northern Lights Conference - Girls

### **SOCCER:**

Chelsea Winter	All-Northern Lights Conference Girls Team
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### **TRACK & FIELD:**

Boys Team	Borough Champions, Region Runners-Up
Albert White	Borough Champion – 100m Dash, Region Champion – 200m Dash, State – 200m Dash - 6 <sup>th</sup>
Jasen Suonvieri	Region Champion - 100M Dash
Richard Reynolds	Borough Champion – 400m Dash
Micah Hilbish	Borough Champion – 800m Run
Boys 4 x 100m Relay Team	Region Champions
Boys 4 x 200m Relay Team	Region Champions
Boys 4 x 400m Relay Team	Borough Champions, Region Champions, State Championships – 6 <sup>th</sup> place
Boys 4 x 800m Relay Team	Borough Champions
Boys 4 x 1600m Relay Team	Borough Champions, State Championships – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Boys 4 x 3200m Relay Team	Borough Champions
Alex Rodriguez	Borough Champion – Shot Put
Bud Sparks	Borough Champion – Triple Jump
Girls 400m Relay Team	Borough Champions
15 qualifiers to State	

**2011-12 ESPN 1400AM/KSRM Radio Group Broadcast Athlete of the Year: Jordan Jones**

### **STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/AWARDS (non-school related)**

Antonia Standifer, Kate Schadle, Sierra Jackson - KPBSD Alaska Native Youth Council  
Lana Chesley – 1<sup>st</sup> place, State Farm's Soldotna Safety Days poster contest

### **STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS/AWARDS**

Maryvonne Guillemain – BP Teacher of Excellence certificate  
Barry Hartman – KPBSD Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year  
Randy Sparks - President of Kenai Peninsula Football Officials Association, Referee for Medium Schools State Football Championship, Official for 4A State Basketball Tournament, BP Teacher of Excellence certificate  
Byron Weeks – BP Teacher of Excellence certificate

### **SPECIAL SCHOOLWIDE PROJECTS**

**Classroom Without Walls: Arab Spring** – Students from Skyview, Soldotna and Kenai Central High Schools participated in a video conference with students from South Dakota, Louisiana and with Palestinian Israelis students living in Jerusalem to discuss the causes of the anti-government protests that took place across the Arab nations during the spring of 2011 and how they affected the U.S. and foreign relations.

#### **Additional Video Conferences:**

- School of Learning, Afghanistan w/Sturgis, SD, Kenai Central and Skyview High Schools
- Field Marshal Muthoni Kirima, Kenya, West Africa, w/ a New York school, a Louisiana school, Sturgis, SD school, KCHS and Skyview

**SST (Speed Strength Training) Competition:** Skyview hosted the first bi-annual 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.

**Community Challenge Mentoring Program:** The second annual Community Challenge Mentoring Program paired 12 Panthers with various community members and college students. This joint project from the Community Action Coalition and Kenai Peninsula College paired selected students to meet with mentors for 10 weeks to develop personal goals for high school and beyond.



# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Soldotna Elementary

**Submitted by** Teri Diamond

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We had several staff members who were recognized throughout the year. Lisa Juliussen, our PE teacher was nominated for PE teacher of the Year, and we had three teachers nominated as BP teachers of Excellence. These included Sherri Baktuit, Kelly Vasilie, and Kelli Creglow.

We were happy to begin our first year offering our breakfast program to Soldotna Elementary students. On an average 40-50 students were served healthy and nutritional meals before their school day began. In addition, our school was awarded the Silver Level recognition in the USDA Healthier US School Challenge which recognizes excellence in nutrition and physical activity. The application was evaluated on school Wellness Policy, monthly menus, production records, and ingredients.

Our all girls robotics team demonstrated their talents at the first annual Jr. Lego Robotics tournament. They placed first for robot design and moved onto state competition in Anchorage.

The "Paws"itively Awesome program was developed this year to recognize positive behavior of students. This program was supported by our community and a monthly drawing was held to receive incentives donated by Bub's Pizza, Arby's, the Orca Theater, and Jumpin' Junction.

With the help of the entire staff we were also able to provide a variety of music programs to our students throughout the year. These included the Axiom Band, the Fairbanks Symphony, Middle School Choir and Band, and author Sharon Bushell and her musical companion Johnny B from the Media Road Show.

We also had our first "Teaching Tolerance" day during Disability Awareness month. Our students had the opportunity to experience what a day in the life of an individual who has a disability would be like. Tonya Updike, along with staff members Carolyn Hitzler and Tina Gilman designed and set up a variety of center for students to pass through. Numerous other aides, staff, and volunteers participated.

Our school also took part in three other initiatives to aid families in the community. These included, a holiday food drive which provided 24 families with complete holiday meals, a clothes drive to provide families in need with winter gear, and our school also took second place in the "Jump for Cause" by collecting over 700 pounds of food. In addition, our school took 2<sup>nd</sup> place for a district wide can recycling program.

We also hosted the DARE program this year for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The Soldotna Police Department worked with our students to encourage healthy living and good choices. Students were recognized at a DARE graduation at Soldotna High School.

Our Reading Counts program was a success this year and promoted reading within our building. Students accumulating points for reading were recognized weekly, and an end of the year celebration took place with 8 lucky winners to ride to City Hall in a fire truck to have a meeting with Mayor Micciche.

The 2012 Masonic Student Award winner was Emily Pieh. There were 7 students who were nominated by staff.

## Superintendent's Annual Report 11-12

**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 with 2 extra hours to assist students in Math from our Wells Fargo grant.

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

- \* Congratulations to Ila Cobb, Bradyn Holly, and Logan Parks for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the KPBSD film festival for their film, "Faded Memories."
- \* The SOHI Chapter of SkillsUSA did fantastic at the CTSO Performance Based Assessment Conference last week! One example is out of over 80 contestants in the Job Interview competition we had 2 make it into the final 6! We also had 2 members elected to State Officer positions!  
Individual results are below for those who made it into the top 3 in their events:  
Trevor Earll 1<sup>st</sup> - TV and Video Production, State Officer (Reporter)  
Austin Hunter 1<sup>st</sup> - Quiz Bowl, 1<sup>st</sup> - Employment Application Process  
Johnathon Kreider 1<sup>st</sup> - Job Interview, 1<sup>st</sup> - Quiz bowl, 1<sup>st</sup> - TV and Video Production, State Off Pres)
- Courtney Lewis 1<sup>st</sup> - Extemporaneous Speaking, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Preschool Teaching Assistant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prepared Speech, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Employment Application Process
- David Swedberg 1<sup>st</sup> - Quiz Bowl, 1<sup>st</sup> Technical Drafting, 1<sup>st</sup> - Related Technical Math
- Vicky Tachick 2<sup>nd</sup> - Food and Beverage Service
- Naomi Weston 1<sup>st</sup> - Preschool Teaching Assistant
- \* The Soldotna High School Child Development Course hosted the free daycare program again. Child Development students planned activities, crafts, games, snacks, and mentored children ages 2-5.
- \* Girls Swim team was awarded the ASAA Academic Award (with the highest GPA) during State Championship meet. They were also awarded the ASAA Sportsmanship Award.
- \* All-State Football Defensive player of the year-Auston Tennis, Outside linebacker-Garrett Bosick, Interior lineman-Tyler Marcuson, Inside linebacker - Zane Miller, Defensive back - Auston Tennis, Long snapper & Tackle - Tyler Marcuson, Running back - Auston Tennis. 2<sup>nd</sup> team Tight end - Garrett Bosick.
- \* Student Council collected Prom dresses (Cinderella's Closet) again this year and it was a huge success from all over the Peninsula.
- \* Congratulations to our finalists chosen for the PTA Reflections visual art contest:  
First Place - Courtney Lewis Runners Up - Owen Philips, Bristol Walton, and Austin Hunter.

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 384 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. In addition, this year we offered sections of reading, math, and language arts remediation to students who were below proficient on the 2011 SBA tests. We also had a full time Quality Schools tutor in our building who serviced approximately 80 SMS students throughout the year and an after school tutoring program, with 44 students participating. These intervention classes use a new Math Intervention Program called IXL Math and used it with 59 students. The SMS Library saw an increase in parents volunteering with 223 hours of service recorded in 2011-12.

### **Staff Accomplishments**

SMS appreciated the efforts of our new teachers: Eric Dahl - Math, Stephanie Dennis-Blair – Language Arts, and Buck Dandliker – Industrial Arts. Mr. John Christensen, who left Soldotna Middle after 26 years as a math teacher last year, returned as a long-term substitute for Mrs. Jeanna Hayes who resigned due to health issues. Mr. Sarge Truesdell successfully completed his first year as the Principal of Soldotna Middle School. He met with Soldotna Area Site Councils this year to determine the possibility of Soldotna Middle School becoming grades 6-8. This concept was well received and the issue is now being further reviewed. Mr. Curtis Schmidt was hired as the SMS Assistant Principal after completing three years at Skyview High School. Mrs. Yolanda Schrader, ESL, volunteered her time by working with 5 parents who are learning the English language to communicate more effectively with their children and school staff.

**Masonic Student of the Year:** Hannah Pothast

**SMS Spelling Bee Winner:** Josh Darrow

**Geography Bee Winner:** Brian Dusek

**Outstanding Band student of the year:** Taylor Gilmore

**Outstanding Choir student of the year:** Rachel Thomas

**Chamber of Commerce Students of the Month-2012-13:** Brenna Belluomini, Briand Dusek, Kianna Steadman, Preston Weeks, Elizabeth Cho, Rebekah keener, Hannah Pothast

**Perfect Attendance:** Carola Chavez, Nathaniel Yannikos

**4.0 G.P.A. (Entire year)** Anna Coup, Taylor Gilmore, Kenneth Griffin, Kayla Haeg, Kayli Kitchens, Kelsie Overway, Halen Wells, Lindsey Wong, Anna Wrobel, Brenna Belluomini, Karissa Bussdieker, Afton Carlson, Brian Dusek, Kinley Graves, Jenna Helminski, Chelsi Jacobson, Chloe Kincaid, Hannah Seldon, Kianna Steadman, Preston Weeks, and Madison Willets

**Presidential Physical Fitness:** Hannah Pothast Rylie Jackson Emily Boone Kenneth Griffin Jonathan Boone Carajeane Gibbons Taylor Gilmore Kinley Graves Robin Johnson Gracelyn Larson Hunter Emery

**Battle of the Books:** The SMS Battle of the Books Team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Borough competition and meets as book club once a week to discuss the books they are reading. Team members included: Taylor Jones, Meghan Ussing, Chloe Kincaid, Lavender Burns, and Afton Carlson.

**Read 180**

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 SBAs. Equally as important is that those students also have developed the reading habit. The top 10 readers each independently read an average of half a million words this year (each day's reading is logged and signed by parent, and students must pass a Reading Counts comprehension test when finished). Equally as impressive are those students in the program who, while they may not have racked up big numbers, now are able to experience the joy of reading. Research done on the SMS program shows the skills students learn in the program transfer into increased success in the reading challenges in they face in high school.

**Spanish II**

For the fourth 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. New this year was the Fiesta Finale where Redoubt first graders visited SMS for an hour of Spanish Centers. Centers included dancing, games, Spanish picture books, Mexican Hot Chocolate, and Spanish counting with gummy bears. 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.

In addition to the Teaching Project, Spanish II students utilized the kitchens in the last full week of school to cook a variety of Hispanic foods including tamales, tortillas, salsa, and a horchata beverage. In the week prior to cooking, students researched the origins of various recipes, the evolution of the recipes, and created poster displays to share the information with our student body in the halls.

**Student Council**

Student Council members at Soldotna Middle School sponsored a Bully-Free Project in October 2011. Student Council members made presentations in Home Rooms and staffed tables at lunch where student body members could sign a Bully-Free pledge card. Pledge cards were then hung in the main entryway in a powerful visual display of the school's commitment to being bully-free. Pledge posters were also signed by teachers & staff.

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 1,343 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 three days and learning to navigate their new daily schedule, everyone received a sweatshirt, and a backpack with helpful school supplies—folders, notebook, pens, a calculator and flash drive.

### **Fine Arts**

Soldotna Middle School had 13 students had artwork selected for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Art Show. 10 of those students won ribbons and Shane Heiman won “Best of Show” for his amazing self-portrait. The band and choir programs are running strong with over 70 SMS and 15 Redoubt kids in the program. The SMS choir numbers well over 60 and has a great group of 7<sup>th</sup> graders ready to lead us into another year. Both groups performed exceptionally well at their respective festivals, and had a great tour of the elementary schools along with the SMS drum line.

### **Extra-Curricular Sports**

Soldotna Middle School continued to offer its traditional athletic program in 2011-12. With over 550 participants in Soccer, Cross Country Running, Basketball, Wrestling, Cross Country Skiing, Volleyball, and Track & Field. A breakdown on participation numbers by sport is below:

Soccer- 60

Cross Country Running – 30

Basketball Intramurals – 50 boys and 46 girls

Basketball Competition Teams – 24 boys and 24 girls

Volleyball Intramurals – 76

Volleyball Competition Teams – 30

Wrestling – 35

Cross Country Skiing – 25

Track and Field – 160

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Soldotna Montessori Charter School

**Submitted by** Mo Sanders

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## **Academic Awards:**

2012 KPBSD Seward Math Bowl: Fifth Place Team

Our students participated in:

- All School Disability Awareness Event
- Hunger Project including Oxfam Hunger Banquet
- Volunteer support at the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank
- Raised over \$1000 to buy and compile Birthday Bags for the Food Bank
- Over 2000 pounds of food raised for the food bank
- 24 students traveled to New York City to participate in the Montessori Model United Nations Program at the UN Building in NYC
- Annual City Park and Community Clean Up Day: 986 Pounds of Litter were taken to the Soldotna Landfill
- Battle of the Books
- State Spelling Bee
- Seward Math Bowl
- Math Olympiad
- Future Problem Solving
- Mind-A-Mazes
- Leave No Trace Overnight Camp
- UAF Field Station at Kasitsna Bay Overnight Studies
- Kenai Peninsula Wildlife Refuge Research Project
- School-wide Peer Mediation
- Sixth Grade Swimming Lessons
- D.A.R.E.
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Band
- Field Studies at all grade levels
- Hip Hop Dance Camp
- Art Camp
- Leave No Trace Environmental Camp

- Challenger Center Missions for Fifth and Sixth Grades
- Adopt-a-Stream: monthly monitoring of Soldotna Creek
- Adopted Conscious Discipline Program: all staff trained

**Parent Volunteers:**

Parents are at the heart of our school's success. Volunteers contributed over 2550 hours to 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** Spring Creek High School

**Submitted by** Monica R. Hinders

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The staff at Spring Creek School was informed in October of 2011 that the program was moving to Anchorage for 2012-2013 school year and beyond. This news created an additional goal for the school year- a smooth transition of the program from one school district to another, as well as from one correctional institution to another. Anchorage School District employees have toured Spring Creek School and the newly hired Principal of the Anchorage program, Nichelle Begich Mauk, will attend graduation on June 21.

A goal for the school year was to increase personal responsibility and increase school pride. Students received "Spring Creek High School" t-shirts, which they were allowed to wear in lieu of their institutional "tans". We incorporated school spirit days, in which the students wore their shirts, played games, and had group photos taken. Students initially tried to act too cool but soon they were playing Pictionary like a pro. Our spirit days helped make Spring Creek High School a more cohesive, productive unit among the much larger Spring Creek Correctional Center general population inmates.

Spring Creek School has six graduates this year, all earning a diploma. It will be the final graduation of Spring Creek School.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Sterling Elementary School

**Submitted by** Dr. Christine Ermold

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Sterling Elementary School is proud to celebrate the accomplishments of our talented and hardworking Falcons! Special accomplishments this year include:

- Of nine nominees, sixth grader Logan Lundell was recognized as the school's 2011 Masonic Outstanding Student due to his remarkable leadership, service to others, and mentoring of younger students.
- Recognized as Magnificent Mentors this year were: Logan Lundell, Darrion Derflinger, Hunter Thompson, and Stephanie Saenz.
- Sixth grader Jode Sparks competed in the State Spelling Bee as the school's Bee winner.
- Sixth graders Ethan Bott, Cora Davis, and Kami Martin came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the District-wide Math Bowl.
- 15 students qualified for the District's Borough Forensics Tournament, and all but two of the performances placed first or second.
- The third and fourth grade team earned 4<sup>th</sup> place and the fifth and sixth grade team earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in the District Battle of the Books tournament.

Sterling Elementary is also proud of their ongoing work in the area of arts integration. During the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Art Show, guests enjoyed many visual, culinary, and performance art pieces, such as the creation of an edible art display with a river of jello, trees of cupcakes, and a castle made of rice krispies and fondant. The PTA also worked in partnership with many area businesses and received an Artist in the Schools grant from the Alaska State Council on the Arts. The grant was used to bring Alaskan artist, Sara Tabbert, to Sterling for two weeks to teach the students the techniques and intricacies of mosaic art. The residency culminated with the creation of four large glass mosaics that will be installed on the exterior of the building in time to welcome students back at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

School Name Susan B English School

Submitted by Sheryl Hingley

## Students:

- Students in grades 3-10 were tested in SBAs and the school made AYP.
- Three teams participated in Battle of Books with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team placing 4<sup>th</sup> in district.
- Two teams competed in Mind of Mazes.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grader Sam Scribner was Spelling Bee Champion and traveled to Anchorage to compete in the state meet.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grader Aidan Philpot was the school Geo Bee winner and was eligible to attend the state meet in Anchorage.
- Student Council Officers attended the AASG conference.
- K-5 students started and operated Pizza Club a fundraising activity for Booster Club.
- 10<sup>th</sup> grader Kaitlyn Hecks was the Masonic Lodge Student Recipient for perseverance and hard work.
- High School Social Studies Class fundraised and traveled to Boston, NYC, Philadelphia and Gettysburg.
- Chance Haller received the Spirit of Youth Award for his volunteer service to the community.
- Middle school and high school students participated in Workforce Academy.
- K-12 students performed in song and play a Christmas Program for the community.
- K-12 students provided a Christmas Breakfast for parents.

## Sports:

- Boys Middle School Basketball was the Small Schools Champions.
- Girls Middle School Volleyball was the Small Schools Champions.

## Staff:

- Staff worked to fully implement a performance based educational model.
- Elementary staff was involved in the writing of K-6 performance standards and scoring guides.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Tebughna School

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**Submitted by** Marilyn K. Johnson

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- AASB Arts Grant—(2 projects) drums were created and painted and (6) canvas murals
- Hoop House built—sponsored by Project GRAD
- Community Gardening—students planted seeds and cared for them as well as kept data for science classes. The plants were later transplanted into larger pots and after school they will be again transplanted into the community garden.—sponsored by The Community Garden Grant
- Asset Luncheons—monthly luncheons were conducted to teach asset development to students, parents and staff (if available).—sponsored by Project GRAD
- Donations--\$3,000 donated to students for future field trips from Tyonek Native Corporation. They utilized the building for their Annual Shareholders meetings (2). This was their payment for the use of the facilities. \$1,000 donated to K-3 for their field trip this year.
- Awards—Monthly awards were distributed to students who were chosen for Student of the Month, Perfect Attendance, as well as others that individual teachers chose. Quarterly awards included all of the monthly awards as well as Honor Roll. At the graduation ceremony we held our End of the Year Awards. They included the following awards:
  - SERRC certificates—participation
  - 4 or less referrals and no suspensions—certificates (14)
  - Most Improved in Reading—(3)
  - Most Improved in Writing—(3)
  - Writer of the Year—(1)
  - Most Improved in Math—(3)
  - Honor Roll—(6)
  - Athlete of the Year—(1)
  - Most Improved Attitude—(3)
  - Citizenship Award—(3)
  - Student of the Year—(3)
  - Volunteer of the Year—(1)

Most Supportive Parent—(1)

BP Teacher of Excellence—Nomination Certificate—Christy Gomez  
Stephan

Gift—Garrett & Kelly McMullen for three years of dedicated service

- NYO—Randy Standifer—Artic Winter Games 2012—Gold Medals—Indian Stick Pull; Finger Pull; and Pole Push. Silver Medals—Snow Snake and the Hand Games. All Around Athlete.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Tustumena

**Submitted by** Bob VanDerWege

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Tustumena has experienced another great year and has had many notable successes.

This year we began the initial process for development of a school yard habitat program. This multi-year process will lead us to the development of many different habitats on the school property that will allow us to conduct ongoing science studies. Our first phase has been the development of grade level projects that tie into each curriculum.

We were able to add a new phone communication system to our school to improve parent contacts. This system proved quite valuable in notifying families of a delay we had and is available for any other needed contacts in the future.

We will again be able to offer a summer school program this year. This Thematic based program has been a real asset for our kids and has proven to show good gains in reading.

Our PTO hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Tustumena Fun Run. This community event continues to have great community support and participation with runners and walkers coming from across the state. This year had more than 70 participants. Many of our own students placed in the kids division from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

This year we added one new after school activity program. Added to our long standing cross country ski program, archery club and science club was the new running program. Each of these programs drew between 30 and 50 students.

We had an exciting new snack program this year. Through a grant we were be able to provide a fruit or vegetable snack to each student on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. It was great to introduce our students to some new tasty treats.

Our school successfully migrated our web page over to a Blog format. Our PTO also established a Facebook page all in an attempt to improve communications with our families.

We have numerous student celebrations from this year. They include:

- Again this year our 6<sup>th</sup> grade class competed in the “Kid Wind” competition. They competed in the state middle school division and this year the Wind Devils took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The team members are Savannah McDonald, Brianna Peters and Fiona Boze. Their wind output score was almost 3 times higher than any of the teams that competed at the High School level.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade student Delaney Risley was our 2012 Masonic Outstanding Student award winner.
- Cory Hinz won our school Geography Bee and successfully completed the exam to represent us at the State Geography Bee.
- Our team of Savannah McDonald, Holly Todd and Brighton Turvin competed in the District Math Bowl.
- Our annual hoops shoot winners were: 8/9 year olds Sara Hinz, Brayden VanMeter; 10/11 year olds Savannah McDonald, Skyler Checketts; 12/13 year olds, Selby Hill, Eli Sheridan.
- Our Future Problem Solving team of Delaney Risley, Chance Turvin, Selby Hill, and Timothy Blakely received an invitation to the state bowl based on their district scores.
- We had many students competing at the District Forensics competition. We had several individuals and teams placing in the top of their category.

And finally is the selection of a new Principal. Doug Hayman was selected to lead our school for next year. Transition plans have already begun to assure that Tustumena remains a top school.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** Voznesenka School

**Submitted by** Mike Wojciak

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 Sally Tachick, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

It is important to mention the advancements we are making with CTE offerings. Next year, our school will be offering a construction academy that will be available to a select number of Head of the Bay students. We are receiving the safety equipment, tools, and materials that will be necessary to complete this first project, which will be a small shed for our school. As long as continued funding is available our school will be allocated money for additional tools and supplies for future projects. Our school will then have the option to sell the products made during these courses, as long as all profits are allocated for that class. This class already has high student interest and has the potential for creating a bridge between the school and the community. There are many skilled carpenters in Voznesenka, who I feel will enjoy the opportunity to provide ideas/support for this class.

Voznesenka School will also be offering a consumer education class for our middle and high school students. For this course, we were provided two, one-time funding sources, which we have been conscientious of throughout our planning stages. Again, this is a high interest class, especially for our girls. As with our construction academy, I also feel this class will help build a bridge between the school and community as these skills are highly regarded in the community.

This year, brought with it the creation of an 11-man Head of the Bay cooperative football team. Over the past several years Voznesenka has had an 8-man football team, which was run using discarded equipment from other football teams. Our team will now have the certified safety equipment and uniforms to safely compete with other teams in the Greatland Conference. This was made possible through KPSAA, ASAA, and the awaited support of the school board. We are excited about the season and the buy-in we will get from students in their role as student-athletes.



We will also be able to offer our girls an intramural soccer team for a second year with some new safety equipment. With another two years of proving we are able to keep a high enough interest to support a team, it was shared that we would have the possibility of becoming an official school team and would then be scheduled with other teams in the district. With our soccer team and football team, we are hoping to build a sense of school pride that will translate into increased school attendance and a feeling of connectedness with the rest of the district.

Along with our new language arts curriculum, I have a high interest in incorporating Write Tools into our program. As a school, we have focused on improving in the area of writing, and from my limited introduction to Write Tools I believe this is a tool that will help us achieve our goal of a school-wide increase in writing proficiency. To make this implementation possible we will depend on our district trainers and the possibility of future Write Tools workshops.

# Superintendent's Annual Report

**School Name** West Homer Elementary School

**Submitted by** Raymond Marshall

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 Sally Tachick, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent, on or before June 1.

West Homer Elementary School has worked hard to provide a well-rounded, outstanding academic program for students. In 2011/12:

- Academically, our students had an outstanding year. In the 2011/12 school year, West Homer Elementary continued to be high achieving school with 95% of our students scoring in the advanced/proficient category on the State of Alaska's Standards Bases Assessments (SBA) in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- West Homer Elementary school was the second highest performing elementary school in the state of Alaska.
- WHE was nominated for a Blue Ribbon Award that recognizes academic excellence at the national level.
- WHE was honored to have Mike Hanley, Alaska Commissioner of Education, visit our school and tell students, staff and parents, "you're are doing an awesome job here."
- WHE placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district math bowl.
- WHE's 6<sup>th</sup> grade placed first in the continental mathematics league competition.
- WHE's Battle of the Books Grade 3-4 team took first in district and earned the right to compete at the state level.
- WHE's Battle of the Books Grade 5-6 team placed second in the district.
- WHE's Mind-A-Mazes team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Division and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Spontaneous Problem Solving event.
- WHE Lego Robotics team placed first in district, second in the state of Alaska competition and qualified to travel to San Diego to compete at the international level.
- WHE is the only elementary school in the state of Alaska to have a Youth Court. For the 2011-2012 school year we had three students with perfect scores thereby being sworn in as judges.
- WHE conducted a Writer's Fair that was a great success.

- WHE sent representative Levi King to the state spelling Bee and representative Hunter Henley to the state Geography Bowl.
- Miranda Martin, a sixth grade student at WHE is one of the two state winners in the 2011-12 Alaska State Elk's Association Americanism Essay Contest.
- WHE school 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, Landon Bunting, recived the Monsonic Outstanding Achievenet Award.
- West Homer Elementary continues to offer a locally relevant adcademic 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.
- Athletically, WHE students were offered many sport and club opportunities from which to choose: soccer, cross country running, X-country skiing, volleyball, wrestling, baseball and basketball.
- WHE received a grant from the Alaska State Council on the Arts. The Artist in the School program funds helped to provide some funding for local artist. Sandy Gillespie worked with West Homer students on writing and visual arts.
- WHE received a People's Garden Grant to establish garden boxes.
- WHE received a gardening grant from the Alaska Department of Natural resources.
- WHE was awarded a KPBSD professional development grant that was focused on utilizing Write Tools to enhance writing instruction for students.

WHE had two teachers nominated for the BP Teacher of Excellence Award: Melissa Cloud and Shellie Worsfold.