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Happy Birthday!

- Teacher Esther- 1/3
- Janessa Bourdukofsky-1/16
- Mr. Mac-1/19
- Antonio Mercurief-1/23
- Rafael Mata Rukovichnikoff-1/24
- Maria Mata Rukovichnikoff-2/5
- Ms. Rodgers-2/7
- Carley Bourdukofsky-2/7
- Dallas Roberts-2/8
- Christina Galanin-2/9
- Kiana Melovidov-2/10
- Derrick Baker-2/11
- Dimitri Dino Zacharof Jr.-2/13
- Naomi Edenshaw-2/21
- Ms. Grego-2/22
- Aiden Bristol-2/23
- Mrs. Anna-2/25

Happy Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day was celebrated at St. Paul School on Friday, February 11, 2011. The High School Basketball Team sponsored the entire Carnival this year which included Fish and Roast Beef Pie sales in the kitchen. Parents, teachers and students worked the booths at the event, served food and sold tickets. The cake walk was a usual favorite, as was the bouncy house and basketball shoot. Ms. Rodgers offered a cake decorating class the night before the Carnival for those interested in baking cakes for the cake walk. Over \$2500 was raised at the Carnival for the ball team! Thanks to everyone who supported the Sea Parrots by attending and spending money at the event. Enjoy the pictures below!



Welcome New Student!

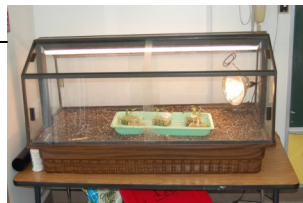
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The final Parent Teacher Conferences of the 2010-2011 school year will be held on Saturday, February 26. Contact Mrs. Brenda with questions about schedules.

Plant Science Class Grows Veggies

Ms. Rodgers' Plant Science Class will soon have fresh vegetables! The 10th grade students in this class have been working on a small greenhouse project using hydroponics and LED lighting. They are using the LED lighting because it has been found to use approximately 90% less energy. They will be conducting experiments with lighting and temperature to grow cucumbers, basil, lettuce, peppers and tomatoes. Ukuda Wa will have more updates on this project as it develops.



Marine Science Students to Showcase Learning in Seattle

The Pribilof Marine Science Camp students (St. Paul & St. George) have received an invitation to present at the International ESSAS Open Science Conference in Seattle, WA, May 22-26. In their presentation, they will share about their learning's over the past four years in Marine Science Camp. They will showcase their "place based" science curriculum, king crab research and more. Mrs. Stacks noted that, "This is a huge honor for our students to be presenting in an international venue."

Second Quarter Honors

Honor Roll

Fourth Grade

Sasha Isaac
Jeffery Kauffman
Kiana Melovidov
Rafael Mata Rukovichnikoff

Fifth Grade

Jaycee Bourdukofsky
Lydia Dirks
Stormy Stacks

Sixth Grade

Andronika Emanoff
Savannah Stacks
Teresa Baker

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Taylor Kauffman
Brandy Mercurief
Dallas Roberts
Feofaneya Rukovichnikoff
James Simeonoff

High School

Anna Melovidov
Desta Baker
Cara Lestenkof-Mandregan
Dominic Murphy
Dimitri Dino Zacharof Jr.

Perfect Attendance

Second and Third Grade

Carley Bourdukofsky
Vladimir Bourdukofsky
Heather Kozloff

Fifth Grade

Lydia Dirks

Sixth Grade

Andronika Emanoff
Linnae Kozloff

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Naomi Edenshaw
Shawn Hanson
Kirk Lestenkof Mandregan

Dallas Roberts

Brandy Mercurief
James Simeonoff

High School

Dominic Murphy
Shawn Owens
Caitlin Bourdukofsky

Citizenship

Miles Bourdukofsky
Ezra Melovidov
Jeffery Kauffman
Teresa Baker



5 Ways To Be Happier In The New Year

1. Look forward, not backward. If you've had a setback or hit an unexpected bump in the road, stay positive and ask yourself what you can do to move ahead. Optimism will also rub off on your family, friends and colleagues.

2. Set realistic goals. Acknowledge that you are better at some things than others and focus on your strengths. When you've completed an important project give yourself credit and enjoy the satisfaction of crossing it off your list.

3. Seek help when you need it. Balancing a career or school with taking care of chores, children or parents is too much responsibility for just one person.

4. Find practical ways to simplify your life. Buy clothes that don't need to be ironed or dry-cleaned. Do all your errands and shopping in one day. Instead of trying to remember everything, write things down. Keep a single calendar for work and personal commitments.

5. Start a new project, take up a new hobby, or give yourself permission to do something you've always wanted to try.

Source: NEA Alaska Health Letter



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Sea Parrot Basketball 2011

The High School Basketball team has played 3 games so far this season against a team made up of staff members and local players. The games took place on January 21, 28 and February 4. The Sea Parrots won the first two games handily, and fell short in the third game after a fierce battle in overtime. Each night, the staff helped to organize and sell hot dogs, nachos, spaghetti and desserts to help the team raise enough money to travel to the Regional Tournament.

Although they may be small in numbers (they only have 6 players on the team), they make up for it in hard work and talent. This year's team includes: Cara Lestenkof-Mandregan, Senior (captain), Jonathan Mercurieff, Sophomore (co-captain), Dimitri Dino Zacharof Jr., Sophomore (co-captain), and Shawn Hanson, Feofaneya Rukovichnikoff and Taylor Kauffman all in the 8th grade. Since the team only has six players, Coach Baldwin asked some 6th and 7th grade students, Dallas Roberts, Ermogen Mercurief, James Simeonoff, and Andronika Emanoff to practice with the team. The team will be playing games every Friday night until the end of the season. They will travel to New Stuyahok, Alaska to compete in the Regional Tournament on February 25. Stats from the three home games played to date are shown here:

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January 21 game:

Shawn Hanson—33 points
Dino Zacharof—14 points
Jonathan Mercurieff—6 points
Cara Mandregan—4 points
Dallas Roberts—5 points

January 28 game:

Dallas Roberts—25 points
Dino Zacharof—19 points
Shawn Hanson—15 points
Jonathan Mercurieff—15 points
Ermogen Mercurief—4 points

February 4 game:

Dino Zacharof—29 points
Shawn Hanson—15 points
Jonathan Mercurieff—12 points
Cara Mandregan—4 points
Dallas Roberts—3 points
Faneya Rukovichnikoff—2 points
Taylor Kauffman—2 points



Student Council Sponsors Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night was held on Friday, February 4, after the high school basketball game in the gym. It was also sponsored by the High School Basketball Team, and the Student Council. Members of this year's Student Council, advised by Mrs. Ferrari, sold goodies and beverages in the lobby, while games and dances were played in the gym. Timothy Melovidov and Grace Rukovishnikoff operated the sound system and Taylor Kauffman was master of ceremonies. Taylor did an excellent job leading the games and dance activities, and everyone had a great time! The money raised from the event was all donated to the basketball team. A few pictures of the many parents and students at the event are shown below:



Spelling Bee & Community Meeting

The February School Family Community Partnership Meeting was held Tuesday, February 8, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m. in the library. The meeting began with the Spelling Bee participants competing for the 2011 St. Paul School Spelling Bee Championship. Eight students competed in the event: Naomi Edenshaw, Savannah Stacks, Teresa Baker, Andronika Emanoff, Kiana Melovidov, Sasha Isaac Courtney Lestenkof, and Clara Chapman. In the end, Naomi and Savannah were left standing and eventually Naomi was crowned the winner!

Those who stayed after the Bee for the Partnership Meeting discussed several topics. 1) The Artist in Residence will be at St. Paul School late February through early March. He is a professional book maker and will be working with students to design and illustrate books. 2) David Merculieff gave a condensed KUHB report. He is one of the seventh grade students who is working at the radio station each day during school. He and his classmates are recording the Postcard and other announcements daily, and they will soon be interviewing teachers and other community members. Mrs. Stacks reminded the students who were present, that KUHB continues to encourage students to work at the station in the evenings. Students can earn \$10 per hour for up to ten hours per week. 3) The Summer Science Camp will be offered again this year during the month of August on St. Paul. St. George students will also attend. It will be held in conjunction with the 100 Year Celebration of the Fur Seal Treaty. Aquilina's planning the summer camp activities and it will once again be funded by APICDA and CBSFA. Mrs. Stacks informed the group that summer camp participants have been invited to present at the PICES International Science Conference in Seattle during May. This is a huge honor that will require a great deal of planning and commitment on behalf of the students. More information will be made available soon about this opportunity. 4) Terra Nova Testing is taking place this week and will continue through Friday for students in grades 1, 2, 5 & 7. 5) Aquilina is actively planning Bering Sea Days that will take place April. 6) Taughney Rukovishnikoff is currently working on a summer food service program through Americorp. She explained how this process will work, and it will likely take place this summer. She also discussed her hopes for starting a Girl Scouts group and plans for other youth activities. 7) Ms. Rodgers presented the district Technology Plan and those attending were given an opportunity to suggest changes/modifications. 8) Mrs. Stacks informed everyone that the district has offered a job to John Holcomb for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Holcomb will be SPED director, teach high school science and will eventually replace Mrs. Stacks as K-12 Principal. Nine adults and 3 students stayed for the meeting.



Kayumixtakuchan (Young Warriors)

Cara Lestenkof-Mandregan, Dallas Roberts, and Selena Rukovishnikoff traveled to Anchorage the week of February 8 for the Alaska Tobacco Advocacy Initiative Conference. The conferences began on Friday, and ended Saturday evening. The purpose of this trip was to get together with other groups, across Alaska, that are involved in the initiative, and to share what types of things they've been doing in their community to prevent tobacco use. Also at the conferences, the students discussed different ways to approach people about tobacco, such as Guerilla Marketing. The objective of Guerrilla Marketing is to create a unique, engaging, and thought-provoking concept to generate 'buzz', and consequently turn viral. Cara said, "I had tons of fun, it was a great opportunity to meet other people who have the same opinions and goals as myself. I learned a lot about other communities and their issues with tobacco; for example, last week, in New Stuyahok, Alaska, they caught a child in kindergarten chewing snuff, that's really bad. Hopefully we can use what we learned out there, in our community." The students plan to share the techniques and information they learned with their peers.

Exciting Activities In Elementary

The elementary classes have had several engaging activities going on this semester in addition to their normal classroom academics. Mr. Baldwin's kindergarten and first grade class recently put on their chef's hats and whipped up a Shape Salad. The students looked for triangles, circles, cylinders, etc. as they sliced the many fruits and one vegetable (celery). They also explored how the salad fixings could be cut in halves or quarters. After enjoying their salads, the students wrote a paragraph about the experience. This was a fun and tasty math/writing activity. Thanks to Debbie Barner for bringing in the fruits and vegetables and helping with the activity.

Mrs. Kauffman's class is enjoying a Flat Stanley exchange with students from Heights Elementary School in Sharon, Massachusetts. The second grade students in Sharon, a suburb of Boston, will soon be receiving the Flat Stanleys made by Mrs. Kauffman's 2nd & 3rd grade students. The Flat Stanleys from Massachusetts have already arrived here and the students have taken them for a tour of some of their favorite places on the island. Both classes will post pictures and write about their experiences. The students will also be able to ask each other questions on the shared Wiki for this activity. You can watch the progress by checking flatstanleyexchange2.wikispaces.com.

Deb Vanasse, an author of books for children, teens, and adults, has visited with our K-8 students via video conference. These students have read many of her books and have had the opportunity to learn more about the author, where she gets her ideas, and her writing process. Deb has enriched the reading experience for our students, and there will be more opportunities to interact with her. On February 18, Deb will meet online with students in grades 7-12 who have just finished her book, [A Distant Enemy](#). Also, a date is being set for a SKYPE visit with the students on St. George. After many online visits, Deb plans to travel to St. Paul Island for a teacher Inservice in April and students will have an opportunity to meet her during her brief visit.



Author speaks about her book.



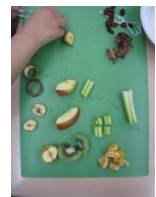
Casper and Maxim with Flat Stanley.



Jaycee with her clay boat like the one in the book.



Miron enjoys the delicious "Shape Salad" created by his class.



Students Learn From Visiting Superior Court Judge

The Honorable Beverly Cutler volunteered her time at St. Paul School in January. Judge Cutler was presiding over a case on St. Paul and graciously agreed to work with students in the school when she was not in court. She visited several of the classrooms and met with students to discuss the in's and out's of a courtroom. Students were divided into defense and prosecution teams and "argued" cases that were based upon actual past court cases in Alaska.

Judge Cutler explained many of the rules and terms that are often used in a courtroom and took questions from the audience. She encouraged interested students to apply for the **Color of Justice** program that will take place in Anchorage during June 22-24.

The **Color of Justice** program brings diverse high school and college students from across the state together for exciting workshops and activities designed to encourage them to consider legal and judicial careers.

Interested students are encouraged to visit www.courts.alaska.gov or see Mrs. Kushin for more information. St. Paul students and staff would like to thank Judge Cutler for taking the time to visit our school.



Students Continue Work In SEL

The week of January 17, Anne Caulfield, a counselor with the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB), visited St. Paul School. Anne worked the entire week with students in grades 6-12 on team building and social and emotional learning (SEL). Anne is a life-long educator and is tremendously gifted when it comes to relating to students. She spent many hours talking to students about their personal and academic concerns and questions. Everyone shared stories and participated in activities that encouraged tolerance, acceptance and respect.

The Pribilof School District has been a partner with AASB for many years. The focus over the past few years has been around social and emotional learning and culturally responsive teaching. Anne will continue to work with students and staff in these areas, and plans are being made for a culminating activity to take place during Pribilof Days in May. Thank you, Anne! Photos of the time spent with Anne are shown here:

