



Okuda Wa!



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Happy Birthday!

Marjorie Baker- 3/1
Diamond Lestenkof-3/3
Mrs. Kauffman-3/4
Latasha Bevis-3/8
Maxim Zacharof-3/8
Justin Emanoff-3/11
Timothy Melovidov-3/12
Casper Merculief-3/13
Xavier Shane-3/15
Mrs. Brenda-3/19
Mrs. Schewe-3/20
Heather Kozloff-3/22
Sierra Dayton-4/1
Kadyn Zacharof-4/3
Shawn Hanson-4/6
Andrey Kuzakin-4/9
Leslie Jones-4/11
David Merculieff-4/11
Mr. Ferrari-4/12
Jonathan Merculieff-4/13
Robert Melovidov Jr.-4/15
Andronika Emanoff-4/15
Mrs. Kushin-4/24
Preston Zacharof-4/26
Destiny Bristol Kushin-4/27

Tips for SBA Success

- 1) Get a good night's rest each night.
- 2) Eat a good breakfast each morning.
- 3) Come with a good attitude.
- 4) Take your time on the test.
- 5) Remember to use process of elimination for choosing answers.
- 6) Always go back and check your answers.

UAA Reps Visit St. Paul School

Pat Chesbro and Nancy Boxler, with the University of Alaska in Anchorage, recently visited St. Paul School. The Pribilof School District has been part of a grant with the Alaska Education Innovation Network (AEIN) for the past several years. The grant funded professional development for teachers, provided opportunities for collaboration with other school districts in Alaska, and promoted culturally responsive teaching. The grant is coming to an end this year.

In addition to visiting with teachers about the district's participation in the grant, they spent two class periods sharing with FEA students in the Exploring Education Careers Class. The class has spent the past couple of weeks learning about culturally responsive teaching and evaluating the Alaska Cultural Standards for schools, teachers, parents and communities. As lifelong educators, Pat & Nancy had much to share about their experiences in different cultures and offered the students a great deal of advice about going to college, applying for scholarships and future planning.

TDX Drawing Contest Winners

TDX recently sponsored a drawing contest at the school. Brandy Merculief's and Stormy Stacks's drawings were chosen to be made into signs that will be displayed at the Harbor and Airport respectively. Each girl received a \$250 check for winning the drawing contest. Brandy's drawing is on the left and Stormy's on the right below. Jason Bourdukofsky & Laura Lestenkof presented the awards. Congratulations girls!



Students Make Books With Visiting Artist

For two weeks beginning March 1, the 2011 Artist In Residence, James Riordan, worked with students in grades K-12. He taught the students about book design, illustration, book binding, and bookmaking. Mr. Riordan had the following to say about his art, "The book is a form that combines writing, illustration, hand-eye-coordination, craft, creative and visual expression and is steeped in a colorful history spanning thousands of years, across many cultures. I believe that the teaching of book making promotes literacy, creativity, self-expression, and self-esteem. Becoming engaged with bookmaking can serve as an outlet for the development and articulation of individual voices. It's a great place for the combining of disciplines and the collaboration of groups; be they classes or communities, rural, urban or online, books create spaces for the exchange of ideas and the recording of opinions." St. Paul students were very proud of the books they made and it will be something they will always remember. Thank you Mr. Riordan.



Iditarod Reading Race A Popular Event

Students crossed the finish line of the Iditarod in early March, the Iditarod Reading Race that is. Students in grades K-12 participated in this annual event at St. Paul School. This beloved event is held in conjunction with the well known Great Alaska Sled Dog Race. Students must read over 1,100 pages to finish the race. Students who finished the race in the allotted time were rewarded with a special lunch in the school gym. Teachers and staff prepared spaghetti, pizzas, hamburgers, and ice cream desserts for the students and they were served "Restaurant Style". They chose their table and staff members took their orders, prepared the meal, and served them as they would be served at a restaurant. Everyone seemed to have a great time and some teachers even earned tips!



Students Prepare For SBA's

The Alaska Standards Based Assessments (SBA) will be administered to students in the Pribilof School District this week (April 4). Students in grades 3-10 will take the exams. The tests are given in reading, writing, math, and some take the science portion. All students have been preparing for the exams during March and hopefully they found that the review was simply concepts they already knew but just needed to refresh. Tenth grade students will also take the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE). The results of these exams are used to measure proficiency of schools, teachers and students. Not only are they evaluated by government officials, the scores are used by schools for curriculum planning, student placement, and for informing parents of their child's progress.

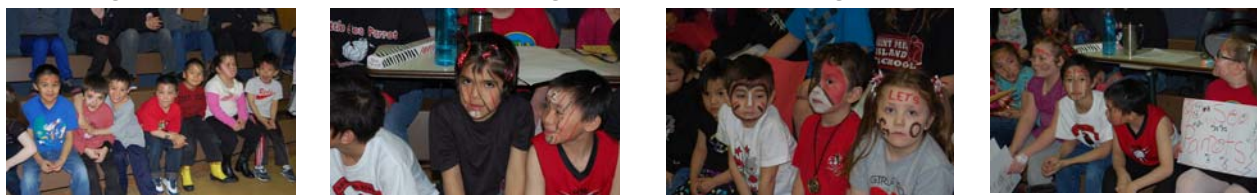
FEA Students Sponsor Saturday Reading Event During Community Library

On Saturday, March 12 the Future Educators of Alaska (FEA) students hosted a reading event in the school library. Students Pre-K through grade 6 were invited to the event which took place from 2-5. FEA students read to the younger children, checked-out books and helped students earn miles for the Iditarod Reading Race. The U.S. Coast Guard provided fresh fruits for the event and the left over fruit was shared with Elders at the Senior Center. Several parents and siblings also attended to read to their children/brothers/sisters. FEA would like to thank everyone for taking part. Enjoy the pictures from the event below:



Go Sea Parrots!

Spirit Day was held the afternoon of Thursday, February 24. The basketball team involved the crowd in many fun-basketball-related-games, including: playing a game of bump with the whole team, a free throw contest with Shawn Hanson, and Cara, a three point contest against Dallas and Jonathan, and a sprint contest against Dino. After all the activities, a competition was held to see which classroom had the most school spirit. As the contest made it's way down to elementary, it was hard to tell which group had the most spirit. In the end, pre-school ended up taking the Spirit Stick. Good job pre-school and congratulations Sea Parrots on a great season!



Third Quarter Honors

Honor Roll:

Fourth Grade:

Marjorie Baker
Sasha Isaac
Jeffery Kauffman

Fifth Grade:

Jaycee Bourdukofsky
Stormy Stacks
Lydia Dirks

Sixth Grade:

Teresa Baker
Andronika Emanoff
Savannah Stacks

Seventh Grade:

Dallas Roberts
James Simeonoff III

Eighth Grade:

Naomi Edenshaw
Shawn Hanson
Taylor Kauffman
Brandy Mercurief

High School:

Desta Baker
Dominic Murphy
Dimitri Dino Zacharof Jr.
Platonida Hapoff
Caitlin Bourdukofsky
Cara Lestenkof-Mandregan
Anna Melovidov
Shawn Owens

Perfect Attendance:

Vladimir Bourdukofsky
Justin Emanoff
Casper Mercurief
Sasha Isaac
Stormy Stacks
Savannah Stacks
Naomi Edenshaw
James Simeonoff III
Brandy Mercurief
Jordyn Mercurief
Dominic Murphy
Shawn Owens
Nekita Hapoff Jr.

Citizenship:

Carley Bourdukofsky
Destiny Bristol Kushin
Lydia Dirks
James Simeonoff III
Caitlin Bourdukofsky



NYO Practice Begins

The 2011 Senior Native Youth Olympics (NYO) Games in Alaska 2011 are taking place April 29-May 1 at the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage. The vision of NYO is to promote healthy lifestyles, positive self-esteem, leadership skills, appreciation of Alaska Natives traditions, and good sportsmanship through friendly athletic competition. The first NYO games were held in the spring of 1972. It was conceived and organized by students attending the Boarding Home Program School in Anchorage. The very first year of competition involved twelve schools with student athletes from Sitka and Nome. The number of athletes with interest in competing has increased as NYO Games have received state and national recognition. The events of NYO are based on hunting skills of the Native ancestors. Being a hunter requires skill endurance, agility, and the balance of mind and body. To test and prove these abilities, the ancestors made games in which they could compete against each other and improve their skills. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals are awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners at the games.

Several students are trying out to represent the Pribilofs this year. These students and the events they are practicing are as follows:

Cara: One foot high kick, and one arm reach. **Dino:** One foot high kick, Alaskan high kick, and two foot high kick. **Derrick:** Alaskan high kick, Eskimo stick pull, and Indian stick pull. **Alyssa:** Eskimo stick pull, Indian stick pull, and seal hop. **Shauna:** Alaskan high kick, and wrist carry. **Desta:** wrist carry, toe kick, and Alaskan high kick. **Taylor:** seal hop, Indian stick pull, and Eskimo stick pull. **Janette:** wrist carry. **Naomi:** seal hop, and stick pull. **Dallas:** wrist carry, two foot high kick, seal hop, and toe kick. **James:** toe kick, seal hop, and kneel jump. Ukuda Wa will share results from the competition in our May newsletter. Good luck during try-outs!

March Madness, St. Paul Style

By: Cara Lestenkof-Mandregan

On Thursday, February 24, the St. Paul high school basketball team played our last home game. Before the game, a small ceremony was held for me because this is my final year in high school and my last basketball game at home. I am very thankful for the night and I was very surprised. We played against: Dustin Jones, Paul Melovidov, Miss. Grego, Damon Zacharof, Dimitri Zacharof, and Roman Fratis Jr. It was a close game throughout, but in the end, the guest team won by only two points.

Friday February 25, we left Island headed for Anchorage as a reward for working hard this season and to play against Anchorage Lumen Christi. There were a variety of things we did. Our first full day in Anchorage, some of the team got checked out with family members, and for those who didn't get checked out, we went downtown to the Fur Rondy Carnival. The Fur Rondy Carnival has an assortment of rides and games to participate in. Shawn Hanson was new to the carnival, Jonathan, Dino, and I weren't, and we were eager to get him to go on the Apollo. At first he was a little hesitant, but in the end he was glad he was forced to try it. The team couldn't handle the cold for too long, so most of the days were spent at the mall shopping, or just walking around. This group was extremely quiet, Coach Baldwin and Teacher Esther were amazed.

On Monday, February 28, the St. Paul Sea Parrots played against a 2A school, Anchorage Lumen Christi. We started the game with a 9 point lead and held it for the first two quarters. Before half time, Lumen Christi stepped up their game and caught up. During half time, Coach Baldwin really talked to us and once the third quarter began, the Sea Parrots came back into full swing. The last two quarters of the game, our teams were neck and neck. If there was ever a lead, it was only by 1 or 2 points. In the end, the Sea Parrots took the win! Final score, 44-46. Congratulations Sea Parrots!

Wednesday, March 2 was the day we traveled to New Stuyahok, Alaska to participate in the Boys 1A Regional Tournament. Departing Anchorage, we flew to Dillingham first, then got on a small, 10 seat, Caravan. Travel from Dillingham to New Stuyahok was about a 20 minute flight. This was a new experience for all of the members, except Coach Baldwin.

While at Regionals, the Sea Parrots played 3 games total. On the first day of the tournament, we played against the home team, the New Stuyahok Eagles. One of the team members said it was a little tough trying to stay positive during the game when you have no one in the gym cheering for you, but the team worked their hardest and we ended up falling short. The Eagles were a fast, very skilled team. The second game we played was against the Port Lions Kings. For most of the game, the teams were tied, until the third quarter began and the Sea Parrots put forward more effort and took the win. The final score was 51-26. Way to go Sea Parrots! The Championship games began at 9 am, Saturday March 5 at 11 a.m. The Koliganek Huskies were the next team we played. There was such an adrenaline rush with it being the final game, causing us to be a little nervous and not working so well together. It was a good final game, but the Sea Parrots ended up losing the game with a final score of 64-49.

Regionals was so much fun, everybody needs to experience it. This trip would not have been possible without Coach Baldwin. Thank you for everything; I had an awesome season!

