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## Happy Birthday!

Jeffery Kauffman-5/4  
Clara Chapman-5/16  
Lydia Dirks-5/17  
Julia Mercurief-5/18  
James Simeonoff III-5/24  
Mr. Baldwin-5/27  
Courtney Lestenkof-5/30  
Anna Melovidov-5/31  
Savannah Stacks-6/10  
Mrs. Edna-6/14  
Janelle Melovidov Baker-6/16  
Skylar Mercurieff-6/22  
Shawn Owens-6/23  
Desta Baker-6/26  
Selena Rukovishnikoff-6/29  
Stormy Stacks-6/29  
Chauncey Demientieff-7/2  
Alexay Lestenkof-7/4  
Grace Rukovishnikoff-7/7  
Michael Dirks-7/13  
Nathan Bourdukofsky-7/14  
Nekita Hapoff-7/15  
Caitlin Bourdukofsky-7/17  
Ashley Kushin-7/17  
Arianna Warner-7/21  
Ezra Melovidov-7/23  
Alyssa Bourdukofsky-7/25  
Cara Lestenkof-Mandregan-7/28  
Janette Lewis-7/30

## Bering Sea Days

Several scientists and professionals, from all around Alaska, hosted Bering Sea Days the week of April 26. Students rotated from room to room learning from each professional's passions and interests.

Michelle Ridgway, a biologist from Aukebay, contributed her knowledge and expertise in Sea Ice, and various ocean specimens. Students retrieved chunks of Sea Ice from the Ice Pack, analyzed the specimens from inside the ice, and studied Ice Pack trends over the past thirty years. Bob Mikol offered his experience as a professional mapmaker. Students roamed across the island tracking and mapping points with GPS machines, then used this information to create their very own maps of St. Paul Island.

David Yesner taught students about the history of mammoths on the Pribilof Islands and the various types of mammoths. Seth Danielson instructed and demonstrated ocean tides and currents. Bobette Dickerson discussed the diet of fur seals and offered demonstrations. Tamara Zeller, Paul Melovidov, Phil Zavadi, and Dustin Jones shared their knowledge on bird identification, the process of bird counting, and bird graphing. Students toured the beautiful St. Paul Bird Cliffs. Students from St. George also attended this science-filled week at St. Paul School.



## Future Educators Gather In Juneau

Cara Lestenkof-Mandregan, Caitlin Bourdukofsky, Alyssa Bourdukofsky and Mr. Stacks attended the annual Future Educators of Alaska (FEA) Gathering in Juneau the week of April 18. Before heading to Juneau, the students assisted Mrs. Kauffman and Mr. & Mrs. Stacks at the State of Alaska Teacher Job Fair. The group interviewed elementary teacher applicants for the two St. Paul teaching positions.

On Sunday, Cara, Caitlin, Alyssa and Mr. Stacks traveled to Juneau for the FEA Gathering. This was St. Paul's 9th year to attend the event and over 100 students from across AK were in attendance. All activities took place at the University of Alaska Southeast and all travel expenses were paid through FEA grant funds. Cara and Caitlin took the University of Alaska Accuplacer Exams on Monday morning while Alyssa helped prepare for registration. Mr. Stacks met with UAF representatives to review our EEC Course content and make changes and revisions. Cara and Caitlin were previously selected to serve as Youth Leaders for the event and worked later in the day to organize and plan activities for the week.

The big event kicked off Monday night with a Native Educator address and an Ice Cream Social. Our Pribilof students led the Ice Breaker Activity at the event. Tuesday & Wednesday were packed with tours of UAS and Juneau, workshops, and club presentations. The girls attended public speaking and community involvement workshops in addition to their leadership roles as Youth Leaders. On Wednesday, they shared with the group about their experiences in the EEC Course and led an activity on the Alaska Cultural Standards.

Although fellow FEA member, Anna Melovidov, was not able to attend the Gathering with us, we learned on Tuesday that she had been selected as the only Alaskan to receive the \$60,000 Teaching It Forward Scholarship to the University of Phoenix. The announcement was made to a crowd of 100+ students and teachers at UAS. Anna received the news via phone from Mrs. Stacks' office. Congratulations Anna! We are proud of you!



## Alaskan Author Visits St. Paul

The author of many books, Deb Vanasse, recently visited St. Paul Island to share her books, and shared some information with the staff about writing across the curriculum. She shared readings from her books to students on Saturday. Ms. Vanasse lives in Alaska, and in each book, she tells about personal experiences she has had in her life.

A few of the books she has written are: "A Distance Enemy", "Out of the Wilderness", "Totem Tale" and many more. To get to know her more, visit [www.debvanasse.com](http://www.debvanasse.com). Thank you for the visit, Ms. Vanasse!



## Stephanie Mandregan Awarded

Stephanie Lestenkof-Mandregan is the recipient of the "Partner In Learning Award" for the 2010-2011 school year. Each year the Alaska Parent & Resource Center (AKPIRC) honors one Alaskan parent who sets the standard for parent engagement, both at home and at school. Stephanie Mandregan was nominated by Superintendent Jamie Stacks and accepted her award at the Alaska Bilingual Conference in Anchorage on April 22. Mr. Stacks & the FEA students were present to see Stephanie accept the award at the Sheraton Hotel.

Stephanie was recognized because "she is very involved in all school activities and shows her children how important education is by example. She makes sure they attend school everyday and that they complete their work to the best of their ability. She talks to her children about the importance of their education and their future plans. She works full-time but always has time for her children's education and is always willing to volunteer in the school when she is needed." Thank you Stephanie!

## Anna Accepts Big Scholarship

Anna Melovidov, a Senior at St. Paul Island School, was selected for the 2011 Teaching It Forward college scholarship, worth \$60,000. The scholarship, the first of its kind, was made available to all future educators of Alaska (FEA) students graduating from high school this year. The University of Phoenix offered the scholarship through the Alaska Teach of the Year, Lorrie Heagy from Juneau. Mrs. Heagy, presented the scholarship award at the FEA gathering in Juneau on April 21. Anna was not present at the gathering but accepted the scholarship via telephone from St. Paul School. Mrs. Heagy also attended graduation ceremonies at St. Paul where she recognized Anna and her accomplishments. Congratulations Anna!



## NYO Students Compete

The 2011 Senior High Native Youth Olympics (NYO) took place April 29-May 1 at the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage. The students who participated in NYO were: Cara, Dino, Derrick, Desta, Taylor, and James. Cara made it through five rounds and was one of the last three in her group to be eliminated. Dino made it halfway around the track for the Wrist Carry and he kicked his highest in the Alaskan High Kick at 70 inches! Derrick's nerves took over as he competed against the student who won the whole thing. Desta did a great job participating in the Eskimo Stick Pull and the Toe Kick. Taylor lost her first match and won her next three. She needed to win one more to be in the final, but after a tough match she fell short. James did a great job and stayed in four rounds! It was a great time and a new experience for many students on the team. Great Job NYO Team!

## Fifth Graders Have A Blast In FL

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class raised almost \$30,000 this year to fund their trip to Florida. Lydia Dirks, Stormy Stacks, Jaycee Bourdukofsky, Carmen Philemonoff, Dimond Lestenkof, and Skyler Merculieff were chaperoned by Mrs. Stacks and Miss Grego on this wonderful trip.

This all-female group spent two weeks touring The Sunshine State and enjoying all it has to offer. They spent two days at Disney World and Sea World's Aquatic Water Park. The fireworks display over Cinderella's Castle was a big hit. Many of the girls could not swim before the trip and were fearful of the water. After some coaxing and min-lessons they conquered their fear of the water and enjoyed all the water rides, wave pools and snorkeling. A live performance of Beauty and the Beast was very memorable as were the 3 days spent in Pigeon Key learning about habitats, ecosystems, various types of fish and warm water sea life. The shark dissection was a Pigeon Key favorite event!

They carved out time in their busy schedule to enjoy some shopping for souvenirs, new clothes, haircuts and dresses for the St. Paul graduation. Bedtime was usually late but they made sure to write in their journals before getting some shut-eye.



## This Summer, I'm Going To.....

- Destiny- Play out, and visit people.
- Miles- Play out and watch TV.
- Justin- Leave on the plane, and travel.
- Chauncey- Go with his Kuka and Papa to Vegas.
- Courtney- Leave to Seattle.
- Carley- Go to the beach.
- Clara- Go to Seattle, and to the beach.
- Gregory- Leave to Anchorage.
- Rafael- Ride his 50. (Two wheeler)
- Jeffery- Have fun.
- Sasha- Go to Marshall.
- Preston- Ride bikes.
- Savannah- Spend time with her baby cousin and go to California.
- Andronika- Go to Seattle and New York.
- Michael- Fish, and make bank.
- Maria- Play with friends in California.
- David- Baiting.
- Dallas- Work and hang out.
- Steven- Visit Marshall.
- Shawn H.- Work.
- Kirk- Sleep.
- Faneya- Enjoy the rest of my time on St. Paul.
- Shauna- Leave, and stay home and play video games.
- Jonathan- Work.
- Timothy- Hangout.
- Grace- Travel.
- Alyssa- Hopefully work again.
- Dino- Work.
- Platonida- Go home.
- Nekita- Go fishing.
- Christina- Sleep and work.
- Caitlin- Work, hangout, and have fun.
- Anna- Work.
- Shawn O.- Get a job.
- Cara- Have fun.
- Mrs. Kushin- Visit grandma and aunties in Arizona.
- Mrs. Ferrari- Traveling.
- Mr. Stacks- Work on the farm and soak up the sun.
- Ms. Rodgers- Visit her brother and son. Visit her great grandson. Go to Peru. Re-model her wash room.
- Mr. Ferrari- Go to Florida, California, and New York. Running a 5K in New York, and be a Best Man in a wedding in Florida.
- Mrs. Schewe- Getting acquainted with a brand new grandson.

## Fourth Quarter Honors

The final Awards Assembly of the year was held on Friday, May 20 in the school gym to recognize students who were successful during the fourth quarter of the school year. Mrs. Stacks & teachers from all grade levels shared stories and awards. Mrs. Kauffman created a slide show of images from the last quarter and a few from the year to share with everyone. The awards that were presented are shown below:

### Honor Roll:

#### 4th grade:

- Sasha Isaac
- Marjorie Baker
- Rafael Mata Rukovishnikoff

#### 5th grade:

- Stormy Stacks
- Jaycee Bourdukofsky
- Lydia Dirks

#### 6th grade:

- Teresa Baker
- Savannah Stacks

### Honor Roll:

#### Jr. High:

- Naomi Edenshaw
- Shawn Hanson
- Taylor Kauffman
- Kirk Lestenkof-Mandregan
- Janette Lewis
- Robert Melovidov Jr.
- Brandy Merculief
- Jordyn Merculief
- Dallas Roberts
- James Simeonoff III
- Selena Rukovishnikoff
- Feofaneya Rukovishnikoff

### Citizenship Awards:

- Luke Isaac
- Maria Mata Rukovishnikoff
- Naomi Edenshaw
- Alyssa Bourdukofsky

### Honor Roll:

#### High School:

- Desta Baker
- Caitlin Bourdukofsky
- Dominic Murphy
- Dino Zacharof
- Christina Galanin
- Platonida Hapoff

### Perfect Attendance:

- Luke Isaac
- Destiny Bristol Kushin
- Leslie Jones
- Casper Merculief
- Sasha Isaac
- Naomi Edenshaw
- Brandy Merculief
- James Simeonoff III
- Caitlin Bourdukofsky
- Dominic Murphy
- Nekita Hapoff Jr.
- Platonida Hapoff

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# Class of 2011



*"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies within your determination."*

**Cara Paige Alexandra Lestenkof-Mandregan.**

Nicknames: Cawa Bear, Punk, Stink, and Paige.  
Date of Birth: July 28, 1993.  
Place of Birth: Seattle, Washington.  
Favorite Colors: Blue, black, and red.  
Favorite Food: Pizza, Beer-Battered Halibut, Fish-Pie, and Roast Beef-Pie.  
Favorite Movies: "Coach Carter", "The Sixth Man", "The Hangover", "Role Models"  
Pet Peeve: Disrespectfulness.  
Favorite Song: "The Show Goes On"-Lupe Fiasco, "Welcome To The Family" "Unholy Confessions" and "Afterlife"-Avenged Sevenfold, "Enter Sandman"-Metallica, "Hate My Life"-Theory of a Deadman, and "Juicy"-Notorious.  
Hobbies: Basketball and having fun with friends.  
Future Plans: Attend UAA in the fall of 2011.  
Major: Undeclared.  
Favorite Quote: "Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." -Michael Jordan

**Anna Marina Melovidov.**

Nicknames: Nuknia, Mom, Baby, Sister.  
DOB: May 31, 1993.  
Place of Birth: Anchorage, Alaska.  
Favorite Colors: Grey, blue, and pink.  
Favorite Food: Halibut Patties, Nachos, Breakfast Burritos, Corn Beef Soup, Homemade bread.  
Hobbies: Anything productive.  
Favorite Song: "Talking To The Moon"-Bruno Mars.  
Favorite Movies: "Up", "Despicable Me", "Shooter", "Grown Ups", "Date Night"  
Pet Peeve: Bad hygiene.  
Future Plans: Study to become an educator.  
Favorite Quote: "Good friends will stick with you until you unstuck." -Winnie the Pooh.

**Christian Shawn Owens.**

Nicknames: N/A.  
DOB: June 23, 1992.  
Place of Birth: Anchorage, Alaska.  
Favorite Colors: Black and red.  
Favorite food: Pizza, Fish-Pie, and Taco's.  
Favorite Movie: "Never Back Down".  
Pet Peeve: N/A.  
Favorite Song: "Rockstar"-Chamillionare, "I'll Go Until My Heart Stops"-36CrazyFits, and "This Fire"- Killswitch Engaged.  
Hobbies: Honda Riding, walking, and hanging out with friends.  
Future Plans: Attend AVTEC.  
Favorite Quote: "It is not length of life, but depth of life." -Unknown.