



# Okuda Wa!



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## Welcome Back Students!

The 2010-2011 school year officially began August 27 for students. Everyone enjoyed a three month summer break full of rest and relaxation. Many students worked for various entities and others worked for fishermen.

Teachers reported for work on August 23. St. Paul has two new staff members this year. Dan and Amanda Ferrari come to us from Michigan and both are profiled in this newsletter. Sue Daniels transferred from St. George School where she had worked a year. She is working mornings in the Kindergarten and 1st Grade classroom and with 7th graders for study hall. Mrs. Brenda Jones is back as the office manager and community liaison. After serving the district for many years, Mrs. Schewe has come out of retirement to work until Christmas as director of the Special Education Department. We would like to welcome these new and returning staff members!

Enrollment continues to decline in the Pribilofs. We have 85 students district wide. This is a 12% decline from last year. The administration and staff are working very hard to continue to maintain current staff levels and programs offered even with a declining enrollment. Mrs. Stacks says, "We are very fortunate to have the support of parents, community, entities, and various grants that allow us to offer the curriculum and activities that we offer. We are planning for another great school year!"

## My Favorite Summer Activity Was...

Michael- Fishing on "The Bering Sea Princess".

Feofaneya- Trip to Anchorage.

Shawn H.- Working with TDX and going to the Coast Guard to play games.

Diamond- When Shauna got stuck in Anchorage and Wellness Camp.

Sonia- Ian's birthday party, and riding bikes with friends.

Chauncey- Not having to go to school.

Justin- Playing out with friends.

Vladimir- Roding bikes with friends around town.

Courtney- Trip to Anchorage.

Miles- Playing outside with friends.

Aiden- Playing at the playground and playing with toys.

Destiny- Going to Chucky Cheeses in Anchorage.

Brittney- Playing out.

Mr. Baldwin- Operating an excavator.

Anna- Getting lost at Bogoslov.

Shauna- Honda riding.

Grace- Causing trouble.

Desta- Going go-kart riding.

Caitlin- Honda riding and science camp over at St. George.

Mr. Stacks- Spending time on the beach in Florida.

Kelly- Watching the movie "Hathron"

Dino- Playing basketball.

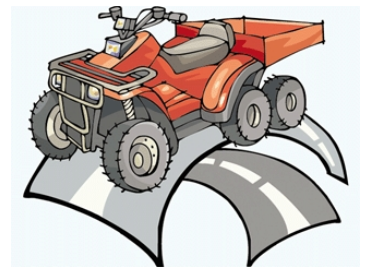
Alyssa- Tripto Anchorage.

Savannah- Parasailing in Florida

Andronika- Science camp in St. George

Teresa- Getting stuck in Anchorage during science camp.

Cara- Attending ANSEP, meeting new people, Honda riding, and hanging out at the Rec Center.



## Both PSD Schools Make AYP

Both schools in the Pribilof School District met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act for the 2009-2010 school year. St. Paul and St. George students once again showed improvements on standardized tests (SBA's) in reading, writing, and math.

Mr. Stacks who compiles the test data for both schools stated that students, teachers, and parents must continue to strive for excellence in the core subjects in order for PSD to continue to meet AYP in the years to come. He stressed that the bar gets higher each year as we strive for 100% of our students to reach proficiency. Mr. Stacks said, "Attendance plays a big part in student achievement and our attendance rate has started to decline. We need to work on improving in this area."

Congratulations to students, teachers, and parents on this great accomplishment!

## 1st Annual Family Fun Run/Walk

The 1st Annual Family Fun Run/Walk, sponsored by the St. Paul School Cross Country Team will take place on Saturday, September, 25 at 1:00 p.m. The race will begin at the front of the school and participants will run or walk to Reef Gate. It's a great (free) activity for children and families. Parents—please come out and enjoy the fun with your children! We'll see you on Saturday!

## New Courses Being Offered At St. Paul School

St. Paul School is proud to be offering dual credit college courses this year! The Future Educators of Alaska (FEA) Grant is funding college math courses through the University of Alaska. Cara Lestenkof-Mandregan, Anna Melovidov, and Kelly Lestenkof are enrolled in the courses, and upon successful completion, will receive high school credit as well as three college credits. The courses are offered online via Elluminate on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Mr. Stacks is serving as the district coordinator for the grant and is monitoring the girls progress in the course.

St. Paul School is one of only two districts in the state currently piloting an education course developed by the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The course, entitled, Exploring Education Careers I is currently being offered at the school and is the prerequisite for three other courses. Mr. Stacks worked with UAF over the summer to develop a curriculum for the course and six St. Paul students are currently enrolled. Five of the students are FEA Club members and are interested in pursuing careers in education. Mr. Stacks says, "We are very excited to be piloting these courses! We've had a FEA Club in the Pribilofs for 9 years now because we recognize there is a great need for more Native Alaskan teachers and we see the potential in many of our students. These courses are allowing us to take our work in the clubs one giant step further by educating the students about the characteristics of effective teachers, the requirements for becoming a teacher, laws and trends in education, providing opportunities for teacher interviews and observations, hands on classroom experience and much more." Ukuda Wa will continue to provide updates on the course as well as the Pribilof FEA activities for the year.

## Celebrating Grandparent's Day

On Friday, September 10, a Grandparent's Day Celebration was held in the school gym. The elementary classes each gave a presentation in the library to the grandparents. Once they had finished, everyone went to the gym. There were stations set up in the gym by each elementary teacher with an activity for the grandparent and grandchild to participate in. Food and drinks were provided to the grandparents. Many crafts were made and given away. It was a great success!

### Grandparent Limerick, by Maria Mata Rukovishnikoff

My Kooka is so sweet.  
When she hugs me, she gives me a lot  
of heat. She has a loving heart.  
She is really quite smart. I love her  
apple pie, it is such a wonderful treat.

### Grandparent Limerick, by Savannah Stacks

My grandparents are very  
sweet. When I see them  
it's such a treat. They  
brighten my day, with every  
word that they say. And  
when I see them my life's  
complete.



## Classroom Guidelines

Students in 6-12 grades worked again on the first day of school to create a set of “guidelines” for students to follow during school. The list to the right was originally created last year, and has now been expanded upon, by the students. According to teachers, the idea behind this, is that if students help create the rules, there will be more buy-in and these give us a sense of consistency across the high school since every teacher will be referring to the same “guidelines” in their rooms. Great job students and teachers!

## Top 10 Family Tips For Student Success

1. Ask your children to tell you something about their day, find ‘talkable moments’ at the dinner table, on walks or car rides.
2. Catch your children doing something good and let them know you noticed.
3. Get ‘on the list’ at school and stay informed by listening to calls, reading emails, fliers and newsletters.
4. Keep in touch with your children’s teacher on a regular basis
5. Ask your children’s teacher about helping in or out of class.
6. Go to family nights, sporting and cultural events, and community meetings or school board meetings.
7. Set up a place, where your children can do homework. Make school materials available.
8. Have handy- healthy foods, appropriate clothing and a calendar to log important school events.
9. Every morning, send off your children well fed, rested, warm and feeling cared for.
10. Eat meals together as a family (without TV) as often as possible and read with your children every day.

## St. Paul School Classroom Community Guidelines



### Prepared

- \* Arrive to class on time, awake, and ready to work
- \* Bring all class materials
- \* Come to class focused
- \* Come to class with homework completed

### Positive

- \* No putdowns
- \* Be nice to each other
- \* Treat everyone fairly
- \* No name calling
- \* Have a good attitude
- \* Be confident
- \* No foul or offensive language



### Polite

- \* Only one person talking at a time
- \* Listen when others speak
- \* Help one another
- \* Use manners - say Please and Thank You
- \* Be patient
- \* Share your thoughts

### Productive

- \* Stay on task
- \* Actively participate
- \* Follow instructions
- \* Be cooperative
- \* Be organized
- \* Do your best
- \* Ask for help when needed
- \* Be willing to volunteer



### Respect

- \* Yourself
- \* The teacher
- \* Your peers
- \* School property
- \* Your community



Guidelines revised by the 7th - 12th grade students on 8/27/2010

## After School Activities

Activity	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Aleut Dancing</b> 3:30-4:00		K - 12			
<b>Aleut ART</b> 3:30 - 4:00	6th-12th		K-3	4th/5th	
<b>PE 3:00-3:30</b>	K/1	2nd/3rd	4th/5th/6th Grade	<b>Archery</b> 3:00-4th -7th 3:30 - 8th-12th	
<b>Tutoring K-8</b>	Library	daily	from	3:00	4:00
<b>HS Study Hall</b>	Mr.	Stacks	from	3:30	4:30
<b>Cross-Country Running-Sept. only</b>	6th - 12th		6th-12th		6th - 12th
<b>Library</b>	4:30-6:30		4:30-6:30		Fri. 4:30 - 6:30 Sat 1:00-5:00

## Kitux!

On September 13, 2010 the first cases of lice were confirmed at St. Paul School. It is reported that this is the first head lice outbreak in over 30 years on the island. Almost one half of the student population was sent home with cases of head lice by September 15. The St. Paul Health Center ran out of treatment shampoo and families were resorting to home remedies of mayonnaise and Crisco.

St. Paul School staff performed daily head checks of every student and those with suspected lice or eggs were immediately sent to the clinic. Students and families are being educated on treatment and prevention and as we write, the school continues to take all necessary precautions. For more information call the St. Paul Health Center or visit [www.headlice.org](http://www.headlice.org). We'd like to issue a special thanks to Matushka Isaac and Binni Bourdukofsky for volunteering in the school to help with the lice detection.

## Welcome Mrs. Ferrari!

Full Name: Amanda Rose-Freund Ferrari

Date of Birth: December 14, 1981

Family: Parents, 2 half sisters

Favorite Food: A turkey breast Subway sub on wheat bread

Where she grew up: Grand Ledge, Michigan

Why she decided to become a teacher? "I had a lot of good teachers in high school that I connected with." She likes working with kids.

Hobbies/Interests: Michigan State football, learning how to cook, and is starting to enjoy long walks.

What she thinks of St. Paul so far: We're really enjoying it here. She likes that it is quiet and likes the people she has met.



## Welcome Mr. Ferrari!

Full Name: Daniel Ferrari

Date of Birth: April 4, 1981

Family: One sister, and parents

Favorite Food: Pizza

Where he grew up: Detroit, Michigan

Why he decided to become a teacher: He likes history a lot and enjoys sharing his knowledge.

Hobbies/Interests: Football, golf, and video games

What he thinks of St. Paul so far: He likes it a lot. He says he's enjoyed getting to know everyone and the people he has met are very nice.



## Run, Dallas, Run!

For the second year in a row, St. Paul School has offered Cross Country Running as an after school activity for students in grades 6-12. Mrs. Kauffman sponsored the event this year and about 10 students participated in the activity that took place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, when the weather permitted. The Club ran several miles each day for the month of September. Diamond Hill was one of the favorite spots to run. Polovina proved to be a nice challenge as well.

Friday, September 10, the club had a 3-mile race to compete for a spot in the state competition. The Athletic Director from Palmer Middle School sent data from last years state championship that included race times for boys and girls. Dallas Roberts finished the race in 24 minutes, well within the range necessary to compete at state. Dallas traveled to Palmer with his Uncle Paul. He competed on September 16, ran 2.1 miles in 16 minutes and 6 seconds! He placed 77th out of 149 runners. Congratulations Dallas!

## School-Family-Community- Partnership Meeting

The first school partnership meeting of the year was held on September 14. There were 13 adults in attendance consisting of community members, teachers, and School Board members. In Mrs. Stacks' absence, Mr. Stacks began the meeting with a power point presentation outlining the state of the District. This presentation highlighted test data, current grants and programs, and concerns about declining student enrollment.

Other issues discussed included: 1) Encouraging more parent involvement- during school hours, with homework, and participation in these meetings. 2) Parent teacher conferences will be held on September 24. 3) The School Board adopted Drug Testing Policy is still in effect for all extra-curricular activities. 4) Questions were brought up about the need for a Superintendent search during this school year. Mr. Stacks noted that funds are set aside in this year's budget for the search.

Other discussions included: Aquilina Lestenkof stated that she thinks senior high students who have passed the HSGQE should not be allowed to stay home the mornings that tests are administered in April. It was suggested that some activity such as college/career preparation be offered for them during this time. Mr. Stacks noted that all teachers are testing in the mornings so it would need to be a community member who sponsors this activity. Thanks to all who attended the meeting. Remember, "Together we make a difference!"