

Site Report – Kokhanok – February, 2026

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Colter Barnes, Principal

Photos & Description of Activities and Events

- 1) Our food-service program (breakfast, snack, lunch) and elder lunch delivery (30+ a day) have been top notch this year. I'd venture a guess that we've served more locally harvested food (salmon, dry fish, dry meat, moose, caribou, berries) than just about any school in the nation. Proud & skilled providers here in Kokhanok!. This wouldn't be possible without BBNA's support of our elder lunch program (and reimbursement). Our current food-service balance is at about \$20,000!
- 2) We continue to include native language instruction & games into our morning meeting routine DAILY. A huge thank you to Beth Hill, Krista Hobson, Connor Romer, and Peducia Andrew for providing such integral learning opportunities. The students' confidence and expressiveness is growing every day.
- 3) The Kokhanok Basketball Team went to Port Heiden for the district tournament and got 2nd place, with only 4 players. Riley Mike and Iliana Wassillie made the all-tournament team. Finn Hill and Riley Mike received citizenship awards. Miley's first time playing basketball and she did great as well!
- 4) PEP Squad: Has \$155.68 in their account. They will be buying ice cream to sell at carnival in the student store. They will also sell rave sticks and party glasses. Their goal is to raise \$500 at carnival. They also had two pep rallies in February. One was for district basketball in Port Heiden, and the other was for our state Battle Bookers! Pep Squad provides competitors with good luck bags filled with drinks, treats, and fidget toys.
- 5) Thanks to the district's support, we were able to hire 3 young men (current students) to do our custodial work. They are taking the responsibility head on, communicating with each other and the rest of the staff, completing a daily checklist, and taking pride in the facility.
- 6) WE MADE IT TO STATE IN BATTLE-OF-THE-BOOKS!!! Super proud of our 3rd and 4th graders for working so hard and setting themselves up to be life long readers <3 And a shoutout to their coaches Ms. Gabrielle and Ms. Maggie!
- 7) We have 3 Middle schoolers who signed up for ANSEP. We have three high schoolers who got accepted to CTE courses and will travel in March: Dawson Hobson for a diesel mechanics class in Dillingham, Iliana Wassillie who will be taking her private pilot written test in Anchorage, and Finn Hill who will be taking her Instrument rating written test in Anchorage as well.

Personnel Update

Elementary (K-1): Krista Hobson (Alum!, 3rd year in this position)

Elementary (2-4): Gabrielle Calhoon (1st year in Kokhanok, 2nd year with the district)

Secondary (6-12) Math & Science: Connor Romer (Alum!, 2nd year in this position)

Secondary (6-12) ELA & SS: Kim Phillips (18th year as a teacher, 2nd in KOK, Student-Government advisor)

Special Education: Kimberly Goode (20+ years in education, 2nd year in KOK, PEP Squad advisor)

Tutor: Maggie DeMare

SPED Paraprofessionals: Agnes Mike, Moses Mike, Ona Wassillie, Seth Breazeale

Preschool Teacher: Jolene Jackinsky

Secretary & Cook's Helper: Irene Wilson

Cook: Laura Andrew

Custodian: Logan Apokedak, Jacob Newyaka, Lenny Cobb

Maintenance & Bus Driver: Johnny Mike

Night Gym Aide: Smitka Delkittie

Elder Lunch Delivery: Jolene Jackinsky

Substitutes: Corbin DeMare, Annie Hester, Roy Andrew, Efftekia Newyaka, Melanie Andeanoff

February Visitors: Anne Hillman (Behavioral Health, Southcentral Foundation)

February Volunteers: Nathan Hill,

Classroom Highlights

K-1 classroom highlights: see attached newsletter

2-4 classroom highlights: see attached newsletter

Secondary highlights:

Kokhanok HS Science class has had a few projects in February. Students wrapped up their Mitosis Unit by creating a 1 minute stop motion video showcasing the various stages of mitosis. Students hatched praying mantids and learned much about their biology. Students dissected a sheep brain, learning about the various components of this complex organ, and compared it with a human brain.

The middle school science class is learning about electromagnetism, and started the unit off by doing a few static labs including using a balloon to pick up paper, move water, create a compass, etc. Students also made their own electromagnets to showcase how more copper windings creates a stronger field (pictures not included). Students also created various circuits (pictures not included).

The Kokhanok school received a 3d printer from the Knick Group. Students have been 3D printing objects to sell at the Kokhanok Carnival to buy more filament. Professors from the Knick group will come out in March for a 3d printing workshop to teach the students more about designing/using the printer.

SPED highlights:

1. Two students will graduate next year. The secondary teachers have helped create a senior schedule. We are looking at "job shadow" opportunities in Kokhanok. We are also encouraging them to take BBRCTE courses such as construction, technology, and welding.
2. Two students are in middle school. Those students have applied for ANSEP, a middle school math and science academy in Anchorage at the end of May.
3. State testing is at the end of March. Special Education tutoring in March will focus on testing language, using the icons (resources) using evidence from the text to answer questions, process of elimination, and other test-taking strategies.

LSAC Activity

President: Clint Rawls

Vice-President: Megan Klopp

Secretary: Oxenia "Ocky" Mike

Member: Charlene "Babe" Roehl

Member: Brenda Nowatak

We did not have an LSAC meeting in February. Our next scheduled meeting is for Wednesday, March 4th at 4:00pm in Ms. Phillips' classroom. We will be discussing our food-service program, LSAC trainings, Battle-of-the-Books celebration, Hawaii high school trip update, school smokehouse build update, spring parent-teacher conferences, carnival, 3-D printing workshop, state Testing (grades 3-10*), SNAP meet, graduation, and culture week. A busy and exciting spring ahead for sure!

Professional Development

We moved our weekly staff meeting to Monday's from 3:45-4:15 so it no longer coincides/interferes with the district elementary PLC meeting on Wednesday's. It has been a nice way to prepare and create a shared vision for the week ahead. We also had an inservice day on Friday, February 13th where all of my sites (3) met together and discussed the last 56 days of the school year. It was a great time for collaboration and calibration, and will set the tone for the remainder of the year.

Pupil % Attendance K-12

We currently have 39 students (K-12) enrolled, and our attendance rate was 90% in February.



CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

ms. krista's class

FEBRUARY NEWS

February was very eventful! We participated in Battle of the Books. Students worked extremely hard reading and memorizing titles and authors. Kindergarten placed 2nd in the district, staying positive and upbeat the whole battle. 1st grade placed 2nd in the district, portraying great teamwork throughout the battle. 2nd grade also placed 2nd in the district in an intense battle that went into 7 extra questions to break the tie for 2nd place. I am very proud of each and every student and all the effort they put into Battle of the Books this year! Our elementary students have three out of five days for after school activities each week. On Wednesdays Ms. Maggie hosts Book Club, on Thursdays Ms. Gabrielle has Art Club and on Fridays there is Pee-wee basketball practice. Quvana for taking the time to hold these activities!

YUPIK PHRASES WE'VE LEARNED

This month we learned how to ask another how they are doing and how to respond.

Waqaa Cangacit? (Hi How are you?)
Assirtua (I am good)



CLASSROOM CURRICULUM UPDATE

In math we studied: Kindergarten worked on modeling real-world situations using graphs, drawings, tables, symbols, numbers and diagrams. We also practiced using mathematical models to solve problems and answer questions, and using clear labels, units and mathematical language.

First graders worked on understanding and applying properties of operation and the relationship between addition and subtraction, adding and subtracting within 20, representing and interpreting data, and making sense of a problem and persevering in solving them.

In reading we studied: Kindergarten for comprehension we worked on determining sequence, retelling a story, and comparing sequences. In phonological awareness we worked on matching middle sounds, and segmenting onset and rime. We learned the high frequency words: here, for First graders for comprehension we worked on comparing fiction and nonfiction, making and confirming predictions, critical thinking and identifying the plot. In phonological awareness we worked on identifying and matching medial sounds and segmenting and adding sounds. We learned the high frequency words: are, all, by, first, more, there

UPCOMING EVENTS

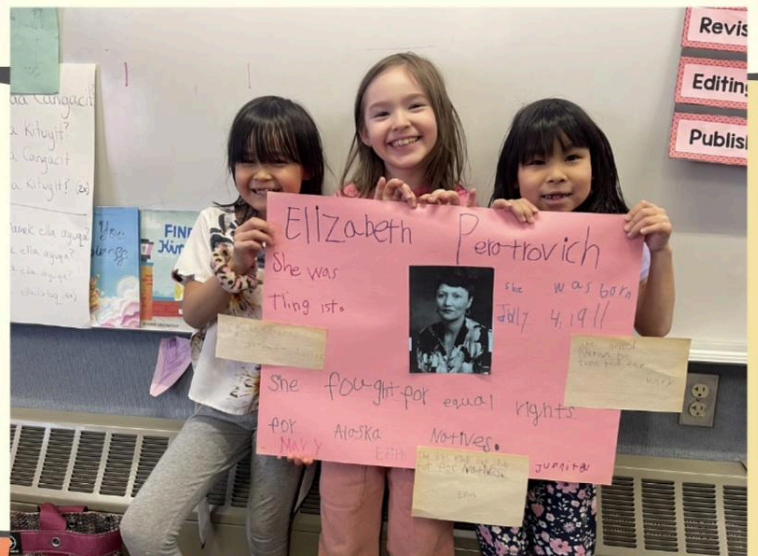
Art Club on Thursdays at 3:30-5:00

Pee-wee basketball Practice: All elementary- Fridays at 3:30-4:30

Book Club: Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30

Parent/teacher conferences: March 9th and 10th

State testing starts March 30th - April 3rd



Miss Gabrielle's
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February

What We're Learning

- Our class has wrapped up 2 more units in math - thanks to Miss Maggie's tutoring!
- Students completed an opinion writing piece on what they'd like to see at the Carnival funhouse - and presented them to Miss Phillips!
- We wrapped up our 3rd grade science units and are gearing up for a unit on the Iditarod and Alaska History!
- Students are getting ready to showcase their learning at spring conferences



Students share their carnival opinion pieces with Miss Phillips

Upcoming Events

- Inservice - March 6th
- Spring Carnival March 12th-15 (No school for students the 13th or 16th)
- Conferences March 9th and 10 - Early dismissal for students



Students peer edit during writing



Battle Book team on State Battle day!