



Nome Elementary School Monthly Report

March 2009

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“Excellence for and from all students”

The Wolverine Wire- This is included in this report. It is on legal sized paper and has lots of information about Nome Elementary School and tips for parents.

Programs & Happenings- 1. We finished up our Battle of Books competitions. The 3rd/4th grade state battle took place on Thursday, February 26. Nome Elementary School had six kids participate in this competition. They were: Katie Kelso, Jamison Thrun, Cjache Kang, Hannah Alowa, Connor Merrill, and Ivory Okleasik. After reading 14 books (sometimes repeatedly), and practicing for several months, our students performed admirably, finishing in 24th place overall. Before going in to the state round, we had over 40 students in just the 3rd/4th grade competing in the district-wide battle. 2. The Inu-Yupiaq Dance Group from the University of Alaska danced for all students during their lunches on Wednesday, February 25. 3. We had a special assembly on February 26 at 1:15. Norton Sound Health Corporation’s CAMP Department provided the motivational speakers, “Rick & Mick.” These twin brothers provided a humorous skit and also spoke to the students about reducing sugar products from their diets as a prevention for diabetes. 4. Earl Polk, III took time away from the Kawerak conference to visit with Ms. Rand’s 6th graders about understanding Alaska history and cultures. 5. Every Monday, twelve students from the Anvil City Science Academy are helping in four Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms for about 30 minutes. They are working under the direction of the classroom teachers. This is a great opportunity for these students to give back to our community. 6. Every Tuesday, students from the Nome-Beltz National Honor Society are assisting five teachers in the morning. 7. On Wednesday, March 4, Neal Nichols, the Geography Man will provide a special assembly to some classes. 8. Robin Kling, from Alaska State Parks will provide water safety instruction to all students, March 11-13.

Student Recognition- We had three High Table luncheons last month. **Seventy-two** parents joined us for lunch in February. High Table luncheons provide great opportunities for parents to meet the other student’s parents. So far, **341** parents have joined their child for lunch this year. High Table luncheons will resume in April. As always, Nome School Board members are welcome to join us for lunch.

Testing- We had a lot of testing during February. Our 5th graders took the Terra Nova and our 4th graders took the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). In addition, 19 students who are in the ELL program were assessed for English proficiency.

Current Enrollment-

Kindergarten-	55
1 st Grade-	48
2 nd Grade-	54
3 rd Grade-	58
4 th Grade-	56
5 th Grade-	33
6 th Grade-	32
Total	336

As of March 2, 2009



March 10, 2008

Nome-Beltz Senior High School Update
Student Body Vice President Cori Eide

Since the meeting held in January, these events have taken place:

Sports

Basketball:

Boys: Senior Night (2 people) was on Feb 28. Friday games cancelled due to weather.

Girls: Was not able to travel to Kotz. Due to weather.

Cheerleading: They have been pushing morning & night practices. Senior night was on Feb 28. (6) Will compete in cheer competition at regions.

REGIONS: MARCH 4-7 2009 includes

Unalaska
Dillingham
Bethel
Hooper Bay
Nome
Barrow
Kotzebue

STATEWIDE MEET: MARCH 16-21 2009

Clubs

BPA: Anchorage Regional meet. March 1-4.

Costa Rica Club: Hosted concessions at the Kawerak Regional conference and Beltz weekend concessions.

NNYLO: Each member is getting to know their cultural backgrounds

FTA: They are looking at which meetings to attend (Anchorage or Fairbanks)

Skills USA: Will not be traveling due to lack of funds.

Yearbook: Working with Hugh Thomas for layout ideas.

National Honor Society: Service project- reading to young ones at the Elem.

JROTC: Preparing for annual inspection and training cadets for new positions

Battle of the Books: High School had a respectable score and placed 16th out of 39 teams.

Drama Club: Host a play in March.

Student Body

Students were pleased with the two snow days we had in Feb.

Mentor Day: Many student either attend Rachel's Challenge Clubs or to their mentors.

Library: Open everyday, when Ms. Joy isn't in the library Mrs. Potter is.

Seniors: 3rd hour media class is starting to work on the senior slideshow & seniors are also starting scholarship packets.

Juniors: Ordering prom accessories

Sophomores:

Freshmen:

Spirit Week: Feb. 16-20

Thursday: Camo & Neon Day

Friday: Nanook Day

Monday: Pajama Day

Tuesday: Monotone Day

Wednesday: Guys in Ties & Girls in Pearls

Assemblies: We have had multiple assemblies from guest speakers promoting kindness and for student's safety.

March 2-11: Food drive, winner gets pizza party and proceeds go to Nome Food Bank.

Triple Threat Basketball Clinic: For grades 3-12 March 16-18 Nome Elementary School Registration Deadline: March 11 Clinic Directors: Mike Hajdukovich & Al Sokiatis and register at Nome Eskimo Community.

Nome Public Schools Business Office Report
Jenny Martens, Business Manager
March, 2009

First of all, I would like to welcome Mary Reader back to our District Office team. She officially began full time on the 23rd as the Accounts Payable/Payroll Accountant. We (especially me) are very excited she is back. She has been busy organizing, reconciling and catching up what I couldn't get to these past four months as well as all her other daily duties. I am so glad to get back to one job!

Second, Kim O'Connor has taken on the Migrant Clerk/Recorder duties as we bid farewell to Lisa Schobert. Kim is very excited about her added role and has come up with some great suggestions to keep the program strong and even make it stronger. We will do what we can to encourage and support the energy and positive attitude she has had in taking on additional duties in her day.

These past two months have been a whirlwind. I have come to the conclusion the pace in this office just never slows down under a jog. I like it! I completed the budget revision in February and used it as the starting point to build the FY10 budget. I am pleased by the amount we have saved this fiscal year by administrators reducing supply purchases as well as shifting and reducing staff. These decisions, along with the many unexpected personnel changes, were enough to fund the much needed fire alarm project at the Nome-Beltz facility and the first phase of the boiler repair project. I am impressed at the true team effort at NPS.

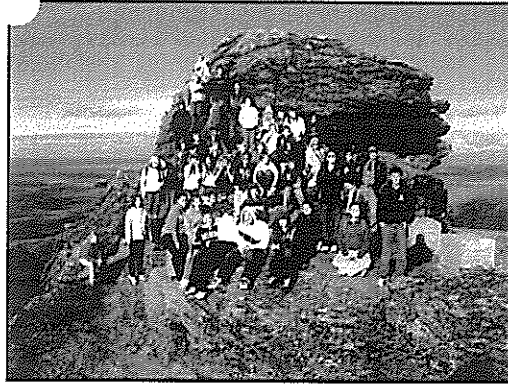
We had FY10 budget discussions with principals and department heads in February. Administration continues to find ways to make classrooms solid and maintain programs to improve education at Nome Public Schools while recognizing the need to make cuts that can be painful. We have narrowed down next year's expenditures in order to present a balanced FY10 budget.

The annual Impact Aid application was submitted the first part of February. This federal funding compensates districts for non-taxable property in our district, including federal property and native lands. All W-2 and 1099 forms were mailed in January and summary reports have been sent to the required agencies. I am currently working on the annual gaming permit financial statement and working with the project manager of the apartment renovation on the budget and purchasing details.

Last week we received notification the District is scheduled for an audit of the payroll and personnel systems and reporting procedures in 2008 relevant to TRS, PERS, and the Social Security Administration. The Division of Retirement and Benefits began scheduling audits across the state over a year ago and it just happens to be our turn. I think someone had this crazy thought we weren't busy enough these days. I will need to send all required reports by March 15th and then a phone interview will be scheduled with the auditor at a later date.

I continue to spend many hours supporting the negotiations team. I am thankful for the knowledge I have obtained through this process. I will continue to provide the team as much information and support as they need.

If you should have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email me.



Anvil City Science Academy

Nome, Alaska

March 10, 2009

School Board Members,

- 1) We are currently at an enrollment of 43 students. We are in the process of placing a student on the waiting list.
- 2) We currently have six students on the waiting list.
- 3) Congratulations to our Students of the Month for February... Junyor Erikson!
- 4) Thank you for your support of SB 57, which would provide equitable funding for charter schools with a student population less than 150. Hopefully, the bill will bring additional funds to Nome Public Schools.
- 5) Thank you for the opportunity to talk with you during your last work session, to give you an overview of the daily operation of ACSA and hopefully dispel some of the misconceptions about the program. Please don't hesitate to ask me any questions you may have and remember you always have an open invitation to visit the school.
- 6) Students continue their work in preparation for the Artists in Schools Program in May. Students have completed their interviews of community members in preparation of writing scripts detailing life experiences of Nome residents. Thanks to Elise Pepple of Story Corps for her assistance in the project! I hope you had the opportunity to listen to the student led interview of Willie Hensley by John Smith and Zach Sullivan. Thanks also to Laureli Kinneen of KNOM for her work in producing the radio spot. If you were unable to hear the piece, I hope to post it on our web site in the near future.
- 7) I have begun the process for enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year. "Letters of Intent" were mailed out two weeks ago to see which of our current students will be re-enrolling at ACSA, and which students would like to remain on our waiting list. Applications for new applicants will be available at school and online beginning April 1st.
- 8) Our web site has been updated, please visit our web site to view various class activities at <http://www.nomeschools.com/~acsa/>.

Thanks, Todd Hindman