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The Seldovia Gazette welcomes Joy Smith as our school reporter



We are pleased to announce that Joy Smith has accepted the Gazette's offer to report on school events for the 2005-2006 school year.

Joy is a senior this year at Susan B English and is the daughter of Hugh and Salley Smith of Seldovia. Joy is an honor roll student and spends much of her "free time" running her pet sitting business.

We look forward to great coverage of all sports, academic, and Booster Club events this year.

You can reach Joy by email at: schoolnews@seldovia.com

Although the power was out . . . school wasn't

by Joy Smith

Despite the power outage on August 23, the school stayed open for the whole day. By about 10:15 Don, from borough maintenance, had gotten the school's generator, which provided the school with heat and ventilation, up and running. The office even hooked up an old rotary phone to the school's land line in case anybody needed to get in touch with the school. For lunch Stacy served PB&J and cheese sandwiches, canned fruit, carrots, and milk "the staples." Some of the students however chose to go home for lunch in the hopes of finding something that was either warm or had meat in. One student even went home and grilled himself up some hamburgers. Some of the classes like the ETT, emergency trauma training, course had to be moved to the lunch room since the emergency light in the Home Ec. Room was out, but sadly none of the classes had to be canceled. As Ms. Hilts said when the sun shone through the windows for a minute, "You would think that the power had come back on." Mr. Liberty said that he had thought about sending everyone home, but that since the school was able to provide lunch, the students were safe, warm, and comfortable, and learning could still occur he decided to keep the school open. At least that way he knew that the students were warm and supervised. As he said, "Student well-being is my primary concern."

There were many strange things about school on Tuesday and everyone had a different opinion about what was the strangest thing. One of the students said the strangest thing, at least for him, was that the "hot lunch was cold." Another student said that it was the fact that everyone "stayed in school for the power outage." One of the freshmen said that the strangest thing was "that we didn't get to do anything with the computers and everybody was trying to go to sleep." Sarah Geagel said that the strangest things for her were that "the power was off all day" and "we had to go outside for P.E. since there wasn't enough light in the gym." For Sandy Geagel it was that "I had to keep reminding myself that the computer wasn't working" although she also said that she got a lot of work done that she wouldn't have gotten done otherwise.

School starts August 22nd >> Repeat story <<

by Damara Burnett

SBE announces changes for 2005-06 school year

In a few more days, the halls of Susan B. English School will fill with anxious new Kindergarten students toting brightly-colored backpacks and older, returning students, laughing and catching up with friends. Then, at 8:25 a.m., the first bell will ring, the crowds will disperse, and classes at Susan B. English School will officially begin once again. At least 70 students are currently enrolled at the school - a slight increase in total school population from the previous year - including the addition of six new Kindergarten students.

There are other new additions at the school as well. Three new, full-time teachers and a new principal join the ranks of the teaching staff; Kindergarten students will go to school all-day this year; and 4th grade students will join 5th - 8th graders in the classroom.



SBE lineup: Back row, left to right: Mr. Tim Winters, Mr. Jason Steadman, Principal Curtis Liberty, Ms. Laurel Hilts, Ms. Karen Bornheimer, Ms. Sandy Geagle. Front row, left to right: Ms. Ronene Gain, Ms. Vivian Rojas, Ms. Shannon Riley, Ms. Rene Purpura, and Ms. Ronanda Liberty. Not shown is Ms. Stacy Owens.

Returning teacher Ms. Bornheimer will have 23 students in her K-3 classroom and Ms. Liberty will teach grades 4-8. Mr. Winters will continue to teach Math and Science at the school and Ms. Hilts will teach Music and Language Arts classes. Mr. Liberty, SBE Principal, will teach World History and oversee a Power Mechanics I course and semester-long ETT course. Ms. Riley, the new Resource Teacher, will assist students in conjunction with Title VII Aide Ms. Vivian Rojas and Ms. Ronene Gain. School Cook Stacy Owens, Head Custodian Rene Purpura, and Speech Pathologist Jason Steadman fill out the school staff.

Additional information about the upcoming 2005-06 school year can be found at the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

website (www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us) or by stopping by the school.

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