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Power Hour

by Joy Smith

Power Hour was started in 2002 by the Seldovia Boys and Girls Club to try and improve the grades and study skills of the students who go to it and to give them every advantage that they can. Power Hour, run by Mrs. Massion and Mrs. Mickelson and occasionally with the help of Mrs. Gain, is open to grades 1 through 12 from 3:15 pm -5:15 pm, Monday through Thursday in the Home Ec. Room. Although Power Hour doesn't offer one-on-one tutoring, they do the best they can to help anyone who comes. Upon arrival, students are given twenty minutes of "chat time" when they can talk, eat sandwiches and health bars, and drink juice. For every forty-five minutes that someone works quietly they get a ticket put in the end of the quarter drawing, and the more tickets they get the better their chances of winning. In addition to the drawing, there is also a point system where each completed assignment is worth one point, and when you get ten points you get a small prize, like a soda or a candy bar. If you are in 1st through 12th grade and are interested in joining Power Hour you can get the Power Hour Contract (which you must turn in before you can go to Power Hour) from Mrs. Massion or from the Power Hour bulletin board outside Mr. Winter's room.

Despite all the hard work of the Power Hour staff Mrs. Massion said that "We couldn't do it without the cooperation of the principal, teachers, aids, and coaches of Susan B. English." There are many great things about Power Hour. Chelsea Suydam said that the best thing is that "you get help with whatever problems you have and you get your homework done on time." Sandy Geagel's opinion was that "the best thing is the help; Mrs. Massion and Vivian are marvelous." Sarah Geagel added, "You can work where it's quiet." Jackie Brown said that "It's good because I can get help with my homework, and I get homework done before I get home." One parent said that "It's nice because kids get their homework done and have fun doing it." Mrs. Hilts said "I love it! It's like getting really good quality tutoring, for free!" While Darin Baines said, "It's where we can work together, and I won prizes three times."

Power Hour is nonprofit and it doesn't cost anything to participate since it is run on grants. However, in the next couple of years funding could become a problem, and any donations to the Power Hour program would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, you can contact Paul Chissus at (907) 234-7245 or the Boys & Girls Club at (907) 234-7577 for more information.

The Seldovia Gazette welcomes Joy Smith as our school reporter

>> Repeat story <<

We are pleased to announce that Joy Smith has accepted the Gazettes 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

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 Hiltz, 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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