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Susan B English School News



SBE Report by Rochelle M. Purpura

SBE School Beat by Tamara Blodgett

Ready for Another School Year?

Well, we all knew it was going to happen, summer is finally over. Though it may feel like it was over too soon, Susan B. English students are still getting ready for another year. With a few fresh faces, a new principle and host of interesting classes both online and in school, this year proves it may stand out a bit from previous ones. Students seem fairly eager for the new year, catching up with friends on what they did over the summer. The atmosphere in the school building on the first day was light, as it usually is for the first few days until it really sets in that they're back once again for the nine-month long haul. Yet, this surely doesn't stop them from trying to make the best of all the time they are going to spend together.

As for the new school year there is also a new staff member. Ms. Zika is now our resident special service teacher taking over for Miss. Riley. Unlike Miss. Riley, Ms. Zika will not travel to Port Graham or Nanwalek, she will be staying at Susan B. English full time. Before Miss. Zika came to Susan B. English she taught Special ED in Minnesota from 1992 to 2005. Her first experience with teaching in a small Alaskan school was at Point Hope, where she said that it was enjoyable yet she felt isolated, and also the Polar Bears scared her. When asked how she liked the town of Seldovia she said, "It's just like my home town. I was made to feel welcome from the get go."

Another teacher who is glad to be back at S.B.E is Damara Burnett,

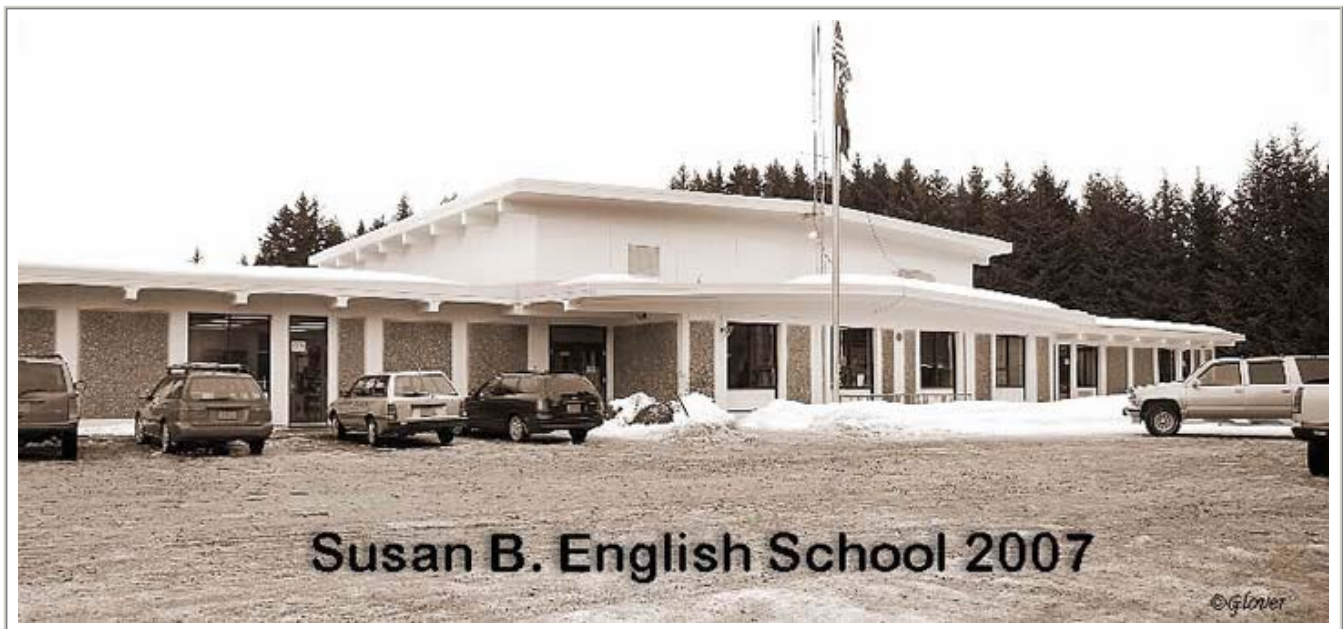
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who will be teaching American Literature, American History, Photography, and 4th – 8th Language Arts. At the end of last year she was “pink slipped” but is now returning back to her old job saying, “I am extremely fortunate to live in Seldovia, where I want to be living and have a job that I want to be doing.” She says she is very excited for the Photography Class, and that the dark room in the school has not been used since the last time she had this class, which was five years ago. Damara has never taught a history class and when asked about it was not daunted in any way saying, “When you teach anything you really have to learn it. This is going to be a good way to learn about the history of our country.”

Both our other teachers and new principle seem to be off to a good start for the school year. Mr. Winters, our resident Math/Science whiz, will be teaching Environmental Science, Algebra 1 and Algebra 2, 6th – 8th Math, Natural Resource Technology, and P.E. It’s looking like he will have a fairly full schedule. We will be having another year with Mrs. Bornheimer, someone we are all so pleased to see back. She will be teaching kindergarten – 4th. Mrs. Hingley, our principle starting this year, addressed the high school early in the morning with high hopes for the year. She’s enthusiastic about her new job and responsibility that comes with it.

Susan B. English is opening its doors for twenty-five high school students who have known each other in this small town for most of their lives. Whether they are ready for school or not, it’s that time of year again. Some are just starting to take school seriously and others are moving one step closer to gradation. Whatever their goals may be they are all in for another year of laughs, learning, smiles and sometimes tears. Have a wonderful year!

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