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Susan B English School News



SBE Report by Rochelle Purpura

SBE Sports Report by Katie O'Leary

Throat Singers Serenade Susan B. English . . .

On Wednesday the 31st students at SBE got a special treat, besides Halloween candy. The school was full of music that day, the music of Tuvan Throat Singers. Now before you ask, throat singing, also known as overtone singing, is a type of singing in which the singer manipulates the harmonic resonances that are created as air travels from their lungs, past their vocal cords and through their lips. This can cause the singer to sound like they have more than one voice which they can use to create many different tones at the same time. The Tuvans form of throat singing is called *khoomoi* and it can be divided into three more principle styles known as *kargyraa*, *xöomej*, and *sygyt*. They range in sound from a high whistle to a low rumble. The four singers who visited our school got a chance to demonstrate all three styles as they visited each classroom individually for one half-hour each.

The four men and their translator all came from Russia to tour all over the United States with most of their concerts being in North America and Europe. The four singers all come from the little country of Tuva, which is located on Russia's southern edge, where it borders Mongolia. Tuvans are nomadic herders who travel around Tuva with their herds. They are skilled horsemen, with the most important animal to them a horse whose image they carve into their instruments and charms. Besides their singing, Tuvans are also known for their oral traditions. They love riddles, tongue-twisters, magical tales, scary stories, and even epics that take hours to recite.

The Things We Do . . .

Living in a small town can be hard; playing sports in a small town can be harder still. The high school volleyball team was scheduled to fly out of Seldovia at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, October 25th, to compete in the Nikolaevsk Round Robin. But, when the weather started to get nasty, they moved the flight up to 1:45 p.m. That also didn't do it. Around 1:00 Smokey Bay Air called the coach and told her to get her team to the airport A.S.A.P! When the team arrived, Smokey Bay took four of the six players and the coach while the other two players waited for their plane from Homer Air. Unfortunately, Homer Air's plane did not make it to Seldovia before the weather became "unflyable." This meant the team was split with no way of knowing if they would make it to the tournament.

While the team debated on what to do, a parent suggested Mako Water Taxi. When Coach Lisa O'Leary called Mako she was told a 4 p.m. run was planned. The team would make it to the tournament, but they wouldn't be able to leave Homer before 5:00, which is was their first scheduled game against Unalaska.. Luckily, the coach at Nikolaevsk said she would do what she could to postpone the game.

After arrival the girls were not able to beat the Unalaska Raiders, but later that night they did pull a win from the Nenana Lynx.

On Friday the players woke up ready to play the home team the

Not only did these men “wow” the students with their incredible singing they also played traditional instruments that were made in Tuva. The instruments came in a variety of somewhat familiar and foreign designs such as a *byzaanchy*, which is a four-string vertical spike fiddle and a *doshpuluur*, a long-necked lute whose sound box was covered with snake skin. The mixture of strange harmonies combined with eclectic folk music entranced students and teachers alike as the men played love songs and a five hundred-year-old song about a boy and his horse. Susan B. English had a wonderful chance to experience a culture that few of us even knew existed. It just shows how much of the world we still have to learn about and how fortunate we are that sometimes the world and its culture comes right to our doorstep.

Wrestlers Wrangle at ACS by Tamara Blodgett

Senior surpasses expectations on mat...

During the Anchorage Christian School Tournament with a list of thirty-eight competing teams, Seldovia’s ranking sits at twenty-five. Coach Dan Blodgett says that ACS can sometimes be a larger event than state and is a crucial journey to compete in.

So far, the biggest team challenge has been eligibility. Grade checks will be on the 19th of this month, giving those wrestlers opportunity to participate in the Round Robin Tourney held in Homer as well as Regionals and ultimately state.

Senior Timmy O’Leary placed fourth in his weight class of one hundred seventy-one with three wins and two losses. State ranking has just been updated with O’Leary’s rank fifth in state. Sophomores Derek Burt (one hundred forty) scored two losses and Matt Gain (one hundred forty-five) had one win and two losses. Blodgett feels that with each subsequent tourney, the “butterflies” decrease and the concentration needed on the mat becomes more focused. He looks forward to positive gains from the wrestlers at next week’s Niniichik Round Robin Tourney.



Nikolaevsk Warriors. They took the game and continued their winning streak, beating the Niniichik Wolverines Junior Varsity Team. This put the Sea Otters in second place for the finals on Saturday.

At noon on Saturday, the Sea Otters played another game against the Wolverines Junior Varsity team. That win sent them to the championship. Now, the team was excited to be in the championship of course, but the best part was it would be played against the Unalaska Raiders. Talk about an intense game! The Sea Otters took the first game of the match, but the Raiders came back strong and took the second game of the match. That left for the third game to fifteen. After the captains met at the net it was decided the Raiders would have first serve and Seldovia chose their side. The game started out not so good for the Sea Otters, the score 4-1 Raiders. However, the Sea Otters did not take the defeat, instead they took the game back with a final score of 15-11, Sea Otters win!

For awards Seldovia took first, Unalaska second, and Unalaska also received the sportsmanship award. Two players were selected from Seldovia for the ‘All Tournament Team,’ Katrina Hecks and Katie O’Leary.

And in basketball...

Junior high basketball competitive play also began for Seldovia. The first game of the season the team played Niniichik. The Sea Otters lost by ten points but played hard and did extremely well for their first game ever. On Saturday the team played two games against Chapman School in Anchor Point. The first one both teams played co-ed and the second Seldovia played the Chapman boys’ team. Though Seldovia only has one boy on their team, they still beat Chapman in both games.

Good Job Sea Otters!



School Calendar through November 2007	School Sports Schedule 2007-08
<p>SPORTS: *PARTICIPANTS must have a CURRENT PHYSICAL on file before they are eligible to start practice. PARTICPATION forms must be filled out and on file in the office. FORMS are available in the office and on Ed-line. SPORT SCHEDULES available on ED LINE.</p> <p>VOLLEYBALL team for the 2007-08 season: Alyssa Burt, Courtney Collier, Kristy Gallien, Katrina Hecks, Katie O'Leary, Chelsea Suydam and Coach Lisa O'Leary Their first meet of the year will be Niniichik Tournament (October 5-6) **</p> <p>ATTACHMENT: Sports Schedule 2007-08 If you're in the area and we have a game/meet going on STOP IN. The players would love to see and have Seldovians cheer them on. Ed Line will have information on team travel and game/meets scheduled times. This information is available for anyone to view. Go to our district website: www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us To find the details on events, double click on the event. If you have questions, please call the school, 234-7616.</p> <p>November 2nd HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL sponsored by Seldovia Village Tribe: Wednesday, 6-8:00,</p> <p>November 21st ELIGIBILITY CHECK November 22-23rd NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING VACATION!</p>	<p>High School Volleyball Borealis Tournaments <i>Coach: Lisa O'Leary</i> **NOTE: Schedule updates TBA Season: September 17, 2007 – December 8, 2007 November 16-17 Seldovia Tourney (CIA, Kenny Lake, Tok, Kalskag) Nov 30 – Dec 1 Conference Tournament @ Niniichik December 6-8 STATE @ Dimond High School</p> <p>High School Wrestling <i>Coach: Dan Blodgett</i> Season: October 1, 2007 – December 15, 2007 November 6 Nikiski / Seldovia / Homer tri meet @ HH November 16-17 King of the Mountain @ Seward November 23-24 Round Robin Rumble @ HH December 7-8 Regions @ ???? December 14-15 STATE @ Mt Edgecombe</p> <p>Jr. High Basketball <i>Coach: Alvin Swick</i> **NOTE: Schedule TBA Season: October 1, 2007 – December 8, 2007 October 29 Competitive</p>

play begins

High School Boys & Girls Basketball *Coach*

Russ Radliff

Season: November 26, 2007 – March 20, 2008

November 26 Practice / Season BEGINS {*ASAA start date}

December 13-15 Delta Junction Tourney

January 11-12 Niniichik

January 18 HOME

GAME: Bristol Bay

January 25 HOME

GAME: Niniichik

January 26 HOME

GAME: Niniichik JV

Scrimmage

January 29 Nikolaevsk

Girls @ 6:00 Boys @

8:00

Jan 30- Feb 2 NIT

Tournament

February 15 Lumen

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February 21-23 Seldovia

Tournament (Bristol Bay,

Lumen Christi,

Nikoleavsk)

February 29 CIA Varsity

March 1 CIA JV Boys

March 7-12 Region

Tourney Ila hosted by

CIA

March 18-20 State Ila

Jr. High Girls Volleyball

Coach: TBA

**NOTE: Schedule TBA

Season: January 7,

2008 – March 1, 2008

January 7 Practice /

Season BEGINS

February 4 Competitive

play begins

Jr. High Wrestling

Coach: Coach Blodgett

**NOTE: Schedule TBA

Season: January 7,

2008 – March 1, 2008

January 7 Practice /

Season BEGINS

January 18 Competitive

play begins

High School Coed

Track *Coach: Tim*

Winters

****NOTE:** Schedule TBA
 Season: March 10, 2008 – May 24, 2008
March 10 Practice / Season BEGINS (*ASAA start date)
March 21 Competitive play begins
May 3 Track & Field @ HH

Jr. High Coed Track
 Coach: *Tim Winters*
 Season: March 31, 2008 – May 10, 2008
March 31 Practice / Season BEGINS

SBE Academics		
"A" Honor Roll	"B" Honor Roll	



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