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Susan B. English School News



Did You Know by Principal Sherry Hingley

- High School dance class will perform 10/28 at 7:30 p.m. for the PAC.
- Everyone is invited to the PAC meeting.
- K-4 and 5-6 Creative movement classes are exploring concepts of body shape, rhythm, personal/general space, basic kinesiology/anatomy, and safe ways to move. Interpersonal skills are developed as students work together to create movement phrases, follow each other in mirroring activities, and reflect on the diversity of 'answers to movement problems.
- All classes will perform at the Christmas program.
- 5th -8th classroom will have Salmon eggs arriving Thursday, October 9.
- 2 teams of 3 students will be participating in the district Mind A-Mazes competition in Soldotna. The teams will be racing vehicles made from mousetraps as wells as problem solving.
- 5th and 6th graders will be doing book report presentations this week.
- K – 4th class is working with light and color in science.
- Axcenia Waterbury is the Spotlight Student this week.
- All 3rd graders had an "A" on their Math test.

SBE Report by Rochelle Purpura

SBE Booster Club Report by Katie O'Leary

Students Get Bilingual

"A different language is a different vision of life." - Federico Fellini

At Susan B. English School second language has always been a little hard to come by. Sure, there were a couple times that Spanish was taught for half a semester, but never has second language been so widely learned at SBE until now. No longer is Spanish the only option, almost any language is now within a student's reach. If you want to learn Chinese it's just as easy as saying so. As students from jr. high to high school delve into their Rosetta Stone classes

Seldovia Booster Club Meeting October 7th

The Seldovia Booster Club convened together to include the following members present: Tamara Blodgett, Karen Bornheimer, Courtney Collier, Crystal Collier, City Manager Tim Dillon, Ronene Gain, Sandy Geagel, Dianne Gruber, Sheryl Hingley, Lisa O'Leary and Katie O'Leary.

The following was added to the agenda: Bake sale/craft bazaar to be held on October 18th.

Treasurer's Report

one might wonder, what is all the hype about, why even learn a second language in the first place?

Here are the facts: English is not the most spoken language in the world. According to the *CIA World Fact Book* only 5.6% of the world's total population speaks English as their primary language. In the end, even if you count the portion of the population who speaks English as their second or third language, well over four-fifths of the world's population can speak or understand English. It is widely known that people in America tend to have a defeatist attitude when it comes to learning another language. Most see that knowing English alone is enough, but what they don't know is that it creates several limitations. Knowing only one language can stunt educational development, hamper communication and thinking abilities which limit full appreciation and comprehension for the world in which we live. Learning a second language can help earn better respect and value for other peoples' cultures and ideas. Additionally, learning a new language can be a very good personal, professional, social and economic choice.

So what languages are students learning at SBE to gain perspective on the world around them? Pretty much everything from good old Spanish to the difficult-to-master German and all the others between. Some are even taking the hardest languages to master such as Chinese and Japanese and a few are sticking with the Romantic Languages of Italy and France. When you ask around you will find that more than three-fourths of the High School is engrossed within the struggles and rewards of language learning. With the Rosetta Stone program as their guide, students are able to work in several different language learning areas like using pictures to help different words and phrases stick while being able to use the software's unique voice recognition program that helps students better their language accent.

So far it's been a rough start for some and a second year for others. Some are taking it because they have no choice and others because they truly want to get in touch with people and places not their own. Whatever their reasons, one thing stands clear, students at SBE have opened a new door this year for bigger and better things to come.

SBE Sports Report by Katie O'Leary

Volleyball Kick-Off

Volleyball is a game of grace, intellect, and all around butt-kicking! Volleyball season is underway and competition is rough. The Sea Otter Volleyball Team attended the first tournament, the Ninilchik Spike Fest. There was a total of six teams at this tourney. One team, the Lumen Christi Archangels, could not participate on Friday and had to leave early on Saturday. This means some teams played them and some didn't, so those games were not counted in the tournament seeding.

The Otters' took second place, losing by a fraction to the Ninilchik Wolverines who took first. Kristy Gallien and Katie O'Leary were voted on to the All Tourney Team. Player of the Game was also

Sandy Geagel shared a detailed report on the finances pertaining to how much money the Booster Club has raised and spent so far this year.

Old Business

Wreath Fund Raiser

Dianne Gruber reported that from the people she questioned, in town and outside, that they would rather donate money directly, than buying a wreath for \$40 and only having \$10 go to the Booster Club. It was then suggested that letters be sent out by students to friends and relatives asking for donations to the Booster Club to support the extra-curricular activities of Susan B. English School.

Action: Gruber will continue to pursue the idea of partnership letters.

Pizza Night

Dianne talked to Lynn Corwin about re-teaching students and parents to make the pizzas the "right" way. Pizza night is scheduled for October 25 with sign up sheets posted soon.

Volleyball Tournament

- **Hospitality Room**

Lisa O'Leary asked for parents and Booster Club members to make something for the hospitality room for coaches and referees coming to the tournament

- **Meals**

Meal plans have not changed since the last meeting

- **Transportation**

After numerous teams had to drop from the tourney, Rainbow Connections was forced to withdraw its special rate of \$50 per person round trip from Homer. Fortunately, Lisa O'Leary was given the same special rate by Mako Water Taxi. Thank You Mako!

Halloween Carnival

The Booster Club has decided to do the paddle wheel booth, the sucker pull booth, and the SBE Student Council will run concessions to raise money for Booster Club.

Thank You Acknowledgments

Lisa O'Leary made a large "thank you" sign for all students at SBE to sign and hang up at different places around town. The sign will thank local residents for their support during the 2008 Booster Club Auction in May. Thank You Cards are being made by a group of students who volunteered to take lead on making sure Thank You

awarded for each match. These awards were earned by Courtney Collier, Kristy Gallien, Katie O'Leary and Chelsea Suydam.

The next tournament for the Sea Otters will be Seldovia Slam on their home court. Game times will be posted on signs. The current, tentative schedule is the Sea Otters will play at 6:00 and 8:00 on Friday night, and Junior Varsity Sea Otters will play on Saturday morning. Phone SBE and speak with Sandy on Friday to confirm game times. Thanks for showing your support!

Cards are sent out for donations.

New Business

“Green” Fund raiser

O’Leary found an interesting fund raiser that will cost families no money at all. The way it works is community members bring old electronic devices (a list will be available soon) to the school who will in turn mail these items to the recycler and money will be given to the school for the amount of electrical devices turned in.

Action: O’Leary will look further into the fund raiser and check on shipping expense.

Bake Sale

Dianne Gruber has offered to take the lead on a bake sale to raise money for the Booster Club. A date will be posted later on.

Action: Gruber take the lead.

Plush Toys

Sheryl Hingley brought an idea to the Booster Club to sell plush Sea Otter Toys at school events to raise money.

Action: Unanimously agreed to give Hingley \$500 starting money to initiate this fund raiser.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 4th, 7:30 pm. School Commons area

Adjournment: Time elapsed: 1 hour 20 minutes

School Calendar	School Sports Schedule 2008-2009
<p>Next week is the FIRST HOME sports event of the year:</p> <p>VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT ! Seldovia will be hosting two teams at this time: CIA and Nikolaevsk. Schedule will be posted next week. If you would like to help serve teams dinner Friday....call the school 234-7616. Oz Hatch and Sherry Hingley will have the meal prepared; set up, clean up and servers are needed.</p> <p>To kick off the week our Student Council has deemed next week SPIRIT WEEK....</p> <p>Monday: PJ and Slippers day Tuesday: Opposite day Wednesday: Carhart and Extra Tuff day Thursday: Dress up day Friday: RED/WHITE day! Show your support wear Sea Otter t-shirts, sweatshirts or school colors!</p>	<p>If you are over on Homer side and have time.....our students would love to see you at their events!</p> <p>Junior High Basketball</p> <p>Oct 16 Chapman @ 2:30 (teams coming over on ferry) Oct 17 Nikolaevsk @ 4:30 pm Oct 18 Chapman @ 10:00 am Oct 24 ABCS @ (Boys & Girls Club gym in Kenai) Girls @ 3:00/Boys @ 4:30 Oct 25 CIA @ 10:00 am Nov 21-22 Small Schools Tournament @ TBA</p> <p>Volleyball Schedule</p> <p>Oct 3-4 Niniichik Tourney (Seldovia plays: Friday @ 3:30 & 7:15 and Saturday @ 8:30, 11:00, & 2:45) Oct 10-11 Seldovia Home Tournament (Nikolaevsk, CIA) (times TBA) Oct 16-18 Tok Tournament @ Tok (times TBA)</p>

WHAT's COMING UP ?? >>>> MORE DETAILS can be found on calendar: www.edline.net

- Friday, 10/10 Home Volleyball Tournament
- Saturday, 10/11 Volleyball Tournament continues
- Wrestlers @ Homer High Octoberwrest
- Monday, 10/13 Oregon College Rep visit
- Tuesday, 10/14 HSGQE retakes
- Wednesday, 10/15 HSGQE retakes
PSAT test (\$13.00 begins @ 8:45 am, ends approx. noon)
Volleyball team leaves for Tok Tourney
- Thursday, 10/16 JH HOME BASKETBALL GAMES w/Chapman (begins @ 2:30)
Wrestlers leave for Nikiski Peninsula Duals
- Friday, 10/17 NO SCHOOL!!! Teacher Inservice (Mat Training....continues through Saturday)
JH Basketball leave for games @ Nikolaevsk @ 4:30
END of 1 st QUARTER!!! Eligibility check
- Saturday, 10/18 JH Basketball games @ Chapman @ 10:00 am
- Wednesday, 10/22 PARENT/TEACHER Conferences (5:00-8:00....school will schedule conferences)
- Thursday, 10/23 PARENT/TEACHER Conferences (8:30-4:00)
NO SCHOOL
Wrestlers leave for Seward – Kind of the Mountain Tourney
- Friday, 10/24 NO SCHOOL
Teacher Inservice
JH Basketball games @ ABCS (Kenai B&G Club gym) @ 3:00 & 4:30
- Saturday, 10/25 Volleyball HOME games: Girls –vs- Dads
JH Basketball games @ CIA @ 10:00 am
- Monday, 10/27 RED RIBBON WEEK BEGINS
- Tuesday, 10/28 PAC/SDMC meeting @ 7:00.....Dance class performing at meeting!!
- Wednesday, 10/29 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY!
(1:30 children not in Head Start; Family Pictures: time TBA)
- Friday, 10/31 Halloween
- Saturday, 11/01 SVTP sponsors HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
Booths by classes: Seniors: Cake Walk; Juniors: BB Free Throw, Guitar Hero Battle, Duck Pond; Freshman: Pillow Fight. SCHOOL Booster Club: Concessions & Paddle Wheel
- REST of NOVEMBER calendar is full of games listed below.....
- Monday, 11/17 FLU SHOTS by Public Health
- Monday, 11/24 Picture RETAKES!
- Thursday, 11/27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!!
No School
- Friday, 11/28 No School

Oct 25 Girls –vs- Dad's (times TBA)
Nov 7-8 CIA (Tok, Nikolaevsk, Wasilla Lake, Niniichik) (times TBA)
Nov 14 -15 Kenny Lake Classic (Tok, Lumen Christi) (times TBA)
Nov 21-22 Lumen Christi (times TBA)
Dec 4-5 Tok Regions (times TBA)
Dec 11-13 ASAA State @ Dimond HS (times TBA)

Wrestling

Oct. 11 Octoberwrest @ Homer High School (11:00-4:00)
Oct. 16-19 Peninsula Duals @ Nikiski High School (times TBA)
Oct. 23-25 King of the Mountain @ Seward (times TBA)
Nov. 13-16 ACS Tourney (times TBA)
Nov. 21-23 Round Robin in Homer (times TBA)
Dec. 4-6 Regions @ Grace Christian School (times TBA)
Dec. 11-14 State @ Bartlett High School (times TBA)

SBE POOL SWIM SCHEDULE 2008-09 ***Starting the week of September 1, 2008***

- Ladies 50 + Fitness Exercise Swim Tuesday/Thursday 10:00-11:00 am
- Lap Swim M-W-Friday (look for dates cancelled) 7:00-8:00 am
- Lap Swim Tuesday/Thursday(Start 9/2/08) 8:30 – 9:30 am
- Monday & Wednesday afternoon lap 4:30 – 5:30pm (starting wk of 9/8)
- SVT Open Swims will be Tuesday 3:15 – 5:00 & Friday 7:00-9:00pm - No fee for the Tuesday and Friday SVT Swims
- Infant/Parent Swim Saturday 2:00 – 3:00 pm (Date starting TBA)

Pool Rentals are available call 234-7616 for more information. Pool Fees: Adults \$4.00, Students \$3.00 Preschool Free with Adult Fee
Punch cards are available
Adult \$18.00/6 swims
Student \$16.00/8 swims

(Thank you for your support - Cancellation will be posted.Call SBE School for more information.
By Vivian Rojas, Pool Manager)

Below is the overview of the District Report Card to the Public. Detailed information may be accessed at: <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=7854> or a hard copy can be reviewed at your school's office or at the School District Central Office, Assessment Department.

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District			
Report Card for 2007 - 2008			
Assessment Results for Adequate Yearly Progress	Percent of Students* Proficient or Advanced in Language Arts State Target: 77.19%	Percent of Students* Proficient or Advanced in Mathematics State Target: 66.09%	Percentage of All Students Tested AILE Target: 95%
ALL STUDENTS	87%	79%	100%
African American	76%	72%	100%
Alaska Native/American Indian	90%	73%	99%
Asian/Pacific Islander	91%	88%	99%
Caucasian	89%	81%	100%
Hispanic	84%	72%	100%
Multi-Ethnic	89%	76%	99%
Economically Disadvantaged	82%	74%	100%
Students with Disabilities**	58%	52%	99%
Limited English Proficiency**	70%	73%	100%

*Assessment results reported for students enrolled in district for a full academic year(HY)
**Proficiency results include former LEP students & Students with Disabilities for two years to monitor academic progress for AYP determination only.

Number of newly arrived LEP students exempted from taking the Language Arts test:	2
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Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status	
Met AYP:	YES
AYP Level*:	

*District AYP: Level 1 = Alert; Levels 2 & 3 = Improvement Status; Level 4 = Corrective Action
AYP level designation is based on assessment results from Spring of 2007-2008 school year, and is applied to 2008-2009 school year.

Districts at Level 2 or above must develop an improvement plan. Parents are invited to participate in the planning process and are encouraged to contact the superintendent's office or the school principal to find out how to participate in upgrading the quality of the district's educational program.

Number of Teachers with Highest Degree:	Teacher Qualifications			
	Bachelors	Masters	Education Specialist	Doctorate
339	339	344		

State Target	% of Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers		
	District All Schools	Low Poverty Schools	High Poverty Schools
100%	74%	72%	77%

Additional information on teacher qualifications, including type of certification and college degrees is available from your school or district upon request.
You may also request information on whether your child is provided service by paraprofessionals, and, if so, their qualifications.
% of teachers in the district teaching with an Emergency Alaska Teacher Certificate: 0

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



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