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## Susan B. English School News



### Did You Know, by Principal Sherry Hingley

Junior High Girls Basketball Team were #1 at Regions High School Girls Volleyball were #1 at Regions and are off to state this weekend. Good Luck Team High School wrestler Jordan took #1 at Regions High School wrestlers Oren and Matthew took #2 at Regions and are off to state this weekend. Good Luck Wrestlers!

Our school made Adequate Yearly Progress which meets the Federal mandate of achievement as established by the No Child Left Behind Legislation. Yeah!! Students, Staff and Parents!!

Christmas Program is Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 come and enjoy the evening with us.

### Students Turn Thoughts into Laws by Rochelle Purpura

#### Students Turn Thoughts into Laws

*"My experience in government is that when things are non-controversial and beautifully coordinated, there is not much going on." – John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

We all know that government is not the easiest thing to understand. Out of all the high school classes it usually is the least favorite for students. Most think, "Why learn it if you can't even understand it?" This idea seems to carry over to adults too.

### SBE Sports Report by Katie O'Leary

#### Lumen Tournament

On Friday and Saturday November 21 st and 22 nd, the SBE Sea Otter Volleyball team competed in the Lumen Christi Tournament. The team started play early on Friday with an 8 AM. game against the Nenana Lynx, taking the game 3-1. The next game was against Holy Rosary, which the Otters took 3-0. Then, the team had a short lunch break before playing against Tri-Valley, taking that game 3-0. The last two games on Friday were against Lumen Christi, the score 3-0, and the Su-Valley Rams, playing a close match 3-2. The team then got a great night rest at the Dimond Center Hotel, before

So, if you do not understand it, how *does one* learn it? Well, in Ms. Sensenig's Government class you use a more hands-on approach.

Though the volleyball girls were gone at Regions from December 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> that didn't stop what was left of Miss Sensenig's class from being productive. While the volleyball girls were away, those that were left were given the task of writing up a "mock bill" for better school lunches. This was to help demonstrate how a bill becomes law from both the Senate and the House of Representatives point of view. It would be made possible, as while the class that remained was drafting their bill, the girls that were away would be drafting theirs also. In this way, the class would reunite the following week and get together to go over both methods a bill becomes law with the boys that were left. The girl that had remained would be the "Senate" and the away girls on the trip would be the "House of Representatives."

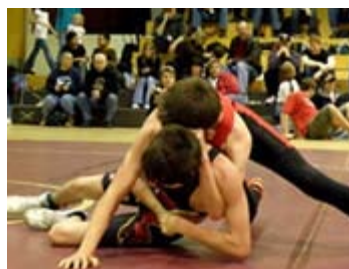
To get a real good sense of what the class is doing, a better sense of how a bill becomes a law is needed. Like all things a bill starts out as an idea, from just about anyone, but it is only members of Congress that can introduce a bill in Congress. From there the type of bill must be determined whether it is a private bill which just affects specific people or organizations or a public bill which affects the general population. After the bill is drafted properly it can go one of two ways. Either a bill is placed in a special box called a hopper while the House is in session or it is formally introduced on the Senate floor. After the bill goes through careful consideration, several spells of voting and a few revisions it finally ends up on the President's desk if "it's" lucky because the majority of most bills "die" in this early stage. The President then has to choose, to make the bill a law, or to veto it. Sometimes even if the President does not agree with the bill, he will still find it unwise to veto it. If the President does veto the bill and Congress does not agree with his decision they can override the veto with a two-thirds vote or greater. If the President signs the bill, that bill becomes a law.

What Ms. Sensenig's to achieve is an approximation of how a real government would function with making a bill a law. If all goes well students will not only be learning but also having a bit of fun, which can be important when dealing with a subject that teenagers find "boring." Hopefully the students will have a good time and discover something new too!

playing Ninilchik junior varsity, beating them 3-0 on Saturday morning. The Otters then played the Tok Wolverines in the championship match losing in three games all within four points.

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Go Otters ! Good Luck at State Qualifiers!



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School Calendar	School Sports Schedule 2008-2009
<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!!</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>                  School dismissed @ 2:00:  <u>December 19, 2008 - Friday</u>                  (KPBSD minimum school day)</p> <p><b>Christmas / New Year's VACATION!</b>  <u>December 20<sup>th</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup></u></p> <p><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR !!</b></p> <p>School resumes Christmas/New Year's                  Break: <u>January 5, 2009 - Monday</u></p> <p>Gym - Pool Schedules will be posted                  by sponsor.</p> <p>If a schedule is not posted, please call the sponsor of                  the event.</p> <p><u>GYM</u></p> <p>Monday - 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball Skills (Ron Turner)                  7:30-9:00</p> <p>Tuesday - SVTP Open Gym</p> <p>Wednesday - <u>Women's Basketball</u> (Crystal Collier)                  7:30-9:00</p> <p>Thursday - Men's Basketball (Keith Swick) 7:30-9:00</p> <p>Friday - SVTP Open Gym or B&amp;G Club ...as scheduled</p> <p>Saturday - Volleyball (Lisa O'Leary) 3:00-5:00</p> <p>5-8<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball Skills (Ron Turner) 5:00-7:00</p>	<p><b>SBE POOL SWIM SCHEDULE 2008-09</b>  <u>Weeks of December 22 &amp; 29</u></p> <p><u>12/22 Monday</u>                  7-8:00 am Lap Swim                  12:30 - 4:30 Open                  4:30 - 5:30 Lap Swim</p> <p><u>12/ 23 Tuesday</u>                  8:30 - 9:30 Lap Swim                  10:00 - 11:00 Ladies Exercise                  11:00 - 1:30 Open                  SVT Swim 3:15 - 5:00 pm</p> <p><u>12/24 Wednesday</u>                  7-8:00 am Lap Swim                  12/25 Thursday Closed                  12:30 - 4:30 Open                  4:30 - 5:30 Lap Swim</p> <p><u>12/26 Friday</u> 7-8am Lap                  SVT Swim 7:00 - 9:00 pm                  Saturday 12/27                  Toddler/Parent 2-3pm                  Open Swim 3-4:30</p> <p><u>For the week of 12/29: Pool times are limited.</u>                  M-W-F 7:00-8:00 am Lap                  SVT Swims Tues/Friday                  Saturday Toddler 2-3pm and                  Open Swim 3:00-4:30pm</p> <p><b>Pool Rentals are available call 234-7616 for more information.</b>  <b>Pool Fees: Adults \$4.00, Students \$3.00 Preschool Free with Adult Fee</b>  <b>Punch cards are available</b>  <b>Adult \$18.00/6 swims</b>  <b>Student \$16.00/8 swims</b></p> <p>(Thank you for your support - Cancellation will be posted.Call SBE                  School for more information.                  By Vivian Rojas, Pool Manager)</p>

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"A" Honor Roll	"B" Honor Roll	

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