

MKEA “Highlighting”

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Members are looking forward to the Annual NEA Spring Conference in April.

JJSS

JJSS held the upriver science fair held on February 6-7. Participants flew in from Stony and Chuathbaluk. The theme was river life. Students from Stony and Chuathbaluk were stuck here 3 extra days due to weather and kudos to them for sticking it out with us! Local community basketball tournament on Feb 15 and 16th. 5 teams played including one team from Chuathbaluk.

JJSS has been designated by the state as one of the school improvement sites, and to that effect a school-community improvement meeting/potlatch was held on Feb 19. The meeting was a success and was attended by 17 community members.

Kids have been going skiing every Wednesday afternoon, and on Feb 25-Mar 1 Skiku will be coming to ski with them.

AMNES

3rd and 4th graders at AMNES had the first annual Invention Day. All the 3rd and 4th grade students along with their parents were invited by Mrs. Hager to the AMNES gym on Saturday February 16th to create objects or creations of whatever they wanted from recycled objects.



There was a great turnout and kids with their parents made some great things.



Our 4th graders participated in state Battle of the Books and did an amazing job.

They spent the day at the district office battling teams from all over Alaska.

They came in 4th place in the state! The team was made up of Alana Kelila, Ryder Vanderpool, Dorothy Nelson, and alternate Jack Boelens.

We are in the second week of our Iditaroad and have had many students already complete the race and are continuing on reading.

We had our annual PLAAAY Day on the 21st. Students from all over the state and country participated in a 30-minute workout. Everyone did a great job.

Skiku will be here the last week of February and students are really looking forward to skiing.



ZLES

The third graders are working hard, but have to cope without the presence of their teacher Mrs. Holmberg.

The fourth graders had a great time making Valentine's Day cards for their classmates and family. The fifth grade students have witnessed the miracle of life with the birth of 12 baby mice. The students are practicing their skiing skills this week with the Skiku volunteers.



JESS

Students at Jack Egnaty Sr. School kicked off the month with the Upriver Science Fair. Although, weather was too poor for Sleetmute to be able to travel to Crooked Creek to be there in person, students were still able to present their projects over Zoom to Mr. Bonanno. We had some big winners this year. Kiley Hayden and Kayla Effemka took 1st place in the 3-5th grade division with their "Pond Water Organisms" project and Neal Sanford took 2nd in 3-5th with the "Sugar Cube Race". In the 6th-12th-grade division, Desirae Morgan took 1st place with " Fork Length of

Juvenile Coho and King Salmon" and Honey Andrianoff took 2nd place with her project of "Juvenile Fish and Their Preferred Habitat".

Our students also participated in the District Battle of the Books competition. Sleetmute had teams in the K-2, 5/6, and MS divisions. Our K-2 teams did great memorizing all of the titles and authors! Our MS team took a very close 2nd place, and our 5/6 team took 1st place and will participate in the State Battle on Monday February 25.

Students also celebrated the 100th Day of School on February 6th and practiced counting to 100 and doing various activities writing and reading about 100.

We also had 2 students (Desirae Morgan and Honey Andrianoff) participate in EXCEL 8 camp. They were so glad to travel and had a wonderful time learning leadership skills and hanging with other students their age.

Students are also very excited for the arrival of SkiKu the last week of February. Our students have been skiing during their PE class this year and are excited for the coaches to help them further improve their skills.

Last month students and community members helped support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LSS) through "Bring the Change". We were able to raise \$707.50 coming close to our goal of \$750 this year. Students agreed to donate \$300 from their Student Store towards the cause and we helped raise awareness of cancer, particularly blood cancer. This month we hosted a Navajo Taco and Game Night as a fundraiser to go towards our donation to the LLS.

One of the best parts of the semester is having Sheree Smith back in the classroom. Because of the large number of K-3 grade students she has agreed to take on the 4-12 grade this semester. All students are benefiting from her sweet spirit and her enthusiasm and expertise in science as she teaches all grades levels in science.



2018-19 Upriver Science Fair

by Dave Bonanno

The Upriver Science Fair was held in Crooked Creek on February 6th and 7th, 2019. Students participated from Stony River, Sleetmute, Crooked Creek and Chuathbaluk. 7 students flew to Crooked Creek from Stony River and Chuathbaluk. Students from Sleetmute participated via a video conference/zoom meeting, because their flight could not go through due to weather.

The theme this year was river life and all of the plants and animals that it supports. Students had the opportunity to participate in activities related to the theme, including learning about the salmon life cycle, owl pellets, and even dissecting a fish.

Students arrived on Wednesday, and had 2 days of fun and educational activities. Returning flights were delayed, but all students made it back home by Saturday, February 9th.



Results of judging:

6-12th Grade Division

1st Place - Desirae Morgan - SLQ

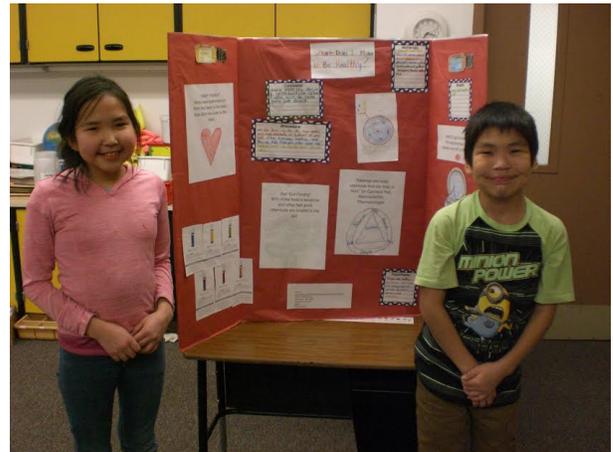
"The fork length of juvenile King and Coho Salmon"

2nd Place - Honey Andreadoff - SLQ

"Juvenile Fish & their preferred Habitat"

3rd Place - Harlen Waskey and James Zaukar - CKD

"What Makes the Ice Melt the Fastest?"



4-5th Grade Division

1st Place - Kayla Effemka and Kiley Hayden - SLQ

"Pond Water Organisms"

2nd Place - Neal Sanford - SLQ

"The Sugar Cube Race"

3rd Place - Tatiana Bobby, Dan Gusty, Audray Willis, Shane Zaukar - SRV

"Battery Power:
Voltage vs. Current"