

School Board Report

Kalskag Principal - Severin Gardner

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JOGES

During this past month we have continued to do whole school activities with students once a week. The majority of these activities have centered on art and music. Students have really enjoyed doing these activities and its good to see all of the students working together; regardless of what grade they are in. For the last month of school we are looking at doing different activities with the students before the school year is out. One of the activities that we plan on doing is going up the hill with students and having a picnic. Students really enjoyed this last year and some have already asked if we're going to be doing it again this year. Parent Conferences for the JOGES School happened last week. We had an 82% attendance rate. Planning preschool graduation is underway and staff and students are looking forward to it. They have been fundraising for the last couple months and putting together invitations and the program. Preschool graduation will be on May 20th at 12:00pm. Students are enjoying Soccer after school; attendance for soccer has been over 30 kids several times.

ZLES

The students at ZLES are beginning to close out a solid academic year. Most of the students met/exceeded 1 year of growth for the school year in Math or ELA. In addition to this Students have been honing their skills on the writing process as well as strengthening foundational skills in math and English Language Arts through our RTI time. Students have also been enjoying participating in cultural and general enrichment activities. The snow stayed around long enough for more cross-country skiing opportunities than the past couple of years. In addition to this, sewing kits are being created. Yup'ik dance and family trees/local history are also being studied. Special thanks to Ida Williams, an elder mentor who does our Yup'ik word(s) of the day each morning during our school assembly. Parent Conferences were at 59%.

GMSHS

Students in Mr. Dammeyer's environmental science class have been measuring and studying the ice thickness on the river. They have built a survey station on the river in front of the high school. They have been checking the thickness every Wednesday. They plan to collect all the data and submit it to a website to be published. There are a few other data collection places on the Kuskokwim. But this is the first one in Kalskag. Students have been working on their speeches and essays for academic decathlon. Students will be in Aniak for 3 nights competing in various events. Parent Conference attendance was 45% with makes up scheduled for the week of May 8. Graduation for the seniors is May 19th @ 4:00pm.