

## School Board Report

Kalskag Principal - Severin Gardner

**November 2016**

### **Kalskag Happenings**

We Just finished our first quarter and our grades are in. GMSHS students had a great first quarter in the Carnegie system. Overall the grades of the high school are a lot better than last year. Students' attitudes about the newer system are great. After the initial struggle of last year, the start of this year has been fantastic with student academics in the classroom. Teachers are talking about how more students care about their grades and how well they perform on an assignment. The entire GMSHS staff was really impressed with the improvement shown by our student in this first quarter and how well they have adapted to the Carnegie system. This morning there were two 7<sup>th</sup> graders that came to school early to work on writing papers. To have this drive at 7<sup>th</sup> grade is something the staff at GMSHS has been wanting for a long time. We are very hopeful that this trend continues and that more improvements will be seen through out the year.

### **Halloween Carnival**

Once again the staff of Kalskag came together with the students to put on a great carnival for Halloween. A lot of fun and games with families and community members attending the carnival. Mr. Reese shaved his head and his beard for his costume. No one recognized him and no one could believe it was him. Great times.

### **Wood Boiler**

Mr. Reich applied for a feasibility study for GMSHS and Kalskag to be conducted in the hopes that a wood boiler would be beneficial to operate the high school's heating system. With a possible partnership with Napaimute's logging operation as the biomass provider we could potentially reduce the reliance on heating oil. After the study is completed we will review the next steps and determine whether or not it will be cost affective.

### **Athletics**

Wrestling and Volleyball are in full gear. We have wrestlers attending the ACS tournament in Anchorage and Volleyball will be visiting Aniak and Port Alsworth the next two weeks. Next week Aniak and Kalskag 4<sup>th</sup> grade will travel to Tuluksak to participate in a basketball tournament. Aniak is planning on hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade tournament the following week hosting Tuluksak and Kalskag. Since becoming the activities director I have had more opportunities to schedule travel with backhauls for our younger athletes. Charters are sometime arriving or returning empty, but now they are being filled with young athletes.