

AMNES – AJSHS
Dr. David Hamilton, Principal
REPORT TO KUSPUK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

Enrollment:	<u>AMNES</u>		<u>AJSHS</u>	
	Pre-K	19 (projected)	7 th Grade	7
	Kindergarten	12		
	1 st Grade	16	8 th Grade	9
	2 nd Grade	16	9 th Grade	12
	3 rd Grade	13	10 th Grade	12
	4 th Grade	14	11 th Grade	11
	5 th Grade	5	12 th Grade	10
	6 th Grade	7		
	Total	102	Total	61

Attendance: We are making attendance a priority this year at both sites. Our site secretaries are placing daily phone calls to the parents/guardians of each absent student. If the problem persists, a meeting is held with the student and the principal to determine why the student is having attendance issues and to counsel the student on how to correct the problem. Should the problem continue the principal will meet with the student and his/her parents/guardians. The principal will at all times follow the guide lines directed by District policies or those found in the Student Handbook.

General News:

Both schools are off to a very good start.

AJSHS has enjoyed an 11% increase student enrollment going from 55 to 61 students. We have introduced a new schedule that includes 7 class periods a day. This will allow students to earn 7 credits each year or 28 credits in 4 years. Currently 9th graders will need 22 credits to graduate in the year 2020. Students watched the required TAD orientation DVD and letters were sent home for parents to watch the video on home computers or encourage to watch the video during open house we held on August 31st. Our goal is to have 100% of the student body cleared by state eligibility requirements to be able to participate in any after school activity whether it is sports, student government or academic activities.

AMNES also enjoyed a 17% increase in student enrollment going from 88 to 103 students. The staff held a welcome back to school program for the students Wednesday 8/24/16. This was followed up on Friday 8/26/16 with a DOJO discipline program for all students. The assembly was opened by the students, (William Morgan, Jason Steeves, Scott Sakar, Sherman Kelila and Ethan Morgan) who preformed several Native Dances for the student body. The DOJO discipline

program was started last year as part of the CHAMPS program. On Friday 9/2/16 there will be a berry-picking trip for all the students at AMNES. Parent volunteers will help us boat the students across the river to go berry picking where we will talk with students about their native culture and the importance of gathering the foods our region provides for us.

Open House: AJSHS and AMNES both had open house on August 31st. AMNES had open house from 5:30 to 6:30 AJSHS had it from 6:00 till 7:00 p.m. Flyers were posted at both stores, the post office, the community center and the airport. A notice was sent home to all parents and it was posted on Facebook. The teachers invited parents into their children's classrooms and gave an overview of their programs. These events were well attended with 42 parents attending both schools. A special thanks to all parents, community members and Board Members who attended this event. Also, a heartfelt Thank You to Helen Alexie and Erica Kameroff for baking some excellent cookies for both events.

School Advisory Council (SAC): The first SAC for AMNES and AJSHS is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6 at 9:30 a.m. This will be a meet and greet for the principal and the SAC team to get to know each other.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Wednesday 8/9/16---Kids Don't Float program for AMNES. The program will be run by Iris Nawiesniak, Kids Don't Float instructor, Office of Boating Safety.

Week of 9/12-15/16.

Natural Helpers. Mr. Reynold Okitkun will be instructor the classes. This is part of the Community Engagement grant.

The students, teachers, staff and principal are committed to a successful school year. Please come visit the schools and see the great things that are happening in our classrooms.

Notes from the Aniak SAC Meeting

Tues. Sept. 6, 2016, 9:30

Auntie Mary Nicoli Elementary School

Submitted by: David Hamilton

The following SAC team members met at AMNES for a meet and greet.

Carrie Longpre'

Vince Winter

Darlene Holmberg

After introductions were made, we discussed how the SAC team might be able to help the school. We discussed organizing volunteers to read to our Pre K / Kindergarten students. Carrie Longpre' spoke about the public library and how the library in Anchorage allows students to check out digital books. She agreed to check and see if our students could sign up for this program. We agreed to meet for our first formal meeting September 15, 2016 at 9:30 in the AMNES teacher lounge.