

School Board Report

Kalskag Principal - Severin Gardner

September 2016

Caunaq Spirit Camp:

The high school staff and students had a great time at Caunaq. For the first time in a long time it did not rain during our camping trip. The weather was perfect for camping with hot days and cool nights. Phillip Nook was able to fill a memorial moose permit with his first moose kill. Congratulations to Phillip! The students also picked berries, caught fish and harvested wood for cooking and the campfire. The students and staff had a great time and some of the students didn't want to come home. Thanks for all the community support for our Caunaq trip. Many community members helped with boat transportation to and from camp.

The Start of School:

Kalskag had a rocky start to the school year. A lot of enrollment forms and shot records were not turned in at 2 of the schools. At Joseph and Olinga Gregory Elementary, We only were missing 3 forms and shot records. The other two schools were missing over half of the paperwork required by the State of Alaska to attend school. We tried to prevent this situation by opening our schools a week earlier than we normally do. We left our secretaries home from in-service so they could be at the school for parents to receive their enrollment forms. We also contacted YKHC to receive an electronic transfer of records so YKHC could send us electronic forms of the shots records. With the parents' signature we were able to send their record requests to YKHC. We made VHF announcements and Facebook posts along with phone calls and text messages. The "No shots no school" posters have been posted on Facebook since May and at the stores and post offices this summer. My secretaries looked through all the files to find old shot records. With the old shot records we looked at the shots they had and then figured out based on their age if they needed shots. If they had an old shot record and did not need shots until this year, we used that as confirmation that they would be ok in school. One issue that hindered our gathering of forms from parents was the clinic wouldn't print the shot records for the parents. This eventually was corrected but then the printer went down. Still after all the extra effort and extensions of our services, the high school and lower school had a big population that was not current with records that are required by the State of Alaska.

Berry Picking:

Both JOGES and ZLES were able to enjoy the good weather and get out and pick berries. Thanks for all the community help up the hill with our kids. Students and staff were able to get some berries while enjoying the nice fall weather. This is the first time in the last three years that there have been enough berries for us to pick close to Kalskag. It was good to see all the kids enjoying the outdoor activities.

Afterschool Program:

Kalskag's after school program will start September 12th. We will be tutoring at all three schools. Transportation and snacks will be provided. Students are encouraged to attend and work on the skills that they need to improve in school. Our goal is to provide the opportunity to get kids more education after school and to provide a good learning environment where students want to stay after school and work on their educational skills.

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