

Aniak Schools Board Report
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Aniak Jr/Sr High School

The volleyball team visited Nikolaevsk for a game October 17. Students had an opportunity to see a little Russian culture in this Old Believer community.

Wrestling started, and many of our team members did well at the Bethel Skramble.

Students put together a Halloween carnival with many different community groups' involvement.

I continue to redirect individual students in regards to behavior and making responsible choices to combat bullying and rebuild the school climate in that regard.. Although we had a few concerning instances in behavior this month, the frequency has greatly decreased. We did go an entire week at one point in this past month without a suspension. My behavior expectations continue to maintain a high standard in regards to eliminating bullying, however.

Auntie Mary Nicoli Elementary School

Battle of the Books practices have started with many grade levels. This program is geared to increasing academic performance with literacy.

Robotics class was able to meet with robotics teams from other parts of the State. This gave them an opportunity to try out new ideas and be inspired by champions from other areas. This is an academic topic geared to increasing student interest in the sciences and increasing academic performance.

Parent teacher conferences were held October 22 and 23 and we had a very good turnout at both schools.

School advisory committee met with me October 14, and we discussed various topics but spent a large amount of time discussing training for paraprofessionals and the goals I have there.

Professional Development: I have started meeting with paras once a week in an effort to get more of our paraprofessionals to pass the State para test as well as to improve job satisfaction and job performance. I carved out time for paras to meet with their classroom teachers regularly as well. The new set up has certified staff cycling through the morning gym time with more structured activities- which I hope will lower the student injury numbers in the building. This month for certified staff PLCs we studied Math curriculum, and at our in service trained in online book writing, reading apprenticeship, classroom management, and self care.