

To: Kuspuk School District School Board
From: Emily Vanderpool, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
District Test Coordinator
Re: Board Meeting Report
Meeting Date: 10 October 2017

Curriculum & Instruction Support to Sites

During the month of September I traveled to most of our KSD villages to both observe and offer instructional support to our teachers. Although the weather gave me a bit of trouble, I was able to make it to Kalskag, Lower Kalskag, Chuathbaluk, Crooked Creek, and Stony River. I was also able to spend some time in our Aniak Schools. It was exciting to see what is happening at each of our sites and has helped me better understand what I can do to support our teachers, and students at each of our unique schools. I look forward to visiting Jack Egnaty Sr. School in Sleetmute soon!



Patricia Gardner teaches math to the Kindergarten students at JOGES

October In-service Planning

It seemed that as soon as the August in-service ended it was time to begin planning for October. Planning quality, relevant professional development is one of my top priorities. This October's in-service will be a balance of achieving district goals and addressing state and federal mandates. Our district priorities are represented in our five strategic goals, implementation of our new curriculum, and addressing the unique learning needs of our students.



Carlyn Wooten teaches the 2nd graders at JOGES



Richard Cain poses with the students of CVSS during a berry picking trip with the whole school.

Battle of the Books 2017/2018

The Alaska Association of School Librarians has posted the final list of books on the Battle of the Books website (<http://akla.org/akasl/bb/bbhome.html>). Those book sets are currently in the hands of KSD students, divided by the following grade levels: K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 6-8 and 9-12. On October 15, the practice questions will be released and by late November/early December in-district practice battles will be scheduled.



Jasmine Williams works on a Social Studies lesson with students at CVSS



Laura Murph reads aloud with students at GMS in Stony River



Erle Spencer quizzes students on math facts in Crooked Creek at JJSS.

Testing Update

Kindergarten teachers have gotten underway with filling out the state mandated Alaska Developmental Profile for each of our Kindergarten students. The protocol calls for four observations over four weeks. The data is uploaded to the state by November 1st. 11th and 12th grade students will be preparing to take the ACT in October and November. This test is important for students looking at post-secondary opportunities.



Kindergarten Students at AMNES working on a craft project with letters.