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## February Board Report

School in Kalskag has a good start to the new year. We had a very good in-service for the teachers in Kalskag. Pat McDonald provided good information and professional development on RTI and using our Star Data to help modify our teachers' daily instruction. The second day Kalskag's Aeriale Johnson provided a literary strategies in the classroom. Both presenters were well recited and helped Kalskag develop our instructional plans. We are planning on continuing with Pat's and Aeriale's plans for the next in-service further working on bettering our educational plans at our Kalskag Schools.

In January I attended the RTI conference in Anchorage. I attended the beginner's session for RTI in small schools. That information really helped outline what the vision and goals of having an RTI program are for. I think with more professional development for RTI it will help our schools become more sufficient in our RTI programs. One of the things that stuck out in my mind from the conference was when a presenter asked "Why do we test?" Test data can be a very good tool to use when forming instruction and your yearly plan. If the data is used. If the data isn't used, there isn't much learning done when taking a test.

Basketball is in full swing. Kalskag hosted the Kalskag Classic this past weekend. Newhalen won the boys championship and Aniak girls won the girls side. Aniak and Kalskag were well represented at the awards assembly with several all tournament team members and the Lady's MVP coming from Aniak. Aniak travels to Newhalen, Scammon Bay and St. Mary's and finished the year at home against Kalskag. Kalskag travels to Ninilchik, Akiachak and Aniak to finish their year. The regional tournament is in Kalskag. That final tournament starts March 2.

## **UP COMING EVENTS**

Greater Kuskokwim Regional Tournament. March 2-4 Kalskag Cultural Week. March 6-10