



Aniak Schools  
October Board Report  
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### **Aniak Jr/Sr High School**

During September, AJSHS continues to incorporate more parents, guardians, and community members into the school. Mrs. Long did a good job bringing in multiple community members to help within her Yup'ik Studies course. Community shared their stories and knowledge with students. Additionally, in our Senior Advisory class, Ms. Doederlein welcomed Chris McConnell from the Alaska Network of Energy Education and Employment. Chris spoke to students about pathways in Alaska that may lead to training and jobs both inside and outside of Aniak. We were also able to send teachers to Excel's College and Career Readiness Training. Teachers learned about various opportunities Excel can help with within our schools.

The cross-country season has come to a close, and our Volleyball and Wrestling teams are gearing up for the start of their seasons. We look forward to continued success building on accomplishments from previous years. We sent wrestlers and the volleyball team to the State tournament last year and hope to do so again this year!

### **Auntie Mary Nicoli Elementary School**

The elementary has been actively incorporating additional cultural activities into the school in September. Focusing on fall cultural practices, students learned about harvesting meat and brains from a moose head with Esther Donhauser. Later in the month, students learned about gun safety with Wildlife Trooper Jon Simeon.

Other activities students enjoyed recently at the elementary included the 5<sup>th</sup>-grade students dissecting squid, led by the Sealife Center in Seward. The majority of classes had representatives from the Energy Fair stop by the classrooms to talk about responsible energy use and engineering. We're pleased to be able to continue to partner with Vince Winters and the A.C. store to celebrate our students of the month and those with perfect monthly attendance. At the end of a month, the A.C. donates prizes for these students to be presented at an awards assembly. We're excited to continue our efforts and advance them further with the help of Excel for additional college and career readiness as well as cultural activities.