

MKEA Board Report
October 8th School Board Meeting

Crooked Creek Report

High School and Middle School Report from Crooked Creek (Johnnie Johns Sr):

We have one senior, who is on track to graduate this spring, and was just awarded a \$12,000 *scholarship* to attend the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Our *Student Government* is up and running, with plans to host several events and do fundraising for yearbook and a school outing.

In *middle school* we are strongly focused on *improving our test scores*. This group lost a year in elementary when there was no teacher, and another year in middle school under the same circumstances.

Due to past experiences and the recent death in the village a big focus has been put on social/emotional skill-building, and tremendous compassion when dealing with classroom disruption and discipline. *Building relationships and trust are key* to moving these children forward academically. It feels, at times, an overwhelming task - with far too few resources available to bridge the gap.

We serve a cold breakfast of cereal and powdered milk daily (never any protein or hot food), with the occasional serving of fresh fruit. Lunch is primarily carbohydrates (rice, potatoes, canned veggies, etc.), with a small portion of protein. *The students need more protein and fresh (or frozen) fruits and vegetables. Teachers are providing snacks at their own expense to ensure no student is inattentive due to hunger.*

We host *open gym* once a week for all levels, and a *movie night* once a week for the high school and middle school students.

In the day-to-day work of the classroom, things are running fairly smoothly here at JJSS. The process of registering students online has been a big hassle, with families being away, learning the new system, etc, but it seems we have gotten everybody registered now. Student council has recently been formed, and we will be working towards planning school tournaments and other events. Cross country running season was a success for our participating students overall.

Submitted by Crooked Creek Staff.

Aniak Junior Senior High School

Last year we had 40 kids in the building, now we have 65.

With the increased numbers at the high school teachers are struggling to fit all students into some class periods. Teachers are also being overloaded with the amount of classes they are being asked to teach, those classes include regular classes and online classes. Some teachers have as many as 13 classes in PowerSchool which they are having to write lesson plans and provide grades for. Teachers are feeling very overwhelmed and are putting in many late hours and weekends just to try and cover everything.

Staff who was asked to teach Yupik classes are feeling a bit uncomfortable being expected to teach a culture and language they do not know and have only been apart of for one year or less. They are trying to work with community members who can come in and share their expertise of the culture and language.

6th Grade: Instruction is constant but meeting the demands of the core curriculum that is planned each week is very slow and grueling and requires a boatload of teacher created resources to shore up the gaps, but behaviors are great and students are willing and eager to participate.

AJSHS Elected Student Government Members

President: Shahaila Nick
V-President: Jena Boelens
Treasurer: Danny Vanderpool
Secretary: Raejin Simeon

Members: Karson Peterson
Cheyenne Steeves
Ryan Steeves
Ender Peacock

Auntie Mary Nicoli Elementary School

At AMNES staff and students are working hard and collaborating to make the most of the increased student numbers and lack of space in classrooms. Although the new registration process was not a smooth transition we have all students enrolled.

Pre school started after Labor Day and they are doing a great job with the help of our new pre school teacher, Samantha Lang and her assistant, Emily Peterson. We hosted an open house at both schools for parents and the community to come in and meet new staff and look at the curriculum that will be used this year.

Last year AMNES really focused on integrating culture into the school, one of the districts strategic plans. Mrs. Morgan taught Yugtun and dancing twice a week to each grade. Due to having the combined 1st and 2nd grade class this year there is no longer time for Mrs. Morgan to continue teaching Yugtun and dancing.

We hosted our 3rd Moose Trot cross country race and had students from all Kuspuk schools come to run. We had two races and the runners did great. Below are the top 10 results of both races.

Top 10 Boys & Girls 3rd -6th Grade	Top 10 Boys & Girls 7th-12th
Sierra Lang- Aniak	RJ Murphy- Aniak
Ralph Steeves- Aniak	Nels Gusty- Stony River
Jack Boelens- Aniak	Harlen Waskey- Crooked Creek
Jonah Kameroff- Kalskag	Lanae Phillips- Aniak
Kiley Hayden- Sleetmute	Cheyenne Steeves- Aniak
Leo Morgan- Aniak	Aiden Byrd- Kalskag
Alysha Levi- Kalskag	Mika Levi- Kalskag
Francine Heckman- Kalskag	Mary Kelila- Aniak
Aiden Phillips- Aniak	Desirae Morgan- Sleetmute
Tatiana Bobby- Sleetmute	Wilson Avakumoff- Crooked Creek



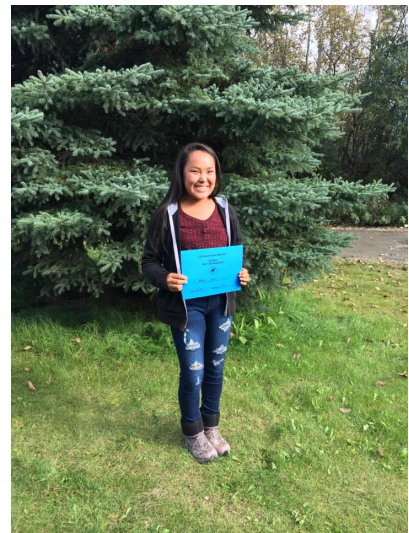
3rd-6th Grade



7th & 8th Grade



High School



Chuathbaluk Report

We experienced a great beginning of the school year with staff working on time, being cordial, and respectful towards each other. However, due to school supplies not being ordered from the previous year, we had to scramble for material, and school supplies. During the first day of school, we had no copy papers, and were not able to make copies because there was no toner for the copier. Basic school supplies weren't ordered. The school phones don't work, and although we have contacted the tech staff, we have continued to have multiple internet issues. These internet problems has caused us delays in getting reports done. Printers have not been able to connect with the computers because passwords have been changed multiple times.

Ms. Lemmert has been on top of this since day one, helping us out with getting needed supplies. The staff at CVSS is remarkable, even when we didn't have paper everyone worked together to find whatever we could use. Our janitor Henry Fryer even was able to find some paper at his old store he donated to us. We recycled papers in our classrooms to make up for what papers we didn't have.

I spoke with Ms. Lemmert, and let her know that we need a secretary, and janitor for more than four hours a day. When Denise Peterson leaves there is no one in the school to see who comes and goes out the school because both teachers are teaching at opposite ends of the school. We can't see who is coming in and out of the door. Also we have no phone system in the school that works so parents, or whoever is calling the school usually calls Denise or my phone. We need the school substitute list updated, and approved so we can call substitutes to work for us when our staff members are out.

If Denise has left for the day she is still handling school stuff for us. Denise helps with all reports, technical issues, phone calls to the district for me because I'm in the classroom. The janitor Henry is here every morning and afternoon. If we get a phone call that people are coming in he stops whatever he is doing and goes and picks up people from the airport or river. Henry has even been to Aniak several time to get supplies for us that could not come by plane or got left.

Some of the positive things going on at CVSS is the staff works hard every day. We have morning meeting every morning, where we all talk to the students. Marie, Evelyn, and I each talk to the students to encourage them. Sometimes we sing songs, and do native dances. Marie, and I just got back from the Excel Conference. We are going to incorporate quite a few activities to prepare students for the future. This week we are going to host a Potluck with the Chuathbaluk Traditional Council, and the community.

Submitted by Chuathbaluk staff.

Kalskag Reports

ZLES

I am beginning to get the language arts teaching thanks to Jodi and Emily.

I still do not have access to my BigIdeas online account...so neither do any of my students.

I went to the Excel workshop this past weekend and we are now participating in a grant that provides up to \$500 per month in supplies and materials targeted towards lessons that meet certain criteria...mainly exposing students to career related things.

We have 17 students in the ZLES 5th grade homeroom and they are all 1-4 years behind grade level in ELA so we are having 2 RTI intervention sessions per day, as suggested by our state coach, and working in small, ability groups with 4th and 5th graders together.

Stony River Report

Things are off to a pretty good start at Gusty Michael School in Stony River. Our Upper River Principal, Sharon Lemmert, and I spent quite a bit of time during the first several weeks getting the school grounds and building in shape. Outside, this included cutting and weed whacking the grass around the playground structure so that the playground equipment can be used once more. Also, when maintenance workers have visited they have been clearing brush at the edge of the school property. Inside the school and faculty living quarters we have been going through material and either discarding or donating to the community things that are no longer needed to free up space and get rid of clutter. Several weeks ago some broken windows in the largest classroom of the school were replaced. We are also in the process of shampooing the carpets in the school.

During school registration we had a potluck open to the community that was well received. Besides the meal, the community appreciated meeting with the upper river principal and superintendent.

The primary struggle at the site so far has been trying to fill the vacant posts. It has been extremely difficult being the only teacher and not having any teaching assistants to meet the needs of all the students. Occasional visits by personnel from the district office, however, have helped to relieve the burden somewhat.

I am enjoying the Stony River community and am settling in quite comfortably. It is our hope that stability at the site is being reestablished.

Submitted by Dean Lindstrom

Sleetmute Report

The Sleetmute Wildcats finished out the month of August with their first cross country race. We had runners from Aniak, Crooked Creek, and Stony River travelled to Sleetmute to compete. Sadly, Kalskag and Chuathbaluk were not able to make it due to weather. Students had the opportunity to run in several races of different lengths from a 1 mile, 3 mile, and 5 mile races.

Sleetmute Wildcats have concluded their cross country season after sending runners to both Rip the Ridge in Kalskag and the Moose Trot in Aniak. We are very proud of the effort and progress of our students this season.

We also had a chance to hold our first SAC meeting on September 3rd. We established our chair and vice chair and our secretary seat is still open.

Sleetmute will be hosting our annual Community Basketball Tournament on September 27-28. There will be a double elimination tournament in the gym and the Wildcat Grill will be selling various concessions during the games.

Teachers are figuring out how to make the online lesson planning work for them in an Upriver situation. Some struggles have been time to complete the online plans for 10+ lessons per day (as opposed to a paper copy plan book which is more user friendly for us) without a “lesson planning” time. It feels more like busy work than productive work and takes away from time that could be used preparing for the lessons.

Submitted by Sleetmute Staff

