

MKEA “Highlighting”

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JJSS

Johnnie John Sr. School in Crooked Creek is winding down the school year. We have completed all testing, (STAR and PEAKS). We have started a new cultural program in conjunction with the tribe and EXCEL. We do not have any graduates this year.

AJSHS



During quarter 3 of the school year the seniors applied to college, trade school or a job depending on their career outlook, many of them completed FAFSA applications, they then carried on to finalize their resumes for the year and acquired 3 letters of recommendation for any future applications to jobs the students may have. Fourth quarter, the seniors explored different careers, presented on their career where they determined all the needed certifications and training required, along with completing scholarship



applications for those headed to college or trade school. Next week the students will be finalizing their graduation speeches, sending in pictures to Mr. Boynton who has volunteered to create the senior slideshow, and the students will be decorating the gym for graduation on May 12th with a winter wonderland theme.

The Elder & Youth Gathering on April 25, 2018 focused on workforce skills. The Yupik Studies class practiced their leadership skills by preparing raffle prizes, gifts & questions to ask the 14 elders who participated. Approximately 60 students, parents & elders total showed up to the event.

CVSS

Crow Village Sam School had a wonderful Earth Day and have an Earth Day program at school on April 23rd. The Chuathbaluk Traditional Council gave 4 presentations and lead students in several activities about how we can help our Earth by starting here in Chuathbaluk (the new safe burner for "used fuels" at the city, changes in Alaska's weather, landfill safety, and river pollution).

CVSS is also busy planning our end of the year celebrations. May 11th will be our school wide pizza party to celebrate good behavior and successful PEAKS testing. May 22nd will be our preschool graduation. May 23rd will be our Awards Program, kindergarten graduation, and cookout.

AMNES

Ms. Emerie's kindergarten/1st grade class just finished up a weeklong solar system unit. We learned about all the planets and then made our own planets out of paper mache. It was a messy but fun project.

Ms. Emerie and Mrs. Morgan led a recycling project with the 2nd grade class and with the help of students; staff and community members the students collected about 240 pounds of cans. The 2nd grade students have been working

towards their goal of raising enough money to have a pizza party since November. They finally reached their goal last week and got their much-deserved party.

The second grade class has been bringing cans from home to recycle. The cans were brought to the Aniak Traditional Council's EPA program; they in turn ship them to Anchorage to be recycled. For Earth Day, students learned about the importance of keeping our Earth safe by reducing, reusing, and recycling. The ATC's EPA program donated soil for students to plant seeds as part of the Earth Day activities.



GMS

The school year is winding down quickly. Gusty Michael School is preparing to graduate one senior, Tyrel Gusty, on May 11th. The last week of April Eric Gusty participated in the NYO high kick event. The Native Arts class has completed fur gloves and they have begun qaspaks. Elementary students are working on electricity in science and writing biographies of famous people in social studies. Earlier this month we dissected owl pellets and identified the bones of different animals we found. We also researched different countries that we read about in Journeys.

On April 11th & 12th GMS hosted the Upriver Basketball Tournament. Students from Sleetmute and Chuathbaluk participated with GMS students. Four evenly matched teams played some fantastic ball, which was enjoyed by all.

At the end of April we sent two third graders and one fourth grader to the Upriver Arts Fair at JESS where they completed ulus, potholders, and wood burning projects.

On April 21st 10th grader, Eric Gusty, hosted the first EXCEL Community Event making Navajo Tacos for 35 people with the help of students, community members, and teachers. We look forward to the upcoming event in May.

In April all of the GMS students received new backpacks filled with school supplies to use at home to complete their homework. These were provided thru a grant from the Johnson O'Malley Program that the Stony River Tribal Council received. Thank you!

