

Report to the Copper River School District Board of Education

Kenny Lake School

February 21, 2007

First of all, I would like the Board to know how excited we were for Glennallen Elementary School when we received notice of their selection as one of just three Blue Ribbon Schools in the State of Alaska. Our Student Council has made a large card for Mr. Johnson and the staff and students of GES which our students have signed. I am sure it is as exciting for them as it was for us. We sure had fun with that award and I know they will also. The Blue Ribbon School logo is something GES will always be able to display in their documents and public announcements.

Our Junior High and High School Battle of the Books did very well this week in statewide competition. Our High School, competing for the first time at the state level, came in sixth in the entire state. Good for them.

I just left a meeting of our entire 7-12 grade student body. Chris Van Wyhe explained the recent amendment recommendations from the Student Council. There were seven of them! It was fun to watch how the kids listened to Chris describe the amendments and the need for the change to the Student Council Constitution. Kids can be such excellent examples for other kids...and Chris' servant leadership this year as President makes him the best type of role model for our students. I also appreciate Mr. Proch's exceptional service as Stu-Co Advisor. The vote on these changes is next Wednesday. I am not in favor of all of them so it has been interesting to see if the kids trust my judgment. I don't have the corner on truth either...so we shall see. Having raised seven kids, I am used to not getting my way!!!

The Kenny Lake School National Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society and our Chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society recently closed the application period for the 2006-2007 school year. The Faculty Council (Mr. Heinbaugh, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Friendshuh, Mr. Proch and Mr. Voley) met to deliberate on the applications for these three prestigious organizations. The following students have been approved this year by the Faculty Council and will be inducted next Tuesday night, February 27.

National Honor Society

Michael Ryan Helkenn
Danae Ariel Roe

National Junior Honor Society

Leah Ruth Carlson
Mariah Lynn Doty
Emelia Katherine Crawford Van Wyhe

Tri-M Honor Society

Leah Ruth Carlson
Mariah Lynn Doty

It is important for the Board to know that these outstanding national organizations have a GPA requirement which, if met, allows the student to apply for membership. After this

criterion is met, students have to show specific examples in an extensive application process of their leadership, service and character. We take this entire process very seriously here and when students are not selected, I as NHS/NJHS/Tri-M Chapter Advisor, work with the student to help them see their deficiencies and suggest possible avenues towards acceptance the following year.

Our NHS/NJHS/ and Tri/M Induction Ceremony will take place at 7:00 PM on the 27th and will also serve as an opportunity for our Band and Choir and Strings Class to perform a few selections from their repertoire. We appreciate Dr. Freeman-Toole coming down for this. It will be a fun evening!

It is budget time. I have set up an opportunity for public discussion concerning the challenges of this year's budget. Our staff will discuss these matters on the 26th. Our ASB is meeting on the 28th to do the same. These can be healthy times for our school community as we often have to think "out of the box" in order to make the necessary changes to assist in balancing the deficit.

Kenny Lake School held their local Indian Education Parent Advisory Meeting on February 7. Among discussion items, it was decided to hold an American Indian and Alaskan Native Celebration Dinner on March 21 at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Kenny Lake School Student Council will be calling from the Community Call list to invite community members. Our student leaders will make sure all our Elders are contacted and invited. We will have our elementary classes offering art for decorations and the library will also have a display. We are even trying to arrange Storytelling and have an Alaskan Native Dance presentation. The public is very welcome. I appreciate Mrs. Pierce's efforts in organizing this special event.

We have many events happening in the coming weeks. Most of these I have mentioned in the events list from last month's report. I want to make especially make sure everyone is again reminded of History Night, which is taking place on April 10 at 7:00 PM, the Kennecott Project Night, which is taking place on April 17th at 7:00 PM and a final musical performance before Music Regionals by our Band and Choir on the 18th of April at 6:00 PM.

Our basketball season is winding down as is the USA Hockey Season. JH Volleyball finishes up as well in a couple of weeks. Could it be possible that the Copper River Basin will hear the sound of "Hey, Get your peanuts, peanuts here!" and "Hey, hot dog man!!" "Fresh hot dogs!" That sound would mean only one thing...The CRSD's first ever home ASAA softball game, which is tentatively scheduled for May 3 against Monroe! We will see in a couple weeks if we have enough girls that really want to play.

Sincerely,

Reed Carlson, Principal
Kenny Lake School

