

Kenny Lake School

April 2007

Principal Report to the Copper River School District

Board of Education

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As I type, I am in the Anchorage area. I am laid up for a few days with surgery on my knee. Coming out of surgery, I heard one of the nurses say that except for the torn medial meniscus cartilage flapping in the breeze, I “had the knee of a 25 year old.” What in the world does that mean?

I would like to say a few words of appreciation to all the Kenny Lake School teachers and staff who pull together when I am gone. It can be rough when the principal is absent. I especially would like to thank Mrs. Rees who often serves as “Teacher-in-Charge” when I am in meetings or sick. While we often have a sub waiting in the wings should there be a major issue that needs Mrs. Rees’ full time attention, I appreciate the ownership and professionalism Mrs. Rees displays when she serves in this manner. I also very much appreciate Mr. Lorence who also serves as “teacher-in-charge” when I am gone on Wednesdays...as well as all the high school teachers who monitor the halls more frequently between classes and take turns assisting Mrs. Moore with bus departure and serve as lunch recess supervisor and detention monitor.

Wednesday Night, March 21, Kenny Lake School had their “American Indian and Alaskan Native Celebration Dinner”. The ideal for this came from our Local Indian Education Meeting a few months back and was finalized at the February meeting. Mrs. Lenard, our Chairperson of our local Indian Education Parent Committee organized this entire event. As I was in surgery today, I could not attend. However, when I called home tonight, Jan said that it was an awesome evening and very well attended. Besides the fabulous food, one of our students presented research on his Athabaskan heritage. Also, three more students presented an Athabaskan song with the drum background by one of our parents. Also two more students presented their AFN student report from their attendance at AFN this fall. Finally, the excellent Traditional Pot Latch video was provided by the Park for all to learn from and enjoy.

Before I forget, I need to mention some necessary, important, and unavoidable Kenny Lake School schedule changes and additions:

- The new date for Kenny Lake School’s illustrious “History Night” is April 24 at 6:30 PM. Whew, when dates have to be changed late in the year, it can be a nightmare. There is something happening every night it seems from here on in!
- The new date for the much-anticipated Kennecott Project Night is May 1. This will take place at 7:00 PM.

- Elementary Volleyball has had to make some adjustments due to scheduling conflicts. We will try to post the new dates on the web calendar as soon as they are solidified

Here are some additional April events!

- April 3,4,5, Spring Testing!
- April 6 Elementary VB in Glennallen
- April 9 High School Athletic Awards: 7:00 PM
- April 14 ACT Testing in Glennallen: 8:00 AM
- April 16 Progress reports!
- April 18 District-Wide Title VII Indian Ed Meeting in Glennallen: 5:00 PM
- April 19-20 Academic Pentathlon in Anchorage
- April 19-22 Region Music Festival in Tri-Valley
- April 23 Elementary/Junior High Athletic Awards 7:00 PM
- April 23 Possible Elementary VB in Kenny Lake at 4:30 PM
- April 24 History Night: 6:30 PM
- April 25 ASB/PTO Meeting: 5:00 PM
- April 26-28 Senior Trip to Anchorage
- April 26-28 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Seward

There is a softball meeting on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at lunch to determine our numbers and interest and commitment. The schedule is all in place. I have two people expressing an interest in umpiring. Mr. And Mrs. Rosen will be assisting me with coaching. I don't want to put the schedule out until I know it is a go. There is so much to do. I will be scheduling field work days in late April as our home opener is right now scheduled in early May. Want to help? The teams in our region are Eielson, Monroe, Delta, and Valdez.

After several years, it does appear that we will be having elementary wrestling at Kenny Lake. Practice start in early April to coincide with Glennallen's practices. Thanks Mr. Proch for getting this started.

I hope this Board Report is understandable. As I am in recovery a bit, I am not 100%!

Respectfully submitted,

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