

September 19, 2007

Dear Copper River School District Board of Education,

The 2007-2008 School Year is well underway! As you can see from the attached list of scheduled events, we are planning for another exciting year. It is always my hope that all the activities result in much productivity, fantastic memories, academic growth for all and a friendly, happy, and rich educational climate for our students and their parents.

I know the Board always appreciates knowing our exact numbers so here they are:

K	2	4	10	8	15
1	8	5	11	9	12
2	7	6	12	10	13
3	9	7	9	11	13
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Some highlights and additional facts concerning our enrollment:

- We have 59 kids in the K-6, 24 kids in the Junior High and 48 kids in the Senior High. With 48 students in the High School we are two students away from being classified a 2A school.
- We have 20 new students this year; 10 in the K-6 and 10 in the 7-12.
- On October 5th of the count last year we had 125 kids. This year as we approach the count period, we have 131 students. That is nearly a 5% increase.
- We have an increase from last year to this year of 16 Alaskan Native and American Indian Students. AN/AI students comprise 34% of our student population as compared to last year's 22%.

In mid September, Kenny Lake School held class elections. We do try to stress the importance of leadership every year. Our Student Council is made up of our 4 elected Student Council positions, our one appointed Activity Director position, the Board Appointed Student Representative to the Board position and the Presidents of each of the Classes. At Kenny Lake School this year the student leadership is as follows:

2007-2008 Kenny Lake Student Council

Advisor:	Mark Proch
President:	Chris Van Wyhe
Vice President:	Adrina Knutson
Secretary:	Dana Betts
Treasurer:	Michael Helkenn
Activities Director:	Danae Roe
KL Student Board Rep:	TBA
7 th Grade President:	Kegan Bowman
8 th Grade President:	Leah Carlson
9 th Grade President:	Tommie Lamb
10 th Grade President:	Alex Van Wyhe
11 th Grade President:	Garrett Rosenkrans
12 th Grade President:	Daniel Proch

The Kenny Lake School counts on these young leaders to set an example of excellent deportment and virtuous character in the classroom, in the hallways, during extra-curricular activities and events and in the community.

The Kenny Lake School staff has met to discuss our Adequate Yearly Progress results. Ten of our 76 kids who took the standards-based assessment and were here for the full academic year last year proved to be non-proficient in Math (13%) and 6 of our kids proved to be non-proficient in Reading/Language Arts (8%). While these scores appear to be “adequate”, in three short years these scores will not be good enough for Kenny Lake School to be considered as having “made” AYP. Obviously, even one student non-proficient is unacceptable. Our teachers have been working before school and after school drafting specific and creative non-proficiency intervention plans (NPIP’s) for these children. I have been asking our teachers to consider these three questions as they draft these plans.

1. What specific extra or alternate steps am I taking as detailed in this NPIP which is unique to the individual student and being accomplished during the day?
2. How have I involved the parents in this NPIP? (The KL NPIP must have a parent emphasis)
3. What am I using as a guide to make sure that this NPIP is being followed and does not become just a bunch of useless paperwork?

NPIPs are developed also for our younger kids who are showing to be non-proficient in reading, writing and math through more informal curriculum-based measurements and classroom observation. NPIPs are also developed for our older kids who may show to be proficient on SBAs and Exit Exams but are in danger of not graduating due to poor grades, attitude or attendance.

Our first traumatic incident drill is coming up next week (September 26). I am submitting a copy of our three drills that we have planned for this year. Our staff met extensively on September 6 to develop a leadership chart for evacuation drills and to make sure we all know our duties in an emergency.

We are very excited about Ray Voley’s selection as one of the four finalists for Alaska “Teacher of the Year”. The personal interview for Ray takes place sometime during the week of October 22 in Anchorage. We are Mr. Voley’s biggest fans here and know how deserving he is of whatever honors come his way. Good for him!!!

I can continue with so much more, but I better get this on to Kathy! Please call if you have any questions or just stop by! The coffee is always on in the workroom and usually someone has brought something to snack on as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Reed Carlson, Principal
Kenny Lake School