

Thunderbird Times

9th Grade The Class

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Lonnie Cavanaugh

By Tanessa Ashenfelter

I interviewed Lonnie Cavanaugh, our returning Business Manager for the Kake City School District. She told me that she moved back to Kake because she missed the view and her family. She also has no plans in leaving anytime soon.

With her job she is always busy, and it's never a dull moment. Her puppy, Bella, is doing well. She came in by her at 1:30 a.m. and she shared the pillow with her. Her dog also loves to eat!

Open house

By Louise Kadake

I interviewed Mr. Grimes about how the open house went. He said that, "There wasn't as much parents as expected, but it went very well." From 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. the parents went through the individual class rooms, and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. everyone met in the high school commons to discuss the new school year activities. Mr. Grimes said that, "It was the first time they ever did that at an open house." Some of the programs they talked about were cultural grants, PowerSchools, and the Alaska STEPP program. Falen Mills is the new Tlingit Language teacher for the Elementary, and Charlette Davis is the new Graduation Specialist. The school is currently still looking for a GED tutor.

I also had a chance to interview the Graduation Specialist Charlette Davis. She and Anthony Ross gave a presentation on a new program called "Reaching New Heights." This program will provide opportunities and prepare the students for life after high school. The students will participate in college and career fairs, and they will visit college campuses. Sometime this year the high school students are going to UAA to explore the campus. One of Charlette and Anthony's biggest projects is to have job shadowing for the students in mid-October. The kids will go to local businesses and get valuable job experience. They will learn to develop good work ethics and skills. Students will also take part in the application and interview process. This is a really great opportunity for our students!



Cross Country

By Martin Lopez

This is the recap of the 2011 Cross Country season which is now at an end. This year's Cross Country regionals was in Ketchikan. The high school runners that went were: Louise, Skyler, Nathan, and I. Jalen was not able to be on this trip because he had a family emergency. The season went by fast but I ended it with my personal record. Louise said that it was a good experience and that she could have done better. I think that this was a fun, but fast season, full of laughter, adrenaline, and lots of traveling. I cannot wait for next year's season and I encourage anyone that wants to push themselves on a day-to-day basis to join next year!!



Presented by, Margo Wilson

This is Margo Wilson, your Box Tops coordinator for 2010-11; I am stepping down from being your coordinator this year, 2011-12. I will no longer be collecting Box Tops this year for the schools. Instead Lorissa Evenson, (who is Kaleena Evenson's mom) will be collecting the Box Tops this year. I did not get a payment out for last year, because I had a very busy year, last year. I am hoping with Lorissa's help we can get a payment received in December, of 2011. Then another in May of 2012, so please save your Box Tops for your schools, it helps get free money for your schools, and they are able to use the money for things needed for the children of our schools. It is my hope to continue these Box Tops for Education for Kake City Schools. Lorissa Evenson: 907-723-7815.

CHILD FIND

Presented by, Stu Mach

The Kake City School District is conducting their annual Child Find initiatives. Federal and State laws and regulations require the school district make available a free and appropriate public education (F APE) to all school age "ages 3 - 21" residents of the district. Some children, with physical, mental, and emotional impairments may need special education in order to benefit from the educational program offered by the district.

Types of special services may include speech therapy, augmentative technology, counseling, individualized instruction, transportation, vocational planning, specially trained instructors, and services of consultants.

Children who are autistic, deaf and or blind, emotionally disturbed, hearing impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, multiple disabled, preschool delayed, victims of traumatic brain injury, visually impaired, or suffering other mental health impairment have a right to be served.

Possible indicators that a child may need special services may include not reaching certain age appropriate benchmarks such as; not being toilet trained, asking questions, walking up and down stairs, matching shapes and colors, speaking in short sentences, able to follow simple directions by age 3, or not being able to cut paper with scissors, be able to partially dress oneself, or playing with other children by age 4. If your child or someone else's child has difficulties in several of these area benchmarks, special services may be warranted. The services are provided free of charge by the local school district and are a right of every school a right of every school aged child.

If you know of or suspect that a child in this community may need special services in order to learn, please contact the Special Education Coordinator Stu Mach, or Principal/Supt. Corrina Guardipee at (907) 785-3741 so that we may arrange for that child to receive services.

E-Pals Update

By Brittany Bourdon



E-pals are like pen-pals, but it's a web site on the internet, and there is a bunch of different class rooms you can connect with. If there is a specific place you want to learn about, like Spain, you can connect with the teens/classrooms (via e-mail) and learn about their culture and where they live. There is a class in France that e-mailed our technology class. The ninth grade tech class has signed up for E-pals and we will be getting ready to e-mail some kids that are our age from France. When you are going to e-mail someone it translates from English to their language. E-pals is an awesome web-site. We have already emailed a class in France, and are currently awaiting their reply.



Elementary News

By David Friday

Mr. Catahay, Mrs. Mills, and Mrs. Davies would like to thank the parents for coming to the Open- House, and a special "Thank-You!" to Nicholas Davis for giving water to the people who wanted it.

Mr. Mach would like teachers, parents, and other students to check out the drafting board in the Vocational Education Classroom.

Reading Buddies

Presented by, Brenda Catahay

1st Graders and 3rd - 4th graders have teamed up as Reading Buddies this year. Reading buddies help students with reading fluency, self-monitoring and self-correcting while reading. It also helps older students become positive role models for younger students!





PRIZE



Help Support Your Kake High School Wrestling Team!!

High school wrestlers are having a Prize Bingo on October 21st at 7 p.m. Prizes will be from Costco as well as prizes donated by local businesses. Come support our high school wrestlers!!

PowerSchool

Parent & Student Login

Presented by, Jeff Vantrease

Recently we upgraded our Parent Logon portal so that parents can setup their own usernames and passwords. This also allows parents to have all of their children under one login. Old Usernames and passwords no longer work.

All students Grades 5 and up will have grades in the PowerSchool portal. Younger students will only have attendance. If your child does not know how to logon to PowerSchool please have them let their teacher know A.S.A.P.

Please contact Jeff Vantrease via email for detailed setup instructions.

jvantrease@kakeschools.com

Calendar of Events:

October

- 17th-20th RED RIBBON WEEK
- 22nd End of First Quarter
- 25-27th Parent Teacher Conferences (3:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.)
- 31st In-service Day—No School for Students