

Hoonah Schools Newsletter

January-February 2019

(Jan.) T'aawák Dísi: Geese Month

(Feb.) S'ik Disi: Black Bear Month

Hoonah Braves Region V Mix-Six Volleyball Champs

Congratulations to the Hoonah Braves Volleyball Team for their Regional Championship trophy, earned at home November 16th.

This message from Coach Jessie Dybdahl:

"The Braves Mix Six Volleyball team had an exciting season.

Heading into

Regionals at home in

2nd seed, we managed to defeat Gustavus 3-1 in the Championship and force the IF game - which we won 30-27. The support from the community was outstanding and I have no doubt that it was a big part in us keeping that 1st Place trophy here at home.

"We headed to State for an exciting week, enduring the 7.2 earthquake and all. The tournament was delayed, forcing two days worth of games into one. We fell two points shy of the State Championship game, but managed to end our season on a win over Kodiak ESS to take 3rd place overall. This is the highest we have placed yet as a Mix Six team and I couldn't be more proud of the strides our student athletes had made throughout the season, on the court and in the classroom." See page 13 for more about *Varsity Volleyball*.



Tesh Gray Wins State Award

Congratulations to Tesh Miller-Gray on being named 2019 Para-educator of the Year for the State of Alaska. Tesh has worked at HCS for 20 years, and has worked as the speech para-educator for much of that time.

Her supervisor, Special Ed. Director Sheryl Ross, comments: "Tesh is a wonder! She stands alongside our team for best instructional practices and social justice for children who have not experienced success. She believes every student has a voice and that voice must be practiced and pushed to meet their capacity as life-long learners. Though her day and schedule is full, I am still often surprised at the level of creative experiences she brings to each student. Tesh never gives up on a student. She is loved because she loves two-fold."



Gunalchéesh to Icy Strait Point . . .

for their very generous donation of \$5,375, presented by ISP Retail Director Eleanor Davenport and Human Resources Manager Jessie Dybdahl at an all-school assembly November 5th. Doing the honors of opening the envelope with the check was Sierra McClement, one of the HCS students employed at ISP during the summer. The donation represents the profits brought in by the Book Store at ISP.



Superintendent's Message

Greetings Hoonah Braves and Community,

Welcome to Semester Two!

We are gearing up for what we know will be a

rigorous final half of the year. You want to know what's ironic? As we now prepare to start the second semester, it calls attention to how very close we are to the end of the school year. Where has the time gone? It seemed like only yesterday we were entering the building for our first day of classes. Since that time, I welcomed you to a new academic year and asked for your support and participation in helping to define it. As a school community we welcomed new teachers, implemented our variable term schedule, developed procedures and communicated expectations. We started new traditions and rekindled old ones. Ultimately, we spent the first semester defining what excellence looks like as a Hoonah Brave. It has been busy. It has been challenging; but most of all, it has been gratifying.

So, we welcome this second semester with great enthusiasm for all that awaits us. Between now and year's-end, you can expect us to continue our pursuit of excellence, one child at a time. Our talented faculty is committed to pushing students to new heights while shoring up learning gaps. We know we have your support, but now we must motivate students to invest in themselves with the same depth that we have. During this half of the year, we look forward to the many ways to celebrate and recognize the good work of our students; we invite you to join us.

In sum, as we prepare to usher in the testing season and the close of the year, I will be calling upon you more than ever to partner with us to ready our students for the rigor that awaits them; I know I have your support. Therefore, I thank you in advance and look forward to sharing this second semester with you and your children.

All the best,

Ralph M. Watkins
Superintendent
Hoonah City School

Greetings from your School Board!

My column this time around is about the school playground.

After many years of fund-raising efforts, spearheaded for the most part by Sally Dybdahl, the first phase of a new school playground is planned to begin this summer.

Phase one will consist of the installation of safety surfacing and a set of swings.

Jeremiah Byers and I have experienced a steep learning curve. (There's a lot more to this project than we anticipated!) We have enlisted the help of the Southeast Regional Resource Center to facilitate the process. SERRC plans to solicit bids from contractors in February for project completion over the summer while school is not in session.

As always, I encourage anyone with concerns about the school to email me at huttonr@hoonahschools.org or call or text me on my cell phone (907-209-0996).
Gunalchéesh!

Bob Hutton
HCS Board President



Sally Dybdahl was honored at the October School Board meeting for her many years of service to the youth of Hoonah as Director of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. Pictured above with Board President Bob Hutton and Sally are three of the BBBS Program Resource Board members: Kathie Deitering, Diane Bean and Karen Mills.



Staff Spotlight On..... Mandi Eubanks



The Third Grade students recently interview their teacher for this newsletter. Gunalchéesh to the third graders for their reporting.

Miss Mandi is a cool teacher. She loves bubble gum. Her brother is 39 years old. She makes me laugh. She wants to go to new places, maybe. - *Neta*

Miss Mandi is our 3rd grade teacher. She is a loving, nice, and caring teacher. She loves gum, salad and likes traveling a lot. Her brother is 39. She is thinking about going to Southern Africa this summer. - *Makia*

My 3rd grade teacher's legal name is Amanda Jean Eubanks. She volunteered in Israel and taught in Texas and went to the University of Texas. - *Harlee*

My teacher is nice and she would prefer her nickname, Miss Mandi. She volunteered in Israel and grew up in Texas. Her parents came to visit last year. Miss Mandi is a cool teacher and is planning to visit Africa this summer. Miss Mandi is funny and loves to laugh and is smart. She has a brother that is about to be 40 years old in May. I love my teacher and she loves me back. -*James*

My third grade teacher loves to eat salad and she loves to travel. Miss Mandi is creative. She is a good teacher. My teacher is tall and nice. Her laugh is weird and she is not scary. Miss Mandi was born in Texas. - *Nevaeh*

Miss Mandi's legal name is Amanda Jean Eubanks. She grew up in Texas. Miss Mandi loves to travel. Miss Mandi wants to help kids learn. She was planning to go to Russia, but now she is planning to go to Africa. Miss Mandi is a loving and caring teacher. Miss Mandi loves salad. She was born in 1976. She is a bi-centennial baby. Miss Mandi likes to greet the 3rd grade class every morning. - *Reigna*

Miss Mandi is nice. Miss Mandi loves salad. On the first day of school, she brought a big bowl of salad and ate two bowls of salad. Miss Mandi loves gum and she shares it with us. She has traveled a lot and grew up in Texas. Miss Mandi is the best teacher I could ask for. - *Riley*

I think my teacher is wonderful. She is a great teacher and I think that she is smart. She gets mad sometimes, but it is not her fault. Miss Mandi eats a lot of salad. I love my teacher and she loves me. She is helpful, so this is all about Miss Mandi. She loves gum and she walks to school. Miss Mandi likes to get creative, that is why we have a money chart and that is another story. I will save that for later. *Jenna*

My teacher is funny. She grew up in Texas. My favorite day is Valentine's Day with teacher. We are going to miss you, Miss Mandi. - *Olivia*

Her real name is Amanda Jean Eubanks, call her Mandi. She grew up in Texas. She likes traveling and eats salads. She is creative and makes me laugh. She is the best teacher. Her parents are nice and came to visit us at Christmas. She likes Hoonah so far. She is thinking of going to Southern Africa this summer. - *Cece*

Miss Mandi is nice. She eats salad and on the first day at school, she brought a huge bowl. She loves gum and she loves laughing. Miss Mandi loves writing in cursive. - *Isaiah*

HCS Welcomes New Support Staff



Justen Samuels



Truman Gray

Justen Samuels and Truman Gray are new staff members here at Hoonah City Schools. We are so thankful for Justen and Truman joining the education staff and working so well with our students. We greatly appreciate how they have come on board and are using their skills and knowledge to help strengthen and support student achievement. They have become valuable assets to our staff here.

Christmas Bazaar THANK YOU's!

Thank You Hoonah! Hoonah City Schools is so grateful to everyone who came to our Christmas Bazaar in December. Because of the support of the entire community, we were able to raise \$1,096 from table rentals, Mystery Gifts and the Silent Auction. We also raised another \$416 from the Native Foods Basket raffle organized by Pearl Miller and Wilma Davis.

All the money raised will go towards funding the new elementary school playground. Thank you, Hoonah Travel Adventures and especially Ian Johnson, for contributing many Hoonah calendars to the cause. Ian sold a number of the calendars at the Bazaar, and allowed us a generous share of the money brought in.



A very special thank you to Paul Dybdahl, Lorrie Scoles, Chris Greenwald, Nicki Shelton, Daphne Wright and Sally Dybdahl for donating so many items to the Silent Auction table. And many thanks to Monica at Fish Bone Gifts, Stephanie at Brenners, and Eleanor at Icy Strait Point for donating such unique gifts to our Silent Auction.

A big thank you to Kris Skaflestad at the Youth Center for loaning us 11 tables, and to Paul and Sally Dybdahl for delivering those tables to the school. Thank you to Adam Gretsinger and the Boys' Basketball team for moving tables on Friday and making sure those tables returned to their proper homes on Saturday. And a big shout out of thanks to Bob Hutton, Teresa McConnell, Sally Dybdahl, Daphne Wright, Wilma Davis and Val Buffa. Without all your help, this fun and wonderful event would never have happened.

Editor's Note: And a great Big Thank You to Glenda Hutton, Bazaar Organizer Extraordinaire!

THANK YOU FOR BOOK FAIR HELP AND SUPPORT

The December Book Fair was very successful this year. Thank you to all who supported our school by purchasing books and other items at the Fair. Thank you also to the volunteer workers who made this possible. Thank you, Patricia Gardner, Matthew and Patrick, for hours of help hauling boxes, setting up and selling at the sale. Thank you, Carol Williams, for faithfully opening up at 3:30 so customers could get right in the door. Thank you, Renee Gray, for cheerfully helping with sales. And thank you, Halle Budke, for packing boxes and Nicholas Jacobson, for helping with moving boxes. The proceeds from the sale will go to purchase books and items for teachers and classrooms.

For all of you who enjoy the Book Fair, I would like to announce we will be having a second Book Fair in the

spring. This will be a time to stock up on reading material for the summer. I will keep you all posted as the time gets closer.

Mrs. Marti Lee,
Book Fair Organizer



More Thank You Notes

Gunalchéesh to Janet Taylor, for once again sending hand-made hats to our second and third grade students. See page 11 for a photo of the third graders wearing their new hats. Ms. Taylor also sent a donation of Boxtop\$ for Education.

Gunalchéesh to Malinder Niper, who lives in Middleton, NY, for sending an envelope full of BoxTops for Education, to help us with our Playground Fundraising. We also received Boxtops from Phyllis Sakioka in Costa Mesa, CA. We appreciate the support of our friends near and far!



Tlingit Language Program News

The fourth-fifth grade class welcomed special visitors recently when one of their classmates received his Tlingit name. Ty Perdon, a Chookaneidí clan member, was given the name Gooch Shaayí. Lgéik'i Heather Powell told the class part of the story behind the name, and explained how Tlingit people get their names. Special visitors included Grace Villarreal, one of Ty's Chookaneidí grandmas, and T'akdeintaans Carol Williams, Melvin Williams and Wilma Davis.



The fourth & fifth grade class had special visitors for a Chookaneidí naming lesson.

More Language Program News

The fifth graders are busy preparing their introduction speeches to present at our annual **Heritage Celebration Ku.éex' on May 3rd**. Please note that the date has been changed from April 26th due to a scheduling conflict.



Chookaneidí clan members

Gunalchéesh to **David Crouch** and his woodshop students for cutting and sanding small white boards for use in the Tlingit Language classes.

Gunalchéesh to **Karen S. Mills** for helping to construct the kanat'á kahéeni hít (purple house) for the Tlingit classroom. We have already used it for practicing for Trick or Treat, and will be using it for practicing Going Places verbs.



Second graders using white boards during Tlingit class.



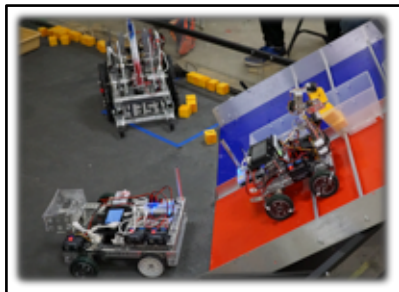
Third graders & white boards



The pre-school students have been practicing naming body parts in Tlingit; we use "Shá K'únts" (Potato Heads) to practice and have fun too. We also use stuffed animals to reinforce our Tlingit language learning.



Robotics Season Wrap-up Report



What a memorable and fun 2018-2019 season this has been for the Hoonah Robotics Club. We divided into two teams this year: *Mighty Mega Marshmallows* (Nakima Budke, Alejandro Contreras, Alona Howland, Kaida

Irvin) and the *Space Unicorns* (Gary Glover, Izaak Jacobsen, Kelly St. Clair, Leah Moss, Leif Gray, Sarah Haube, Teddy Elliott, Teresa Lewis).

More than half of the team members started in pre-season with the World of Robotics elective taught during the new Phases schedule. In the first two weeks, at 3 hours a day, the students built 6 robust robot bases, designed and customized scoring attachments, programmed their robots for both autonomous and driver controlled modes, and competed in a simplified yet full-sized game. This jumpstart meant that most of the Hoonah Robotics Club had already stepped through all the milestones of an official robotics season before the season had even started!

Hoonah's preparedness from the Phases (and simply the greatness of our students when focused and enthused) meant that our teams took 1st and 2nd place at the mid-season Southeast Robotics Scrimmage at Thunder Mountain HS in Juneau October 27. By mid-season our teams had



Space Unicorns: Izaak, Sarah, Theodore, Kelly, Coach McLuckie, Gary, Leah, Teresa



already rebuilt their robot bases and developed complex scoring attachments. None of the scoring mechanisms from any of the other southeast teams worked very well, so Hoonah also brought

flexible game strategies in both offensive and defensive game play that maximized their scoring abilities.

Back in the Phase schedule, part 2 of the World of Robotics elective, our students learned to design and edit objects on the computer and print those objects to a 3d printer during the school day. Then after school in the Hoonah Robotics Club, those same students designed or edited custom parts for the robot. Parts included gears, plates, spools, signs, mounts for batteries and electronics, and more. At the Southeast Robotics Qualifier in December our teams' robots had more 3d printed custom parts than any other team in Southeast!

Our teams were warned: when you hold 1st and 2nd place standing, you become the target of every other robotics team. By the Southeast Robotics Qualifier, our teams' robots were the best yet, but some of the other teams' robots had improved even more. The *Space Unicorns* had a good showing through the 6 qualifying matches, each time tweaking their robot for better play. They were the youngest team and in their rookie year, so they show promise for future seasons. Our *Marshmallows* were an Alliance selection for semi-finals, won the prestigious Design Award, and were the 4th team selected from southeast for the State Championship Tournament. Yahoo!



Coach Ben McLuckie and the Marshmallows at State: Alejandro, Nakima and Kaida

The *Marshmallows* did Hoonah proud at the Alaska State Robotics Championship in February. They persevered as a team through all the qualification matches and made their last match their highest scoring match even though their robot underperformed with a host of mechanical issues. Team *Trial and Error* from Thunder Mountain HS won State and will be advancing to the World Robotics Competition in Houston Texas in April - this is the team the *Marshmallows* beat in October! The *Marshmallows* have decided they will make it to World's next year, and since they are all 8th graders this year, they actually have 4 more years to accomplish that goal.

The successes of the Hoonah Robotics Club were made possible by the generous support from Hoonah City Schools, parents, community members, 1% Student Activities Fund, Hoonah Trading, and more. Thank you!

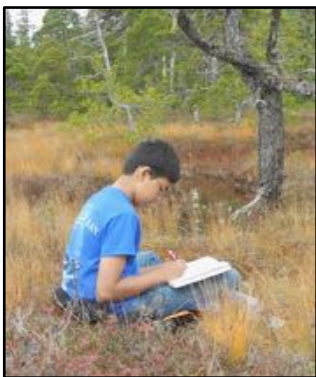
The Art of Observation: Sketch Explorations in Grades Three Through Eight

Anyone can learn to draw — and use that as a tool for discovery, personal growth, and brain development. It's all about learning to focus — and observing deeply in order to see in terms of simple shapes, angles, and lights and darks. Then you just develop the skill of manipulating the tool (for example, the pencil or pen). Presto, something three dimensional appears on a flat piece of paper!



That's the core mission of Sketch Explorations: drawing to learn rather than just creating pretty pictures. As long as the sketcher learns something, the drawing is a success! These learnings are not just about the self-discipline of producing art, but also about science, geography, or whatever subject the art is incorporated into. And with repetition and focused practice, those pretty pictures *do* inevitably result.

This fall semester, the middle school Sketch Explorations elective was paired during the middle/high school phases with Renée Gray's Creative Writing elective. Divided into two groups, the fourteen students spent half of the three-hour block creative writing and the other half developing their drawing skills. On the Sketch Explorations side, the students had ninety minutes a day with the visual sides of their brains turned on, practicing all the techniques of observational sketching.



After exploring foundational skills, we spent much of the first Phase outside in the sun (and occasionally the rain) field sketching. Equipped with their field kits, students drew and annotated trees, plants, and simple landscapes. During the second Phase, the students learned about color theory and watercolor painting and started developing illustrations for stories they wrote in the Creative Writing portion. During the third Phase, we continued to practice

observational drawing, learning simple principles of composition. Students applied these skills to their finished story illustrations and pen and ink natural science drawings.



In conjunction with the Phases, the fourth and fifth graders have also been learning to draw from observation, working first with feathers and next with birds. In January, the third grade learned about the language of shapes in order to draw the continents.

All this continues after school on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, thanks to the 1% Sales Tax for Student Activities. The After School Open Art Studio (open to interested students grades four through twelve) provides a relaxed setting in which to develop new art skills, use new media, and work on age-appropriate projects.



Gunalchéesh to Stephanie Harold for this article and photos. Renée Gray taught the Creative Writing portion of the class. Her report follows:

The students who signed up for the Art/Creative Writing class had an opportunity to use both the right and left side of the brain. During this class, the students learned a variety of skills to enhance their creative writing techniques. We practiced using voice, showing not telling, and painting pictures with our words; modeling of these skills came from reading short stories and looking at these skills in writing.

Each day began with free writing to get our creative juices flowing. The goal for each student was to write a

creative story that involves the details about nature they learned in Art. Ms. Harold provided opportunities to look closely at the details in nature, and then they would use those specific words and descriptions to paint pictures in their story.

Each student took their story through the complete writing process and produced a book with their art as the illustrations. The class ended with a Readers' Tea to share their stories with each other. Besides writing fiction stories, the students authored a variety of poetry.

Fall Carnival Thanks

After two years without a Fall Carnival, this year's event, held on November 3rd, was well-received and very well-attended. An event this big could not happen without many people pitching in to help. Aatlein gunalchéesh (Many thanks) to all those kind folks who helped!



A BIG Gunalchéesh to City of Hoonah Liquor Board for \$1,000 and an additional \$1,000 from the City.

Other Cash Donations to support the Carnival came from: Icy Strait Brewing, Coutlee & Sons, Rivers Alaska, and Taku Fisheries

Donations to the Auction were received from: Icy Strait Point, Hoonah Trading Company, Icy Strait Lodge, Kris Skaflestad, Brenners, Fishbone Gifts, Hoonah Treasures, Fisherman's Daughter, Hoonah Travel Adventures, Tideland Tackle, Goldbelt Mt. Roberts Tramway, Jack Lee, JJ Pate, Elleana Elliott, Harbor Marine, Glacier Winds, Piper Grant, Gavin Grant, Bullwinkle's, Subway, Domino's, Rie Munoz Gallery

Auctioneer: Luke Meyer

Auction Assistants: Jen Bidiman, Renee Gray

Free Freight deliveries from Juneau were donated by Alaska Seaplanes.



Ticket Sellers: Ladonna Dybdahl, Ralph Watkins, Bob Hutton, Grace Villarreal, Glenda Hutton, Heidi Jewell, Jen Bidiman

Volunteer workers at the Food Booth: Kathy KAZ Harris, Mary Beth

Moss, Tina Martin, Jay Erickson, Tara Irene, Bob Hughes, George Westman, Karen Hinchman,, Dennis Gray, Jr., Cecelia George, Deb Picken, Truman Gray, Mona Brown, Wilma Davis, Mark Smith, Karen S. Mills, Carlie Brown, Adrien Lee, Sally Dybdahl

Food Booth Juneau Shopper: Phyllis Grant

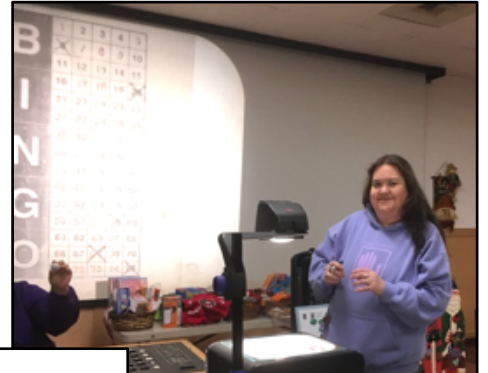
Money Counting Help: Karen S. Mills & Amy Stevenson

Food Booth Donations were received from: Hoonah Trading Company, Hoonah Travel Adventures, Colette's Cupboard, Hoonah Liquor, Costco, Icy Strait Point, Karen S. Mills, Julia See & Lorenzo Florendo, Terri Budke, Daphne Wright, Jolene

Watkins, Mark Smith, Debbie Picken, Mary Beth Moss, Julie Jackson & Denise Gray, Melvin Williams, Judy Brown, Christina Dick, Dodie Lunda, Renee Gray, Ladonna Dybdahl, Sally Dybdahl, Hoonah ANS Camp 12

Baked Goods for the Bake Sale were provided by: Sally Dybdahl, Deb Picken, Glenda Hutton, Kathy Marvin, Karen Mills, Daphne Wright, Phyllis Tischer, Nicki Shelton, Chris Greenwald, Mark Smith, Sarah Lampe, Kelli Gretsinger, Kathie Deitering, Sheryl Ross, Clark Brown, Adrien Lee, Carol Williams, Marti Lee, Stephanie Harold, Kristi Styers, Wilma Davis, Val Veler, Grace Villarreal, Mary Beth Moss. We also received a cash donation from Aaron St. Clair. Gunalchéesh Idakát yeewhaan! (Thank you, everyone!)

The Bake Sale proceeds will be used to support the Tlingit Language Program.



Community Volunteers who helped with the K-1 Class

Bingo: Marjorie Dick, Brian Shepard, Carlie Brown, Dodie Lunda, Amy Courtney. Thank you also to staff members who pitched in to help the K-1 teacher,

Christina Carrick: Judy Bitz, Marti Lee, Adrien Lee.

Bingo Prize Donations:

Thanks to Fisherman's Daughter, Ralphenia Knudson, Christina Smith, Marti Lee, Anne Sharclane, Sheryl Ross, Daphne Wright, Sally Dybdahl, Sommer Marvin, Judy Bitz, Brenner's, Tideland Tackle, Icy Strait Lodge, Laura Colburn, Shelly Yandell, Tammy Goshong, D&L Woodworks, Dodie Lunda, Wilma Davis, Lorrie Scoles, and Ladonna Byers. And thank you to the person who donated bags of coffee.

Cake Walk donations to benefit the third grade class came from: Dodie Lunda, Terry, Mary Erickson, Jay & Tara, Terri Budke, Archie Brown, Marti Lee, Anne Sharclane, Kristi Styers, Riley, Billie Jack, Harlee Brown, Tesh Gray and Grace Villarreal.



From the Carnival Organizing Committee, Renée Gray, Jen Bidiman, Sally Dybdahl, Ladonna Dybdahl, Daphne Wright—Thank you all!

Our apologies if we have left anyone off this list.

News from Preschool

The preschool group is learning about so many interesting topics this year and we are engaging in fun activities to broaden our understanding of these topics.

We are observing and describing the weather in English and Tlingit. We are learning the names of the seasons and how our world changes around us with each new season.

In December, just before Christmas break, we completed a unit of study about baking. With the help of Adrien, the students measured ingredients to make a tasty trail mix to bring home. We also made gingerbread people from scratch and decorated them. Thank you, Kaz, for baking the cookies for us. You left them in the oven for just the right amount of time and they turned out so good!



We have studied bears and other animals as well. The students really enjoyed using their imaginations in the bear den while taking turns using the bear costume. We read fiction and nonfiction books about animals. The students understand which animals are wild and those that are pets. The students also learned the characteristics of a mammal and practiced deciding if an animal was a mammal or not. To round out our learning, Mrs. Wright has taught us the names of many animals in Tlingit. Gunalchéesh, Mrs. Wright, for teaching us Tlingit animal names and weather words, too.



This month we are studying dinosaurs. This is an exciting unit for many preschoolers. At the sand table the student paleontologists are digging up miniature dinosaur skeletons. We are learning that dinosaurs were reptiles who laid eggs. We put together a large dinosaur puzzle with the help of every student during small group time. The students who put the last pieces in place were so excited when the two-day project was finally completed! Their perseverance and team work paid off.



Of course, we are working so very hard daily to learn our ABC names and sounds. We practice our numbers and we are counting a lot, too. We have many skills to sharpen so we can be successful in kindergarten and beyond. The students have a few more months as preschoolers. As parents, students, Anne Marie, Adrien and I keep working hard, while embracing the wonder of learning, I believe the students will make great progress.



Mrs. Lee

Kindergarten-First Grade Class News

Second quarter was a busy one!

Learning how to read takes a lot of hard work. The students are doing a great job with this important skill. Individualized practice with specific reading skills on the Lexia computer program, along with daily lessons, are motivating the students to become better readers.

In math, we have been working on many concepts such as two and three dimensional shapes, patterns, basic addition and subtraction, and money (pennies and nickels.) Counting and ordering numbers continues to be a focus. We were excited to celebrate the 100th day of school at the end of January.

In science second quarter, we learned about the seasons of the year and also lots of fun information about the moon. Above, our class posed in front of some of our moon art. At right, students work on their art projects.



We hope you enjoyed “Hoonah’s 12 Days of Christmas” at the Elementary Christmas performance. The students did a fabulous job of memorizing and singing this song.

Congratulations to Mrs. Carrick and her family on their new addition – baby boy, Josiah – born in December.

It has been a pleasure to work with 18 enthusiastic and energetic K/1 children. I appreciate all the help from Ms. Judy Bitz and Ms. Marti Lee.

Mrs. McConnell, Substitute Teacher

Tlingit Language Class: In the K-1 Tlingit



class, we update our calendar each day, naming the month and date in Tlingit. We also count from the first day of the month all the way up to



the current date. Another thing we do with the calendar is find patterns in the images that are used for each month. For example,



January is T’aawáƙ Dísi (Geese Month); we had four different birds that made up our pattern: t’aawáƙ (Canada Goose), kéidladi (seagull), gáaxw (duck) and digitgiyáa (hummingbird.)

About this newsletter: this publication is a project of the Hoonah City Schools Native Education Program. Since 1986, we have been using this as a means to inform families and the rest of the community of what is happening at school. Comments, questions and suggestions can be emailed to newsletter editor Daphne Wright at wrightd@hoonahschools.org. You can find this newsletter posted on our school website also.

Third Grade News

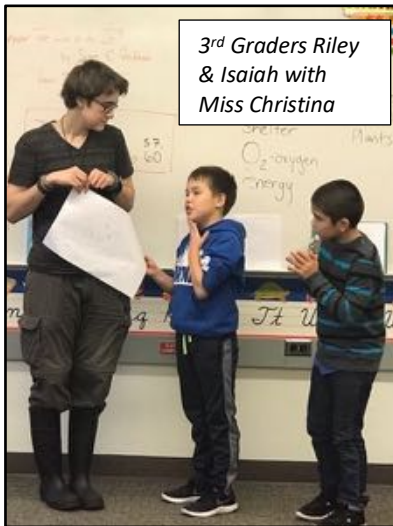
The third grade is excited about the New Year. After an exciting and successful end to 2018, we extend our special thanks to Mr. David Austin and the Senior Center for their support of our Christmas program. Also, a very grateful, “Gunalchéesh”, to Mrs. Wright for teaching us “Silent Night”(Lulikátlk’i Xáanaa) in Tlingit.

We enjoyed special visitors second quarter and wish to hoot and howl for Miss Christina for teaching us about Hoonah wildlife. She was on furlough from the Forest Service and generously spent her time with us. We learned so much about our surroundings, specifically, her specialty - birds, perfect for the month of T’aawákl!

Also, Miss Stephanie Harold brought classical learning to our midst with art lessons. We focused on basic shapes found in our continents. With so much happening, we are still forging ahead with our reading fluency and making headway with multiplication and division. Ready or not – fourth grade, here we come!



The third graders work on their bird study while wearing their new táakw s’áax’u (winter hats) hand-made and gifted to them by Janet Taylor, sister of Diane Bean.



3rd Graders Riley & Isaiah with Miss Christina



Second graders know how to have fun at recess, especially when we have snow!

And From the Second Grade

Class. . . The second-grade students would like to share what they have been learning so far by writing their own sentences with their new understanding of quotations:

“Children need to learn no matter what!” said Ava.

“I like writing because we write sentences,” said Matthew.

“I have been doing art,” said Tank.

“I like to do chemistry in my classroom,” said Charlie.

“I like science because we do crazy stuff!” said Ashley.

“I made some glue and I used a lot of ingredients,” said Gabe.

“My teacher cut an apple in math class,” said Joseph.

“I love science,” said Corbin.

“I’ve been doing chemistry and we have a lot of science,” said Kenlee.

Fourth-Fifth Grade in Pictures



During second quarter the 4th/5th grade worked on two projects in the Wood Shop with CTE teacher David Crouch. (photos above)

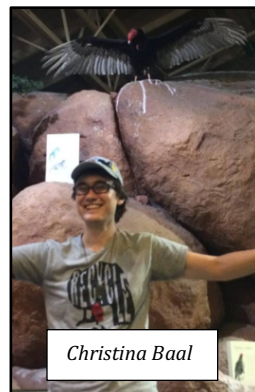
Robotics instructor Ben McLuckie dropped in on one of the 4th/5th daily computer coding sessions. (photos left & right)



Environmental educators Christina Baal and Erin Lehnert of the US Forest Service both visited our class to speak on ornithology and select birds of Hoonah. ↓



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Art instructor Stephanie Harold taught us to hone our scientific observation skills through bird drawing lessons.



Christina Baal



Erin Lehnert



More News from the State Volleyball Tournament

The Hoonah Braves not only brought home a 3rd place finish but they also brought home some individual recognitions: Ethan Gray was named to the All Tournament Team. Josh Wright was named Player of the Game during the Brave's pool play. Liyah Jewell was named Player of the Game in our game to get us into the semi-finals, and Tyler Watkins was named Player of the Game in our final game versus Shishmaref.



Awards at Regional Tournament:

All Academic: Ethan Gray.
 All Conference: Ethan Gray, Tyler Watkins, Josh Wright
 Good Sports: Liyah Jewell, Sierra McClement

Congrats to all of the Hoonah Braves!

Hoonah Braves, Region V Mix Six Champs! Back row: Xaviery Sharclane, Christian Austin, Tyler Watkins, Josh Wright, Ethan Gray, Coach Jessie. Front: Liyah Jewell, Sierra McClement, Ashlyn Gray, Aiyanna Williams, Hallie Wilson, Olivia Morrison, Arianna Hinchman.

Middle School Basketball Coach's Report

The middle school Braves basketball hosted the Kake Lions for three home games. Then, we traveled to Kake and explored; there was even a huge storm! Every game played by our athletes is a battle and always a thrill to watch them fight until the end. They practiced and worked very hard--- every year they are getting better. The Lady Braves team had a very close away game with Kake that came down to the final seconds of the game, but fell short by 2 points. The boys hustled even when numbers were low, and anyone who knows Southeast Alaska basketball knows that the competition between Hoonah



and Kake goes way back. If you want to make new friends and go on fun school trips, join Middle School Basketball next year; it's the most fun you will ever have!



Coach Miguel, Shawn Mills, Tyrell Cromer, Alejandro Contreras, RJ Didrickson, Edward Austin



Coach Miguel, Kali Harris, Kaci Jewell, Leah Moss, Alona Howland, Teresa Lewis, Susan Bradford. Front: Krista Howland, Atkaheen Budke, Cheyanne Jack, Aubree Hinchman, Gracie Carrick

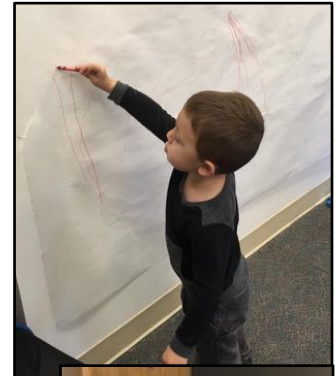
Assistant Coach Rebekah Sawers

PAT (Parents as Teachers) NEWS

A big thank you to all you families who have jumped right into the program and have made it such a success thus far; it is your families that make this program possible.



Starting in January, we now have playgroup two times a month. The first one took place on January 10th, but otherwise the playgroups will be on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 10 am to noon. Playgroups are held in the PAT Room, which is located on the top floor of the Erickson Building at Hoonah City School. PAT will have different topics for discussion during that time. However, PAT wants to hear from you as well: what do you want to talk and learn more about? At each group there will be a sheet available to list what you hope to gain and learn



from PAT and other parents in the program. This will be your opportunity to let PAT know what you desire.



What is PAT? It is Parents as Teachers! This program is a fun early childhood development program that focuses on the four main domains of development: Motor, Language, Cognitive, and Social-Emotional. We bring fun activities that help your child and family to enhance these areas of development which can help your child lay a foundation for school readiness. PAT is not just about the child in the program, it's about helping the



family in any way possible. Parents as Teachers aims to help families connect to the resources needed to help the family wherever possible.

Not enrolled in the program? Have questions? No problem—call Jamie at PAT (907-723-4576) and we can get you scheduled. Watch for announcements for **Baby Raven Reads** as well, which is open to all PAT families.

Photos on this page are from PAT playgroups and from Baby Raven Reads from earlier in the fall.



Hoonah Recyclers Update

Access to our recycling container is still available, even though we've had some snow this winter. Feel free to call (907)209-9326 if you'd like to donate metals or if you'd like to volunteer to work SOME Saturday or Sunday for an hour. Our work benefits Hoonah, our planet, and youth-friendly projects locally.

Thank you for donations since last fall: Minnie & Jimmy Dalton, Paul & Sally Dybdahl, Phyllis & Jeff Tischer, Wm & Mary Johnson Youth Center, Paul & Mary Comolli, Jessie Dybdahl & Jeremy Martin, Daphne & Frank Wright, Elena & Howard Diamond, and Debbie

Picken. Hoonah Recyclers thank Paul Dybdahl, Hoonah Harbor Dept., and Alaska Marine Lines for helping make our efforts possible.

Special thanks to Customer Service Representative Mary Comolli for years of making it easy for us to ship our container to Seattle Iron & Metals, for answering our questions, and providing head's up care for our group. We wish her the best.

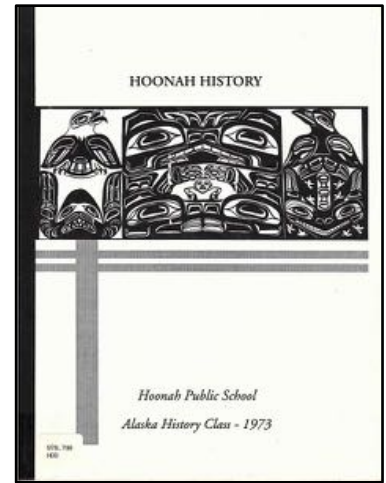


Huna Heritage Foundation in the School and in the Community

Huna Heritage is committed to maintaining and fostering a strong, positive and meaningful relationship with Hoonah City Schools for the benefit of our children, youth, families and community. We are proud to be an active partner in the *Supporting Transitions and Educational Promise in Southeast Alaska* (STEPS AK) grant project that focuses on identifying and implementing seamless “Cradle to Career” programs, services and supports.

HHF recognizes the importance of supporting our school and the impact of collaboration. Huna Heritage sponsored a film viewing in partnership with the school in November to foster community engagement. The film, *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*, is a movie based on the award winning and acclaimed novel by Kent Nerburn based on true events in Lakota Country. Community members, students and school staff attended the event and concessions were provided by school groups and the local Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 12. HHF looks forward to co-hosting more community events with Hoonah City Schools.

Another exciting project recently completed is the digitization of the *Hoonah History Book* written by the Hoonah City Schools Alaska History class in 1973. This book is the only one of its kind and access is very limited, available only at several libraries in the State. Because this book tells our local history and is full of Hoonah stories meant to be shared and enjoyed, both the school and HHF were excited to make it available on the Huna Heritage Foundation Digital Archives, online at archives.hunaheritage.org.



Hoonah ANB Basketball Team 1958. HHF Photo Collection, #PH001_001_003

Basketball has been a long-held tradition in Hoonah, and locals’ love for the game continues. According to the Hoonah History Book, “The first basketball team was the Hoonah Athletic Club (H.A.C.) in 1916 and 1917. The starting five were, Frank O. Williams, Leslie Johnson, Jim McKinley, Eli Sharclane, and Jack Brown. Some of the other players were, George Carteeti, Jim Wright, and coach Albert Judson. There were no planes in those days so the team traveled by boat. It took about two days to get to Juneau. The teams that H.A.C. played were Kake, the Kake A.N.B., Angoon, Juneau, Haines, and the Sitka A.N.B.”



Hoonah ANB Champs 1930-31 Back Row Left to Right: Leslie Johnson, Sr., Charles Metjay, Robert Grant, Sr. Front Left to Right: Oscar Osborne, Frank O. Williams, Sr., John Lindoff. HHF Photo Collection, #PH002_003_070



1965 Hoonah High School Braves. Standing, L to R: Sharon Wright, John Jack, Ernie Jack, Pat Mills, Frank See, Jr., George Lindoff, Roger Koenig, Tina Mercer. Kneeling, L to R: Karl Greenwald, Jr., Danny Flake, Sam Hanlon, James Lindoff, Butch Mills, Jo Jo White, Frank Wright, Jr. Bobby Gray Collection, #PH_003_001_HHF_198.

Huna Heritage is interested in any basketball

photos that community members would like to donate to be scanned and shared on the HHF Digital Archives. All photos will be returned to the owners after scanning. Because basketball is such a large part of our community’s history, we would love to capture this on our online archives for the enjoyment of current and future generations. Please contact Amelia Wilson for more information on how you can contribute to our collective history and community pride.

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Dates to Remember

Region V tournament Juneau	Feb.27-March 2
End of 3 rd Quarter	March 14
No School---Teacher Workday	March 15
Spring Break	Mar. 18-22
Staff Inservice	April 25-26
HCS Heritage Celebration <i>Ku.éex'</i>	Friday, May 3
Class of 2019 Graduation	May 10
Last Day of School	May 16

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A Request from the Yearbook Staff: If anyone has pictures from middle school basketball, please email them to Lora Jett at jettl@hoonahschools.org so that they can be included in the yearbook. The yearbook staff would greatly appreciate these and any other pictures taken at school activities that anyone would like to share. Thanks!!



BoxTop\$ for Education collections continue. Thanks to Hoonah citizens, \$1599.07 in lifetime earnings have been submitted for Hoonah Elementary School. Send your Boxtops to school or put them in collection boxes at Colette's Cupboard, Hoonah Trading, and HIA. Every dime helps!

