

Hoonah Schools Newsletter

March-April 2019

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(April: Kalatgi Dís)



Wooch.een Wednesday Brings Families Together

We had a very successful Wooch.een Wednesday event on March 13th, with over 100 in attendance. Families enjoyed a dinner of Sisterhood Stew, prepared with the help of the visiting NC State students. After dinner was the opportunity to play either *Lingo* (Tlingit Bingo) or *Quizlet Live* using Tlingit words and phrases. The evening ended with a jam session and door prize drawings. *Gunalchéesh haat yee.aadí* to all those who were able to come.

Gunalchéesh also to Darrel Brown, who sent over a variety of goodies from Juneau that were used as prizes. He made the donation in memory of his mother, Emma Brown.



L'eiw tu Éesh Visits HCS

"Ax toowú yak'ei haa yóo x'atángi sh tóo yeeltóowu. *Gunalchéesh haa yóo x'atángit yi.aadí.*" "I feel good that you are studying our language. Thank you all for coming to the language," said L'eiw tu Éesh, Herman Davis, L'uknaḵádi Clan Leader, when he paid a visit to our school recently. He first met with the elementary students, then went over to the secondary side and spoke to the middle/high school students. Before he left the elementary, the students shared a few songs with him. The 5th graders asked if they could say their introduction speeches for him; he was only too happy to listen to their speeches and to encourage them to continue learning.

North Carolina State Students Volunteer at HCS

Gunalchéesh to the students from North Carolina State, who came to Hoonah on their Spring Break. They came to volunteer in the school and the community; this has become a tradition, and we look forward to their visit each year. In this newsletter are pictures of them as they interacted with our students in a variety of ways, and some writing by the third graders about their college friends.



Mark your calendars for Friday, May 3rd, when we will hold our 29th annual HCS *Ku.éex'*. Our program will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Alumni Gym, and will be followed by lunch, served by the Raven students, this year's hosts. Everyone is invited!

See page 4 for more information.



Superintendent’s Message

Parents, Staff and Community Partners,

As we move closer to the end of this school year, our vision of “An Excellent Education for Every Child Every Day” inspires our classroom instruction and drives our decision-making processes. We strive to provide a rigorous academic program to every student in our care while helping them develop strong character and community and cultural values. Our positive, safe, and engaging learning environments are filled with a variety of programs and services to meet the learning needs of all our students.

As Superintendent /Principal of Hoonah City Schools, I can assure you that our students are our number one priority. As we enter these final weeks of school, we will continue our commitment to our students.

Thank you for sharing your children with us each school day. If there is ever a time I can assist you in making your child’s experience at Hoonah City Schools more positive, please contact me by phone at 907-945-3613 or by email at watkinsr@hoonahschools.org.

Ralph Watkins
Superintendent/Principal
Hoonah City Schools

Greetings from your School Board!

The board accepted Island Contractors’ bid for our playground during our March 28 meeting.

Phase One of a new school playground will become a reality this summer! Construction will begin on or after May 22, and is scheduled to be completed by August 9. For safety reasons, the school requests that community members not visit the playground site between those dates.

The board would like to thank all of the many people who contributed during so many years of fund-raising efforts, spearheaded for the most part by Sally Dybdahl, who has reminded me that it was the **Hoonah Fun & Fit Partnership** that took on the task of raising funds for this project, back in 2015. Key members of that group were Judy Hankla and Candy Keown. We would also like to thank the taxpayers of Hoonah, since part of the funding for the project is coming out of the 1% tax that is designated for school activities.

Funds are still being raised for phases two and three of the project which will result in two additional play areas.

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). Gunalchésh!

Bob Hutton
HCS Board President



At their March meeting, the School Board recognized Tesh Gray, who was recently named the 2019 Para-educator of the Year for the State of Alaska.

Spring Book Fair News

We tried something new and held a Spring Book Fair this year. It turned out to be such a fun event! The highlight of the Fair was seeing students spend time reading pages from books they thought were interesting, or hearing parents and guardians read aloud parts from one of their favorite childhood books to their child. There were many who purchased books, journals, pencils, erasers, bookmarks, spy kits and more. It was our hope to get books and other learning materials into the homes of families to keep them reading all summer long.



Thank you, Patricia Gardner, for your encouragement to try this, for your expertise in Book Fairs and for petitioning AML for free shipping of our return books. Thank you, Alaska Marine Lines, for agreeing to help us with shipping. This all adds up to more books in classrooms and homes for all to enjoy. We appreciate your support very much.

Thank you, Mr. Watkins, for your continued help and support of this event. Thank you too, to Corbin Harris and Jeremiah Byers, for hauling the book boxes to the band room, and to Fran Dalton and Patricia Gardner for helping to arrange

the books for display. Thank you, Nicholas Jacobsen, for helping us pack up and checking with us all along the way to offer your help. Thank you too, Val Buffa, for helping us with packing. Thank you, Kelli Gretsinger, for help with cash and deposits. Finally, thank you to each and every one who came in to look at the books and purchase some to enjoy. Your support is the reason we are able to do this and helps promote reading on so many levels. Gunalchéesh, everyone!

Marti Lee, Book Fair Organizer

Congratulations to Sophia Henry

In February, HCS twelfth grader Sophia Henry sat for and successfully completed the exam to become a certified EMT 1. Ms. Henry was



one of Hoonah's first participants in our EMT training course here in the high school. During first semester, Sophia, along with six other students, participated in the EMT/ETT course, taught by Kenya Skaflestad.

All the students completed the course and were awarded that recognition. However, in order to sit for the exam, you must be at least 16 years old. Sophia met that requirement. The other students have up to 2 years from completing the course to take the exam when they reach the age of 16. We are so proud of



Sophia, pictured (second from right) with her instructor Kenya Skaflestad (seated), and several of her classmates.

Tlingit Language Program

Prepping for Ku.éex'

The Elementary Tlingit Language classes are busy getting ready for our annual **Heritage Celebration Ku.éex' on May 3rd**. The fifth graders are learning their introduction speeches in Tlingit and in English, and in the case of one student, in Spanish as well.

The fourth grade students will present a language chant and explain to the audience what each line in the chant means. They are also practicing one of the traditional songs that were written by our own students.

In the third grade, the students will present a skit, "Goosa Wé Yanéekw?" (Where Does it Hurt?)

Students in the K-1 will perform songs and dances with the second graders. Preschool and Head Start students will get their time on the stage as well. They are practicing several different songs and chants. We hope that everyone will come and join us for our annual celebration.

Donations Needed

Donations are requested to help our Raven students host our ku.éex' this year. We can use: herring eggs, halibut or salmon, berries, food items to be given as gifts, such as jars of smoked fish, jam, jelly, or seaweed. We could also use cash donations to help buy supplies for the lunch that will be served to all of our guests. Please contact Daphne Wright (723-1223), Carol Williams (723-0723) or Heather Powell (738-5555) if you would like to make a donation, or if you want to help in some other way, such as with setting up or serving during the event.

Gunalchéesh to Sally Dybdahl for making game materials for use in the Tlingit classes, and for putting up ku.éex' photo posterboards around school. Gunalchéesh to Sally and to Karen S. Mills for help with proofreading this newsletter and other assorted tasks that help make the Tlingit Language Program run more smoothly.



Second graders practicing Tlingit language using "Tlingit Games", an app from Sealaska Heritage Institute.



Gunalchéesh to NC State Students

During their week of volunteering in our school, college students from North Carolina State were active participants in Tlingit language classes. They joined the third graders in playing card games and helped the fifth graders figure out how to use the digital cameras as part of the Kids with Cameras

program. They also played *Quizlet Live* with the fourth graders, and worked on Tlingit games on iPads with the third graders.



Cultural Education Programs in the Middle & High School

Native Art and Language are being offered during the second semester Elective Phases in the secondary grades.

Yéil Koowú

Students are learning the ancient art of Raven's Tail Weaving- Yéil Koowú. Huna Heritage Foundation granted funds to purchase weaving kits for all students, and Mr. Dave Crouch helped the students create frames for students to weave on. Under the instruction of Heather Lgeik'i Powell students are



creating a 5-inch bag, with the box of daylight design.



Students worked together to learn how to design a woven square. Each square

was to include a story of the students journey in language and the importance of weaving modern day learning with traditional language, stories, song and dance.

Aunty Carol Williams also came to class to show students how to build and use a heddle (a small loom), used to make the bag straps.



College Credit

In addition to learning this amazing skill, they are also learning Tlingit Language under the instruction of both Heather Lgeik'i Powell, and Marsha Guneiwti Hotch. Two of our High School students are currently receiving UAS Tlingit Language 105 college/ HCS

High School DUAL CREDIT! (Olivia Morrision, and Jermaine Johnson)

Regalia Making

Carol Williams is teaching a regalia-making class with nine students. The students are learning the traditional methods of constructing a button blanket, from selecting the right material, to using the correct way to measure, to the step-by-step construction of the robe. The students are given all of the materials to make one robe, and are encouraged to teach others what they have learned.



HCS Cultural Education team members Heather Lgeik'i Powell, Carol Yeidukdudei Williams and Daphne K'ashGé Wright with Herman L'éiw tu Éesh Davis of the L'uknaḡ.ádi clan during his recent visit to our school.

Culture Camp

Stay tuned for details about Culture Camp in Hoonah this summer. Dates will be announced soon.

Wooch.een Wednesday Pictures



The Byers boys and dad Jeremiah at Wooch.een Wednesday.



From left: Aryah, Makia, Carissa, Kim, Neveah, Leland and Andrea enjoying dinner at Wooch.een.



ANSEP

Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program

Six of our middle school students were selected to attend the two-week ANSEP program that is being offered through University of Alaska Anchorage. This free middle school program looks to give the students the college experience, while focusing on Science, Engineering, Math, and Technology.

Congratulations to Richard Didrickson, Kali Harris, Leah Moss, Teresa Lewis, Kaida Irvin and Nakima Budke!

These students had to apply and be accepted to the program based on their grades in Math and Science. They also have to be on pace to be taking Algebra 1 by 8th grade. They are being housed in the dorms with a student from another school, eating at the university cafeteria, and experiencing daily life at a university.

During this two-week period, the students will be working with other middle schoolers around the state. They will have access to some of the newest Science and Engineering programs, as well as building their own computer, which they will get to bring home. They also will be dissecting squid and testing structures on an earthquake simulator table.



A huge thank you to our chaperone, Adrien Lee, for watching over them. It will be a rich experience for her also, because she will be witnessing first-hand what these skilled students are learning and creating. We will look forward to hearing about their experiences from the students when they get back home.

Welding Elective Offered in Middle/High School

Hoonah City Schools offered an Elective Class this year called *Introduction to Cutting & Welding* for the students in middle and high school. The instructor is Eli J. Derenoff.



**Gary Glover
vertical welding**

According to the course description, the purpose of the Welding Elective is to allow students to explore and build interest in the welding trades as a viable career choice. The Alaska construction forecast for 2019 is expected to grow by 10% for a total of \$7,224,000 in construction spending. Wage and salary in the construction trades is expected to grow 5.8% to employ 164,000 Alaskans! Within the private industry, petroleum spending will increase 13% for a total of 2.73 billion dollars, mining spending will increase 18% for a total of \$265 million, and utilities will increase by 2% for a total of \$459 million. The public sector spending will see an increase of 13% for a total of \$710 million, highway and roads will have an increase of 6% for a total of \$682 million, airports, ports, and harbors will have an increase of 3% for a total of \$424 million. Our students at Hoonah City Schools can get an early start in the trades so that they can have a viable career to support themselves and their families.



Kelly St. Clair

Course Objectives:

Safety: Personal protective equipment, brazing, cutting, grinding, and welding.

Brazing: the joining of two like or unlike metals, repairing holes, playing in the weld pool or playing in the puddle.

Welding: striking an arc, tack welding, laying a weld bead by controlling the weld pool, welding two pieces of steel.

Writing from the Middle School Class

Ode to summer

Ode to blue skies and kids full of joy
Hanging out at the park.
Ode to sweet snacks and hard laughter
While hanging out with friends.
Ode to big fireworks and pretty colors like a smoke bomb
On 4th of July.
Ode to drama.
Ode to sweet movie nights and lots of fun
With family.
Ode to going outdoors to go
camping and fishing
Ode to whales jumping in and out of the water
while their beautiful tail slaps the water like a pretzel when you dip
it
Into nutella.
Ode to traveling to different places and
seeing a beautiful sight.
Ode to going to Gold Medal and watching
the basketball
Games while the basketballs fly into the
hoop multiple times.
Ode to a great summer.
~Susie Houston



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❄️ Ode to snow ❄️

To snowball fights that can get carried away
To snowmen that wait for you outside in the cold
To snow angels watching over you when you're playing in
your forts

Ode to the crunching of snow underneath your feet
To the snow covered trees that dump powder on our heads
as we brush against them

To the crystal covered trees that sway with the wind
To sledding on bellies to sledding on sleds
To snowshoeing and tripping, falling into holes

Ode to long days that come to an end quickly
To warm fires and blankets
To memories of fun laughter and games
from the day

To momma that makes the most rich
cocoa

To papa that made the sledding path

Ode to the snow that brought all the
adventures
To the snow that melts away to water the
grass

All just to give Spring a warm welcome

By: Leah Moss, Grade 7



Ode to Music

Chaotic or peaceful
Loud or quiet
Complex or simple
Happy, sad, or angry
They're all options

Tossed at your feet
Just waiting for you to want one
Whether you play it through a speaker
For everyone to hear
Or through headphones
As your own noise to block out the rest

Fast or slow
Pop, rock
Or both
Rap, classic
Or odd songs that no one ever really
Knows the genre it belongs to
Joy, anger,
Or joy for anger
It's all there for someone else's fun
Whether it makes sense or not
There's always a song to find comfort in
Whether you need it or not



Hollywood Undead
Lindsey Sterling
Breaking Benjamin
Beethoven
Eminem and/or Post Malone
All creators of random sounds put
Together in a way they wanted everyone else to hear
They left the option of liking it or not up to us
Not caring if we never listened to their music again

Every word of every song means something to someone
The writers knew hate was bound to come their way
But they still put out songs
Knowing someone would find something in it
Whether it was intended to be found or not

Nakima Budke
2-7-19

My Ode

Ode to feeling the world fade away
To being with the music when no one else would stay
Ode to the moment your nerves
come alive
When you're dancing there watching
time fly by
Ode to rising up and falling just as
fast

To be completely free at last

Ode to following the rhythm of your heart

To coming together even though your falling apart

Ode to losing all control

To flowing with the music and finally being whole

Ode to dancing in the rain

To being so lost in the beat that you don't feel the pain

Ode to the raging butterflies

When you first step out and light up like a forgotten sunrise



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Susan Bradford, 8th Grade

Preschool News

In Preschool the learning and fun continue! The students have engaged in creative building while listening to calming music and have ridden tricycles for large muscle development in the gym. We have experienced great Tlingit lessons with Mrs. Wright and had fun times while sharing a book with our friends.

I am sad we have less than a month left of our time together. But we will keep working hard to learn our ABCs names and sounds as well as how to write them. We will work with numbers and counting and patterns.

And we will keep practicing how to be a good group member. Ann Marie, Adrien and I are ready for our last few weeks together with the preschoolers. We will give it our best to help each wonderful child reach their full potential and be ready for kindergarten next year. Let the learning and fun continue until the last day of school.



NC State students Jimmy, Anthony, Samantha & Christian with the K-1 grow tent.

News from Kindergarten—First Grade

Kindergarten and First grade is a fun place to be! The students are doing a great job in reading, writing, and math. They have also been learning quite a bit in Science. In March we had the North Carolina students in our classroom. They helped us construct a new grow tent where we will put our tomato plants. In April, we planted our tomato plant seeds and they are already beginning to grow. We will try growing a few other things to learn about the life cycle of a plant. Our tadpole has been ordered and will be coming in the mail soon. We are excited to see it grow and change.



Second Grade Class News & Pictures

The 2nd grade class has been working hard this year! They have finished their Journeys

Reading Program. The students will continue to work in math, science, and writing for the last few weeks of school. Thank you to the Jewell Family for all their support!



PAT----Parents as Teachers

The school year is almost to an end--- BUT NOT PAT! We will remain open through the summer! PAT looks forward to working with all the families and helping enhance their school readiness all year long. Joining the PAT team is Adrien Lee. Adrien will help with future playgroups and will help with prepping playgroups as well. PAT has recently added Tot Swim for the PAT families who have their home visits completed. We will have Tot Swim twice a week until May 4th, on Wednesday at 10:30 and Saturday at 1:15.

What is PAT?... Parents As Teachers! This program is a fun, early childhood development program that focuses on the four main domains of development including, Language, Motor, Cognitive and Social-emotional skills. PAT brings activities to the home (or to classroom if needed) to help enhance these areas of development to optimize your child's education through fun activities. PAT also holds playgroups for the families to come and do a variety of activities from reading to painting and much more. PAT is not just about the child in the program; it's about helping families connect to available resources wherever possible.



If you have a child age prenatal to 36 months and are interested in the program, please call Jamie at 907-723-4576 and get enrollment started.



Gunalchéesh, NC State Students!

The students from North Carolina brought energy and enthusiasm to the elementary students last month. Their Wolf Pack chants rallied our Hoonah Braves for the final week of the third quarter, inspiring many of them to envision future college careers.



Playing Tlingit games on iPads in Tlingit class with Shayan from NC State.

In third grade, we enjoyed lessons about nutrition, aviation, watercoloring, and herpetology to keep our curiosities peaked.

Side by side, our collegiate colleagues read with us, assisted us with math and spelling, and taught us new games in recess.

We will miss you and look forward to seeing you next year, friends. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to come to Hoonah and support our precious children. Gunalchéesh!!!

The third graders did some writing for this issue of the newsletter. Their three topics were: NC State Students, How to Be a Good Friend and Miss Diane.



Playing Memory with Tlingit vocabulary cards with Anthony from NC State.

My favorite memory of the NC students is they were fun and they taught us. Sam taught us about planes. He wants to return to the Navy. Julia taught us how to make fruit and vegetable smoothies. Josie and Anthony taught us about their school. They make their own ice cream called Howling Cow. Emily taught us about snakes. They are all cool. I hope they come back next year!

-Makia



How To Be a Good Friend

Loving
Kind
Playing
Happy

Read with them.

Walk to school with them.

Get their computer.

Get their headphones for them.

Do not bully them.

Make jokes with them.

Talk to them.

-Harlee



What Makes a Good Friend

being KIND

not bullying

being LOVING

HELPFUL

HAPPY

keeps you SAFE



treat people how you would like to be treated...

-Neta. ©4/2/2019

Mrs. Diane is awesome. She loves chocolate and peanut butter. Mrs. Diane loves to travel--- she also got invited to have tea with the Queen of England but did not go. She has met Prince Charles before. She also met President Bill Clinton. When Mrs. Diane was young, she had a raccoon named Sarge. They would fight over the bed every night. She had a lot of pets and has also walked a cheetah before. The End.

-James



I liked the NC students playing with us at recess. Shayan, Jake, and Sam were the fastest.

Miss Diane is very nice to us. She gives us cookies every day. She loves us.

-Olivia





Miss Diane gives us cookies every day. She loves reading with Hoonah City School second and third graders. She reads with us every single day. It is fun reading with her and she makes funny jokes. Her favorite colors are pink and red. She loves chocolate and peanut butter and wild cats coming to her porch to eat. She lets us play basketball on her porch. In Africa, she met Prince Charles and turned down a chance for tea with the Queen of England.

-Neveah



Mrs. Diane reads with with 2nd and 3rd grade students because she wants to connect with them. She wants to improve children's reading. She met Prince Charles in Botswana. She lived in lots of different countries. Her favorite movie is "The Blind Side." Mrs. Diane wants everybody to BE KIND!!! Her favorite meal is hamburger. Mrs.

Diane said LIFE SHOULD BE FUN!!! She had a funny raccoon as a pet named Sarge. Her favorite cookies are no-bake cookies. Her favorite cake is chocolate with peanut butter frosting. Miss Diane has four daughters. She had a pet squirrel. -Reigna

Mrs. Diane loves to travel. She loves to improve children's reading and reads with the second and third graders. She gives out cookies because she loves children. She takes care of squirrels and wild cats at her house. In Africa, she met President Clinton and was invited to have tea with the Queen of England, but she didn't go. She also met Prince Charles in Botswana.



-Riley

Miss Diane gives me cookies every single day. She has been living here forever. She has been living here for more than 100 days. She has been giving other kids cookies. You have to rush before other kids get to her

house because there will be no more cookies. If you walk in slow motion, you are not going to make it there, so you are going to have to run for a cookie. My favorite cookies that she makes are brown with chocolate inside of them. Then, she has peanut butter granola bars, 2 granola bars. She leaves food out to feed her wild cats.

-Justin

It is really cool that Miss Diane gives kids cookies after school at her house. She loves kids and cares about kids. She helps us read outside of our classroom early in the morning to make sure we can be good readers. Miss Diane makes me happy because she is kind and she smiles a lot.

-Neta



Queen Diane

Is a very special person
in my life.
She helps us read books.
She wants us to be
smart



and
learn.
She loves us all.

LOVE,
HARLEE

My memory from the NC State students is when we were in the gym and Sam came. We said, "Do you want to play cops and robbers?" Then, we raced. Sam, Riley, and I won. We went out to recess. We played with the girls, Sam and Christian. The game was called tag. At lunch, me and the boy, Sam, had an eating race. I said, "I quit!" Then, I ate fast and I said, "I win!" and he said, "You quit!" I said, "I got you!" We raced at the club and that is all the times that we raced. On Friday, we all went to the dance, even the NC State students came. It was fun!



-Jenna

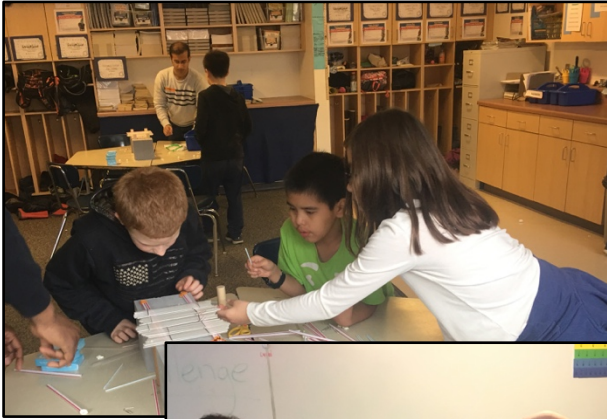
When Mrs. Diane was little, she and her raccoon always fought for the far side of the bed. Chocolate is her favorite candy. Pasta is her favorite dinner. Her favorite color is red and pink. She met a president and a prince. She loves to travel. She used a litter box for the prince to wash his hands in. She loves Hoonah so much. She got married two times. Her first husband died. I was sad. I love Mrs. Diane.



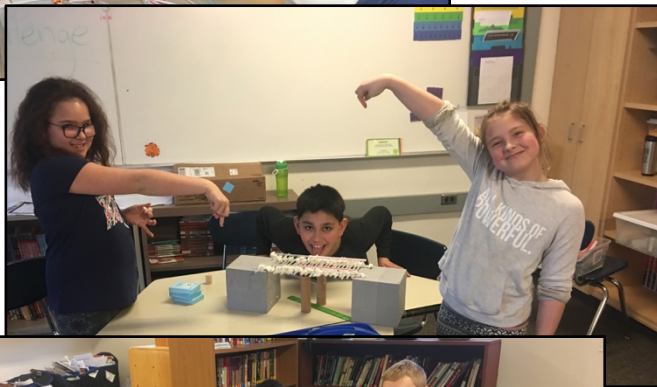
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News and Pictures from the Fourth-Fifth Class

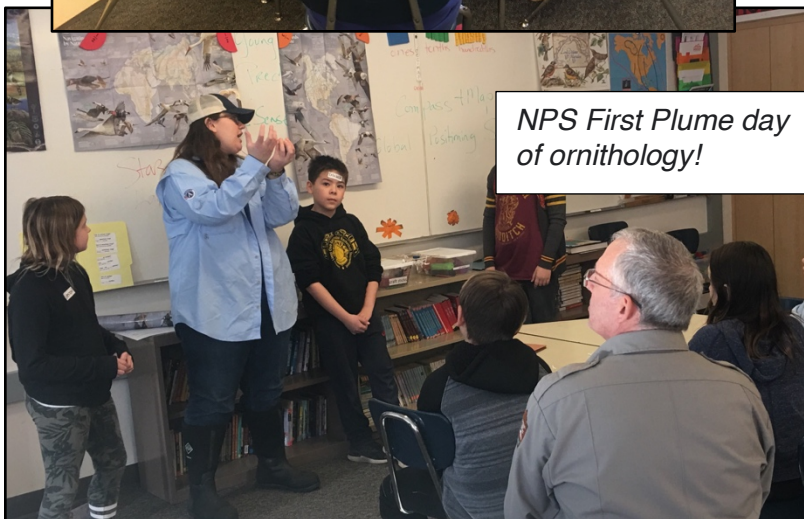
The 4th/5th graders read 1,000 pages in the month of March to match the nearly 1,000 miles dog teams travelled in the Iditarod! Musher's who complete the race earn a prize of about \$1,000. Student readers who finished earned a penny a page and received a \$10 gift card to Hoonah Trading. Many thanks to parents who contributed funds!



Bridge building to learn physics



Working with North Carolina State students



NPS First Plume day of ornithology!



Hoonah Boys Varsity Basketball Team



Hoonah Braves: Cooper Ross, Ethan Ruerup, Christian Austin, Tyler Watkins, Josh Wright, Ethan Gray, Esias Kohler, Jermaine Johnson, Levi Woodbury

The team had a very successful 2018-19 basketball season. We ended up with an overall record of 17-8. We started the year off by hosting our Icy Strait Basketball Tournament, where we ended up placing 2nd to JDHS JV. Josh Wright, Ethan Gray, and Tyler Watkins were all named to the All-Tournament Team.

Heading into the Region V basketball tournament we were seeded 3rd. We ended up losing to Hydaburg on a last second shot Saturday morning. Ethan Ruerup and Jermaine Johnson both received the Good Sport Award. Josh Wright and Tyler Watkins

were named to the Region V All-Conference Team.

I am very proud of the effort that the team gave this year. They played very well together and were an exciting group to watch play. I would like to say thank you to the community of Hoonah for all the great support throughout the basketball season. You all provided us with a great atmosphere during our home games, and your continued support for the team is amazing.

Thanks, Coach Gretsinger

Girls Varsity Basketball Season Wrap-up

The Varsity Girls Braves basketball team had a busy, yet fun season. We traveled to multiple communities and battled until the end of every game. Our focus this year was on growth as a whole team; playing through mistakes, developing our own individual skill set, and always having a smile on our face at the end of every game knowing we gave it everything we had.

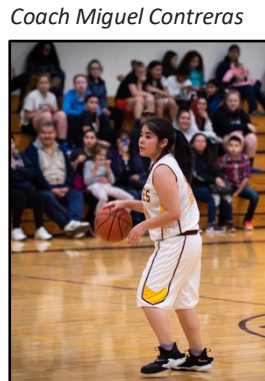
A couple of our Lady Braves received awards at the Region 5 tournament held in Juneau. Hallie Wilson and Teresa Lewis received the Good Sport award; this award is given for those who show sportsmanship and positivity throughout the whole season! Great job!

I hope the team stays together because their chemistry is strong, they have a willingness to learn, and they are willing to work hard.

The Braves would like to thank Frank Wright, Rebekah Sawers, and anyone who donated time in the gym. I would like to thank the Hoonah Lady Braves for the opportunity to coach them this season. I had an amazing time and experience and can't wait for next season!



Back row: Hallie Wilson, Alona Howland, Aiyanna Williams, Olivia Morrison, Coach Miguel. Front: Sierra McClement, Cheyanne Jack, Teresa Lewis



Thanks to Ian Johnson for the action shots of the Girls team.



Huna Heritage Foundation in the School

Hoonah City Schools (HCS) and Huna Heritage Foundation (HHF) continue to work together to perpetuate the Huna Tlingit culture and promote education for future generations.

Huna Heritage was invited back to the school by Alaska History teacher Adam Gretsinger to share video footage and photography depicting local history from the Huna Heritage Digital Archives. The students were able to be the first to publicly view HHF's newly developed short film on the 1944 Hoonah fire. This film was produced by HCS alum Melissa Fisher as part of a project to create a series of six short films from previously uncut video recordings on Hoonah culture and history. June 14 of this summer will mark the 75th anniversary of the Hoonah fire. Huna Heritage plans to collaborate with others to commemorate this devastating and historic event for the community.

The Huna Heritage Digital Archives is a website dedicated to preserving and providing access to material of historic and cultural value for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations. Please consider donating copies of your photographs for others to enjoy now and into the future. You can access the digital archives website at archives.hunaheritage.org



Front Street after the fire showing charred pilings of our lost waterfront homes.



The U.S. Navy provided meals aboard their ship for Hoonah residents after the 1944 fire.



The Greenwald family looks through the debris and remnants of the fire.

SAVE THE DATE

Memorial Day is Monday, May 27, 2019! Huna Heritage will be providing free boat transportation to Pitt (Graveyard) Island for the community from 2 – 10 pm from the airplane float dock at the harbor. Contact Amelia Wilson for more information at Huna Heritage 907-789-8582.



2019 Hoonah Fishing Derby WEEK!

Sponsored by: The City of Hoonah and the US Forest Service



Schedule of Fishing Derby Week Events:

- ❖ **Tee-shirt Fish Printing!** May 28th from 1:00-4:00pm- Kéidladee Park
 - *Please bring a spare t-shirt to paint on, as ours may be limited in supply & size*
- ❖ **Casting Contest!** May 29th from 1:00-4:00 - Kéidladee Park
- ❖ **Fun Run/Walk!** Thursday, May 30th at 4:00pm- Kéidladee Park to the Cannery and back
- ❖ **“THE 30TH ANNUAL HOONAH KIDS FISHING DERBY”**
Friday, May 31st 11am to 3pm at Icy Strait Point, Cannery Beach. Event parking at ISP turn around and the guest parking lot. Thank you ISP for your continued support of this Community Event! *(Kids need to register with a parent or guardian in front of the Cookhouse prior to fishing to be eligible to win Derby prizes.)*
 - **Fishing Derby!** 11:00am- 2:00pm
 - **Lunch!** 12:30pm- 1:30pm
 - **Clean-up!** All day...Please be a good guest!
 - **Derby Prizes Awarded!** At 2:30pm- Must be present to win!
- ❖ **Tee-shirt Quilt!** If you have any past derby shirts from 2006 or earlier, please consider donating for the Quilt! – shirts can be dropped off at the Forest Service Office. Thanks!

Interested in **volunteering** to help with these events? Please contact Marlene Duvall at **945-1206** at the Forest Service, or the Hoonah City Offices at **945-3663**

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| Earth Day City Clean-up | April 20 |
| Staff Inservice—No School | April 25-26 |
| Bike Rodeo at Kéidladee Park 1:00 | April 27 |
| Activities Banquet | April 30 |
| HCS Heritage Celebration <i>Ku.éex'</i> | Friday, May 3 |
| Jr/Sr Prom | May 4 |
| Elementary Beach Day | May 6 |
| MS/HS Academic Awards | May 9 |
| Class of 2019 Graduation | May 10 |
| Field Day | May 14 |
| 8 th Grade Promotion | May 15 |
| Last Day of School | May 16 |

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It's all about memories!!!

The yearbook staff has worked very hard this year to create a quality hard cover yearbook filled with lots of great photos that will provide smiles and memories for years to come. We are currently taking pre-orders, and we will also be selling them once they arrive in early May. The price is only \$20 per yearbook. Reserve your yearbook now by pre-ordering. Forms are located in Ms. Jett's Room (Room 416).

Thank you for supporting the yearbook staff and Hoonah City Schools. Please feel free to contact Lora Jett, Yearbook Advisor, if you have any questions. jettl@hoonahschools.org

Gunalchéesh to former HCS Principal Lorrie Scoles, who donated a beautiful Spring Flowers quilt to help us with our playground fundraising. We held a raffle and drew the winning ticket on April 6th at the Head Start Bazaar; Owen James was the



lucky winner. Gunalchéesh to the following students who sold raffle tickets: Ava Didrickson, Easton Ross, Dietrich Lewis and Jora Savland. Gunalchéesh to Sally Dybdahl for organizing the raffle.