

Hoonah Schools Newsletter

May 2018

Kayaani Dísi: the month when grass starts to sprout



Congratulations to the Hoonah High School Class of 2018

Nine Hoonah students received their high school diplomas May 11th. Class speakers were Salutatorian Sacajewea Bigelow and Valedictorian Jerry White III. Special Guest Speaker was Candace Aderman, a former Hoonah teacher who worked with the students when they were in middle school. Ms Aderman spoke about the powerful influence of Hoonah families on the students. She said, *"You have been told since infancy, 'You can do it, little one!'"* She concluded her remarks with *"Hoonah Senior Class of 2018, know that our world can be a positive place, that you can accomplish what you want,*

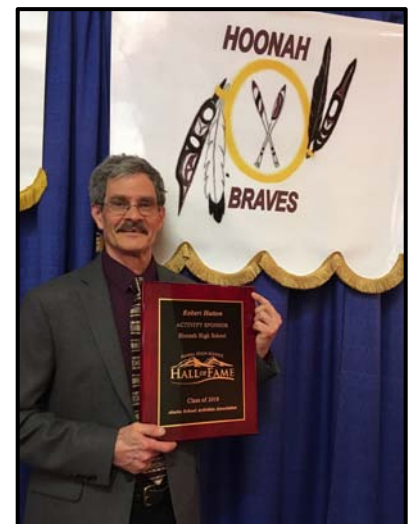
and that you have been given the tools to gain tremendous satisfaction from life. We love you....and again we say, 'You can do it!'"

The members of the Class of 2018 are pictured above, left to right: Ronie Roberts, Jeff Devlin, Val Williams, Sacajewea Bigelow, Brandon Guthrie, Jerry White III, Monique Glover, Mary Jack, and Treston Lafferty.

A special thank you to Donna and David Austin for providing music for the occasion. Along with scholarships and gifts given to the graduates were handmade quilts for each of them. These quilts were made by Kris Skaflestad and Yan Meserve at the Youth Center, continuing the tradition begun by Michelle Amundson, whose 5th-6th grade classes would make the quilts for the graduates. See page four to read about our graduates' plans for after high school.

Bob Hutton Named to ASAA Hall of Fame

Former Hoonah teacher and current School Board President Bob Hutton was named to the Alaska School Activities Association Hall of Fame during a ceremony in Anchorage April 29th. Mr. Hutton spent 32 years as a teacher in Hoonah, teaching K-12 music programs, including pep and jazz bands, as well as producing/directing over 30 extracurricular student plays. *Continued on page 3.*



Superintendent/Principal's End of Year Message

Dear Hoonah Family,

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year has arrived. This year we had successes and some challenges, yet despite all, we continued to work together to build onto our foundation of excellence for all of the students of Hoonah City School. I want to thank you all for all



the support and patience shown this school year. Together we've learned much and shared experiences that will long remain with us in the years to come. The strength of our community and whole-hearted passion to make our school a wonderful place of learning for our children makes Hoonah truly a special place.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to Ms. Jennifer Bidiman for all of her years of service on behalf of Hoonah students. She will be greatly missed as she moves on to a well-deserved next chapter. We would also like to thank Mrs. Mimi Antal for the time she has spent here in Hoonah. Her work with our students has greatly improved them not just academically, but has influenced them in becoming fine responsible students.

We would also like to wish Mrs. Kassie Pesch-Johnson a fond farewell. Kassie has been so instrumental in the success of our online students. Her commitment and dedication served all of our Hoonah students well. She will be greatly missed, along with her thoughtful and creative husband, Mr. Ian Johnson.

I am so honored to be your Superintendent/Principal; you make me proud to be a Hoonah Brave. You keep me laughing and young at heart. I am grateful for your joy, astute insights and amazing talents. Best wishes to our graduating seniors, whom I will miss greatly—please come back and visit. Everyone, have a safe and happy summer break. I look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be an exciting, new academic year.

Sincerely,

Ralph M. Watkins

Superintendent/Principal

Greetings from your School Board!

As we are once again at the end of another school year, we reflect on the past year and also look forward to 2018-2019.

To the credit of all of our staff at HCS, to Ralph Watkins who keeps our instructional priorities straight, and most especially to our seniors who worked so hard to get there—we had a 100% graduation rate.

The board recognized local volunteers Diane Bean, Glenda Hutton, Ian Johnson and Mary Beth Moss during our regular meeting on May 17th. They received certificates of appreciation for having directly supported instruction at HCS during the past school year. Grace Villarreal made one of her delicious cakes to help us celebrate.

On May 31st at 7 pm, our board will sit down in a workshop format with Ralph Watkins to discuss the challenges he faced in his position as Superintendent/Principal this year and to look at how the board can better support him in those combined roles next year.

To kick off the new school year, the board has scheduled a retreat on August 4th and 5th. Lon Garrison from the state association of school boards will be facilitating the board's self-evaluation of our own performance during this school year, as well as helping us to set our goals for the next school year. Our first regular board meeting for the 2018-2019 school year is scheduled for August 16th.

Have a great summer!

Bob Hutton, School Board President

**Mark Your Calendars:
The First Day of School for the
2018/19 School Year is
Thursday, August 16th**

About this newsletter: This is a project of the Native Education Program at Hoonah City Schools. It was started in 1986 as a means to increase parent involvement in the school by "getting the word out" about school activities and programs. As this is the last issue of this school year, I want to thank everyone who has submitted articles and photos for the newsletter this year. Everyone is busy, so I appreciate your taking time to help spread the good word about our school. Thank you also to my faithful proofreaders, Sally Dybdahl and Karen Mills. Without you, who knows what terrible spelling errors, upside down captions and misuse of punctuation would go uncorrected? If you have suggestions, questions or comments, you can contact Daphne Wright, newsletter editor by email at wrightd@hoonahschools.org or by calling 723-1223. Gunalchéesh!



Staff Spotlight on Eli Derenoff

Just finishing up his first year at Hoonah City Schools is Mr. Eli Derenoff, who is a credentialed Mathematics, Science, and Career Technical Education teacher. He has taught Pre-algebra, Algebra I & II, Pre-calculus, and Math

105 for our dual enrollment students this year. Within the shops, he has been busy knocking out the dust, inventorying tools and equipment in the carpentry, welding, and the auto shop. This year he started out with Small Engines/Automotive and transitioned to Welding.

Before coming to Hoonah, Eli had spent the last five years with the Central Council Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska working for the Vocational Training Resource Center as their Online Education Programs Coordinator. Prior to that posting, he spent five years teaching for the Kodiak Island Borough School District at Port Lions and Old Harbor. He taught 7-8 mathematics, pre-algebra, Algebra I & II, and pre-calculus. He also took it upon himself to open up the shops as they were being used just for storage, so he also taught welding, carpentry, and Small Engines/Automotive.

Mr. Derenoff graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School, after having lived in Sitka, Elfin Cove and Pelican while growing up. His father was from Quzinki and his mother was from Wainwright; they had met while attending school in Sitka. After high school, he attended the Bellingham Vocational Technical Institute in Bellingham Washington, where he earned an automotive certificate. He and his wife worked at Pelican Cold Storage for a number of years, and seeing a decline in the fishing industry, they decided that one of them had to go to college. He attended and earned his mathematics/science credentials from the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau.

His teaching career has taken him from Hobart Bay (his first teaching job) to Angoon, and from there to Juneau, Fairbanks, Kodiak Island, and Pelican. He had always wanted to teach here as he had heard good things about Hoonah, but his timing was not quite right until now. He is now completing his 15th year of teaching and looking forward to many more years teaching here at Hoonah City Schools.

When he isn't working at school, Eli enjoys reading; in the past year, he has read close to a hundred books. He also likes to deer hunt, but with an ankle injury it has been problematic.

Playground Project Update

Here's where we are with our playground renovation for which we have been fundraising for the past several years: Chris at *Corvus Design* will complete architectural drawings and scope of work for a swing set with four belt swings & one accessible swing AND extensive & expensive safety surfacing. Then, the project will go out to bid. Hopefully, installation will be complete before the snow flies.

Please remember to deposit your **Boxtop\$ for Education** in the collection boxes at Trading Company & Colette's Cupboard during the summer months. There are also Playground donation cans at those locations plus at Hoonah Liquor. Recent contributions totaled \$63.40. Thank you to everyone for your help!

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Bob Hutton Named to ASAA Hall of Fame

A former student describes Mr. Hutton as "an excellent educator, patient, encouraging, kind and yet ready to push the student to a higher standard." That impact is reflected in the number of his music students who through the years qualified for Southeast Honor Band, or received All-State and All-Northwest honors. A former teaching colleague stated, "Robert Hutton raised the bar for Music Education and Band Competition in the entire state of Alaska. His Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, and Pep Bands were the pride of Hoonah."

Since his retirement in 2009, Mr. Hutton has continued to "teach the benefit of long term commitment and practice" by volunteering to direct student plays, community theater programs, and community bands.

The **ASAA Hall of Fame** was established "to identify and honor, in a permanent manner, individuals who exhibited high ethical standards and integrity while achieving excellence in high school athletics and activities, as well as others who have distinguished themselves by virtue of exemplary contributions to the advancement of interscholastic athletics and activities in the State of Alaska."

We congratulate Mr. Hutton on this well-deserved honor.

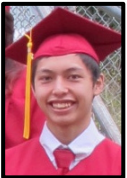
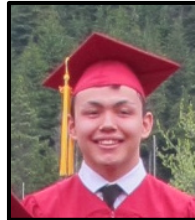
Seniors Make Plans for Their Future

The graduating seniors were asked recently about their plans for after high school. Here are their responses:

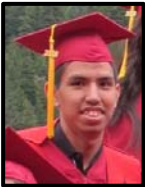


Class Salutatorian **Wea Bigelow's** professional goal is to become a pediatrician. She will start off at Bellevue Community College and plans to later transfer to the University of Washington.

Class Valedictorian **Jerry White III** will be packing his bags and heading to the University of Alaska Anchorage campus. Jerry will work towards a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

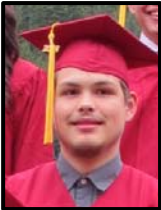


Treston Lafferty is also planning to attend UAA in Anchorage. His field of interest is Business Administration and he plans to earn a degree in that field. Treston would like to open his own business in the future.



Jeff Devlin said that he will go to Gresham, Oregon and attend Mt. Hood Community College, where he will be studying accounting.

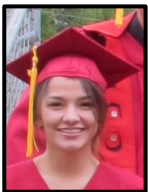
Mary Jack's plan is to go to Bates Technical College in Tacoma, Washington, where she will enter a welding training program.



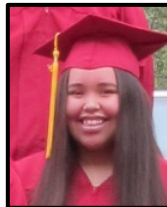
Brandon Guthrie is also going to Bates Technical College in Tacoma; Brandon will be going for welding training as well.



Monique Glover plans to hold off on going away to school right away, but has a long-range goal of training to become a nurse one day.



Ronie Roberts will be working for now, and hopes to go to cosmetology training in the future.



We wish our graduates nothing but the best as they move on from high school and go out into the world!

Thank You and Goodbye to Staff

As the 2017-18 school year comes to an end, Hoonah City Schools says good-bye and thank you to several staff members who will not be returning next year.

Jennifer Bidiman, Hoonah High School graduate, Class of 1992, started going to HCS when she was in 7th grade, and, except for going away to college, she has been here ever since! Jen has taught in the elementary her entire 20-year teaching career; she has taught grades two through five. She has coached middle school basketball, Girls on the Run, and the Hoonah Jumpers, as well as being very involved in all the different in-school activities that happen here. She has also been active in the community music and drama groups. We congratulate Jen on her retirement from teaching; she will be sorely missed!



Mimi Antal will also be leaving after this year. She has taught the 4-5 class this year. Mimi was the advisor for the yearbook this year; she also sponsored afterschool activities during the first semester, one for chess and one for math. Thank you, Ms. Mimi, for enriching our school with your talents.



Kassie Pesch-Johnson has been one of the Science teachers in the middle school and high school. She and her husband Ian Johnson, have been here in Hoonah two years, and will be moving this fall. She has written a note about why they are leaving Hoonah:

"Leaving Hoonah is a tough decision to make, we really have a home here. The reason behind this choice is that I would like to have kids in the near future and would like them to have close relationships with their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. I have been raised strongly in the belief that family is the most important thing in our lives after God, and I miss mine dearly. This winter was shattering, my grandma and younger cousin passed within 3 days of each other, which only affirmed how hard it is to be away from family."

"My husband and I are looking to the future and since we cannot get our families to move to Hoonah, which would be our ideal situation, we are planning on moving closer to home (Minnesota). While we are not yet sure as to when we will be leaving Hoonah it will not be before this fall."

"I am so grateful for all of the wonderful memories I have had at this school. The immersion into the Tlingit culture has been one of the most amazing things I have had the privilege of experiencing. Gunalchéesh to the students that have made it a pleasure to teach here. Gunalchéesh to the staff and community members who have welcomed and supported me through these last two years working at Hoonah City Schools." Kassie Pesch-Johnson



Our Glacier Bay Trip

By: Alona Howland and Cheyanne Jack

What we did on our Glacier Bay trip was we went on a boat for ten hours on an oceanographic monitoring field trip. So it was like taking water samples to see what changes would happen over the years. Our job was to help let out the line for the monitoring instrument and coil the rope back in. During our trip we monitored the water eight times and went into both arms of Glacier Bay. We saw a lot of animals: the most common animals were sea otters and mountain goats. We also saw two bears, a black bear and brown bear, five deer, and sea lions. There



Hoonah Seventh Graders Go on Oceanography Monitoring Trip

The National Park Service gave Hoonah City Schools the privilege of having two of our female students go on an Oceanography Monitoring field trip May 6th. (They had also given the opportunity in March for a trip with two boys, but the weather turned bad and the trip did not work out.) As their Science teacher, I was able to take Alona Howland and Cheyanne Jack on this trip. We met with Lewis Sharman, Glacier Bay National Park's Ecologist, and two Interpretive Park Rangers at 6 a.m. on the day of the trip. Lewis has been taking samples at depth in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve for 25 years. He takes the data and compares it to previous years to build a trend of what is happening in the park's waters to help manage and take care of the park. There are 22 permanent monitoring stations and we visited 8 of them that day.



For each station visited Lewis prepares his monitoring instrument for its descent into the water, then one of the volunteers on board helps let out line to the depth required.



were also many types of birds: some of the birds were black-legged kittiwakes, eagles, tufted puffins, long-tailed ducks, and bonaparte's gulls. We also saw five big glaciers.

Then the day after we went on the boat, we went to the Tribal House. We watched Darlene See teach a class how to make drums. We took lots of pictures inside the Tribal House and studied the carvings. Before we left, we also went to a tree ceremony because two trees were being cut down so a totem pole could go there. On the way back, we saw more sea otters, five whales, and a sea lion eating a big fish. We had a lot of fun going to the homeland.

Kassie Pesch-Johnson photos this page.



The instrument takes two readings every second when deployed. Once the instrument reaches the needed depth, we let it sit for a few seconds before it is pulled back in and a volunteer helps to coil the rope back into a large bucket so it is ready to go for its next descent. Finally the sensors on the instrument need a good rinse in distilled water to make sure salt does not dry over them and block the sensors from having accurate readings. Alona and Cheyanne did an amazing job in their volunteer positions; at each stop they jumped up right away to help and did a great job taking turns. Lewis and both Park Rangers were very impressed with our girls; they each did an amazing job representing our community, our school, and their culture! The highlight for the students was the plethora of wildlife we saw during the day, which they explain in their story.

On our second full day at the Park, as the girls mentioned, we were able to visit the Tribal House and look in on a drum-making class that Darlene See was instructing. Alona and Cheyanne were gracious enough to sing a song with Darlene for the visitors who all loved being able to experience the Tlingit culture. It was wonderful experiencing the Tribal House through the girls' eyes. Every time we passed it, they would light up, study every carving on the house and totem poles, take tons of pictures, and touch the Tribal House walls. When they were able to go inside the house, they studied every carving again, they shared their connections with the clans, and how they were home with their ancestors around them. It was very moving and powerful to see the connections each girl had with her ancestral home. At the end of the day we had the privilege of being part of the tree ceremony performed by Kenny Grant. He explained how he was calling to the ancestors and had the students participate in the ceremony.

Kassie Pesch-Johnson



Haa Kustee'yí Áyá Highlights

Heritage Celebration Ku.éex'

The community gathered together to help our students and staff celebrate our Native culture and all that we are learning at our 28th annual Ku.éex' the last Friday in April. Special guests included Angie Lunda, our former Superintendent of Schools, who came over from Juneau to attend *and* to help. Not only did she bring a large donation of berries, she also put on an apron right away and pitched it to help with preparations and food serving. Other special guests were Virginia Oliver and Luella Knapp, who both teach Tlingit classes in Wrangell, and honored elder, Ruth Demmert, from Kake.

Twelfth graders Treston Lafferty, Shangukeidí, and Val Williams, Gaanaxteidí, started things off with the Eagle Welcome by Treston and the Raven Response by Val. Elementary students recited the Pledge of Allegiance in English and Tlingit. Fifth graders recited their Tlingit introductions, and the Headstart students danced to traditional songs.



The students in the Kindergarten/First Grade sang several songs, including "Ax Toowú Sigóo, Wa.é Ku.aa?" (I'm Happy, How About You?) a song that was written here at our

school with the help of our dear elder Keixnéi, Nora Dauenhaur several years ago.



Special Ku.éex' guests Ruth Demmert, Virginia Oliver & Luella Knapp

A special moment in the program came when Ms. Bidiman's 2-3 class sang "Ax Gagaanix Isitee" ("You Are My Sunshine") in English and then in Tlingit. Ruth Demmert, one of our out-of-town visitors, is the person who wrote the Tlingit version of this song, so this



Ian Johnson photo

performance was in her honor. The 2-3 class also entertained the audience with a short skit "Déix Dáanaa Hoon Daakahídi" (The Two Dollar Store.)

After the younger students finished their performances, all of the students sang and danced a number of traditional songs, several of which have been composed by Hoonah students in the past two years. The songs were introduced by the high school students.

A delicious lunch of baked halibut, herring eggs and berries was served after the program by the Eagle students, who were the hosts of this year's event.

Gunalchéesh to the community for coming to our Ku.éex' and showing your support for our students and our cultural programs. And gunalchéesh to the many listed below, who helped in some way:

Gunalchéesh to those who made donations of cash to help with expenses: Sally & Paul Dybdahl, PJ Ford Slack, Nicki & John Shelton, Glenn & Lenora Johnson, Karen S. Mills, Veronica Dalton, who donated money in memory of her father, and Julia See & Lorenzo Florendo, who donated money in memory of both of their mothers.

And Gunalchéesh to the following:

--for donating seaweed: Mary Beth Moss & Owen James, and Sam Willard.

-- for donating trail mix supplies: Wilma Davis, Jen Bidiman, Sally Dybdahl, Veronica Dalton

--for bringing herring eggs over from Sitka for the whole community, and giving some to us for our event: Vernon Hill and his crew, Andrew Larsen and George Lindoff. We also received herring eggs from Sam & Arely Wright.

Ku.éex' Gunalchéesh, continued

--for donating berries: Sam & Arely Wright, Sally Dybdahl, Glenda & Bob Hutton, Daphne Wright, Angie Lunda (Angie also donated bananas)
--for donating several cases of freshly-made jam that we gave as gifts: Dodie Lunda
--for the donation of a case of salmon: Carol Williams & Melvin Williams
--for donating lunch supplies: Bob & Glenda Hutton
--for the donation of a case of smoked fish: Wanzai Lindoff & Jennifer Bidiman

Gunalchéesh for donating fish to serve with the lunch:
Sheryl Ross & Dave Hay



Ian Johnson
photo

There were many community volunteers who helped us get ready for the Ku.éex': Gunalchéesh to the following:

-- for working on regalia: Sally Dybdahl, Karen S. Mills, Glenda Hutton, Arely Wright.
--for helping set up the gym: Virginia Oliver, Sally Dybdahl, Paul Dybdahl, Bob Hutton, Karen S. Mills
--for coming early the day of the Ku.éex' to do whatever needed to be done: Mary Beth Moss, Terri Rae Mills. Angie Lunda, Karen S. Mills
--for keeping us on track for having all that was needed for the lunch AND for coming VERY EARLY the day of the Ku.éex' to help out in the kitchen: Sally Dybdahl
--for proofreading and copying the printed program: Teresa McConnell
--for helping with the distribution of t-shirts: Bamby James, Ashlyn Gray, Stu Mills, Kassie Pesch-Johnson
--for taking care of the stage, lighting and sound system, a very BIG GUNALCHÉESH: Bob Hutton
--for organizing the food serving: Marti Lee
--for helping with food serving: Karen S. Mills, Terri Rae Mills, Marlene White, Minnie Dalton, Glenda Hutton, Angie Lunda, Phyllis Grant; we sincerely

apologize if we have forgotten to mention someone.
--for taking beautiful portraits of many of our students in regalia, this year and for quite a few years now: Tesh Gray
--for taking literally hundreds of amazing photographs documenting our Ku.éex' this year and last year: Ian Johnson

Gunalchéesh for language help: Ruth Demmert, Genevieve Cook, Hans Chester

And a BIG GUNALCHÉESH to Kathy Harris and Jackson Combs in the kitchen for the wonderful lunch!

Culture Camp July 5-8

Haa Too Yei Yatee Culture Camp will be held again this summer at the Freshwater Bay cabin. It will run from July 5th to July 8th, with two sessions each day: one for students in grades K to five, another for students in grades six and up.

Shgen George, a teacher and artist from Angoon, will be one of the instructors this year; she will do ethnomath (teaching math through Chilkat and Ravenstail weaving.) Students will do some Tlingit language activities, as well as food gathering and preparation. Ralph Wolfe will come from Yakutat and will work with the students on traditional foods and leadership. We will also have local staff at the camp; Levi Mills and Adrien Lee will be two of the camp staff.

This year we plan to have another song composed by the students, this time by the younger group. At last summer's camp, the upper elementary and middle school group worked on *Yaa At Woonéi* (The Song About Respect), which is now one of the songs our students are all learning. **Applications for Culture Camp will be available at the Youth Center after June 1st.**

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Another Journey to Homeland

By Stephanie Harold

"When painting or drawing I've learned that I must look at the real world, that is . . . a process that I should never skip. So, that's why I've noticed that Bartlett Cove is made up of different worlds." One world . . . is a realistic one of rocky beaches and dark trees (that almost appear planted in sandy stony ground) . . . near the Tribal House. Another world is one of fantasy. For once you get deeper into the forest, the trees are brighter and bigger. These trees (grow out of) spongy moss carpets and are draped in more moss and lichen, giving it a feel that a fairy might pop out. (It amazes me that) the feel of the two worlds is completely different from each other even though they live side by side. Now if only I can make my watercolors have that kind of variety."

So said Tessa Williams, reflecting on the three-day *Journey to Homeland* Trip May 8 through 10. Eleven students participated in this year's trip, all members of David Crouch's Photography class and/or Stephanie Harold's Art Explorations. Co-sponsored by the Hoonah Indian Association, Glacier Bay National Park, and Hoonah City Schools, the trip focused on using photography and field sketching to document spruce root gathering and processing as well as the environs and trails in Bartlett Cove. The group traveled back and forth from Glacier Bay aboard the MV Three Kittiwakes, a fast and comfortable trip made possible by a generous discount from Jackie Dick and Colleen Hickman, manager of Icy Strait Whale Adventures.

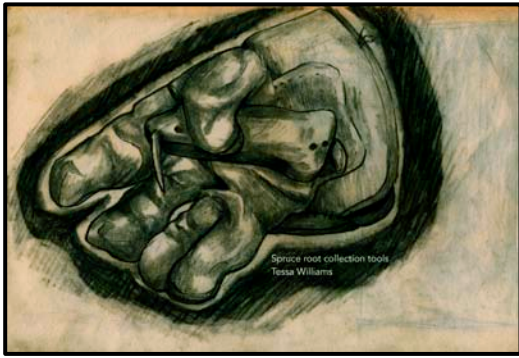


We began with a sun-drenched Tree Ceremony led by elder Ken Grant. As Valerie Williams poured seal oil on the fire, Ken thanked the *Aas Kwaani* (Tree People) for sharing the roots to be harvested. This was the first event to be documented via camera and sketch pencil. Later, after getting set up and oriented to the Tribal House, the photography students began collecting their individually assigned photos. Meanwhile, the art students were introduced to how to use watercolor in preparation for the next day's landscape painting session. The day ended with sunset thumbnails sketches and sunset photography, the first of many chances for the photographers to learn "how to work a camera for certain settings and (various) light changes," said Sierra McClement. Marshmallows at the campground's beach fire pit facilitated Darlene See explaining traditional ways of ensuring group harmony and Mary Beth Moss recounting a story from Ken Grant. Apparently, his father tasked him with finding and turning over a metaphorical pebble at the top of a mountain, signifying that he should find and work determinedly on a major life goal. Ken said that his "pebble" or life task was building the tribal house; Mary Beth charged the students with finding their own life goals and suggested that all find a rock to symbolize these.



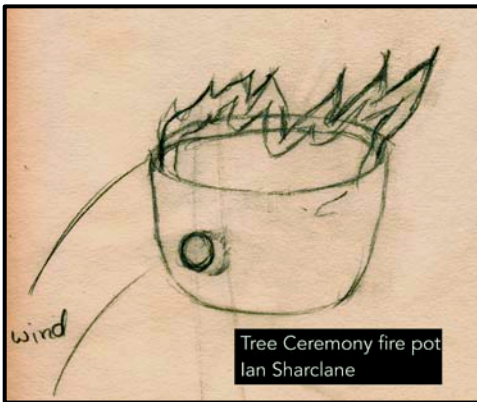
The second day, the group split up, eager to take advantage of the still clear weather. The photographers Sophie Henry and Valerie Williams hiked the Bartlett River Trail with Mr. Crouch. Other photographers Sierra McClement, Izaak Jacobsen, Cooper Ross, Russell Williams, Nakima Budke, and Kaida Irvin hiked with Mr. McLuckie most of the way to Bartlett Lake. Their mission was to collect trailside images of plants and scenery — all while having a great time. Meanwhile artists Ian Sharclane, Teresa Lewis, and Tessa Williams spread out above the high tide line at the entrance to the Bartlett Cove Lagoon. Directed by Ms. Harold, they learned to create multiple black and white thumbnail sketches and then turned one into their first-ever

watercolor paintings.



That afternoon we focused on harvesting spruce roots under the skilled direction of Darlene See. She emphasized the need for careful handling as the harvesters traced these metaphorical veins of gold, which traditionally were used as strong binding material for halibut hooks and canoes, as well as for creating everything from berry and clam baskets to waterproof cooking baskets. By the end of the session, most of the students and adults had deeply dirty fingernails from digging in the earth. That evening the drizzle began. However, we processed the roots at the campfire, this time adding graham crackers and chocolate to the marshmallows. Meanwhile the

cameras clicked and the pencils raced – when it wasn't raining.



The next morning was all about spruce roots and their environment. Half the students learned to split the roots and wrap strands around their chosen rocks. The others followed the Forest Loop Trail to Black Pond, where they sketched spruce and other plants for a science field guide project. Sierra said, "I learned that it is quite a bit easier (sketching in the field) than working in a classroom without the plant right in front of you." Later, the groups switched so that by early afternoon all had participated in both splitting and hiking. The root splitting and rock twining stage was the culmination of spruce root harvesting. Tessa said that "I had a lot of fun harvesting the roots, learning the culture and how the take care of the roots to make things."



Looking back on the trip, Sierra said, "This was only my second time going to Bartlett Cove, and the first time I hadn't explored much. But this time we found some pretty cool things, and I had a lot of fun. I learned that (Bartlett Cove's) environment is way different than Hoonah's which is just a short distance away."

Tessa had only one regret: "I felt like we needed more time. More time to discover more and more time to draw and paint what we saw." Too bad we were so close to end of the school year.

The following students participated: Teresa Lewis, Ian Sharclane, Nakima Budke, Kaida Irvin, Sierra McClement, Izaak Jacobsen, Cooper Ross, Tessa Williams, Russell Williams, Sophie Henry, and Valarie Williams. Meanwhile HCS instructor David Crouch managed all the photography. Ben McLuckie led hikes and coached photography. Stephanie Harold directed all the sketching. Darlene See and Ken Grant provided essential cultural leadership. Mary Beth Moss taught us about important historical and anthropological context.

The group would like to extend a huge thank you to the following: Mary Beth and Darlene for facilitating all logistical aspects of the trip; Jackie Dick and Colleen Hickman of Icy Strait Whale Adventures; and Glacier Bay National Park and the Hoonah Indian Association, which in partnership provide so many opportunities to Hoonah students.



Nakima Budke photo

Fourth-Fifth Grade News

FROM THE DESK OF MS. ANTAL...

The 4th-5th grade students did great this year! It wasn't a breeze, but we all learned lots and will enjoy a well-deserved summer break. During the fourth quarter, students would agree that these two activities stand out most in our minds. They are Beach Day and Rockets.



Beach Day snuck up on us, as I was unaware of this tradition, until it was almost time to go! No matter, it was a wonderfully engaging day of learning and we had an amazing opportunity to appreciate the beauty and mystery of where we call home - Hoonah. Students explored the stretch of beach near the tunnel as they teamed up and did a Scavenger Hunt. They looked for all sorts of things along the beach and in tide pools. Students also focused on just listening to the sounds of the beach. We practiced listening and then wrote about our observations in our Nature Journals. It got a little cold with the wind and we would like to say thank you to both Heather Powell and Levi Mills for the HotHands. They were much appreciated.



Students also spent the last couple of weeks making model rockets. It was a lot of hard work. They did all sorts of cool math from simple measurement to learning how a rocket works. The capstone was launching them at the park. Our fourth and fifth graders were excited to see so many other students and parents who came out to watch and support. It was an awesome day!

What's next? As part of the First Bloom partnership between Hoonah City Schools and Glacier Bay National Park, we have been invited to a three-day two-night trip to Glacier Bay. The trip is a valuable conclusion of a months-long study conducted by our class with the help of Ranger Emma and Ranger Steve. Since January, the Rangers have traveled to Hoonah monthly to meet with our class and teach us



about birds. Students carefully observed feathers and learned about flight. They studied owls and dissected owl pellets. The class learned how to use binoculars and went birdwatching.

The 4/5 class will leave on Saturday, May 26th and return on May 27th with lots of great photos and even better memories, I am sure. While there we will stay at the Glacier Bay Lodge and get an opportunity to take the Day Boat into the Park and get close up views of glaciers. While on the boat, we will also share with visitors our bird presentations and an iMovie we made. Students did a great job putting together the iMovie, but the coolest part is that in conjunction with the 2/3 class and with the help of Ms. Wright and Adrien Lee, we recorded one of our school's songs and included it. I hope you all have an opportunity to watch it. At any rate, this school year was a blurred blast. I will miss you all. Have a great summer.

~~Mimi Antal~~

A Note from Daphne Wright:

Another highlight for the fifth graders this spring was the school Ku.éex', where they gave their traditional introduction speeches in Tlingit and in English; one student, Kali Harris, also gave her speech in Spanish. As their Tlingit teacher, I was very proud of how seriously the students went about getting their speeches prepared, and how well they did when the time came to stand up on the stage and speak to the audience. Well done, fifth graders! (The fourth graders have already gotten started on their speeches for next year.)





End of Year News from Kindergarten/First Grade

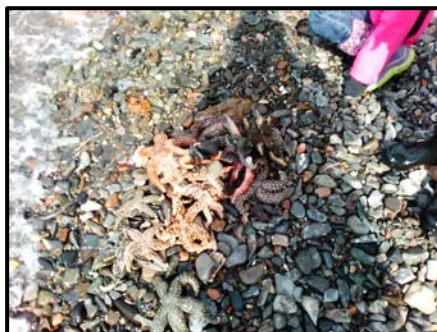
The end of the school year brought a lot of activity and learning in the K-1 classroom. In late April, we had the annual Ku.éex' and the kids did a great job, both in performing their songs and in participating in the festivities.

In May, the students had a great time going to the beach for their annual Beach Day. They explored the beaches out near the point and found all kinds of sea creatures. Their favorite part was probably finding hundreds of starfish and piling them on top of each other. Later, in May, students took part in Field Day and had fun doing all kinds of outdoor activities in the morning and then swimming in the afternoon. All of them went home worn out after all of the activity.

The last day of school brought the end of year picnic. It was probably the best picnic I have ever been part of. The kids enjoyed playing on the playground, eating, and just being out in the sun on a beautiful day.

Thank you, everyone, for your help in making this a great year. Thank you to everyone who donated snacks and cleaning supplies to keep our students healthy. Thank you to Sally Dybdahl for your help with assessment. Thank you, Glenda Hutton, for helping students work on their reading. Thank you, Billy Mills, for coming in many mornings and helping students with their writing. The year went so smoothly because of all of your help. Thank you also to Marti Lee and Judy Bitz for all of the work you did in the K-1 classroom this year.

Christina Carrick



We Can Preschool

We live in a big, wonderful world that provides endless opportunities for discovery and learning. The preschoolers finished off the year with units about Farms and Ranches, Fresh Water and Salt Water. We also enjoyed studying sea life and landforms. The children learned where milk, bacon, ham and hamburger come from. Their response to this information was a resounding EWW! I think things settled down a bit when we compared these meat products to the deer our families typically harvest here.

We marveled at pussywillow, blueberry and salmonberry branches. We oohed and aahed at shells that were displayed on the science table and listened to the ocean with some of them. We continued to count things around us and arranged play sea creatures in patterns. Everyone worked on printing their names and got a try at retelling stories and events in their lives in logical order with some details.



One of the highlights of my last quarter at the Preschool was having parent conferences. I was elated to hear of a variety of practices parents incorporate with their children to keep them learning. Parents read and speak with their children and teach them the ABC names and sounds. They cook with them, teach them Hooked on Phonics, limit TV time and monitor the content of the shows they watch. Some parents count steps with their children while they are walking and even read license plates!

Parents, keep up the good work and continue what you do through the summer. You are your child's first teacher and the time, energy and creative ways you teach will definitely benefit your child, family, community and the world in which we live.



In addition, I would like to thank these people who volunteered to help with the Preschool or came in as part of their jobs. Gunalchéesh to Daphne Wright, Adrien Lee, Levi

Mills, Miguel Contreras, Glenda Hutton, and Heather Powell and her students. I appreciate all of your help and commitment to our students.

Marti Lee

Second-Third Grade Class

As the year has come to an end, I can't help but reflect on all that was accomplished! The last two months of school were spent prepping for the Ku.éex', preparing for the state tests, and wrapping up end of the year projects. This class worked so hard in preparation for the annual Ku.éex', and I was proud of their performance! We sang "You Are My Sunshine" and Ruth Demmert, the elder who translated this song into Tlingit, was here visiting from Kake, and able to enjoy it. The 3rd grade class performed a skit with the back-up support of the 2nd graders. I'm so proud of this class!

At the beginning of the month, the elementary took part in Beach Day. Although it was extremely windy,



the students were able to observe univalves and bivalves and explore the intertidal zones. Thanks to Joann Wolfe, Heather Powell and Levi Mills for accompanying us! The students used little books made in Tlingit class for identifying animals in the intertidal zones, with simple Tlingit verb phrases to use when talking about what they were seeing.

The third graders took part in the annual state tests in Reading/Language Arts and Math. They worked hard to stay focused and do their best. I'm proud of all of their efforts!

The last week of school was plenty busy with wrapping up projects, Field Day and the end of the year picnic. Fun was had by all! Field Day would not have been possible without the help of several volunteers who helped make the day a success. The elementary would like to thank Kathie Deitering, Bonnie Skaflestad, Marlene Duvall, Teresa McConnell and Bob Hutton. These individuals helped run the games, kept things running smoothly, and helped clean up afterwards. Thank you all so much!! We would also like to thank Kris Skaflestad, Cody Anderson,



and Jack Diamond, who helped organize the swimming event the afternoon of Field Day. It was the icing on the cake!



I want to thank Diane Bean, our faithful volunteer who comes in and listens to the students read aloud. Diane has been volunteering at our school for nine years! Thank you also to Bamby James, who filled in for Diane when she went to

Hawaii.



Finally, I usually end my messages by saying, "*Until next time*;" however, there will be no next time, as I am retiring this year. I am so grateful to this place I call home! I love all of the people, friends, children and family that make it so special to me. I am forever in awe at the beauty of Hoonah, and all of the people that make this community function! Thank you for letting me be a part of your lives and the lives of your children!

Jen Bidiman

News from the High School

Dual Credit Classes Offered

Hoonah High School had a record number of students enrolled in Dual Credit Courses through the University of Alaska Southeast/Ketchikan Campus this spring. Students earned credit toward their high school graduation while at the same time earning college credit that can apply to an Associate or Bachelor degree.

In order to qualify, students must take an Accuplacer Exam that determines their readiness for college level classes. They then register and attend the classes online during the regular school day. They receive support from their high school teacher in the designated subject. The list of students who attended these classes are: Ethan Ruerup, Tyler Watkins, Sacajawea Bigelow, Joshua Wright, Russell Williams, and Tessa Williams.

The UAS sent representatives to the school just at the end of the school year to meet Superintendent Watkins, Mr. Eli Derenoff, and Mrs. Rita Crouch to talk about the success of the program. They informed us that our students outperformed all the dual credit students across Southeast Alaska and they were very impressed with our numbers and teacher involvement. We congratulate these students in their hard work and look forward to a successful fall 2018.



First Semester Beginning Guitar Classes

Students at Hoonah City Schools were able to express themselves musically in the fall in a Beginning Guitar Class. Students were able to learn parts of the guitar, stringing and tuning, chords and rhythm. Each day, students followed a regimen of warm-ups, learning and practicing chords, and strumming.

The community of Hoonah was very generous by donating the use of guitars for the class so that all nine students could have a guitar to play each day. Many thanks to Tara Jacobsen, Mary Jack,



Four students from the Beginning Guitar Class played at the Christmas Program in December. Sophia Henry, Treston Lafferty, Edward Williams IV, and Russell Williams accompanied the High School Tlingit class as they sang "Silent Night" in Tlingit; they also accompanied Superintendent Ralph Watkins as he sang "Stand By Me."

and Zada Michel for the use of guitars throughout the semester. We hope that more students will find interest in learning the guitar in the upcoming year and will take advantage of opportunities to continue their music education as they progress through their high school years.

Rita Crouch Will Be School Counselor 2018-19

Hoonah City Schools is proud to announce that we will have a fulltime certified school counselor to serve our students during the 2018-19 school year. However, this person is no stranger to our students. As the 2017-18 High School Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Rita Crouch worked with seniors to help them prepare for attending college in the fall. They learned about college applications, scholarship applications and the FAFSA process (financial aid).

Mrs. Crouch will be transitioning to the position of school counselor for the school year 2018-2019. She will

be working to provide a comprehensive school counseling program that includes support for students' academics, career exploration/development, social emotional learning, and crisis interventions. She will work with students, families, and staff to provide supports to help each student be successful and reach their full potential. Mrs. Crouch is very excited about this change in her role at the school and looks forward to many successful moments with students as they grow and learn.



Parents As Teachers

P.A.T would like to thank all the families who participated in our short 2018 program year. The early years of a child's life are critical for optimal development and provide the foundation for success in school and in life. P.A.T. Programs are in all 50 states and 6 countries; UK, Germany, Australia, Canada, Switzerland and Singapore.

Funding has not been secured for next year, but we are exploring several options, and hope to start P.A.T. services in late September. Be on the lookout for P.A.T. enrollment for the HCS 2018/2019 school year. We look forward to serving more families with children prenatal to 3 years old and welcome your thoughts and ideas to help make P.A.T. even more successful. We were able to incorporate *Baby Raven Reads*, a program from Sealaska Heritage Institute, as part of our group connections. Special thanks to the City of Hoonah for providing classroom space, and to Adrien Lee, Carol Williams, Heather Powell, Levi Mills,



HCS students and Daphne Wright for cultural support. We would also like to thank Hoonah Head Start and Marti Lee of the HCS Preschool for allowing and supporting events at their facility.

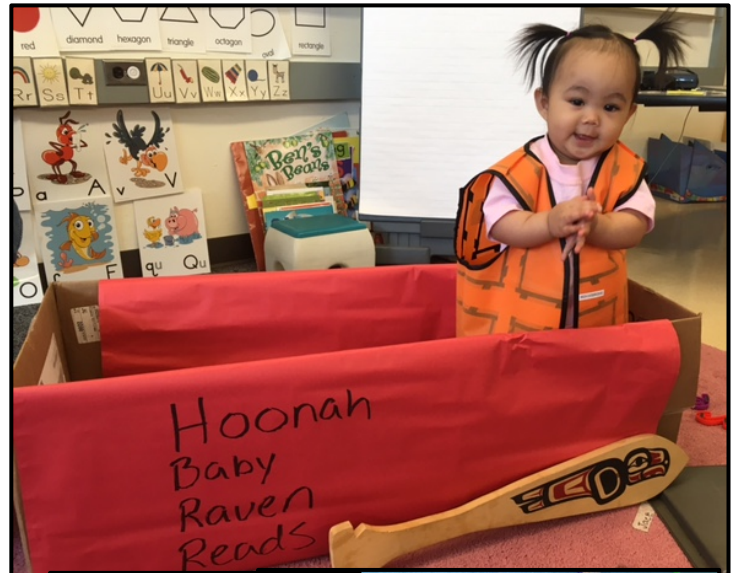
We would like to thank the people who volunteered to serve on the P.A.T.

Advisory Committee:

Libby Stoltzfus, Elleana Elliot, Adrien Lee, Glenda Hutton, Marti Lee and Nicki Shelton. This program is enriched by community involvement.

Jamie Erickson, Parent Educator

Darlene See, P.A.T. Supervisor



Huna Heritage Foundation in the School

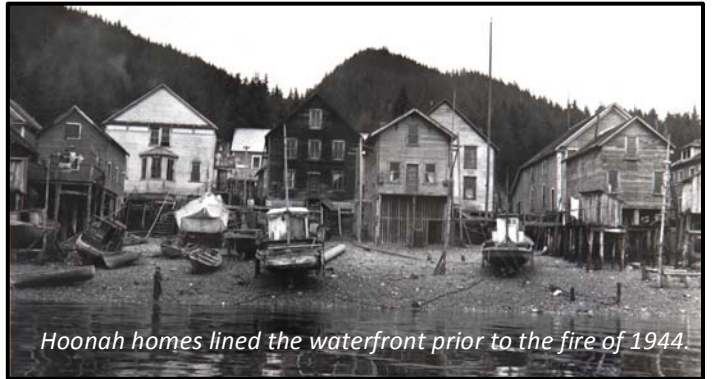
Huna Heritage Foundation (HHF) and Hoonah City Schools (HCS) have a long-standing relationship that continues to strengthen and develop. The mission of Huna Heritage is working to perpetuate the Huna Tlingit culture and promoting education for future generations. Working in collaboration is in direct support and furthers the missions of both HHF and HCS.

Executive Director Amelia Wilson was invited by Alaska History teacher Adam Gretsinger to share historical photographs of Hoonah as part of the place based local history component of the course. Amelia also visited with HCS teachers and staff to provide a presentation on the online archives for use by local educators in the classrooms.

The Huna Heritage Foundation Digital Archives is an online website dedicated to preserving material of historical and cultural value of the Xunaa Káawu for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations. You can access the website at archives.hunaheritage.org.

Huna Heritage also worked with Hoonah seniors on scholarship applications. Four high school seniors were each awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to attend postsecondary schools for the 2018/19 academic year.

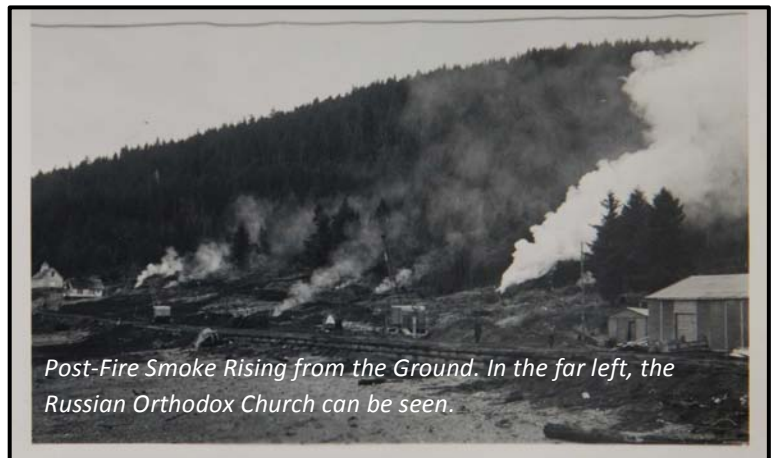
Huna Heritage is an active partner with Hoonah Schools in the Supporting Transitions and Educational Promise in Southeast (STEPS) grant. STEPS is a data driven collective impact focusing on cradle to career solutions and strategies. STEPS is an opportunity made possible by the Association of Alaska School Boards. HHF looks forward to continued work with HCS for the benefit of current and future generations.



Hoonah homes lined the waterfront prior to the fire of 1944.



Hoonah fire of 1944 as seen from the water.



Post-Fire Smoke Rising from the Ground. In the far left, the Russian Orthodox Church can be seen.

Hoonah Waterfront Showing Newly Built War Homes. After the fire of 1944, the U.S. Government heard of the devastating loss of homes and donated houses enroute to Guam intended for war relief. Eighty homes were built and are known as "War Homes."



Huna Heritage Foundation has a new office location in Hoonah; we are now at 335 Harbor Drive, Unit A, across from the Harbor Office. Amelia welcomes you to stop by to visit, ask questions and inquire about services provided by HHF. She is interested in hearing from shareholders and descendants on what types of programs are of interest to the community. She is also seeking photo donations to add to the Huna Heritage Foundation Digital Archives. She can make a copy of your cultural and historic photos and you keep the originals! Stop in and say hello.



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Hoonah treasures its children!

Mentoring is traditional. Parents and guardians here have given their children the gift of a Big Brother or Big Sister. BBBS of Hoonah has matched 185 youth with non-related, safe, and caring high school students and adults since the local program began in August, 2002. *These friendships will last a lifetime; they protect our youth against life's risks. So many treasured memories have been created.*

The generosity of community individuals, businesses, and governmental entities has been remarkable: donations of *time, supplies, prizes, facility use, and funds* have changed lives and our community for the better. For years, Hoonah led the entire nation in funds raised *per capita* in Bowl for Kids' Sake.

Special thanks goes to Resource Board/Leadership Council Members who've supported our program and Community Director Sally Dybdahl since the beginning: Karen A. Mills, Leona Santiago, Jack Annis, Loni Upshaw, Paula Phillips, Liane Newcomb, Rich Jennings, Jack Lee, Nadine Morrison, Kathie Deitering, Jackie Dick, Diane Bean, Karen S. Mills, and Tina Bottjen.

We've accumulated so many good group memories...seasonal parties, roller-skating, camping at Freshwater Bay, berry picking, 14 Bowl for Kids' Sakes, beautifying Hoonah each summer with hanging flower baskets (planted by the children), Bunco, Karaoke, BINGO, and having fun being together.

In a time of reduced federal and state grants, **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska is no longer able to make new matches in Haines, Homer, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Hoonah. We will no longer have an office in Hoonah.**

The good news is that *our active matches will receive professional support via distance delivery* until their eventual closures. Our youngest Little Sister is in Kindergarten; hopefully, her match with her Big Sister will last until she graduates from Hoonah High School!

Mentoring is traditional. Please find time to be a friend, advisor, teacher, supporter, role model for Hoonah's treasure...its children,

If you have questions or comments, please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska, CEO, Heather Harris at heather.harris@bbbsak.org or (907) 433-4622.



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BBBS of Hoonah Celebrates our Newest Community Match: Big Sister Robin and Little Sister Kali

BBBS Thank Yous:

Thanks to Hometown Cab for the donation of a book of 10 free rides to BBBS of Hoonah. They'll be used for rides home from the Youth Center when it's dark or when there are bears wandering about our neighborhoods.

Thanks to Michelle Anderson, who planted a crop of nasturtiums that she had planned to donate for our hanging flower baskets, not realizing that this project will not happen this summer.

Special Thanks goes to The Office Bar, LLC, for being BBBS of Hoonah's partner in State of Alaska's Charitable Gaming. Benefits were realized for both this locally-owned business and for Hoonah's children.

Bowling Thanks

Our 14th annual Bowl for Kids' Sake was held on March 31st. It was another successful fundraiser for our local program, thanks to many, many helpers, donors and pledge-getters.

Thanks to these event helpers and others

unnamed: Mark Smith, Bob Hutton, Christina Dick, Amy Stevenson, Sam Sheakley, Paul Dybdahl, Phillip Stevenson, Glenda Hutton, Adrien Lee, Karen S. Mills, Cristi Godfrey, Daphne Wright, Kassie Pesch-Johnson, Pearl Miller, Ian Johnson, Adam Gretsinger, Jerry White, III, Rusty Williams, Jay Dick, Ralph Watkins, Levi Mills, Riley Neal, and Hunter Skaflestad.

Thanks to these Bowl for Kids' Sake teams who took part (in order of funds raised): Grizzly Girls, Hoonah Recyclers, Admin Team, Team Munchies, Bowl of Beans, No Hope, Cooper's Troopers, Bears, The Foundation, Three Wolves Den, We Fart Rainbows, Bubbas Rule, and Lingit Shaawat.

Total pledges raised: \$2296.30.

Photo: the Grizzly Girls were once again the highest fundraising team. Judy, Kali, Dodie and Abby all made the list of high scores, too.

Congratulations to these bowlers with high scores at BFKS #14: Vanessa Contreras (210, 168), Judy Brown (177, 177), Dodie Lunda (176, 164), Daphne Wright (184, 153), Abby (157), Ladonna Dybdahl (145, 135), Amy Stevenson (152), Jennifer Bidiman (143), Kim Campbell (137), Auther Campbell and Kathie Deitering (134), and Kali (131). **Turkeys were earned** by Vanessa Contreras (photo), Judy Brown, Karen S. Mills,



and Dodie Lunda for three strikes in a row. In fact, Vanessa rolled five strikes in a row!

All these bowlers raised over \$150 in pledges:

Dodie Lunda, Judy Brown, Daphne Wright, Karen S. Mills, and Diane Bean.

Use of the Alumni Gym for our bowling alley is so appreciated, plus support from Ladonna Dybdahl and the HSCD Custodial Staff. We appreciate the use of tables from the Youth Center and help from staff there, as well.

Financial supporters of the event were: Pearl L. Miller, Marj and Floyd Peterson, Daphne & Frank Wright, Jr., Hoonah Thrift Store, Diane Bean, F/V Donna Ann, Fishbone Gifts, Hoonah Cold Storage, F/V Vagabond Queen, Three Wolves Charters, LLC, Glacier Winds Charters, Brown Bear Lodge, Icy Strait Brewing & Taphouse, Hoonah Liquor Board, and Hoonah Recyclers. Thanks, also, to all who pledged bowlers with checks, cash, or pay-when-billed donations.

Thank you to Icy Strait Lodge for a discount on our hot, fresh variety of pizzas delivered for each of our three bowling sessions.

Prizes and drinks were provided by Daphne Wright, Jackie Dick, Diane Bean, Tideland Tackle & Marine, Karen S. Mills, Jay Dick & SEARHC Behavioral Health, Hoonah Trading Company, Christine Williams, Colette's Cupboard, Icy Strait Point, and Pearl Miller.

Looking Back at Past BBBS of Hoonah Events. . .





Hoonah Recyclers Update

Hoonah Recyclers will continue to operate as a volunteer organization dedicated to caring for our environment by

recycling metals and encouraging others to do so. We thank **Alaska Marine Lines** for giving our recycling van a free trip to Seattle periodically.

With the money earned from selling the metals, we have been able to donate to kid-friendly projects in our community, such as the annual Kids' Fishing Derby, the Fourth of July celebration and the ANB/ANS Community Christmas Tree Program, as well as to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hoonah. We have also held Earth Day Clean up each April, along with community partners.

Thank you to the following for donating metals since our last news report: Minnie & Jimmy Dalton, Paul & Sally Dybdahl, Daphne & Frank Wright, Jr., Diane Bean, Jessie Dybdahl & Jeremy Martin, and Nicki & John Shelton.

Brian Bitz donated scraps from a boat that was approximately 300 pounds, which is worth about \$90. Thank you, Brian, for your generous donation.

Earth Day Clean Up was held Saturday, April 21st. The weather was cool, but thankfully dry for a clean sweep of Hoonah streets and byways. Hoonah Recyclers organized this event; thanks to the U.S. Forest Service for picking up yellow ALPAR bags around town, thanks to HIA Environmental for publicity, thanks to Big Brothers Big Sisters as a partner, and thanks to the William and Mary Johnson Youth Center for offering us a perfect centralized location.

Food & cash donations came from Debbie Picken, Glenda & Bob Hutton, Daphne & Frank Wright, Jr., Paul & Sally



Dybdahl, Karen S. Mills, Marti & Jack Lee, Juli See & Lorenzo Florendo. Ted Elliott arrived early to help with set-up.

Here's a list of all the 56 trash collectors who signed in: Chris & Terri Budke, Jon Kuhn, Ava & Sophie Didrickson, Joseph Jewell, Joshua Skeek,

Daphne Wright, Karen S. Mills, Mitchel Michel, Dodie Lunda, Abigail Stevenson, Tim Spencer, Jared Grams, Bob & Glenda Hutton, Kenny, Fisher and Hunter Skaflestad, Megan Blades, Jolene & Ralph Watkins, Collin & Sierra McClement, Ava Hinchman, Taylour Mills, Ted Elliott, Sally Dybdahl, Kali Harris, Kathy Harris, Mary Beth Moss, Owen James, Leah Moss, Gracie Carrick, James Erickson, Mary Erickson, Neta Thein, Tanner Howland, Gerred Garrison, Sage Kuhn, Cecelia Thein, Becky Hunnicutt/Orr, Marti Lee, Bambi Jack, Duane Jack, Jr., Charlie Jack, Makia Mills, Jenna Jack, Jay Erickson, Tara, Kayleb & Baylee Kuhn, Mary H. Peterson, Teresa McConnell, Wilma Davis, and Justin Sheakley. Thanks to all who took bags to the dump and dumpsters, as well.

Thursday Troopers will continue this summer, under the direction of Recyclers. We thank **ALPAR** (Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling) for funding our clean-up efforts, supplying bags, and for giving us a grant to buy equipment. The Hoonah Recyclers invite adult volunteers to join the kids on our litter patrols, which will begin in July and go through August. Or just pick up on your own when you see something where it shouldn't be. Call Sally at 209-9326 or Daphne at 723-1223 if you want some trash pick up bags for your independent litter busting. Remember, caring about our community is not just kids' stuff!

29th Annual Kids Fishing Derby



Hoonah, Alaska

WHEN: Saturday, June 2nd from 11:00am - 3:00pm
WHERE: Cannery Beach at Icy Strait Point

SCHEDULE OF DERBY DAY EVENTS:

Fishing Derby, fish the incoming tide! Recording of catches will be from 11:00am - 2:00pm. (Kids need to register in front of the Cookhouse prior to fishing to be eligible to win Derby prizes.)

Lunch! 12:00pm- 1:30pm. Thank you Hoonah Trading Company for providing food for the BBQ picnic lunch!

Clean-up! All day...Please be a good guest! Thank you ISP for your continued support of this Community Event! Derby Prizes Awarded! At 2:30pm- Must be present to win!

Parents, community members, or businesses interested in volunteering or donating prizes or supplies to help with the Derby planning or on Derby Day, please contact Marlene Duvall at 945-1206 at the Forest Service, or Kris Skaflestad at the Hoonah Youth Center at 945-3450.

Sponsored by City of Hoonah Parks and Recreation, and the U.S. Forest Service, Hoonah Ranger District

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Sealaska Celebration in Juneau	June 6-9
Haa Too Yei Yatee Culture Camp	July 5-8
First Day of School Year 2018-2019	August 16
Thanksgiving Vacation	Nov. 22-23
Winter Holiday Vacation	Dec. 24-Jan. 4
Spring Break	Mar. 18-22
Last Day of School	May 16, 2019

