



## Principal's Report

February 15, 2001

### Student Activities:

- The **Unalaska Raiders** boys and girls basketball teams participated in the Cook Inlet Academy Classic with teams from Ninilchik, Tok, and CIA on January 18-20. The Aleutian Tournament, scheduled for January 25-27 was cancelled due to weather. The boys' team traveled to King Cove and the girls' team to Sand Point on February 2-3 for a 3 game series. The games scheduled with Dillingham on February 9-10 were cancelled due to weather. Both teams travel to the Nenana Invitational Tournament for a 3-day tournament with teams from Tri-Valley (Healy), Tanana, Tok, Anderson, Nikolaevsk, Noatak, Wainwright, and Nenana. Tune into KIAL 1450 for broadcasts of these games.
- The **Spelling Bee** for grades three through eight was held on February 6. Sixth grade students Sharon Mendenhall and Brandon Thomas placed first and second, respectively. Sharon will represent Unalaska City School District at the Alaska State Spelling Bee in Anchorage on March 29-30. Special thanks to Carol Norstadt for organizing the Bee again this year, and to Sharon O'Malley for being the Reader and master of ceremonies. And thanks to judges Dan Masoni, Lisa Deane, and Jeff Richardson.
- The Unalaska High School **Art Show** opened at the Museum of the Aleutians on February 2 and will run through March 25. This is the first time the art show has been held outside of the school corridors, and it is being coordinated by art student Benjamin Notter. March is designated as Youth Art Month, and you are all invited to the Changing Exhibit Gallery at the museum to view some outstanding student artwork.
- Native Youth Olympics** (NYO) practice began on February 12 with about 10 students showing up for the first workout. Moses Dirks is head coach this year and Stan Swetsoff is volunteering some of his evenings to work with the NYO athletes.
- The science fair this year was a complete change from last year. Participation in the science fair was not required by the 4th, 5th and 6th grade teachers. Students were encouraged to attend the science club meetings on Monday. Any students could participate in Science Fair but the ones that did were the ones that participated in the Science Club. It was decided that we would have one science fair to compete in both the Alaska State Science Fair and the Alaska Native Science Fair. There were 7 completed projects and the winners were: 1st place: Delores Gregory; 4th Grade; 2nd place: Kyle Nyitrai, 3rd grade; 3rd place: Erin Dickson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Honorable Mention: Jacob

Coleman. Delores also placed 1st place for the Alaska Native Science Fair Competition. Delores Gregory went to Anchorage last week to represent the Unalaska City School at the Alaska Native Science Fair and she placed 2nd in the category judged by the elders and 3rd place judged by the scientists. (report submitted by Mary Downs)

- The **Walkabout Program** hosted a Valentine's Day Dinner on February 14 to raise money for a class trip to Anchorage.
  
  - The sixth through twelfth grade **Music Program** will be held on March 8 in the Big Gym at 7:00 P.M. There will be a **Chamber Music Recital** at the Methodist Church on March 9 at 7:00 P.M.
- Special Education:
- The itinerant speech/language therapist worked in the school during the week of January 27 through February 2.
  
  - The low incidence disabilities specialist from SESA was scheduled to be in the school this week, but her flight out on Monday turned back to Anchorage due to high winds at the Dutch Harbor Airport. She is trying to reschedule her visit for later this spring.
  
  - Juanita Gillispie attended the Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference in Anchorage during the week of January 27.
  
  - Eric Anderson participated in Project Ride (behavior management program) in Anchorage on February 9-10. All costs for this training are reimbursed by the state through the Quality Schools Grant.