

**Unalaska City School District
Board of Education
Principals' Report for January 19, 2006**

Classroom spelling winners from grades 5-10 met in the auditorium for the *National Geographic* "Geo Bee" at the beginning of this month. Ryan Haskin, our returning champion, placed first again this year. A statewide test is given to all district winners. The top 100 students from around the state will meet in Anchorage for the State Geo Bee.

The elementary and high schools are gearing up for Battle of the Books in March. Unalaska will have three teams this year. The teams have been reading, reviewing and practicing comprehension questions. Go Reading Raiders!

On Feb. 8th grades 3-8 will participate in a school-wide spelling bee. Currently classrooms are holding spelling bees to find the top two spellers from each room. Good luck students.

Tickets are on sale for Miss Susan's annual Preschool Ice Cream Social. The tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. The event will be held on Feb. 12th from 1:00-4:00 in the small gym at the high school. Proceeds support the pre-school program. We hope to see you there.

Junior high and high school finals were held January 17 – 20. First semester ended January 20th and report cards will be mailed home on the 27th.

The Raiders' varsity basketball teams traveled to Kotzebue and Nome earlier this month for a 5 game road trip. Faced with some very tough competition, the Gentlemen Raiders won 2 of their 5 games. The Lady Raiders were unable to put a check in the win column, however, their play improved significantly over the course of the week. The teams also participated in cultural activities, such as learning traditional Yupik dances with the students from Chevak.

Eric Southworth, Jake Schiesser, Katie Warren, and Disney Williams all earned the distinction of being selected Students of the Week during the past month.

Aidee Rodriguez's artwork was featured in the January 2006 edition of the national publication *Leadership for Student Activities*. This magazine is sent each month to all student council advisers, National Honor Society advisers, and activities directors throughout the country. Aidee's entry won first place in the 2004-2005 Rural-Urban Unity Poster Contest and was featured in the magazine along with an article by Carol Waters, executive director of the Alaska Association of Student Governments. Paul Castaneda earned an Honorable Mention in the same poster contest.

Sandy Lamoreaux and John Conwell