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## "Visions of Sugar Plums"

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The children of Igiugig School put on a performance of "Visions of Sugar Plums" by Anne Coulter Martens, on the evening of 18 December 1997. The play takes place two nights before Christmas, in the living room of the Benson house.

Eddie, played by Tanya, and Dena, played by Christina, is hinting to their father, played by Kevin, for the gifts they want. Kim, played by AlexAnna, is practicing her part for her school's Christmas program and is upset when she finds out nobody in her family will be coming to watch her. Mrs. Benson, played by Ida, is planning on going to a meeting at her club, while Mr. Benson is going bowling. During visits from wise old Uncle Vinnie (Jon), young Cousin Tim (Ponty), and Dena's friend Bruce (David), the family learns about true Christmas spirit.

The five elves: Jeremy, Jacob, Angel, Shayna, and Alicia jingled their bells and sang the Chipmunk's version of Jingle Bells. They looked very festive in their elf costumes. At the end of the play, all the students sang The Twelve Days of Christmas Alaskan Style by Jane Griechen.

It was a very festive evening. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed cookies that the children had decorated, as well as the other desserts brought from home.

I enjoyed working with Mr. and Mrs. Thurston and all of the children in putting this play together. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thurston for all the work they put into directing the children in this performance. And congratulations to the students for a wonderful performance!

#### **Labels for Education**

The Igiugig Preschool is still saving Campbell's labels. We are aiming for 2000 labels in order to obtain pattern blocks. As of January 14th, we had 1400 labels. The deadline to turn these in has been extended to May 1st, giving us an extra month! Labels can be put in the box at the post

office or dropped off at the council office. You can also check our progress on the "thermometer" by the box at the post office!

#### **LSAC News**

The LSAC held their regular meeting on January 22nd. There were thirteen people attending including school staff, LSAC members, community and students.

Principal, Bernie Gurule, talked about student PEPs (Personal Education Plans) and reminded us that this is an important way to support our kids and help them learn to achieve goals.

Newly hired is Annie Wilson who will be training for the P.E. Aide position.

Some comments were given about the School District's Strategic Plan and the changes that we have seen locally and district wide. It has made a difference in helping the teachers be able to get the supplies and materials that they need, rather than making orders over a year in advance. It was also noted that our staff and principal's active involvement has been good for the students, the school situation and the interaction with the community. The P.E. Aide position was mentioned as having made a big difference in the flow of the school day and the ability for the teachers to be prepared to provide quality teaching time to the kids. Preschool was also mentioned as being a very wise addition to the School District's plan because it provides the incoming kindergarten kids with a good basis for entering the school system.

A Guest Housing Policy was approved by the LSAC. It will request that people who need to stay overnight in the school, give a donation to the Student Activity Fund and it will clearly outline the rules for overnight stays.

Christina Salmon reported on the student activities including work to the yearbook and fund raising ideas that are underway. Students are in the process of ordering T-shirts which will have "Igiugig Alaska" on them. Watch for these to go on sale soon.

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Another project that the school will be participating is to commemorate Arbor Day. They will be ordering treesand shrubs to plant around the village.

If any of this sounds interesting or fun, don't hesitate to offer your help to Jeff, Bonnie or the kids. Community participation goes a long way in helping our kids grow up into productive adults.

# Beyond Luck Winning at Scrabble Made a Lot Easier

Excerpt from <u>Bottomline</u>, January 15, 1998

(If you are interested in seeing the whole article, stop by the office to see the whole article.)

While luck plays a role in how well you do in Scrabble, computer analysis shows the game is 85% skill. Our rules to help you improve your likelihood of winning . . .

☐ Don't waste great letters.

They help you score big, and they are often enough to give you the winning edge.

- o Never use an s tile unless doing so gives you at least eight more points than if you had not used it.
- o Be reluctant to part with the letters that are best for making words that use all seven letters on your rack. When this happens, you get 50 extra points.

**These letters include:** The s...the blank...e...r...and t.

 $\Box$  **Get rid of high-point letters.** The tiles f...k...v... and w can be hazardous to your score.

The letters j...q...x... and z are an even greater challenge. Don't wait for ideal opportunities to use them--such as to put the q on a double-letter square. Such golden moments seldom happen.

Words that will help you use the q--even if you lack a u...

- o Qat--an evergreen shrub.
- o Qaid -- a Muslim leader.
- o **Qoph--**a letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

Some other pointers... If you have a *ing...pre...est...ent...* or *ate* on your rack, save it to make a larger word.

Xu is the name of a coin formerly

minted by South Vietnam.

If you wind up with too many vowels, it pays to know these words--ulu, ourie, and ohia.

To get rid of consonants, consider these words--cwm, hmm, and mm.

## Suicide Prevention Project Review

It is coming up on time to review our Suicide Prevention project again. The grant is usually used to pay for things and activities at the RecHall, as well as other fun projects around the community. We will be having a village meetings in the next few months to talk about your ideas for next year.

Other activities? Other projects?

You can also make suggestions to Sandy anytime.

#### Licenses?

Now that it's the New Year, do you have a Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Licenses for 1998? They are available from Sandy at home or at the office.

## Job Opening

The Village Council is taking applications for a clinic janitor. The job would be for a good cleaning once a week and several trash pick-ups per week. Anyone interested in this job can talk to Dan at the Office about it.

#### **Mini-Carnival**

Planning is under way for the annual minicarnival put on by the kids. They are busy ordering prizes and planning booths for this years activity. The date is set for March 7. Be looking forward to updates and posters about this event.

#### **New House Goes up**

In case you haven't noticed, Greg and Renae's new house is being built. Check it out when you are out and about!

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **On-line at School**

Most of you have noticed a new dish on the school grounds. GCI is installing a new dish system. It will enable school computers to get on-line faster and qualify our school for large discounts on phone service. We are now waiting for the inside wiring crew. This was all possible through a nationwide grant to connect all schools to the Internet.

#### **Book Fair in March!**

Igiugig School will be holding a Book Fair at the end of March. We have contracted with Cook Inlet Books to sponsor this event. All kinds of books will be available for purchase as well as related items like bookmarks and stickers. It will be a wonderful opportunity to buy books and support the student activity fund. This fund earns a percentage of sales from the fair. Be watching for exact days and time!

## Way to Go!

Congratulations to our Honor Roll students!

1st Semester Honor Roll
Alex Anna Salmon

Tanya Salmon

Congratulations to all our Perfect Attendance students!

1st Semester Perfect Attendance
Shayna Nelson
Jeremy Salmon
1st Quarter Perfect Attendance
Alex Anna Salmon
2nd Quarter Perfect Attendance
Jonathan Salmon
Tanya Salmon

#### **ETT Course**

There will be an ETT course offered February 16 to 28. Anybody interested in taking this class, contact Renae at the clinic.

#### **Battle of the Books**

The LPSD Battle of the Books will be taking place February 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Parents are encouraged to work with their children. Books can be checked out at the Council Office.

#### **Fuel Deliveries**

The employees at the Village Council are very busy these days. It would be very helpful if everyone could keep an eye on their oil and propane tanks. If you are going to need fuel or a propane refill, please let us know at least three days ahead of time. It is very hard on our equipment to start and use it in cold weather. Also, we do not want to do any night or weekend deliverys.

The Council will be considering extra fees for people who ask for emergency or immediate delivery, so take the time to check your own fuel occassionally so you need never run out, or bother an already very busy person.

#### **VHF Radios**

VHF radios in the village are used for a lot of things. A radio can be very useful in an emergency. Hunters and travelers can use them when they are out on off road vehicles, and we can talk to the planes that are coming in and out of the village. A number of times our village has called to another village to let the telephone company know that the phones weren't working in Igiugig.

If we want to be able to keep using VHFs, everyone needs to remember that the use of these radios is regulated by the federal government. People need to have licenses to have and use a radio. We also have to abide by the rules. People who use bad language on the air or people who use them just to chat can risk losing their license and being fined by the FCC.

Let's all be careful of the way we use our radios and if you don't have a license, ask someone to help you put in an application

# **Celebrating Russian Christmas in Igiugig**

January 7 came on a mild, balmy, 25\*F day. We were all happy that the cold spell was broken before Russian Christmas. Excitement was in the air. The villagers were pretty busy sprucing up their homes, baking goodies, cooking, wrapping presents, and practicing the Slavie songs before the big week of January 7 to 14.

We started starring around 11:00am after the Divine Liturgy. The graveyard service was the most moving experience. Alice Zackar and Mary Ann Olympic said that they could feel the presence of their ancestors and the past Church members surrounding the group and helping them sing. This year we had a new house. Father Wassily Askoak and his family moved here in June 1997. We went to their house first and had some delicious roasted turkey with all the trimmings, akutaq, and homemade bread. With this being the first house, we were all starving and raring to eat a lot of food. Matushka cooked a delicious meal.

At the other homes, a variety of meals were served: plenty of akutaq, turkey, curried cutlets and gravy, rice, potatoes, green salad, cupcakes, cookies, saluunaq, dry fish, assaliaq, smoked salmon spread, candy, coffee, tea, and juice. While at Alice Zackar's house, a group of three caribou were grazing on the tundra outside her house --- what a special treat!

Our candle boy, Jonathan Salmon, did a marvelous job leading us along the way!

John Zackar did a fine job carrying the star.

Our thanks to Yako Nickoli, who did a wonderful job of directing the choir and carrying the Holy picture.

Wally Gust of New Stuyahok came to assist Father Wassily in learning the way the Church service is done during Slavie. Our thanks to him for his guidance and help.

Everyone was happy with this year's Slavie. Our stomachs were full and we had a glorious time celebrating this blessed event.

When asked the question "What do you think of when I say Slavie?, the survey results were (in no particular order):

Annie: Birth of Jesus Christ.

Marie: Cleaning, cooking, eating, singing songs, happy its over with.

Agafia: Celebrate Jesus Christ's birth, praising his name through our songs, helping our Church raise funds.

Yako: People gathering together, eating good food and having fun, too.

Julie: Caroling and feasting.

Dan: Old people fighting - we know who they are and this should be a good time.

Father: Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ who brought salvation to the world.

Jonathan: Lots and lots of food. AlexAnna: Singing and learning new songs, full stomachs, happy spirits and tired legs.

Tanya: People getting fatter! Jeremy: Candy and eating.

Christina: Singing and eating. Michael: Gathering of old and

new friends between villages.

Bernadette: Cleaning and baking. Kevin: Vacation, catching a cold, and traveling.

Ida: Gathering together, eating, singing, kissing . . . yuck, and having fun.

Alicia: playing out. Shayna: Jesus' birthday.

Jacob: Eating.

Ponty: Jesus' birthday.

Lydia: Memories of Slavie's past, carrying on a unique tradition, cleaning, visiting friends and relatives, and tons of goodies to eat!

# STUDENT ARTICLES Yearbook Fundraising

by Christina Salmon
Igiugig School has sent letters to area
businesses requesting donations, to help
pay for our 1997/1998 yearbook. On
Thursday, January 22, the village council
became the first contributor with \$250.00.
Their generosity is highly appreciated, as
this endeavor would be impossible without
their assistance. Each donator will receive
a free yearbook and be acknowledged in

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the annual.

If anybody would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to:

Igiugig Student Activity Fund
PO Box 4010
Igiugig, AK 99613
Attn. Christina Salmon

## Mischief Monkey Learns a Lesson

By AlexAnna Salmon
It was Christmas morning in the monkey household. "Hooray! I gotta choo-choo train!" shouted Mischief Monkey. He was so excited. He peered over at his younger sister, Marmalade, who got a doll.

"Oh! I gotta baby! I'm gonna name her Marlis!"

"Nothing to be excited about," said Mischief monkey in a mean manner.

"Be kind," said Mama monkey.

Then Mischief monkey looked at his brother, Michael the monkey. "Oh cool! You gotta race car track."

That night, Mischief monkey watched his sister Marmalade kiss her doll Marlis good night, and put her down to bed. Then he watched his brother Michael polish his cars, and put them in a neat little row next to his race car track. As Mischief monkey was watching the train go around and around the track, his mother told him to go to bed. Mischief monkey went to bed.

Next morning, Mischief monkey went to play with his train. It wouldn't move at all. He gave the train a little push. It still wouldn't move. Mischief monkey became frusterated. He picked the train up. Nothing looked wrong with it, so he began examining the track. Part of the track was broken, because mischief monkey accidentally stepped on it, being careless, but that wasn't the problem. Then Mischief monkey remembered he forgot to turn off his train engine. Mischief monkey started to cry. That train track was his favorite toy. (It was the only toy that wasn't lost or broken badly.)

That night Mischief monkey watched Marmalade read a book to Marlis, and lay her down. He also watched his

brother Michael polish his cars, and then put them in a neat little row by his race car track. Mischief monkey didn't have any toys to play with. Mischief monkey wished he had taken care of his toys. He realized he was so involved with watching his brother and sister take care of their toys, that he never even took care of his own toys. "Next time I'll be more responsible," said Mischief monkey, "Responsibility pays off."

#### **Momma Knows Best**

By Tanya Salmon
Little Tigger loved to bounce.
His mother, Teeko, told him to stop, but he never listened.

One day Teeko had to go to the store which was three miles away. "Stay in the house while I'm gone," his mother said. After 10 minutes in the house Tigger got tired of waiting and went outside to jump in the mud puddles. His friend Chillie the Cheetah told Tigger "You should listen to your mother." "I don't have to," Tigger talked back. So Tigger jumped and tumbled in every mud puddle around his yard.

After 30 minutes of jumping and tumbling Tigger told Chillie the Cheetah "Now I am going to go in the pond and come out as clean as can be." He jumped in the pond, but the mud never came off. He scrubbed and scrubbed, but nothing came off. He told Chilli the Cheetah "go to your house and get a scrubber." Cheetah chugged home got a scrubber and chugged back to Tigger, who was nervously scrubbing at the black mud. "Now scrub me as hard as you can even if it hurts" ordered Tigger.

After two bottles of Teeko's favorite soap Cheetah yelled "done." Tigger ran to the mirror. He took one look and screamed.

Black stripes covered his body. He was horrified. "Wait till mom see's this" Chillie the Cheetah chugged home while Tigger was crying. Tigger stopped when he heard the door slam shut. He dried his eyes, wrapped himself in a blanket, and put a hat over his head.

When dinner time came his mother said "take of that blanket." Tigger

cried while he tried to tell Teeko the tale. "Played in the mud puddles didn't you" she said with a cross face. "Yes mom." "I told you not to, but you thought you knew everything." "I guess I have to live with stripes for the rest of my life." She laughed "that's okay Tigger."

Whenever Tigger took a bath he remembered Mom knows best.

### **Spots Spot Sport**

By Ida C. Nelson Grade 7

A mother and her kitten were resting under the shadow of a tree. A kitten named Sport was always curious about every thing he saw. One day a spotted animal came up to Sport and said "Don't be to curious or you will end up like me." Then he disappeared into the tall grass. After the animal left, Sport started to chase a fly. With such curiosity, he was watching a yellow spotted, black bodied fly. He started to chase the fly all over the meadow. When he was chasing the fly, he swallowed it.

The nest day Sport woke up and went to the water pool. While he was drinking water, he looked at his reflection. Sport got scared and saw he had spots on his body. Sport jumped in the water and tried to wash off the spots. The spots he had would not come off. When he went home his mom was laughing and looking at the spots Sport had on his body.

"Being too curious spots the cat."

#### True Gifts

By Christina Salmon

Jenny trudged home from school angrily. She had a quarrel with her best friend Ramona. They were arguing over a book report that was due Monday and Jenny had called Ramona a cry baby, and a little whiner. As Jenny glared in the window of a toy shop, she decided to get all new toys, dresses, hats, and a china tea set so she could forget about Ramona.

Jenny pranced into the kitchen where her mom was getting dinner ready, and flung herself to the floor, kicking, and thrashing her arms around wildly, while

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screaming, "I want new, toys, dresses, dolls, and a china tea set!" Seeing that she wasn't going to quit, her mother gave in. "I will place an order tomorrow, just calm down dear!" She said with a sigh.

When Jenny arrived home from school the next day she noticed boxes piled high in her room. She tossed her book bag onto her bed and tore into the boxes without reading the labels. Jenny counted seven dresses, five dress up hats, ten dolls, and a china tea set. After she had played with her new items she decided that she wasn't enjoying herself after all. She had no one to play with. She was alone. By herself. Crying. Jenny decided to call Ramona and apologize for calling her names and hurting her feelings. Ramona accepted her apology. Jenny invited her to stay the night, play dress up and have a tea party. It was then Jenny realized friends were worth more than what money could

## Life is Easier When You Follow the Directions

By Kevin M. Olympic 1-19-98

One day a third grade teacher Mrs. Ann, a mountain lion, gave an assignment. She split the four students into two groups: Baxter, a cat, and Stephen, a dog, in one group, and Ralph and Eddie, both dogs, in the other. The assignment was to put together a paper model airplane. Mrs. Ann handed out the directions. Baxter and Stephen went over them, and then gathered their supplies. Before they started, they talked over how they will get started. Meanwhile Ralph and Eddie gathered their supplies, and started. A few minutes into the assignment they were arguing. They finally settled their argument and went on. They may have gotten finished first, but the plane didn't fly properly. The problem was they didn't measure the wings properly and the tail was on backwards On the other hand Baxter and Stephen followed the directions and their's flew excellent. Ralph and Eddie found out a project is easier when you follow directions, and the outcome will improve.

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