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No-See-Um Basketball by Sheryl Wassillie



Josie receiving her all-tourney award.

“Pineapple! Way to read the Defense! Go No-see-ums!”

Those were the words that me and my basketball team, Josie, Blaise, and Charmaine, had used many a times while playing games in Kokhanok for three man basketball districts.

Before the games started I didn't even know that I was going to be the coach until days before a tournament was supposed to go down. I started out coaching fresh from not playing or touching a basketball in MONTHS! We went through drills and did a lot of running at practices. It wasn't until about the last practice that Josie had mentioned that my brother-Tony their last years coach, made them run 30 lines a day and run 15 no-see-um laps. And here I thought that I was running them pretty hard at 10 No-see-um laps and about 15 lines. Ahahaha!

The tournament was held in Kokhanok and all the three man teams showed up and even kids who weren't playing basketball were able to go since it was also a jamboree. There were also workshops and Student government fun along with the basketball games. The teams that were there were Igiugig, Nondalton, Kokhanok, Port Heiden, Port Alsworth, Pilot Point, Chignik Lake, Chignik Lagoon, Perryville, and Egegik.

Now for the games. Our first game played was against the Nondalton Warriors and defeated them. It was the team's first game and we were all a little jittery the first

Administrative Update by AlexAnna Salmon

I began the month of February in Juneau for the Rural Development Class "Understanding the Legislative Process." While there I met with various agencies to investigate why the State Census has Igiugig at 45 people; the federal census is also incorrect, listing Igiugig at 50. We will try to appeal both. It is important to note that Permanent Fund applications are due by March 31st, 2012 and you can help with the population problem by using an Igiugig address for both physical and mailing addresses for your PFD.

I also met with the BIA Indian Reservation Roads officers to discuss our contracts and completed the budget for our BIA Tribal Operations contract. Trout Unlimited visited to work out the details of the 2012 Fly Fishing Academy which is being hosted in Igiugig summer of 2012 in partnership with the Village Council. The goal of this academy is to teach young village residents (14-23 age) to fly fish in an effort to integrate the sport fishing industry into the local economies. 10-15 students from the Bristol Bay region will journey to Igiugig for seven days for the academy. ILC will be providing Man-camp and a camp cook.

By mid-month we were ready for our regular monthly council meeting (Feb. 16). It lasted for nearly 1.5 hours as we listened to reports from all the departments. The week after, the Alaska Native Science Commission (ANSC) visited Igiugig to begin the project: Community Partnership for Self-Reliance and Sustainability. Five people from the ANSC and UAF visited Igiugig to meet with the community on this project specially designed to make Igiugig a more sustainable community.

I spent the final week of February elbow deep in a pile of paperwork, outlining our next steps for the RISEC project, submitting three grant applications, moving into the New Clinic, and preparing a job description for Kannon Lee, our new Grants and Procurement Officer, arriving March 6th. And with that, February ended and March has begun!



Klondike Road Relay

Hello, My name is Kannon Lee. I just moved here from Boston, Massachusetts. I graduated from Dartmouth College in 2008 with a bachelor of arts degree focused on History and Native American Studies. For the past four years I have lived in Boston, first working in the area of travel, second in the area of extensive research for the Brigham and Women's Hospital, and third as a dental assistant. I first visited Igiugig back in the summer of 2009 when I came up to help with village administrative tasks; I fell in love with the place. I visited Alaska again in September 2011 when I ran a leg of the Klondike Road Relay from Skagway, AK to Whitehorse, YK; again I found myself totally infatuated with the place. There is no place that I have been that exemplifies the beauty, awe inspiring views, and overall hospitality that I have experienced, more over, the experience in Igiugig in 2009 encouraged me to someday return. The day has come; I will be working in Grants and Procurement for the Village Council and helping to commercialize the greenhouse initiative that the Council has established. I am extremely happy to be here and excited for the opportunity to work with the Village Council. I look forward to meeting many of you again and for the first time.



Environmental Report

by Sheryl Wassillie

"I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be." – Douglas Adams

This quote speaks my decision on coming back home and not going back to Fort Lewis College (FLC). I would have been a graduate of FLC in April but I've decided to come back home and take the semester off. My family is going through a rough time right now and I just need to be home. I plan on going back in the fall and finishing my degree since I only have one semester left before I get my Bachelors of Arts degree in Environmental studies.

My plan was to find work in Anchorage; I did an internship with Bristol Industries this last summer and I was hoping they were hiring but they aren't until summer. So, Christina had called me and gave me an option on what I can do. I decided to take it.

Now that I'm home I'm learning the ropes of becoming the new Environmental Director for our village. Christina is taking me under her wing and showing me what needs to be done in order to run the IGAP program successfully like she has been. I have HUGE shoes to fill! Size five to be exact! She's has done so many great things that I hope I can at least meet what she has accomplished. Christina is a great teacher and I can't wait to pick her brain.

So far, since I've been home, I have registered to go to the Tribal Leaders' Summit in Grand Ronde, Oregon at the end of March and beginning of April. At this summit we are discussing many topics pertaining to 1) Salmon and Water Quality; 2) Climate Change and Air Quality; 3) Mining, Oil, Gas, and Energy; and 4) Solid Waste and Cleanup. The summit is also wanting to incorporate balancing Traditional Knowledge with Western Science. I think this will be a great trip for me to learn about these things and bring back what I have learned to the community.

Also, I have signed up for the 7 generations training where I can either go to King Salmon, Bethel, Fort Yukon or Nome and learn about environmental planning and management using a community based approach. This will be really great for me attend so that I can grasp the idea of what we can do for the community of Igiugig.

These trips are only the fun things that I have started with. I'm dreading learning about quarterly reports (which I have little knowledge about, from being the intern with Christina in my High School years). Although they are the not so fun parts, I am eager to learn them.

I am very excited and scared to take on this new role. All I have come to know, up until now, is school and not having to take care of many responsibilities. I've worked at the Village Council as a clerk and a laborer and never really had a title and I kept telling my friends that I have to grow up now! I have to take on a lot of responsibility but am willing to do so in the process.

Battles & Slumber Parties! By Kaylee Hill, Kiara Nelson, & Benise Tinker

Published on Igiugig School's blog on February 7, 2012

Hi we are Kaylee, Kiara and Benise, we are Team Party Rock in 2nd grade battle of the books.

We won our first battle! Each battle has 16 questions, we had three battles! We got tired of all those battles! FFEWWEEE. Our other Battle Book teams were Team Keil, the BOB cats, Team Wolverine and Dolly Ann. We battled on Skype, it was really fun.

After all the battles were done we had a spend the night at the school. We had lots of snacks and we played lots of games. On the second movie we passed out. We watched Mr. Poppers Penguins and Narnia. We played lots of games, like dodgeball, ghost in the graveyard and capture the flag- **WHOLE SCHOOL!**

In dodgeball Benise was the only one left, Andrew called, "pass over the ball" and when Benise did Kaleb caught it and we lost.

We also play wii, Mario and Star Wars and we set up the mats and we slept on the mats. We were going crazy until Andrew said, "Settle down and watch a movie, and relax."



Jolynn, Keilan, Aiden, & Benise playing dodgeball



Everyone "gaming" during the slumber party.

Last Week by Kaleb Hill

Published on Igiugig School's blog on February 23, 2012

Hi my name is Kaleb and I am here to talk about last week. Last week was pretty fun for all the students of Igiugig because we had a Valentine's Day Dinner at the Igiugig School. All the girls got dressed up and were servers while the boys were either working in the store or being cheese boys. The parents made spaghetti in the kitchen and it was really, really good. We ate spaghetti and all the workers got to eat free. While we were eating, we got to watch the love movie Lady and the Tramp. The dinner went until 7:30pm because no one watched it.

The second thing that was fun this week was skypeing with some of the kids in Boston. They asked a lot of questions which was good because they probably learned a lot about us and I know we did as well. I think we should do it every week at least once, but that's up to the teachers, not me. Our kids can't wait to meet them in Boston.

Well that's all for this week. For more come back and read our blog in two weeks-- next week is spring break! Good bye.



Andrew stirring the spaghetti.



Kaleb & Caleb working in the student store.

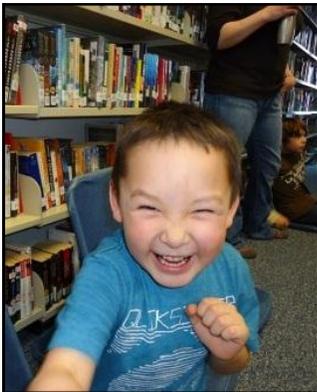


The spaghetti crew ready to serve!



Josephine being a sleepy head @ the sleepover.

To know & see more about what our students are up to, log onto <http://igischool.blogspot.com/> to read their school blog: "Life as a No-see-um."



Igiugig Battle of the Book Contenders: 8th grade: Team Dolly Ann. 4th/5th grade: Team Wild BOBcats Caleb & Katelynn. Kindergarten: Keilan as Team Keil. 1st grade: Aiden Team Wolverine. 2nd grade: Team Party Rock: Benise, Kiara, & Kaylee.

Early literacy Coordinator Training by Tanya Salmon

Not many people can claim their one & only high school teacher as their boss after graduation. That is not the case for me! On March 13th I attended my third year of Early Literacy training for the Lake & Peninsula School District & Kristin Hathhorn is my “boss!” The first year of training, we held our meetings in King Salmon at the District Office. Last year they were held at the Loussac Library in Anchorage. This year, our training took place in the thread offices of Anchorage.

thread’s motto is, “learning doesn’t start at kindergarten, it begins at birth.” Their goal is to improve availability, affordability, & child care for all Alaskans. thread is a statewide child care resource referral network that works with individuals & early educators to ensure they are knowledgeable & supported in guiding children to lifelong success. While at thread, we learned the importance of communicating to babies. We learned a few sign language movements & practiced several different sign language gestures. We were given random cards & we had to act them out for the class to guess. Our favorite was applauding: wiggling our hands in the air.

Another major aspect of our training was working with Best Beginnings. Best Beginnings is a private-public partnership that mobilizes people & resources to ensure all Alaskan children begin school ready to succeed. Best Beginnings created a 14 minute DVD for parents highlighting early learning & healthy brain development. This DVD is special because they created it JUST for Alaskans! This video is not yet open to the public & I am honored to be holding a premiere for the DVD at the school. Best Beginnings has more than 7,500 FREE sets of DVDs & board books to give away to parents with children 2 years & under. The DVD & books provide at-home & convenient ways to interact with your children. So if you are a parent/care-giver to a young child, please attend the premiere on Friday March 2nd at the school!

I thoroughly enjoy my training sessions for the Early Learning program & working with coordinators throughout the District. This is the program that gives EVERY child in the District 10 FREE books a year until they begin pre-school. Sadly, this is the last year that the grant is available. If you would like to make a donation to the program, please send to:

LPSD: Candice Berner Fund
PO Box 498
King Salmon, AK 99613.



Sites of interest:

Best Beginnings: <http://www.bestbeginningsalaska.org/>

thread: <http://www.threadalaska.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Need gas? If you have a Village Council or an Electric bill over 30 days past due, you must **PRE-PAY** at the Office before filling up. Please fill up during office hours: Monday– Friday 8:30-4.
- The Hangar is now locked. Please drop your trash off during Office hours.

Remember to turn in your Permanent Fund Dividend Application **BEFORE** March 31st, 2012. You can either do it electronically at www.pfd.state.ak.us/ or you can pick up a paper copy at the office. File your **PHYSICAL ADDRESS** at Igiugig for census purposes!

Vehicle Parking Notice

- If you are leaving on a flight, please park on the sides or back (North Side) of the hangar.
- If you are at the airport working, doing business, garbage, etc., & need to stop in front of the hangar (South side) **please park within 30' of the building.**
- **DO NOT** leave your vehicle out on the apron where airplanes need to taxi, park, or unload & **DO NOT** park right in front of the hangar doors, or office door. Thanks!

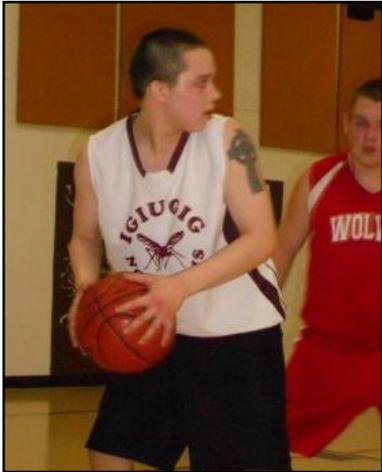
Remember to separate #1 plastics, aluminum cans, glass, food scraps, & cardboard. Signs have been hung around the hangar directing you where to dispose of your trash. Properly segregating your trash will help keep the cost of dump fees down. Thank you for your cooperation & understanding!



- The Village Council is accepting applications (& donations) for the Dan Salmon Scholarship Fund. Stop by the Office to pick up an application or e-mail Tanya at tjsalm-on@hotmail.com & she can send you a copy online.
- Interested in having an **article or picture(s)** published? **Please submit an article or photos to Tanya.** A variety of authors always make the newsletter a more interesting read!

Turn Out The Lights

It's a simple task. When you leave any public building, please turn out the lights behind you. Even if you plan on returning later. The next time you look at your light bill and start to complain about the cost of it, remember that we can't keep electric bills down when you keep public lights on! We can only help you if you help yourself!



Blaise playing hard offense.



Charmaine with her killer shot.



No-see-um POWER!

half. In the second half we dominated, ran some plays and had a good game. At the end the score was 39 us and 17 Nondalton.

We were in the winning bracket and the next team we had to play was Port Heiden Meshik Wolves. They were one of the stronger teams out of all ten of them. They were very competitive and had to play two of their guys and one girl against my two girls and Blaise. We played really great defense but we couldn't even buy a shot on our board. The end score was 35 to 21, Port Heiden.

This was a double elimination tournament so even though we lost one game we would still be able to make it to the championship but with many more games to get to the championships. Our next team to play was Pilot Point Lynx. They were one of the stronger teams too and had two guys and one girl with a killer shot. This game was one to remember. We played amazing defense and the team was reading their plays left and right and we shut them down to the point where they couldn't run their plays. They played a great last game. The score was 24 to 14, Pilot Point.

One very exciting piece of information is that Josie got on the All-Tournament team! After the coaching meeting she was really asking who was all on the team and I just smiled and said 'I don't know!' I really wanted to tell her but I couldn't and that was killing me! A big congratulations to Josie!

Overall, we had a really great season even though it was very short. I wish I had more time to coach them before the tournament started. I am really proud of Josie, Blaise, and Charmaine, they played great games and had a lot of fun. I also had a lot of fun coaching them. Watching them play made me miss high school basketball!



The Time That I...Went Trapping and Caught my First Snowshoe Hare

By Kiara Nelson, 2nd grade

Andrew our teacher took me out to where he checks his traps around muskrat lake. The ride was very bumpy and Andrew told me that he saw a pack of wolves across the lake. While on the trap line he set his mink traps. Several days later he took me to his shed and taught me how to skin a mink.

While observing Andrew skin a mink this is how I remember he did it:

To skin a mink you have to hang it by the legs then use a knife to cut the skin across from one leg to the other leg. Move from one leg to the other and then pull down the fur and cut the stuff off. Keep pulling the skin down until you get to the head and remove all of the paws, and your done!

Couple of day later Andrew and I went out to set snares near the baseball field. Andrew set the first one and I set the second snare. The snow was very deep. After about three days Kaylee and I were checking the snares, we checked the first trap, nothing. We check the second snare and but when we got halfway there, Kaylee saw eyeballs. We ran over as fas as we can and I saw that I caught a snowshoe hare! Kaylee and I screamed and my Mom came over and I was so excited I dragged her over. She removed the hare out of the snare and we brought it over to show Andrew. He took the rabbit and told us that it was caught in the snare this morning. Afterwords he put my first rabbit in his shed. That is how I caught my first Rabbit.

The next day Andrew skinned my first snowshoe hare. I was able to take my first rabbit home and I gave my fur to my mom. My mom slow cooked the rabbit and made rabbit soup. My mom and Loretta cooked me a big dinner for to celebrate my first animal catch. I am happy that I celebrated my first rabbit with everyone in the village. The people that came was Dallia, Mike, Davey, Little Jonathan, the teachers Andrew and Katie, VPSO Dan, and Krystine. Even tho hardly anybody came my rabbit soup turned out good I am thankful to the teachers and the people that I shared it with. Thank you!



GARDENERS GOODIES

By Sandy Alvarez

MARCH garden activities:

Early MARCH – Begin opening doors and windows for fresh air on the nicer afternoons. Not only is the outdoor/clean air better for you, the houseplants will also thank you.

Early MARCH – Get your seeds going in small pots or in a recycled plastic fruit box. Keep an eye on your small sets and starts for proper moisture. If they are in a sunny windowsill be sure they don't overheat or dry out in the direct sunshine.

MARCH – Transplant sets as they grow into larger containers. Continue to fertilize on a regular schedule to keep up rapid growth.

Late MARCH – As things begin to thaw out, start preparing for the season by removing debris, repairing rock borders and edging around your planting beds. A little raking and other 'tool use' will start strengthening your back for the heavy digging and bending that will be coming up in the next few months..

Late MARCH – work on graveling areas that are muddy or collect puddles this will give you a much cleaner spring and summer and keep more of the gardening soil where it belongs rather than tracking it into your house.

REMEMBER those R's

Reduce – Refuse – Reuse – Renew – Recycle – Remodel – Refurbish – Rebuild – Recharge – Refill – Refinish – Repurpose – Recover – Reclaim – Reload – Reinvest – Reinvent – Re... something.

*Upcycle—the new 'cool' word for making new stuff out of old things or reusing something in a new way. Join the party and make something old into something new.
(see toilet paper rolls and Costco type fruit containers below)*



How about 101 ways to use socks past their prime—dusting, wiping up yucky messes (instead of a paper towel), a coffee cup 'cozy' to keep from burning your hands on a hot paper cup, wrist warmers, packing material for things you are moving or shipping, hair ties, crocheted rugs, stuffing for projects, hand puppets, tying up trellis plants....

Library/Computer News

February came and went. March is the time for winter carnivals, ice fishing, and the Iditarod! Good time of year!!! We just got done applying for the IMLS grant. Thank you Roz and thank you Sandy for all of your help and support! You both made my day! I am going to Fairbanks for the annual library conference. I am still retouching old photographs for the Enhancement grant. Please call me if you have any photographs and slides you want me to scan and retouch. I will be on round 3 with the Wilsons and I will begin Yako's soon.

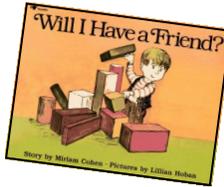
EL'S HEART RACING LIKE A DOUBLE SCOOP OF MOCHA FUDGE CHUNK."



Junior Fiction

Storyteller- Patricia Reilly Giff

"One from the past, one from the present. One drawing brings them together".



Easy Fiction

Will I have a Friend? – Miriam Cohen

"Jim's anxieties on his first day of school are happily forgotten when he makes a new friend."

Website of interest

<http://projectbritain.com/year/march.htm>

Hey! Want to know about March month? This site is for you! There is a Marble day and long rope day. And please do not forget Lady Day!

Alaska nonfiction

Adventures of the Iditarod Air Force
– Ted Mattson



True stories about the pilots who fly for Alaska's famous sled dog race.

NONFICTION

Hooked on Ice Fishing- Tom Gruenwald
Secrets to catching winter fish! Beginner to expert!



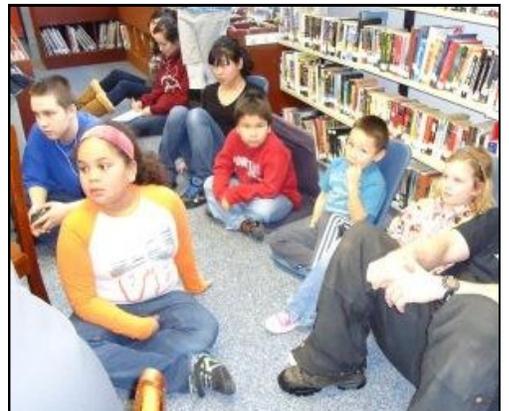
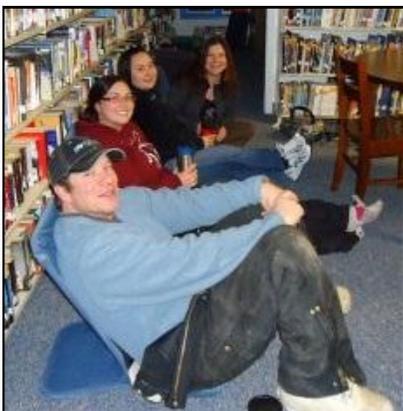
Adult fiction

EATING HEAVEN- JENNIE SHORTRIDGE

"NOTHING GETS ELEANOR SAMU-



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Dolly Ann & Christi getting ready to march in the Fur Rondy parade in Anchorage.



Bobby Jo, Tina, & Marvin shopping at Kamikaze General Store



Amara modeling the hat she made.



Gordy & Derrick getting wood at Big Mt.



A very happy Erika Danielle.



Another crazy day for Avery & Danni



Technology whiz Cole ipadding it up!



Everybody carrying food & making their way to Annie's house for dinner.



Gabe taking a rest.



Lukas looking miniature next to his steam-bath wood!



Annie & George preparing yet another infamous dinner!



Ida & Kiara.



MacKenzie Love scooting around in her walker



Now Martha just needs some dogs to pull her around!

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February Weather:

High: 53°F on the 17th

Low: -23°F on the 3rd

Days Below Freezing: 26

Days Below Zero: 6

High Wind: 84mph on the 15th

Average Wind Speed: 14.4 MPH

Dominant Wind Direction: ENE

*12 days had high winds of 50mph
or more.*

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Nothing like a woodstove burning
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Sun Dog!

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