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Birthdays this Month

- **May 6th**
April Hostetter
- **May 12th**
Tanya Salmon
- **May 15th**
Leif Richards
- **May 22nd**
Andrew Scrivo



Igiugig News and Notes

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This newsletter covers the No-see-um's trip to Boston & Orlando. All of the articles were taken off of their blog: www.igi.blogspot.com. It was very quiet & a little lonely in the village when 20+ people left town all at once! While everybody was on the school trip or traveling for various other reasons, I was busy subbing 8 kids from kindergarten-10th grade & Kannon manned the office & greenhouse...all alone! Kannon & I were so busy that by the evenings, we were too exhausted to even visit! One thing for sure, we were overly excited when everybody started trickling in :) So, welcome back, it sure is good to have y'all home!

~Tanya

Fenway Park, Museum of Science, Duck tour, and the Cheesecake Factory

Written Saturday May 5th by Dolly Ann Zharoff & Blaise Decker

This is Blaise and Dolly and we are going to tell you about what we did today in Boston.

It took us about 20 hours to get to Boston from Igiugig. We walked a lot today. Tomorrow we will be walking more than we did today and we will let you know when we do the blog tomorrow.

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By AlexAnna Salmon

As usual, this time of year calendars are filled with trainings/workshops/meetings because summer is full-bore work. Adding to the mix—extended vacations for most of our residents!

At the end of April our new program manager at ANTHC visited Igiugig to inspect our water filtration system to gauge improvements needed. Afterwards, Christina, Karl and I flew to Homer to have our annual ILC/IVC/Iliaska meeting to discuss our lengthy “To-Do” lists. On the way, we stopped by the state surplus yard to window shop.

There was the mass exodus in early May as the Igiugig School/Community took their trip to Boston and Orlando. Erika and I visited both Penfield, NY and Dartmouth College for a 41st Native Americans at Dartmouth reunion. Erika finally met her east coast relatives and my alma mater.

Upon returning to Anchorage, Annie and I met with the Nilavena Advisory Group and BBAHC to discuss our health care options. We will meet again in August after we have the opportunity to discuss the options with the council. I also had a meeting with Alaska’s representative of NABEC: Native American Business Enterprise Center to learn about the services they can provide.

I returned just in time to facilitate a grant writing workshop in King Salmon for the Lake and Peninsula Borough that both Kannon Lee and I attended on behalf of Igiugig. It was a great opportunity to sharpen grant writing skills and network with other participants, mentors, and funders.

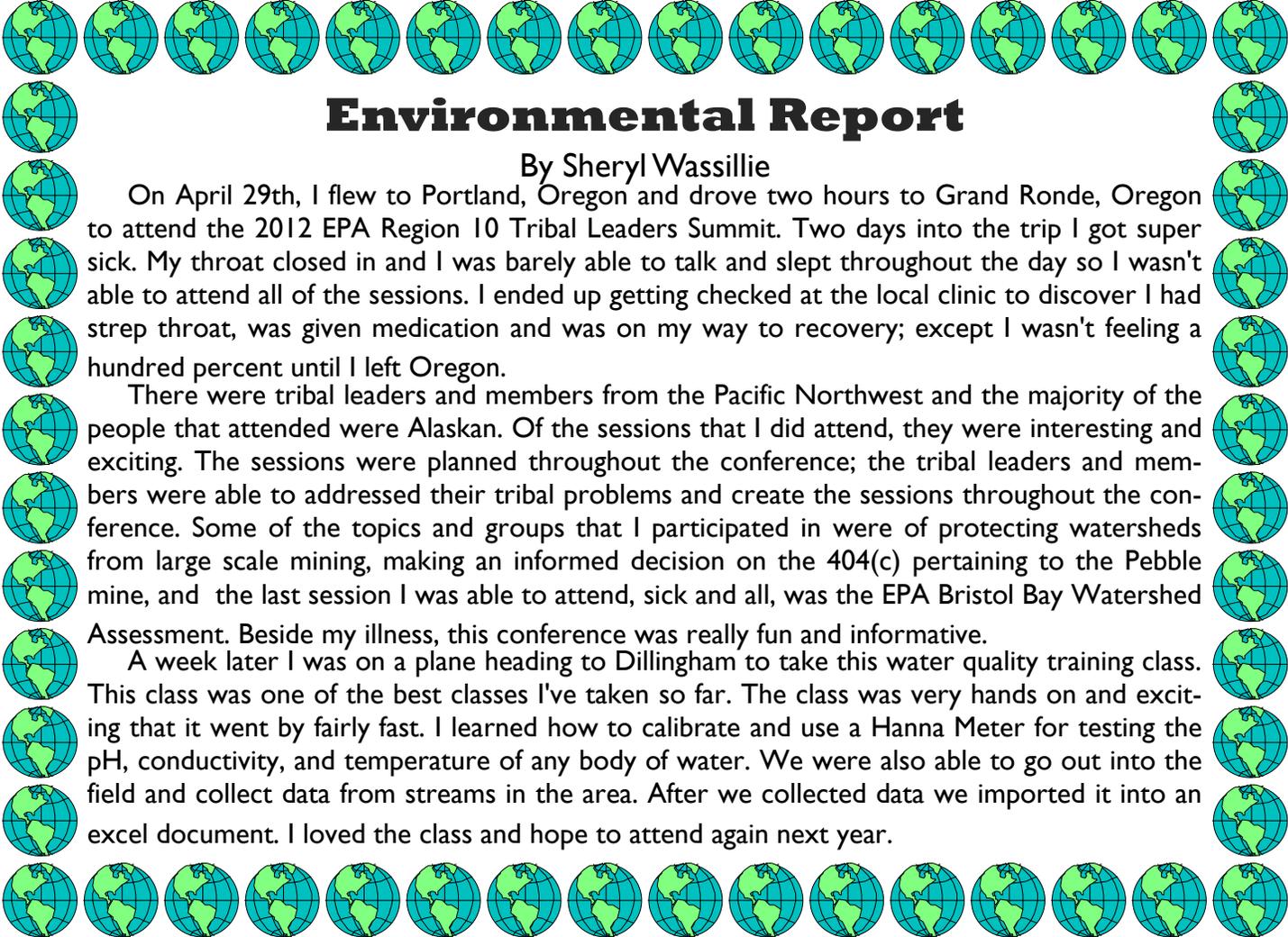
At the end of the month, our social services director and I will be attending the Rural Providers Conference in Dillingham and that will wrap up our spring!

In between all of this I found time to plant my grow box at the greenhouse and signed up for the Summer Reading Club. There is never a dull moment in Igiugig, but if one happens by, I will relish every second of it!



Above: Erika and her Great-Grandma Salmon in New York.
Below: Erika visiting Dartmouth.





Environmental Report

By Sheryl Wassillie

On April 29th, I flew to Portland, Oregon and drove two hours to Grand Ronde, Oregon to attend the 2012 EPA Region 10 Tribal Leaders Summit. Two days into the trip I got super sick. My throat closed in and I was barely able to talk and slept throughout the day so I wasn't able to attend all of the sessions. I ended up getting checked at the local clinic to discover I had strep throat, was given medication and was on my way to recovery; except I wasn't feeling a hundred percent until I left Oregon.

There were tribal leaders and members from the Pacific Northwest and the majority of the people that attended were Alaskan. Of the sessions that I did attend, they were interesting and exciting. The sessions were planned throughout the conference; the tribal leaders and members were able to address their tribal problems and create the sessions throughout the conference. Some of the topics and groups that I participated in were of protecting watersheds from large scale mining, making an informed decision on the 404(c) pertaining to the Pebble mine, and the last session I was able to attend, sick and all, was the EPA Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. Beside my illness, this conference was really fun and informative.

A week later I was on a plane heading to Dillingham to take this water quality training class. This class was one of the best classes I've taken so far. The class was very hands on and exciting that it went by fairly fast. I learned how to calibrate and use a Hanna Meter for testing the pH, conductivity, and temperature of any body of water. We were also able to go out into the field and collect data from streams in the area. After we collected data we imported it into an excel document. I loved the class and hope to attend again next year.

KANNON'S KORNER

Of all the plants growing, one stands out in particular....our coveted Avocado tree. This gem came to us from the school where it had been living for the past 6 months. It doesn't seem special at first. Its lanky appearance and somewhat depressed look may lead some to believe that it is nothing special. Sure some of its leaves are crunchy and lacking turgidity, but that's what you get when you are jockeying for prime window position at the school, seeking the sweet "nectar" of the sun. By watering at least two times a day making sure to soak the entire pot, signs of renewed life have begun to appear. Soon we will move our friend, the Avocado tree, to a larger pot and by doing so we hope to see this lanky figure rebound and seize it's rightful place as the center piece of our greenhouse growing venture!

Kvichak Produce Update: I just received word that our greenhouse supplies have arrived in Homer and are awaiting transport to the Village by barge. Hopefully by mid-June we can begin upgrading procedures to include an automated shade system, automatic irrigation system, central control system, and grow lights. **We still have five grow boxes available for the community, but these five boxes will be planted on June 1st if not yet claimed.** Here is the list of vegetables planted so far: Tomatoes, Romaine Lettuce, Yellow Squash, Turnips, Watermelon, Brussel Sprouts, Eggplant, Asparagus, Carrots, Swiss Chard, Corn, Soy Beans, Green Beans, Blueberries, Radishes, Spinach, Peas, Hops, Green Bell Peppers, Habanero Peppers, and Jalapeños. Once our outdoor plot is ready, we will expand our growing operation to include Potatoes.

EPA Testimony for the Bristol Bay Watershed by Ida Nelson

May 18th, 2012 was the last day of school for many parts of the Lake and Peninsula School District and summer vacation began for students and teachers alike. Also on this particular day, the Watershed Assessment draft for the Bristol Bay region was made available for public review and comment. Of course, a title wave of media craze came crashing down on the citizens of the region as both sides fight to influence their opinions to the public.

We have heard of, talked about, and listened to both sides of the Clean Water Act section 404. The meetings, media, and different opinions of what the Clean Water act -specifically Section 404 and 404 (c)- focus on various scare tactics to influence our thoughts.

What can we do to ensure our voice is heard? We hear many different sides to the same story, how and when are we to voice our opinions? Well now you can, from the Release date of May 18th, 2012 to the dead line of **July 23rd 2012**.

Don't know where to be heard? As an observer here is an opportunity to speak up:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be providing an opportunity to speak up

June 6th, here at the Igiugig Village Council (TBA)

You can snail mail your Testimony to the EPA at

EPA Bristol Bay docket at:

Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T)

Docket # EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0276

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

Washington, DC 20460

EPA prefers you to submit your testimony at their website:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/ecocomm.nsf/bristol+bay/bristolbay>

At the top of the Web site you will see Region 10: The Pacific North West and then just below it you will see a title **BRISTOL BAY**. If you have a written response you can also Fax them to the EPA: 202-566-1753

If you are faxing, remember to include the docket # EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0276 in the subject line of the fax.

If you have trouble wording your opinion, Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC) has given out some guidelines for what to include in your testimony about the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment Process. You really don't have to follow these guidelines; these are just to help you craft your testimony to the EPA.

The Questions are:

- How important are Bristol Bay Salmon to you?
- Do you believe the proposed Pebble Mine threatens Bristol Bay's Salmon?
- What do you want EPA to do?

The testimonies are not just for Bristol Bay Residents only; the comments are welcome to the public. Which means anyone in the United States can submit their comment to the EPA for support of Bristol Bay.

Note: Any person living in Igiugig, Ida Nelson will be available to assist you with your testimonies M-F 9:00 am to 4:30pm at the Village Council to ensure that your opinions are submitted.

Summer Reading Club 2012

Begins: **May 25, 2012**

Ends: **August 16, 2012**

Awards will be given for the most books read and the most pages read in three age groups:

Ages 6 - 8

Ages 9 - 18

Ages 19 and older

Books read to younger children ***may only be recorded on the younger child's log sheet.*** We encourage everyone to take time to read to the youngster's so that they may also take part in the reading club. **From age 0-8 years of age, parents/guardians will only write authors and titles of books read... no tallying up number of pages!!! Awards also will be given to these ages for most books read!!!**

Our theme for this year is "**Dreaming Big...**" We will meet on **Tuesdays** of each week in the library from 11:00am to 12:00pm. Part of the time will be spent working on tallying up the total number of books and pages read, and returning and checking out more books for the next week. The rest of the time will be spent reading, either on our own or to the young kids, and lending a listening ear to our new young readers in the village.

We will have group awards for the total number of books read.

- After **100** books have been read, each participant will receive a **free pop**.
- After **500** books have been read, participants will be invited to a **BBQ**.
- After **1000** books have been read, participants will be invited to a **banana split party** at the Back-to-School potluck.

For each book read participants will be given a raffle ticket to put in a can. Each Tuesday, we will draw a winner for a special prize.

We will use a point system counting the number of books read, number of pages read, and number of weeks that you attended and turned in your log sheet. So be sure to come and turn in books read each week. These points will be used to determine the award to be given out.

READ! READ! READ!



Right: Kaylee & Kaleb are the 1st to venture the swamps & find frog eggs. Middle: Danni & Shea enjoy marshmallows on their picnic. Left: Josie is heels over head for summer!

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."

Boston. Day Two: Whale Watching. Paul Revere's House. Old North Church

Written Sunday, May 6th by Kaylee Hill and Kiara Nelson

Today, we went whale watching. The boat we were on was called *Aurora*. We saw 1 menke whale, 7 humpback whales and 6 white-sided Atlantic dolphins. They were acrobatic. Kaylee, Keilan, Dolly Ann, Jeremy, Chris, and Kiara all got seasick.

After whale watching we went to Paul Revere's house. It is more than 300 years old. It is very creaky; the stairs were creaky. We went to Old North Church where Paul Revere lit two lanterns because the British were coming from the ocean. We went downstairs to the crypt where they stack dead people up to bury them. There were British soldiers from Bunker Hill buried there.



Above Left: The kids riding on the Miss Emma Science as they took a Duck tour. **Above Right:** Kiara, Kaleb, Kaylee, Dolly Ann, Blaise, Aiden, & Keilan at Fenway Park to watch a Red Socks game. **Below Left:** Paul Revere's original house! **Bottom Right:** The tail of a humpback whale on the whale watching tour.



Mather School & Castle Island

Written Monday, May 7th by Special Guest Jeremy & Aiden Wassillie

Today we went to Mather Elementary School, it was the first public elementary school in the US, established in 1639!

We met the kids we have been skypeing with. We went to PE and Art with them and showed them movies about us that we made. We shared food with them too. We

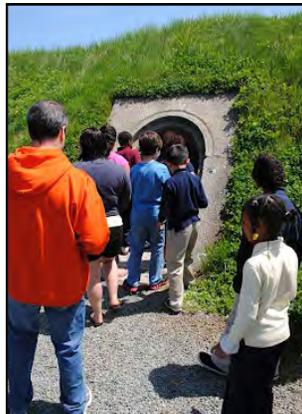
brought 2 types of salmon, dry meat (caribou) and Akutaq (Eskimo ice cream). Aiden's mom showed them how to make the Akutaq, the kids didn't like to try our food.

Then we left the school and went to Castle Island on a yellow school bus. We had a picnic there. We took a tour of Fort Liberty there! There is cannons, one is called Big Momma and also there is one more that size called Big Momma, there is two Big Momma's. The cannon balls that the small cannons shot were 174 lbs! They went 1 1/2 miles at only a 5 degree angle... that is power.

After the tour we ate lunch and played soccer and football with the kids. It was fun.



Top Left: Igiugig students with the Mather Elementary students touring Castle Island. Top Middle: Christina demonstrating our Native food. Top Right: Kiara in front of Fenway Park. Bottom Left: the cannon named "Big Momma." Middle bottom: Walking out of the corner fort at Castle Island. Bottom Left: Katy with Mr. Killilea and Mrs. Kempe with the glass floats she beaded for them.



Kaleb & Special Guest Jeremy

Written by Kaleb Hill & special guest Jeremy on May 8th

We did lots of things today. We started at the Bunker Hill Monument then we went to the Lexington Green and a graveyard. After that, we went to the Concord visitors center and the Concord Museum. Finally, we went to the North Bridge where the shot heard round the world was fired!

Bunker Hill Monument:

It has 294 spiral steps to the top. It has a great view of Boston. There is a hole in the middle that goes the whole way down to the bottom of the steps, but there is a grate over it... it is scary. The monument is there because there was a battle there. In the battle 1100 British soldiers were lost and about 400 patriot soldiers died. The patriots didn't even win the battle but we still made a monument because of all

the casualties we inflicted on the British. We may have won but sadly we ran out of ammo!

Lexington Green:

The Lexington Green is the middle of the town of Lexington. It is where the British troops first encountered Patriot militia on their way to retrieve weapons that were being stockpiled in Concord. Someone got nervous and shot which started a chain reaction. The patriots tried to retreat but 8 of them were killed. One British soldier was wounded and died later in the tavern, we saw his grave. His grave was not near the others.

Concord Visitors Center:

We saw a great movie here and there were huge paintings on the walls. The movie was about the events leading up to the revolutionary war including what happened at Lexington Green.

Concord Museum:

There were over 3,000 artifacts to see there. There were dressers, lanterns, guns, dishes and silverware. There were chambers decorated like different time periods. We got to into the education center and Kiara and Kaleb dressed up like colonial children.

North Bridge:

This is where the shot heard round the world was fired! There were 400 Patriots and 200 Red Coats at first, then 100 of the Red Coats went to a farm to look for stashes of supplies. While they were doing that the Patriots were watching them from on top of the hill. The Patriots saw smoke rising from Concord and thought that the Red Coats were burning the city! This made them rush down the hill and confront the Red Coats on the bridge. (The truth is that the fire was accidentally set when the British were burning supplies they had found, they didn't mean to damage the meeting hall and doctor's house, in fact, they helped put out the fire.) On the North Bridge the British saw the numbers of Patriot Militia and tried to retreat, they even pulled up boards from the bridge, but the Patriots caught up to them. A battle started on the bridge after a nervous British soldier fired and the Patriot leader said, "fire, for god sakes fire!" This was important because it was the first command given by a Patriot leader to attack and so the Revolutionary War began. 5 people died on that bridge, 2 Patriots and 3 British.



Left: The Concord Museum. Right: Kaleb & Kiara dressed up like colonial children.

Blue Men, Scavenger Hunts and FISH

Written on May 9-10th by Keilan Wassillie

This is Keilan, I lost two teeth yesterday.

This blog will cover yesterday, May 9th and today, May 10th... we couldn't blog last night because we didn't get home until almost 11:00!!!

May 9th

USS Constitution, Harvard, MIT Museum, Mapparium and Blue Man Group Performance.

The USS Constitution: It is a big boat, (the oldest commissioned naval vessel still floating). There were lots of cannons and small beds that hung from the ceiling. 450 men would be on the boat at one time! It never lost a battle and sunk around 32 ships.

MIT Museum: We saw robots and toys and other kinds of robots. There were just a lot of robots.

Blue Man Group: They were dancing and drumming. They let us have a party with toilet paper and big balls. They let Katy get up on stage and made her eat pinkies or what ever they are called (Twinkies).

May 10th

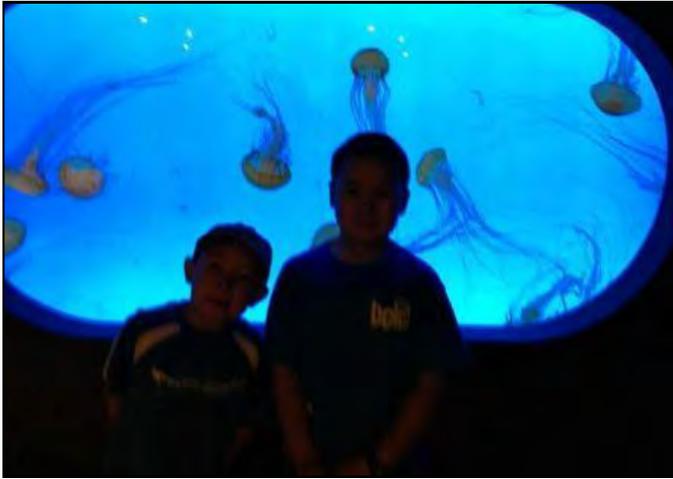
Aquarium: We viewed sea stars, we viewed stingrays we saw sea lions that were like trained to jump and give kisses and listen to people. A fur seal kissed Ida, his name was Isaac. Ida has a boyfriend in Boston now.

Scavenger Hunt: We played a game that we had to look for coins all over. My team won. We won green backpacks.

Tomorrow we will get up early and get on the train to New York to Orlando, Florida at 4 o'clock (am). We will miss Boston, but it is fun at Orlando I will get to go to pleasure beach and go swimming.



Left: Karl in front of the USS Constitution. Right: Keilan visiting Harvard University.



Aiden & Keilan in front of the Jelly Fish.



Kiara trying to kiss a fish at the Aquarium.

We Are At Florida!

Written May 13th by Blaise Decker

We got in Florida and its hot and the group is a bit too hot. Charlie the bus driver is really nice and early to pick us up. When we got to the beach and we went straight into the water. We were able to go boogie boarding! It was so much fun, although the waves made the boards hit my head. We all had a blast at Cocoa beach.



Everybody enjoying Cocoa Beach



Dolly Ann bracing for impact!

Tuesday, May 15th

This is Kiara and I have lots of things from yesterday!

We went to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. The Hippogriff Ride was super boring to me because it just went up and down and around, then done. Then me and my mom went to Jurassic Park. We went on a river adventure and we went on this big raft. Then we went up like a roller coast

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GARDENERS GOODIES

By Sandy Alvarez

JUNE garden activities:

JUNE – Greenhouse space! If you missed the deadline to plant your own box, you can still visit and help out with the other plants. The potato garden and all the indoor boxes will provide plenty of work for anyone who is interested in getting their hands dirty!

EARLY JUNE – Time to **PLANT OUTDOORS!!**

If you started plants indoors be sure to harden them off first—giving them outdoor time starting with just an hour or two and working up to all day over the course of the week. If the wind blows too hard either shelter them or don't put them out that day—indoor plantings are tender and easily damaged by too much weather.

Seed out directly to your garden, radishes, leaf lettuce, turnips, and other hardy greens.

JUNE Divide and Transplant

Rhubarb, irises, and other plants that spread through underground root systems can be separated and replanted this time of year. Be sure to put some fertilizer, compost, worm soil or some other nourishment in for them and side dress the part of the old plant that remained. This will insure nice healthy plants all around.

JUNE – Inspire your kids to like vegetables by letting them walk around the garden nibbling with you. You will most likely have fresh baby greens to sample when you thin out the row after just a few weeks.



(This is Swiss chard, baby lettuce, green onions and geraniums)

REMEMBER those *Re*'s

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

Library/Computer News By April Hostetter



"Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent those of the Institute of Museum and Library Services."

The Library is going through new renovations! Betsy and Roz worked day and night to streamline the shelving and start renovating the video section. The library is giving away a

large amount of VHS tapes to the Salvation Army and replaced those with newer DVDs. Betsy ordered new books—some of which are the ones community members suggested in the survey she sent out earlier this month. Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins (the third book in the Hunger Games), Dune by Frank Herbert, and books by Dana Stabenov and Jodi Picoult are some of the few new titles and authors that we have received in the mail. All of the new books will be logged in by Monday, May 28th, 2012 so stop by the library and check them out! The new library hours are from 11:00am to 12:00pm Monday through Saturday and 6:00pm to 7:00pm Monday through Friday. It is closed on the weekends. The Summer Reading Club has started so feel free to stop on by during the library hours to check out books and fill those reading logs!

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er, then down and then splash! I got a little wet and my mom didn't get that wet. After that we saw a dinosaur's head in the water, then it sneezed out water from its nose but it didn't really get me wet. Then we were supposed to go to a place whose name I can't remember, but we turned to the left and there were danger signs and there were many dinosaurs fighting each other. Then we passed that and we saw a shaking box; it was shaking really hard and it almost smooshed the raft. Then we went in deeper and deeper and it was dark and dinosaurs scared us. Then we went almost to the exit; we saw a big t-rex that looked really real and then we dropped down and big splash! I got scared and told my mom that we should never do that again.

This is Aiden and I'm going to talk about what we did today.

We went to Universal Studios and my first ride was Shrek 4D. Donkey sneezed on us! The fairy went on donkey's nose and donkey said "We can fly!"

I got painted on my face. It's called blue tribal and so did Keilan, but his is more blue.

Today I cried through the Simpsons ride, which is fake. Falling down the hole was scary and that scientist with those glasses picked us up with that wheel spaceship plane thing.

After we went to Simpsons we went to the Men In Black. We got to shoot aliens. I shot 159 in the eyeballs; my score was 259.

We went on the ET ride! It was fun and we saw ET's home. It was a bunch of mushrooms and aliens communicating.



Mary Olympic enjoying a sucker as she ice fishes in April.



The hangar was full on May 17th for the Comprehensive Planning Meeting with the Borough.



Kannon, Alex, Terek, & Stacie playing SPOONS!



Derrick watching Will, Gordy, & Lukas launch boats



Derrick & a porcupine



Kannon working in the greenhouse



Avery checking the plants growing.



Four lynx surround a trap. Taken on 3/23/12 with Karl's motion camera.



Gabe taking a break to watch the spring break-up.



Ida, Katelyn, Bobby, & Shea getting their bike's repaired at Yako's.



Davy following Jon as he bikes home.



George going for a ride.

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April Weather
High Temp 64°F on the
20th
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10:30 PM Sunset over the Kvichak.
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The swallows have arrived!

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