



CHATHAM NEWS

Fall Quarter 2014

Important Dates:

10/31 Halloween

11/2

Daylight Savings
Ends

11/12-11/15
Volleyball
Seeding
Tournament in
Thorne Bay

11/27-11/28
Thanksgiving
Break

12/1 Basketball
Season Starts

Dear CSD family,

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! Whether you are a returning family or new to the Chatham School District, we hope you are excited and ready for the 2014-15 school year!

This year, we commit ourselves to providing the very best educational experience possible. Our focus is on continuous improvement, communication, and technology integration. We will update you often through our school newsletters, and community meetings. The most critical part of our work lies in our attitudes and beliefs regarding the abilities of all children to learn and achieve at high levels. It has been my experience that schools that have made the most significant gains in moving all children toward high levels of achievement have a strong majority of staff members who sincerely buy into the view that all children are capable of learning. They are relentlessly pursuing this notion and explore a variety of avenues to realize it. Perseverance is fundamental in reaching goals. The building principal is the key to promoting this attitude among the staff members in his or her building. We must aim high to achieve high!

Our commitment to student learning is huge and engaging our community for the purpose of increased student achievement has never been more important. The relationship between schools and communities is reciprocal and we must foster community support, trust and partnership. The continued building of our partnerships with our District's families and our community stakeholders is vital to a successful school setting. We are here to serve our students and look forward to "Working Together for All Students" during the 2014-2015 school year.

With extraordinary enthusiasm and excitement, I look forward to a great school year! -Bernie Grieve, Superintendent

The student is...

The student is the most important person in the school. Without students, there would be no need for schools.

The student is not someone who is to be “tolerated” so that we can do our thing. They are our thing!

The student is not dependent upon us. Rather we are dependent upon them.

The student is not an interruption to our work. We are not doing them a favor by serving them.

They are doing us a favor by giving us the opportunity to do so. ~Author Unknown



MEET OUR NEW STAFF!

Bernie Grieve, Superintendent

Bernie Grieve has been serving as superintendent of the Chatham School District since July 1, 2014. Bernie Grieve has worked in public education for the past 17 years. Prior to joining CSD, he served as assistant superintendent of the Iditarod Area School District.

Superintendent Grieve began his career as a Kindergarten teacher at Rangerville Elementary in San Benito, Texas. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in history from the University of Texas, Brownsville, as well as a master’s degree in educational technology, and a master’s in educational leadership from University of Alaska – Anchorage. Bernie has also served as Director of Special Education, and Dean of Students at IDEA Public Schools, a charter school located in south Texas, which he was one of the founding teachers in 2000.

Bernie Grieve is passionate about preparing students for beyond high school through technology integration, relevant education, and rigorous instruction.



***Nancy Moon, Gustavus/Klukwan
Principal***

Nancy Moon – Principal of Gustavus and Klukwan K-12 Schools: I grew up in a once upon a small town of Newberg, Oregon. My professional back ground includes training in: Psychology; Music; Early Childhood Education; Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Pre K-12; Elementary Education; Educational Leadership and Educational Administration Pre-K-12. This is my eighth year serving in Education Administration in Alaska and my 27th year in Professional Education service.

My leadership with staff and outreach in the community has influenced Response to Interventions based on understanding data from assessment results, gathering input from teachers and parents to collaboratively support efforts in meeting needs of

individual learners. I support outreach programs and thoroughly enjoy the welcoming place our schools are for students, parents and community members. People enjoy attending school and community functions and are welcomed in the buildings. My life work and purpose serving in Chatham School district as Principal of both Gustavus and Klukwan is centered on building relationships. These relationships forward collaborative service efforts of shaping lives, dreams and futures of our students.

Jim Moon, Gustavus

Jim Moon- serves Gustavus School in Maintenance; Substituting; Volunteering working with children and families. I came to Gustavus with my wife of 35 years- Nancy Moon. You may have noticed me around.

I enjoy people, technology, hunting and fishing. I have an eclectic background – computer technology-building and troubleshooting; law enforcement, state park service; houseboat maintenance, coaching, hunter safety, custodial/maintenance, ranching, educational support, carpentry, and I am “grandpa”. On Fridays, until the snow falls, I am supporting students playing flag football in the field by the gym.

Jim Parkin, Angoon/Tenakee Principal

My name is James William Parkin IV. I have 30 years of educational experience, twenty years spent in Angoon as the science teacher. I have a bachelor's degree with a double major in Natural Science Composite Education and Biology. I am certified and highly qualified in social studies, math, music, technology, general science, physical science, biology and administration. I hold master's degrees in educational technology and educational leadership. I am married (35 years) and we have six children, James V, Hoss, Marie, Thomas, Jennifer and Matthew. I am 56 years young. I enjoy science, computers, hunting & fishing, weight lifting and all other sports. I served in the Navy back in the day.



I am excited and exhausted to be the new principal for Angoon and Tenakee Springs Schools. I look forward to an exciting year of growth for the students and communities of Tenakee Springs and Angoon. I thank you for your help and support.



Amanda Williams, Angoon K-1

I am the K-1 teacher at Angoon Elementary. I am married with a daughter who is in fourth grade. I have lived in Juneau and Ketchikan for seven years, but recently have lived in New York. I have taught high school biology and a variety of elementary grades. My hobbies include painting, crafts, beach combing, hiking, and photography. I love Alaska and the outdoors. I enjoy fishing, whale watching, and hanging out on the boat. I look forward to completing lots of projects with the students and seeing them learn throughout the year.

Charles Billie, Angoon Science

I'm from Wisconsin/Minnesota and have a wife, Carol, two sons, Ethan and Evans, and a daughter, Noel living in White Bear Lake, MN. Hopefully, they'll all have the opportunity to visit me here in Angoon some time during this school year.

My undergraduate degrees are from the University of Minnesota in Biology/Chemistry/Mathematics, and my graduate degree is from the University of Wisconsin with an M.S. in Ed. I've only been teaching five years, but they've been unique cultural experiences in Russian Mission, Nome, Lane Deer, MT, and now in Angoon. Lane Deer, MT was in the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation.



Prior to entering the educational profession, I spent nearly 30 years working in the Medical Equipment Industry with companies such as Johnson & Johnson, Warner Lambert, Fischer Scientific, but I started out with 3M Company in St Paul, MN as a research chemist.

I enjoy the outdoors through X-country Skiing, distance running, biking, hunting, and of course...fishing. I've sincerely enjoyed the first few weeks in Angoon, with a wonderful welcome by both the residents and the students, and look forward to a great year of teaching science.



Jessica Tipkemper, Gustavus 2/3 & 6/8

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Jessica was raised in a household that prioritized learning, music and the outdoors. She has been learning and teaching all of her life- from swimming lessons, to college level communication courses, to environmental education. This last endeavor led Jessica to pursue becoming a formal classroom teacher. Having experienced the students and classrooms of Gustavus during her time working as an interpretive ranger and education specialist for Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, she feels grateful to return to this unique and special setting to teach and learn again.

Jennifer Todd, Assistant to Superintendent

Born and raised in Wisconsin, I moved to Juneau to attend UAS after high school. After 10 years in Juneau and working in tourism, my husband and I decided to make a lifestyle change and moved off the grid in Tenakee Springs. I commercial fished with my husband for three years and then became the local librarian. Recently we made the decision to spend our school years in Gustavus and summers in Tenakee. We have a son that is in Kindergarten and a daughter in preschool. I am so excited to join the Chatham family, and to start this new exciting adventure of educating our children!



Recent Events





Students from Gustavus experienced Glacier Bay National Park at the beginning of the school year. Traveling with Allen Marine, they made it all the way up to the John Hopkins glacier!



Tenakee Annual Alder Picking Party

Every year community members from Tenakee Springs pitch in to battle the alders attempting to take over the ball field. Pizza is always a good incentive!

CHOOSE RESPECT

Angoon students and community members participate in a walk against bullying and domestic violence awareness. Great turn out!





Klukwan students work with local volunteer fire fighters for Fire Prevention Week



Tenakee Springs students practice their outdoor survival skills in an AMSEA course – building an emergency shelter.





Klukwan fun! First snow, too!



National Park Service Employees server breakfast at Gustavus’s Community Breakfast. The community celebrated the 50th year of legislation that started park conservation.



What a catch! Tenakee Springs students have their hands full with this halibut!



Cross Country!

Regionals in Ketchikan



Angoon team wins Sportsmanship Award! Elizabeth O'Brien, Patricia O'Brien, Natasha Kookesh and Cora Sibley with Coach Melissa Koontz.

Gustavus student Rowan Sharman qualifies for the state tournament in Anchorage! He placed 68th out of 129 boys competing from all over Alaska. With Coach Davita Marchbanks.



**District: Chatham School District / School: DISTRICT WIDE
2014-2015 School Calendar
'Chatham District Wide Calendar 2014-2015'**

Approved By: Title:

[171] Student days [9] Inservice days [180] Total

LEGEND	August 2014	September 2014	October 2014
C School Closes	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat 1 2	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat 1 2 3 4 5 6	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat 1 2 3 4
E End of Quarter	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	5 6 7 8 9 10 11
H Legal Holiday	10 11 12 13 14 15 16	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	12 13 14 15 16 17 18
I Inservice Day	17 18 19 20 21 22 23	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	19 20 21 22 23 24 25
M Meeting Tip?	24 25 26 27 28 29 30	28 29 30	26 27 28 29 30 31
N Not Meeting Tip?	31		
O School Opens	Number of Inservice Days: 4 Number of Student Days: 5 Number of Teacher Days: 10	Number of Inservice Days: 0 Number of Student Days: 21 Number of Teacher Days: 20	Number of Inservice Days: 1 Number of Student Days: 22 Number of Teacher Days: 23
S Saturday School			
T Testing			
V Vacation Day			
W Teacher Workday			
X Emergency Closure Day			
	November 2014	December 2014	January 2015
	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat 1	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat 1 2 3 4 5 6	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat 1 2 3
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	February 2015	March 2015	April 2015
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	May 2015	June 2015	
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