

# Lynx News

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Jim and Deb Carlson at the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser in 1999. This was a fun community event for many years. Cooper Landing School has many old photos to remember the good times.



## Upcoming Events

- 3/1, 3/22 Ski Day
- 3/4 Mark Swanson Presentation
- 3/8 Debbie Harris Art Day
- 3/9 PAC Meeting
- 3/11 End Of Quarter No School
- 3/14-3/18 Spring Break
- 3/21 Dino Light Show AKJT
- 3/26 Easter Egg Hunt
- 3/29-3/31 Testing

## Anniversaries

- 3/3 Mike and Linda Gephardt
- 3/7 Janice and Bryan Cooper
- 3/14 Bobby and Roxanne Defoe
- 3/16 Dan Michels and Kristen Helgren
- 3/24 Jen Belisle and Mike Harpe
- 3/26 Ed and JoAnn Hartig

## Birthdays

- 3/3 Stephen Lipscomb
- 3/7 Linnaea Morgan Gossard
- 3/8 Ely Bauer
- 3/14 Molly Patricia Sullivan
- 3/22 Cathy Leaders
- 3/23 Corey Route
- 3/27 Brad Hanson
- 3/27 Kelemen Smith
- 3/29 Dave Quinn
- 3/28 Jack Swain
- 3/28 Jacob Bellinger



Everyone's Irish  
On March 17th.

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# The Battle of the Books



By Linnaea Gossard

The idea for the Battle of the Books started in the 1940's as a radio program in Chicago. A student participant recreated the program in a school library that she later worked in. Years later, a school librarian from Chicago found her way to Kodiak, Alaska, bringing the idea of the Battle of the Books with her.

Word spread of the program when she used it in 1981-1982. Librarians from five different places met via audio-conference on May 19, 1983 to make plans for Alaska's first statewide audio-conference competition. Fourteen school districts around Alaska participated in the program in April 1984. As many as fifty-one school districts in Alaska have participated some years.

Each year new books are chosen for multiple age groups. A school librarian who is in charge of the Battle of the Books picks dozens of good book titles. Librarians from all over Alaska go to the Alaska Library Association conference each year. Some of the librarians at the conference discuss and vote to narrow the book list down to about fifteen books for each age group. My mom works at the Cooper Landing Library and has been to this conference some years and helped to choose the books. She really enjoys doing that.

For the competition, your teacher will get a list of schools who are participating to call on the phone. If you are in a big school, there will be a lot of people who are not really doing anything expect maybe being the thinker, but if you are in a small school you will usually have three people or less on your team. You will read the books that are for your grade level and then memorize the titles and authors of all the books. You will get a sheet of paper that has columns to answer on, then one teacher will ask a question and the other teacher will time both teams. You only get 30 seconds to answer each question. The teacher who is asking the question will say it twice. All the teams who place fourth place or higher get a plaque with their name and their coach's name on it.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team won first place in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Battle of the Books competition. They went on to compete with 33 other schools in the state competition and got third place in the state!!

## The Battle of the Books

By Cooper Gossard

This year I'm on the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade Battle of the Books team. My other team members are Monica and Leihla. There are 15 books that we have been reading. One of my favorite books is *Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman. We barely won the finals. Our score was about 109 and another team got about 104! I think we did well. We won the district battle and now we are competing in the state battle.



By Leihla Harrison

My favorite part of the Battle of the Books was the books; they were so cool. My favorite books were: *The One and Only Ivan*, *Escape from Mr. Lomencello's Library*, *Vanishing Coin*, *El Deafo*, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, and *Travels of Thelionius*. I also love the shirts they gave us; they have all the book titles and authors. Also, they have the Battle of the Books logo on them. I can't wait to do it again next year.

Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team for taking third place in the state Battle of the Books!!