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Birthdays

- 2/4 Olivia Reger
- 2/5 Kim Neis
- 2/9 Pat Dye
- 2/11 Roxanne Defoe
- 2/11 Greg Raveaux
- 2/12 Richard Dreifuerst
- 2/12 Olive James
- 2/14 Cecilia Pearson
- 2/17 Tommy Gossard
- 2/18 Ken Leaders
- 2/24 Abbey Reger
- 2/24 Hannah Norris
- 2/24 Stacy Corbin
- 2/28 Alec Lamberson

Laura Johnson's art program continues to be a hit with the students. Laura will be honored by the KPBSD School Board, for her service to the school, with a Golden Apple Award at the School Board Meeting in Soldotna on Feb.6.



Anniversaries

- 2/19 Malcolm and Ladonna Herbert

Upcoming Events

- 2/3 World Expo MP School
- 2/6 School Board Meeting
6pm at Borough Building
- 2/7 3rd/4th BOB
- 2/8 In-service/Early Release
- 2/9 Parent/Teacher
2/10 Conferences No School
- 2/13 5th/6th BOB
- 2/14 Middle School BOB
- 2/15 PAC Meeting 12:30
- 2/21 Alyeska Ski Day
- 2/24 Piano Recital
- 2/28 Alyeska Ski Day

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Many of the students at Cooper Landing School will be participating in the district wide Battle of the Books this month. The Dates are posted in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter with BOB as the title. It should be noted that some of the students participating are competing at a grade level above the grade that they are in. All of the Cooper Landing School students who are participating in BOB have been working very hard to compete. If you are wondering what Battle of the Books is, below is an article written by Linnaea when she was in 5th grade. She is now in 8th grade and ready to compete in BOB in the Middle School division.

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 coaches name on it.

