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from Cooper Landing School



A word from our wonderful principal Mrs. Hanson:

Happy Holidays!

In case you had not heard, I am so proud to be associated with such an amazing group of parents, teachers, students and community members that support the school and all of the wonderful accomplishments!

We have awesome things going on at the school and kids are learning at a recognized reward level! We all have a lot to celebrate and be excited about! I am not sure when our new banner will arrive but we will get a picture with the students and staff share it with everyone. This is quite an accomplishment and Cooper Landing School has achieved this prestigious honor two years in a row!!!

Cooper Landing was one of two schools in our district to be recognized as a school of excellence and one of twelve in the entire state!! Cooper Landing School qualifies for a reward as a highest performing school and a high progress school.

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To qualify for Reward status as a highest-performing school:

- the school must be in the top 10 percent of schools in its grade configuration (K-8, 9-12, or K-12) based on its score under the Alaska School Performance Index;
- over the two most recent years, the school must have a graduation rate that averaged at least 85 percent, if it has 12th-graders; and
- over the two most recent years, the school must have met its goal for increasing the percentage of students who are proficient in reading, writing, and math, for the student body as a whole and all subgroups of students.

To qualify for Reward status as a high-progress school:

- the school must be in the highest 10 percent of all schools in the Growth and Proficiency Index;
- have an average score of at least 95 in the Growth and Proficiency Index over the past three years for all students;
- have an average Growth and Proficiency Index score of at least 90 in the most recent year for the subgroups Alaska Native/American Indian students, economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and English language learners (if there are at least five students in a subgroup);
- the graduation rate must average at least 85 percent over the two most recent years, if the school has 12th-graders.

Thanks for all you do to make this such a special and unique place to educate students.

Wishing you a Joyous Holiday Season and A Very Happy and Peaceful New Year,

Michael



Anniversaries

22 Tom & Barb Atkinson
26 Glen & Cheryl Flothe
31 Virginia Morgan &
Tommy Gossard

Upcoming Events

5 Piano Recital 7pm
12 Anchorage Museum Field Trip
18 Christmas Performance 5:30pm
19 End of Quarter- In Service No
School for students
22-2 NO SCHOOL— HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Birthdays

2 Joel Norris
2 Travis Gephardt
3 Hope Quinn
3 Gladys Nichols
3 Hunter Harrison
3 Michelle Smith
9 Shannon Meredith
10 Jack Harris
12 Rebecca Green
14 Sherman (Red) Smith
17 Saing Hofmeister
18 Cindy Smith
18 Fay Corbey
18 Ken Green
18 Jon James
19 Paula Davis
20 Teagan Borchers
20 Cassilyn Dreifuerst
27 James Berry
27 Julie Seramur
30 Matthew Smith



Fun
times
at
CLS



The Time I Helped With a Fort

By, David Jacobs

I've helped someone build a fort after it was knocked down from a thunder storm. It was a wood fort made with nails and screws and it was in the woods so it was easy to get wood for the fort. We were building and it started to drizzle and then we kept working till there was a flash of lightning. We went home and the next day we went back and everything was destroyed! We had to work on it for a week and it was finally stable and done and it still hasn't been knocked down.

We made the fort by getting 4 2x4's that were long and nailed them and screwed them to all four trees, for the floor, then we got a big piece of plywood and cut it to go around the trees and fit nicely around the 2x4. That was the floor. Later we made steps to get in the fort. After that we did the same thing as the floor but up higher on the trees for the roof. We made the walls with plywood too. We put camouflage tarp all over it but it wasn't big enough so we started spray painting it black, tan, and green. Finally, we put a carpet in there and a chair. It was a really nice fort.

My friend Max also helped with the fort. Max was the type of person that picks you up when you are down but not literally, He is as tall as my chest and he was a grade ahead of me. He was a small but springy kid and he could get into small places and that helped when we were building the fort. He could get a little annoying sometimes, but he is really funny.

I'm glad I got to help Max with the fort because it was really fun. Helping someone feels good because knowing that you helped someone is nice, and they might help you with something later on. It is important because you're doing a nice and kind thing for someone that can also help you with something. Helping with the fort was a lot of fun because my two friends made me laugh almost the whole time and it was nice to get outside and do something with friends.

THANK YOU, VETERANS!!!

Veterans are nice

Everything they do is for us

They're very thankful

Every day they are a star

Risking their own lives for other lives

A amazing people

Never give up!

By: Charlotte Bauer

Violent at war, nice at home

Every day from home I

Thank those who have served

Every day is not a battle but

Returning home is your right

At day they guard and at night

Now I thank you for your days in battle.

By: Hunter Harrison

Veterans Day is a day to thank

Each and every Veteran

They served in the army

Every veteran counted

Running in the military must have been

A tough job to conquer

Never give up!

By: Elly Bauer



"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."
—John F. Kennedy: