



SOLDOTNA PREP PRESS

Volume 1, Issue 1

November 7, 2014

Soldotna Prep School
426 W. Redoubt
Soldotna, AK 99669
Phone: (907) 260-2300
Fax: (907) 262-6555

[http://
soldotnaprep.blogs.kpbs
d.k12.ak.us/wpmu/](http://soldotnaprep.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/wpmu/)

**Kenai Peninsula Borough
School District**
[http://
www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/](http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/)

Front Page
From the Principal
CWOW

1st Qtr Honor Roll	2
SST Competition	
Caring for the Kenai	
After School Tutoring	
Native Youth Leader	
Canned Food Drive	3
Art News	
Music News	
Battle of the Books	4
One Act Play Festival	

EARLY RELEASE DAY
WED. NOVEMBER 26

NO SCHOOL
11/28 & 11/29

NO SCHOOL
12/19

CHRISTMAS BREAK
12-20-1-3

... From the Principal's Desk

Our first quarter as a new school was a great one. We got off to a chilly start with the teachers accepting an ALS Ice Bucket Challenge and having buckets of ice water dumped on them by students at a quick after school assembly. Our students have been rising to the new challenges of high school academics while our teachers and staff have worked hard to make classes interesting and the school a warm and welcoming place.

Some highlights for the students this year have been our joint activities with Soldotna High School. We have participated in an opening day assembly, fall sports, and a week of homecoming games and assemblies at the high school. Our walks over to the high school as a group have been very easy transitions and have had little impact on our instructional time here at Soldotna Prep.

Winter activities that are coming up include a joint drama production with SOHI, wrestling, basketball, winter music concerts, cross country skiing. We also wish the best of luck to our athletes who are still finishing up volleyball and swimming/diving seasons and offer congratulations on a job well done to participants in cross country running and football. I was able to attend at least one of each of these activities and our freshmen represent a bright future for the Stars in the years to come.

As we move forward, the 2nd quarter is a busy time with parent/teacher conferences, two early release days, and the Thanksgiving holiday. With these interruptions, the onset of winter, and the added fun of the holidays this is a very easy time for students to become distracted and lose focus on their academic endeavors here at school. We will strive to keep them on track but please check up on your student via PowerSchool and through communication with your child's teachers.

If there is anything we can do to help your student succeed please let us know and thank you for trusting us with your child's education, you send us a great group to teach and learn with every day!

Thanks!

Curt Schmidt, Principal
Soldotna Prep School

CLASSROOM WITHOUT WALLS (CWOW) --- Rob Sparks, Teacher

All of our Alaska Studies classes attended a virtual field trip to the Manhattan School of Music for the "Talking Drums" program designed specifically for our students in the CWOW program. Two of our Alaska Studies classes have finished a collaborative unit with partners at KCHS continuing the CWOW (Classroom Without Walls) tradition began at Skyview High School. All of the Alaska Studies classes have sent letters to several school districts across the state and are setting up video conference opportunities to meet students from around the state. The World Relations and Issues class, an extracurricular social studies class, has organized and had two video conference meetings (attended a question and answer session with Dr. Susan Mathews out of Pittsburgh an expert on the ISIS situation, and met with a class from Kinston North Carolina), and are preparing to connect with their partner school from the country of Jordan.

SOLDOTNA PREP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

FIRST QUARTER 2015

4.00 GPA

Ethan Bott, Derek Evans, Gavin Goggia, Andrew Gross, William Gross, Alice Han, Selby Hill, Ashley Jones, Kallie Kenner, Madeline Kindred, Melia Miller, Tehya Naylor, Emily Pieh, John-Mark Pothast, Cody Quelland, Michael Reutov, Delaney Risley, Jode Sparks, Caleb Spence

3.99 - 3.50 GPA

Anna Aley, Kellie Arthur, Charis Curry, JuliAnn DiLucchio, Erin Dobbs, Nicholas Edwards, Elijah Elsey, Austen Eriksson, Kiernan Escott, Megan Fenton, Korie Gilmore, Grace Graham, Jenna Hansen, Kealey Hendricks, Sonya Houser, Jaela Hubbard, Delaney Johnson, Cameron Knowlton,

Kamala Martin, Mathphia McEntire, Kamry Meyer, Charles Meyer, Calvin Mitzel, Cole Nelson, Hannah Noyes, Portia Padilla, Nathaniel Patat, Andrea Rodriguez, Joseph Rybak, William Selden, Eli Sheridan, Samuel Snow, Ella Stenga, Mikala Swedberg, Kevin Tautfest, Autumn Waggoner, Hannah Wells, Hailey Wilkinson

3.49 - 3.00 GPA

Sarah Baktuit, Trayton Bird, Helen Bismark, Emily Books, Ashlyn Branning, Tovia Bremond-Hilton, Caroline Cho, Dominique Conner, Brandon Crowder, Jessica Davis, Cora Davis, Noah Deutsch, Jay Frost, Brenner Furlong, Patrick Gross, John Holland, Marianna Jakits, Blake, Jones, Javan King, Elizabeth Lisenby, Anthony Long, Myra Love, Jake Marcuson, Sarah

McConnell, Savannah McDonald, Tyler McDonald, Samuel McElroy, Michael Moore, Chloe Newby, Emily Noblin, Josep Pons-Vives, Sierra Reid, Ricci Sackett, Stormy Shields, Taylor Speakman Vanessa Steiner, Braden Stigall, Alaina Swensen, Hunter Thompson, Luke Trammell, Koby Vinson, Benjamin Wilson, Whitney Wortham, Denali Wurst



FALL SST COMPETITION - - - Coach Pomerleau

On October 22nd in the evening, KCHS, NHS and SOHI competed in the 6th Bi-annual Speed & Strength Training (SST) Competition. Student athletes competed in the 40 yard dash, 1 test (shuttle run), vertical jump, standing long jump and the brutal competition we call Fight Gone Bad which is a 10 minute workout completing as many sprints and air squats as possible. All 3 schools had multiple champs.

SOHI

John Boone 9-10 FGB
Abby Kruse 9-10 vert
Alex Ashe 11-12 40
Lindsey Wong 11-12 Vertical (Not Pictured)
Torri Hensley FGB (Not Pictured)

NHS:

Hunter Holloway 11-12 Boys I Test
Rykker Riddall 9-10 Boys I Test
Larry Cutsforth 9-10 Boys 40yd dash
Rickie Smith 11-12 Boys 40yd dash
Arianna Parrish 11-12 Girls Broad Jump
Laura Huford 11-12 Girls I Tets

KCHS:

Abi Tuttle 9-10 40
Abi Tuttle 9-10 I-Test
Josh Jackman 9-10 SLJ
Josh Jackman 9-10 Vert
Julieann Wilson 9-10 SLJ
Tekaiya Rich 9-10 Vert
Colten Richardson 11-12 SLJ
Colten Richardson 11-12 Vert

Kyle Foree 11-12 FGB
Bev Schindler 11-12 FGB
Hannah Barcus 11-12 FGB
Julieann Wilson 9-10 FGB
Mackenzie Lindeman 9-10 FGB

Many previous records fell, these student athletes are amazing young men and women.

Eric Pomerleau—Soldotna,

Ted Riddall—Nikiski, Jeff Baker—Kenai

Mr. Vincent, Mrs. McGlothlen, Ms. Swanson, and Mr. Chervenak will be assigning Caring for the Kenai projects for their students 2nd quarter.

After School tutoring Monday through Thursday 2:15 -3:15 PM

Robotics Rm 4: M/W 5:30-7:00 Tues 2:30-4:00 and Thurs 2:30-4:00 and 5:30- 7:00

Native Youth Leadership Club Rm 10 2:15-3:00 the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month

Poetry Out Loud Meeting Rm 10 2:15-3:00 the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month





BATTLE OF THE CANS

**ADVISORY COMPETITION FOR CANNED FOOD DRIVE
NOVEMBER 6-20**

POINT CRITERIA

****All items must be in their original selling package.**

Ex: No "Single" fruit snack

All perishable items can be brought to the Teachers Lounge

Turkey: 25 points (bring to Room 22 for freezer storage)

Bag of potatoes (at least 5lbs) : **10 points**

Instant potatoes, rolls, can pie filling, pie crust: 10 points

Stuffing, box of gravy packets - full box, tub or box of butter/margarine: 5 points

Oversized items: 5 points

Standard size canned corn, veggies, and beans: 1 point

All other items: 1 point



ART NEWS --- from Rene Taylor

Art has gotten off to a very creative start here at Soldotna Prep with Beginning art class working in graphite and ink while creating Line Design work.

Ceramics students are already on the wheel practicing centering, having accomplished pinch pot, coil, and slab hand building techniques.

What an awesome creative group of students!



MUSIC NOTES

from Vernel Schneider, Music Director

On October 20th and 21st the Borough Honor Choir Festival was held at Soldotna High School. The guest director was Mr. Kevin Tyson from southern California, he worked with the top choral students in the borough for two days with a culminating concert taking place on the evening of the 21st. Students from Soldotna High School selected to participate were:

Savannah Cartwright, Taryn McCubbins, Ashley Martin, Rachel Nill, Jillissa Caligan, Abigail Short, Janet LaBreck, Emily Jackson, Megan Fenton, Naomi Green, Hannah Fraley, Riley Downs, Haley Whitney, Mikala Swedberg, Ember Mauhrin, David Prather,

Norman Gage, Braden Swanson.

In November we have the All-State music Festival in Anchorage, students selected to participate are:

Mikala Steadman-flute, Ali Dusek-clarinet, Megan English-clarinet, Calvin Mitzel-trumpet, Tannon Holland-percussion, Savannah Cartwright-mixed choir, Taryn McCubbins-mixed choir 1st chair, Ashley Martin-treble choir, Rachel Nill-treble choir, Jillissa Caligan-mixed choir

On December 11th will be the annual SOHI Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m.

Battle of the Books

Let the battle begin for the first ever SoPrep Battle of the Books team! *Elizabeth Lisenby, John Holland, Anthony Kitson, and Sarah McConnell with coach Heather Swanson*, have been busy planning strategy and reading the fourteen books on this year's list. Their first battle will be the district competition held on Feb 2, 2015. Then the district winner will compete for the state title on February 24, 2015. Both competitions are via phone conference which is great having no travel expenses and limits loss of classroom time.

The competition consists of each team competing head to head in three game show like challenges facing one or two different teams in each game during the morning. Everyone in the district will be asked the same questions during the morning rounds and the points from the morning will decide who continues in the afternoon competitions to determine the KPBSD District winner.

The required fourteen books have a total of a whopping 4,219 pages and are selected to represent several themes across several genres that appeal to the interest of high school readers. Here are the books and a link to the official website for those that want to know more: <http://www.akla.org/akasl/bb/bbhome.html>

Au Revoir, Crazy European Chick	humor, spy
Cinder	sci-fi, family
Code name Verity	historical, mystery
Don't turn around	mystery, homeless
Edge of Nowhere	Alaska, dogs
Fahrenheit 451	previous, classic
Fault in our stars	coming of age, cancer
I am Number Four	sci-fi, mystery
Outcasts United	biography, sports
Raven Boys	award, fantasy
Turnabout	previous, sci-fi
Virals	mystery, sci-fi
<i>Running Dream</i>	<i>friendship, spec. needs</i>
<i>The Trap</i>	<i>previous, Alaska, survival</i>

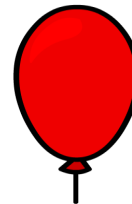
ONE-ACT PLAY FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 6-8, 2014, 7 PM

*"The Seussification of
Romeo and Juliet"*
By Peter Bloedel



Soldotna High School
Director: Terri Zopf-Schoessler
Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.

"The Red Balloon"
By Damain Trasier



Kenai Performers
Director: Donna Shirnberg
Produced by special arrangement with Lazy Bee Scripts

*"13 Ways to Screw Up
Your College Interview"*
By Ian McWethy



Soldotna Preparatory School
Directors: Sara Erfurth & Heather Swanson
Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.

"How to Kill a Mockingbird"
By Bradley Walton



Kenai Central High School
Director: Meredith McCullough
Produced by special arrangement with Eldridge Publishing
Company