

Grizzlies Monthly

The Welcome Back Edition

Meet the Staff

Interviews by Deion Andrews, Mary Andrews-Kirk, Grace Atchak, Wilfred Katcheak, Kendra Nashoanak, Naomi Nashoanak, Brian Steve, BillieJean Thrasher, Beverly Tom, Bridgette Wongittilin

The Journalism staff took it upon themselves to help introduce the staff to the school. If you are a staff member and would like to be interviewed. Please talk to Ms. Jaimie, and she will make it happen! Welcome to the new school year!

Q: When is your birthday?

Ms. Weeks: My birthday is September 1st. The whole school sang to me that day. That was pretty cool, and a little embarrassing.

Q: What are your hobbies?

Ms. W: There are so many things I enjoy and wish I had time to enjoy that picking a hobby is difficult. I love to do anything outside like bike, hike, kayak, and snow and water ski. But, I also love to make things. It may be a drawing, crochet, sewing, or something out of wood. I hope one day I'll be able to play the piano and make music! I also enjoy watching movies with my sweetheart because that is what he likes to do.

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Ms. W: My students are awesome and interesting. Many like basketball and hunting. Some ski or kneeboard. Others like to native dance. I have students that play guitar, work at the cannery in Unalakleet, pick -and eat- berries and other subsistence activities, run cross-country, wrestle, and hang out with their friends. My students have a good sense of humor and love to joke. Some like math too!

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Ms. W: My favorite sport is probably skiing, but I don't get a chance to do it often.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Ms. W: My favorite subject to teach is problem solving, which is in math but also art and other subjects because it is in life! It's also my favorite subject to learn. I will never be done with that!

Q: When is your birthday?

Ms. Saucedo: February 12

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Ms. S: I don't have a favorite professional sport, but I have been to many sporting events. I have gone to see the Angels and Padres play baseball. I have gone to the Staples Center to watch the Lakers play. Also, I have seen the Anaheim Ducks play hockey. My favorite Olympic sport is swimming. My FAVORITE college team is the UCLA Bruins!

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Ms. S: Third grade does a lot of fun activities, like math and reading! We also sing songs and watch/do GoNoodle for brain breaks. The other day we made the life cycle of a butterfly out of clay!

Q: What are your hobbies?

Ms. S: I like to read or listen to audio-books. I love to shop on Sephora.

Q: When is your birthday?

Mr. Parker: April 3, 1985

Q: What are your hobbies?

Mr. P: Plethora of video games and art projects

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Mr. P: Anything from painting to drawing, all the way to taking nature walks to collect objects they find in nature for projects.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Mr. P: College football

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mr. P: Art

Q: When is your birthday?

Mr. Leusch: January 9, 1988

Q: What are your hobbies?

Mr. L: Wrestling, teaching, fishing, hunting, trapping, and being outside

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Mr. L: Math, reading, fun stuff like gym (2x a week)

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Mr. L: Wrestling

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mr. L: Math

*No Glamor Shots were available.

Q: When is your birthday?

Mr. Dawkins: My birthday is Nov 8, 1988

Q: What are your hobbies?

Mr. D: I like to read, hike, and play video games

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Mr. D: My student do lots of projects. We are going to use Prezi and Glogster this year

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Mr. D: My favorite sport is Track, but I also like Soccer

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mr. D: My favorite subject is medieval history, lots of knights, battles, plagues, that sort of thing.

Q: When is your birthday?

Ms. Rayna: Valentines day.

Q: What are your hobbies?

Ms. R: I like to do a lot of reading, and I also paint and draw.

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Ms. R: We do a lot of reading and working with numbers for math and cooperative learning and playing.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Ms. R: Soccer

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Ms. R: My favorite subject to teach would probably be art and cooperating a read aloud with it because it's very hands-on and engaging the students.

Q: When is your birthday?

Mr. Gillas: October 18

Q: What are your hobbies?

Mr. G: Reading, paint-ball, cooking, camping, hiking

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Mr. G: Hands-on activities, experiments.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Mr. G: Paint-ball

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mr. G: Earth Science

Q: When is your birthday?

Ms. Chris: My birthday is June 8, 1961

Q: What are your hobbies?

Ms. C: I love to be outside, walk, read, play games with friends, cook and bake.

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Ms. C: My students work on activities to improve their reading and math skills. They also work on transition activities for life skills and job preparation.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Ms. C: I love hockey!!!!

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Ms. C: English and History

Q: When is your birthday?

Ms. Jaimie: October 1, 1986

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Ms. J: My students usually do English based activities. We do a lot of classroom discussion. We have a really cool journalism class where the kids run it like an office, and have to do a bunch of work on the computers and use Google Docs and Google Drive. I think that's really cool.

Q: What kind of hobbies do you do?

Ms. J: My hobbies are hiking and walking my dog, and I also like to play basketball, quite a bit. This summer I got really into crochet, but all I can make are hats.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Ms. J: Basketball.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Ms. J: English.

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Ms. Nona: Since my students are so young, every activity we do is play based. We count goldfish crackers (math), color (writing), work with play dough, mix cookies to bake and eat (math and science), as well as playing in the gym. My students love to sing songs and dance.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Ms. N: I like to watch football but only the University of Oregon Ducks. I like to swim, which I do every day in the summer.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Ms. N: I like everything I teach in preschool. I think I like teaching math and science most of all.

Q: When is your birthday?

Ms. N: My birthday is January 2nd.

Q: What are your hobbies?

Ms. N: I do a lot of quilting so it's probably my favorite hobby. I also like to bake. In the summer I travel a lot, sometimes with my mom or my daughter but sometimes I take car trips by myself. Last summer I traveled to 17 different states. When I was in Ohio, my hotel was hit by a tornado which was VERY scary!!

Q: When is your birthday?

Ms. Gilmore: My birthday is on April 22, 1979.

Q: What are your hobbies?

Ms. G: I like singing, watching movies, cooking and baking.

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Ms. G: Oh my goodness, my students do many different random things. We play with legos, and we do things like we go on a scavenger hunt to find things that start with "m", and we do drawings and colorings, a lot of reading, and a lot of videos [laughs].

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Ms. G: Well, I am a cheerleading coach and that's my favorite sport, I love to cheer, I love to do stunting, dance routines, and watching wrestling and basketball.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Ms. G: Ooh my goodness, I really like, we don't really have it here formally, but I like music. If we could teach music, I'd love to teach music. I also really like reading and art.

Q: When is your birthday?

Mrs. Kayla: My birthday is December 7th, 1991. Fun Fact: I was born on the fiftieth anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor

Q: What are your hobbies?

Mrs. K: As for my hobbies, I really enjoy writing and reading and working on some kind of art project.

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Mrs. K: I've got the Lower Elementary SpEd, and they enjoy a variety of things, but the collective favorite seems to be playing with the big ball or jumping on the miniature trampoline.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Mrs. K: My favorite sport is Quidditch, which is an actual sport. You should look it up. However, my favorite "big-time" sport is a tie between football and basketball (I'm from Oklahoma City, home of the OKC Thunder).

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mrs. K: I've always taught younger kiddos, but my favorite thing to teach kids is counting in English, Spanish, and French, and their colors in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language.

Q: When is your birthday?

Ms. Atha: February 12, 1958

Q: What are hobbies?

Ms. A: Camping, berry picking, Eskimo Dancing, and spending time with grandkids.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Ms. A: Basketball

Q: What is your favorite thing to teach?

Ms. A: [Teaching students to] respect people and their property; help any elder that needs help, and the subsistence way of life.

Q: When is your birthday?

Ms. Zoe: February 5th

Q: What are your hobbies?

Ms. Z: Just crocheting

Q: What are your favorite sports?

Ms. Z: Wrestling and Basketball

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Ms. Z: Crocheting

Q: When is your birthday?

Ms. Swanson: July 10th

Q: What are your hobbies?

Ms. S: Listening to music, watching movies, and sewing

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Ms. S: They sleep a lot, and work on applications for college and scholarships.

Q: What is your favorite subject?

Ms. S: Sex Ed.

Q: When is your birthday?

Mr. Cox: March 21, 1985

Q: What are your hobbies?

Mr. C: Hiking, Canoeing, Woodworking

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Mr. C: My student's favorite activity is giving me a hard time in class! On a more serious note, we do math, language arts, science, and social studies. We recently

completed a PE. unit where we did many fun activities with the parachute. I think the students' favorite was the "washing machine." One student sat in the middle of the parachute and everyone else marched around in a circle, slowly winding up the parachute around the student sitting in the middle. Once we had it all wound up, everyone ran away from the middle of the parachute, unwinding the parachute while the student in the middle was spun around like they were in a washing machine. In art, we just completed self-portraits to go with the "I Am" poems we wrote at the beginning of the year. Look for those to be displayed very soon in the hallway outside the fourth grade room.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Mr. C: My favorite sport to play is basketball; my favorite sports to watch are baseball and football.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mr. C: My favorite subject to teach is math.

Q: When is your birthday?

Mr. Juvinal: My birthday is January 4, 1963

Q: What are your hobbies?

Mr. J: For hobbies, I enjoy computers, Hot Rods (Sport Cars), camping and reading.

Q: What kind of activities do your students do?

Mr. J: When I was in the classroom as a teacher I had my students participate in the Presidential Physical Fitness Test, the Monthly Pacer run and we played team sports.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Mr. J: When I was in school and college, I wrestled.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mr. J: I enjoyed teaching Physical Education and Computer Science to my students.

Q: When is your birthday?

Mrs. Cox: My birthday is July 30th, 1985.

Q: What are your hobbies?

Mrs. C: A few of my hobbies are sewing, baking anything sweet, and backpacking or hiking in the mountains with my husband.

Q: What kind of activities do you students do?

Mrs. C: Most of my first graders love to play outside with their friends and siblings. During the school day we spend a lot of time working on reading and math, but their favorite activity is probably coloring or building blocks during centers.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

Mrs. C: My favorite sport is probably volleyball (basketball would be a close second).

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mrs. C: I think science is my favorite subject to teach, but I love having students who are learning to read by

Battle of the Island

Article by Jaimie Gleissner

Stebbins and Saint Michael will be facing off in the first annual "Battle of the Island." The schools will compete in 5 sporting events: cross country, volleyball, wrestling, boys basketball, girls basketball, NYO and a possible tie breaker. Which ever site wins the most events gets a trophy and bragging rights. Watch for announcements, and show up to support your Grizzlies!

Go Grizzlies Go!

Drift People: Stebbins students make the cut!

Article by Christopher Parker



Kendra Nashoanak with the Award winning Stick figure

I was pleased to be pointed in the direction of the Alaska-wide contest, #Stick-FigureAK by Ms. Robin Child. The contest's focus was to highlight the cultural aspects of Alaska through stick figures created by any means the participants saw fit. The top 100 photos will be printed in a coffee table book that will be distributed to various

hotels in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau (as well as others throughout the state) and can be purchased through the contest's website.

The students in my Crafts IV class took up the challenge to create the largest stick figure they could out driftwood and other objects found on the beach in Stebbins. It took the whole class period, but in the end we were left with an amazing stick figure. After snapping a quick photo, I submitted it to the contest's entry form.

After a couple weeks, I was notified that we were fortunate enough to make it into the top 100, meaning we secured a place in the book! I am so proud of my students and their efforts, they saw an opportunity to highlight this wonderful community and took it.

The students who participated are Deion Andrews, Natalia Andrews-Kirk, Karrie Lockwood, Kendra Nashoanak, Naomi Nashoanak, Fredrick Ozenna, and Brian Steve.

Cross Country Season: Are you ready to run?



Back row: Coach Dawkins, Brian Steve, Joseph Coffey, Wilfred Katcheak, Frederick Ozenna
Middle Row: Beverly Tom, Gina Tom, Jeri Dan
Front Row: Louis Dan

The cross country runners did a great job at the Koyuk meet, winning team awards for both boys and girls. Shea Matthias won the girls high school event, Gina Tom finished in sixth place. Frederick Ozenna finished third for the boys, Wilfred Katcheak finished sixth. Jeri Dan finished in third place overall for the elementary race. Beverly tom, Brian Steve and Louis dan also did a great job competing. The team placed first in the girls competition and second in the boys.