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the MCGRATH *Knights*

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Spirit Week: Crazy Hair Day



Upcoming Events:

- 3/5 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/5 MS/HS Holy Cross Basketball
- 3/8 Broken Walls Concert
Free Admission 7-8:30 pm
- 3/8-3/9 IASD Inservice
- 3/10-3/12 Spring Break
- 3/9-3/10 Chinese Auction
- 3/18-3/19 Parent/Teacher/
Student Conferences
- 3/26 Mini-Iditarod

✧ Upper Kuskokwim Spelling Bee ✧

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For the first time, the 2010 spelling bee was held between the schools of the Upper Kuskokwim (McGrath, Nikolai, and Takotna).



Haylee Desmarais is the 2010 spelling bee winner. Haylee and Kaelen Rosander, the runner-up, went head to head for seven rounds, after all others had been eliminated.

Dueling words included: vibration, unspoken, gnat, mechanics, nephew and average. The winning word was ritual. It was an awesome win Haylee! Noah Webster would be proud.

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Sylvester Graham

US History students learned that Graham advised everyone to eat homemade bread made of coarse, stone-ground, flour rather than white bread. Graham flour resulted in 1834. So, what better way to honor him than by making graham crackers? This is a much better cracker than those made commercially.

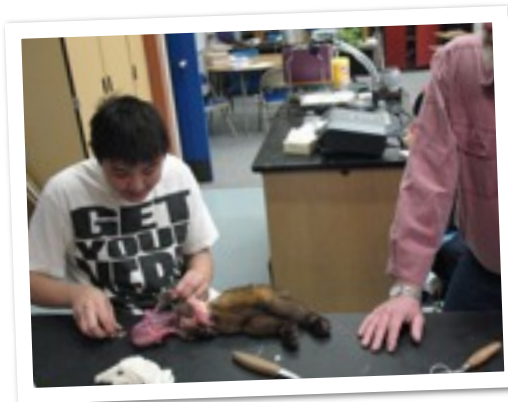




Life Cycles

By: Sarah Edwards and Kalin Holmberg

Our science class is learning about the life cycles of butterflies, fruit flies, and pea plants. The insects start as eggs. The eggs hatch into larvae that change into pupae. For the butterflies, the pupae stage happens in the cocoon. Finally, they transform into adults. We have butterflies flying around our classroom! Plants grow from seeds. The seeds germinate and grow into seedlings. Once the seedlings grew a bit, we transplanted them to larger pots. They are growing well, and we will observe them as they grow, flower, and make new pea seeds.



Get Your Skinning On!

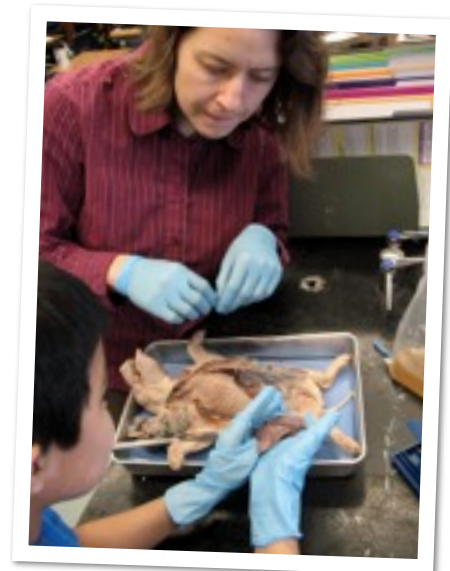
By: Teresa Korn and Alicia Lopez

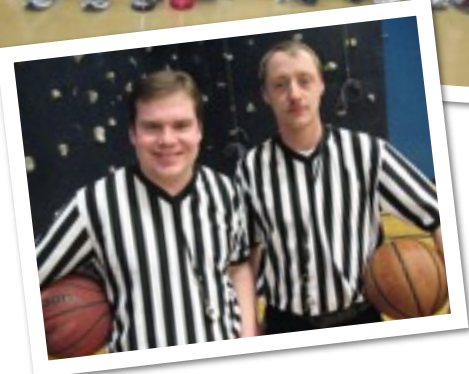
The middle and high school class was skinning a marten last week. We identified the marten was a female with brown and reddish fur, and it was small. George skinned the marten for us. After we skinned the marten, we put it on the stretcher to dry.

Everything But the Oink

By: Haylee Desmarais, Christine Taylor and Tristen Snow

These last few weeks we have been dissecting pigs. We were paired up with partners. One had to take notes, and the other had to dissect. The next day we switched jobs. We studied the digestive system. We took out the heart, lungs, small intestines, large intestines, stomach, and the kidneys. We weighed each organ by grams and compared them to other pigs. The males weighed more and were bigger than the females. We had fun dissecting, and along the way we wasted a few gloves and got stunk out by the stench of un-born pigs!





Basketball

By Katherine Chase

The McGrath School has been doing basketball for the past few weeks. Just last week the middle and high school students did the basketball clinic. The teams that were in the basketball clinic were the McGrath Arctic Knights, Holy Cross Huskies, Takotna Flaming Falcons, Anvik Black Bears, Grayling Eagles, Shageluk Wolverine Raiders, and the Nikolai Eagles. McGrath School and the rest of the Iditarod Area School District does the basketball clinic so we can meet and make friends from the rest of the district and play basketball games with the rest of the district.

The Mini and Micro Knights also got to play some games too! About three weeks ago the McGrath Mini and Micro Knights went to Holy Cross to play the Huskies! The kids that went on the trip to Holy Cross were Leemar Bye, Danyka Groover, Emma Vanborg, Katherine Chase, Desiree' Wittenkeller, Cherish Andrews, Rosie Johnson, and Ivory Lyman plus our coach Christine Harrington. Two weeks ago the Huskies came to McGrath to play the Mini and Micro Knights.

This weekend the Unalakleet Wolf Pack will be coming to McGrath to play the Mini and Micro Knights Friday and Saturday. They will play the games at 7:00 Friday, 1:00 Saturday and 7:00 Saturday. The middle high School Knights will also go to Unalakleet to play the Unalakleet Wolf Pack. Good luck Arctic Knights!!!



Sewing

Warm and Fuzzy

The Home Ec. Class is working on pillow top designs. They were able to choose from three different designs to cut, sew, and create as a pillow top. The next project will keep them just as warm- they are making fleece hats and scarves. Just watch for the glamorous girls walking through town!



Sea Life Center

by Justin Rosander

Last week the Sea Life Center came. The first day the whole school made bioluminescence! The second day we learned about the salmon life cycle, it was cool. We also made salmon out of clay. The third day we got to dissect squid! When we opened the squid we looked at the hearts, eyes, tentacles, arms and the beak. At the end we got the pen and the ink from the squid and wrote things. I was so happy the Sea Life Center came because I learned a lot of things.



Spelling Bee Results

K-3rd Winners (Knew all their words)

Kindergarten

Kendra Chase
Alyssa Deacon
Dakota Magnuson
Kaden Mwarey

First Grade

Sierra Bobby
Lucas Galegos
Ivory Lyman

Second Grade

Rachel Carpenter
Emily Deacon
Jeremiah Hooper
Aurora Standish
Kaleb Roberts

Third Grade

Leemar Bye
Danyka Groover
Rosie Johnson
Desiree Wittenkeller

4th-7th (Went Four rounds)

Sterling Magnuson
Emma Vanborg
Katy Roberts
Thomas Roberts





IASD Prom

Richard C. Strick, IASD
Board Member, clowns
around with Dorothy Jordan.



Beautiful gowns were worn by lovely young ladies.

Battle of the Books

By Dányka Groover

Cherish, Katie, Emma and Danyka did state Battle of The Books and Miss. Christine was the coach. We did state Battle of The Books because we won the district meet. We did the battle in Joyce's room, on February 18, 2010.

We did the battle on the phone with 3 schools; Cordova, SW Region and Yukon Koyukuk. I will explain, first we practiced and read all the books. When the competition came we were asked questions and we had to think of the question and all the books and we had 30 seconds to write down the title and the author. Our team got 23rd place out of 40 districts.



JNYO

by Harlan Standish

Desiree, Rosie, Sterling, Emma, Katherine, Cherish, Danyka, Rachel, Ivory, Christine, Teresa, Sara and Harlan went to JNYO last week at Mark Begich School in Anchorage.

The trip was from Friday to Sunday. Teresa did the Alaskan High Kick. Aurora, Rachel, and Ivory did the Kneel Jump, Stick Pull and Seal Hop. Desiree, Katherine, Danyka, Leemar, and Harlan did the Wrist Carry. Emma, Sterling, Leemar and Harlan did the Leg Wrestle. Katherine, Leemar, Emma and Harlan did the Two Foot High Kick. We did it to have fun, meet new people, and to test our strength. Rachel got 3rd place in Kneel Jump, and Teresa got 5th place in Alaskan High Kick. In the Two Foot High Kick a 4th grade kid kicked around 6ft., which is really awesome!