

First Quarter Honor
Roll:

Elementary Students:
Frederick Capsul
Thomas Abraham

High School Students:
Cassie Flynn
Abbie Flynn
Ryan Goods
Laura Fox



Happy Holidays!

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Students of the Month Brought to you by Abbi Flynn!

High School: Laura Fox
Elementary: Frederick Capsul

I interviewed them each and this is what Frederick had to say: "I am ten years old and in the third grade. My favorite thing to do in school is free time. My favorite subject is PE and my least favorite subject is Technology. Out of school I like to slide and play my PS2 and I don't like getting hit by snowballs.

My friends are Thomas, Victor and Kaden. I like to eat sweet bread and I don't like to eat egg omelets."



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Teresa Millwee

Interview With Our Youth Advocate

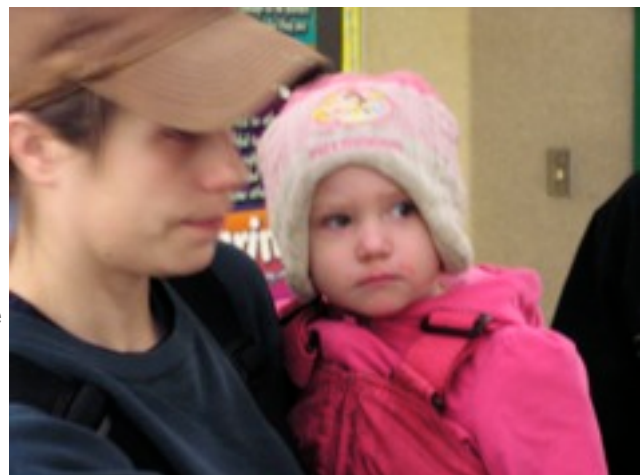
My interview with Teresa Millwee, the Youth Advocate, was very inspirational. The reasons behind her wanting to be a Youth Advocate were simple – she likes kids. Other than that, she feels she can connect with the teens of nowadays, using her teen years as a model for the teens of today.

Although this is her first year as a Youth Advocate she realizes she has enough experience as a mother to help us out further. She plans on doing this for a while. As my aunt, I feel she has already helped me be a better person.

The training to be a Youth Advocate wasn't "terribly long, but just a couple of seminars."

Based on my knowledge of my aunt, I'm sure she will do a great job as a Youth Advocate and should get a big raise.

- Victor Mathis





What We Did on Fun Friday

Friday, with Mrs. Huffman, we were experimenting with water and pennies, soap and paper cardboard. We were all involved with this activity, Nell, Hammer, Jolene and Teresa M. were taking pictures of the participants. We all had fun for an hour. There were pennies and water all over the place. Adhesion and cohesion of the water and their effects was amazing. There was a cool effect with water and soap. The soap was set on the back of a paper boat; the effect of the soap was pushing the water away from the boat allowing the boat to move forward. That's a little piece of information that we did on "Fun Friday!"

By Robert

Elder Interview:

Anna Benedict

Anna Benedict "Auntie" has lived in Takotna for 23 years and was 42 years old when she moved here. She is 64 years old – known as 46 today. Her favorite activities growing up were cutting fish and checking the net with her dad in Holy Cross everyday in the summer time. Out of the four seasons, Auntie loves the summer because it's nice, warm, she enjoys walking and she also enjoyed growing a garden in Holy Cross, Alaska - but doesn't like the mosquitoes.

Anna's favorite school she attended for 1 year was when she was 11 years old and in the 4th grade was in Wrangle, Alaska. Anna's most influential teacher she had, that made her who she is today, was a Nun. Her name was Margrite Pantrel from Holy Cross, Alaska. Auntie said, "She was really a good teacher, and everything was going on during Catholic Mission."

While I was interviewing Auntie, my last favorite question I asked her was, "Who is your hero and why? Anna's hero is Danielle Steel because she writes beautiful books. She listens to them on CDs and cassettes.

My experience interviewing my Auntie Anna was amazingly wonderful. I very much enjoyed hearing her stories she told me and hope to hear more soon. If I were to change one thing about Anna's interview – I would have gone to go visit her and have a recorder next to us so it would be available for future generations to enjoy.

Anna's wise words to the kids in Takotna would be, "Finish your education and get a good job!"

Written By Rosalie Perkins.

Students of the Month Continued:

I interviewed Laura and this is what she had to say: “ I have four brothers and one pretend sister. I am a senior and 17 years old, and I will be 18 in three months. My hobbies include: reading (I like to read science fiction books), beading, writing, relaxing, being alone and watching my nieces and nephews. I don’t like loud noises while I am working, bullying, alcohol, being pressured or degraded and I don’t like people to say “ good morning” only “morning.”

**About Career
Exploration
Opportunities
Written By Laura Fox**

CEO Stands for Career Exploration Opportunities. It is for students all over Alaska. Students get together on Video Teleconference once every two weeks. The time on the VTC is spent with real professionals who are really good with what they do. They answer questions the students might have they would give advice for students wanting to go in that field.

In between video conferences the students have assignments to finish before the end of the week. Often the students have to do a job shadow, and then something about a scenario that the CEO staff gives the students. There are a lot of things that the program teaches students about finances, colleges, programs, careers, interviews, and much more that adults deal with on a daily basis.

Our Students

Our students are the winners in several contests. The winners are Cassandra Flynn, Abbigail Flynn, Thomas Abraham, Fredrick Capsul and Kaden Mwarey. Cassie won first place in the IASD Science Fair, then got to go to the Science Fair in Fairbanks and won that too!

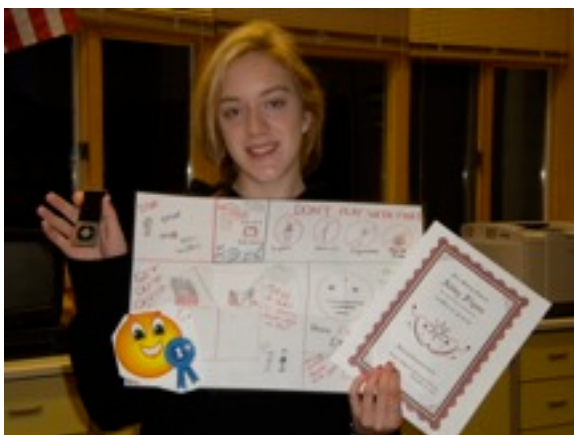
The Fire Poster Safety Contest winner is Abbigail Flynn. Abbie's prize is the all-new Nano Apple IPod. Thomas, Fredrick and Kaden have also won the IASD Science fair project in their grade level. Congratulations to all the winners.

Written By Robert P. Perkins

The Marines

Right off the bat, the Marines stand out in a crowd. You can spot them quickly with their signature haircut, the "high and tight. Their uniform stands out above the others as well with a 5 pointed hat and digital BDU (battle dress uniforms). Their dress uniform consists of a black top with red trimmings with blue pants and duel gold stripes going down the sides. Basic training for the Marines is the hardest on the planet. Basically, for every different branch there is a different type of basic training - for the Marines that's not the case. They have every branch's basic in one. If you want to find a Marine in a firefight first look for the soldiers at the front then look for the ones that are winning. Today's modern day Marines hail from the Continental Marines established in 1775. Their job in those days was similar to today's Marines who give cover support for the sailors, and land on the beaches and take them for other landing troops. The marines of old were expert sharpshooters and marines today can gloat that that tradition still holds. On a different note, the Marines are also well known for their generosity by giving up their time to deliver toys to kids that might not receive many gifts on Christmas.

Victor





Science is FUN!!

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