



What a great year for Alaska Learning Labs (ALL). Over one hundred students participated in the Alaska Learning Labs afterschool program, the Alaska Learning Labs Summer Camp or both! We are both proud and honored to have attributed to the success of students across Alaska, with our unique blend of high quality tutors, student chosen incentives, snacks, online learning programs and enrichment activities. All of these contributed toward increasing student participation and engagement. We are excited to share with you some of our highlights of this past year.

- 98 students participated in the ALL afterschool programs in 6 schools across 3 districts
- 66 students participated in ALL Summer Camp in 2 school districts
- 20 dedicated tutors delivered outstanding afterschool or summer learning opportunities
- 90% of students who attended 50 or more hours in the ALL program demonstrated improvement as shown in their online pre and post test data in one or more academic areas.
- 97% of students polled responded positively to joining ALL in the future
- Students reported that the top reasons for attending ALL were the dedicated tutors, snacks and student chosen incentives
- Enrichment activities geared toward increasing academic, social and community skills included:
 - On-line learning
 - Interactive blogging
 - Sledding and outdoor adventures
 - Becoming journalists
 - Learning to cut fish, collecting Birch bark and fish net making
 - Becoming local horticulturists by learning to garden and identify local plants
 - Becoming local guides and hosts to visitors
 - Making beaded or wooden gifts for loved ones

Recommendations for 2015-16 Alaska Learning Labs' Programs:

- Start earlier in the school year
- Set pre and post test completion dates or window
- Curriculum revamping to include planned lessons, diversity of activities, computer component review, and possible game-based behavior and accountability system
- Review session length, number of sessions per week, and year calendar to include flexibility

- Review training module to deepen understanding of computer programs, report reading, materials and expectations
- Design standard weekly schedule to lessen tutor burden and increase standard expectations
- Explore possible flexibility within program design to better accommodate smaller schools and maximize resources
- Pursue job sharing between two or more tutors to reduce stress and pressure on tutors' time and energy and to prevent large gaps in sessions held due to tutor absence
- Continue to work on improving attendance by implementing attendance certificates and incentives

Once again, thank you for allowing us to be part of your school's learning team. We are excited to continue to work with you and provide continued out-of-school time programs. Please contact Kat Souser at (907) 349-0651 or email kats@serrc.org to discuss school year and summer camp opportunities that can be tailored to meet what the school needs and your budget.

Regards,

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