



Alaska Learning Labs

Family Newsletter



November/December
2014

Taking Learning Beyond School

Keep in Mind

-Dillingham Family Event
Dec. TBA

-No Afterschool sessions
from Dec. 12 -Jan. 5.

-It's getting cold, kids need
their mittens and hats.

-The flu is bad this year,
encourage your child to
wash their hands.

-Your child would love to
have you volunteer in their
afterschool program. Ask
any of the afterschool
teachers about
volunteering opportunities
or to offer suggestions.

Program News

I am delighted to welcome all of the wonderful students and staff of Dillingham Elementary School to the 2014-2015 Alaska Learning Labs team. It is promising to be a fun-filled and mind-expanding year. We have a full roster of 15 eager young scholars and a waiting list. Ask your child about the fun online learning games they are working on.

Reports from Our Fantastic Tutors

- We had a great first day!- Mrs. Leitz
- I think our attendance is good we have 3 students on our wait list at this point.- Ms. Andrew





Combining reading and 21st century skills to produce effective and fun afterschool learning adventures.



Tutors and students in action



Having fun in Dillingham.

← Mrs. Leitz hamming it up for the camera.

Ms. Andrew and students exploring learning tools and snacks →



Family Challenges:

Fun ways to continue learning with your child after the afterschool program.

- Bake cookies together and surprise a neighbor with a treat. While you are following a recipe your child will practice measuring, reading, following directions and patience.
- Bundle up and go on a walking adventure at night. Bring a flashlight and discover new ways of looking at your neighborhood.
- Write and mail or deliver thank you cards. Everyone loves to get mail. Surprise someone with a random thank you- you will be making their day.

How many winter words can you make using the letter w? So far I have

1. winter
2. snow
3. swan



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Alaska Learning Labs Spotlight: Akiachak and Dillingham

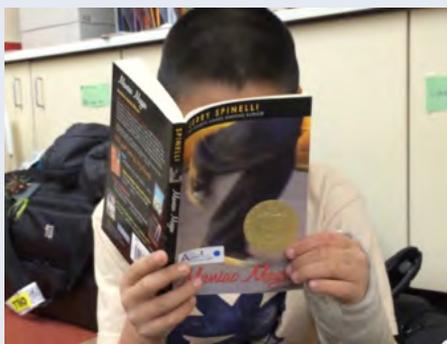
Akiachak

Last week I had a fantastic site visit with the Akiachak Huskies. The students in the Akiachak afterschool program are busy participating in a variety of online learning programs including; Compass, Kahn Academy, and kidblog. Both Principal Barr and I enjoy reading and responding to the students' blog posts and using this opportunity to observe the online collaboration. Students also enjoyed reading in small groups and creatively crafting during their afterschool sessions.



Dillingham

Earlier this week I spent an amazing afternoon with the Dillingham Beavers. What a fun group of learner! During the afterschool program I saw students reading self-selected books while munching on snacks all while happily enjoying the sunny afternoon. The Dillingham afterschool program has begun an incredible new adventure! They are in the process of creating a school newspaper that will include interviews, current events, jokes, and original artwork.





Students...

We are interested in your feedback.
How are you enjoying the afterschool program?
What would you like to see added?

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Family Events

It is Family Event season. Family Events provide an opportunity for students to show their families the wonderful activities they are taking part in afterschool. Dillingham has held their first Family Event of the year. The LSPs report that the event was a success with six families attending. Thank you all for your returned surveys and overview. To find out when your Family Event is please contact your local tutor.

Incentive Store Orders

For many of our Alaska Learning Labs programs the next couple of weeks will mark the first ordering cycle. Each time your child attends and participates in the afterschool program they earn 10 points. The more students attend the more points they earn, the more they learn, and the more points they have to spend at our online store.

Family Fun Challenge

Although the winter has been a bit odd take a moment or two to enjoy the sunshine and what little snow you can find.

Cold Molds

Loan the kids your Bundt cake pans, cupcake tins, cookie cutters and any other fun shaped molds from your kitchen. Use them to pack the snow in and turn over to make cool snow castles.

Target Practice

Use sidewalk chalk to draw a target on an outside wall. Fill a bucket with snowballs and toss to score. Just like an archery target, draw the concentric circles in different colors to denote various point values. Play until the snow erases the target!