Spotlight on Baranof Elementary
Wolves Swimmers Ready for Regular Season

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Sitka High swimmers dove into the season with a strong showing against a variety of teams from across Southeast at a meet in Petersburg over the weekend.

After the diminished 2020 swim season, the Wolves were happy to be back in competition.

"It was so weird to be back to normal after not being normal for so long. But it was so much fun, I’m really grateful we got to go," Sitka High senior Razie Guillory told the Sentinel at swim practice on Monday.

The veteran swimmer competed in the 200-yard medley and freestyle relays. Individually, Guillory took second place in the 200 free in 2:06 and third place in the 100 free in 58 seconds. Kanen Alley took 11th in the 100 freestyle.

"I had fun, and that was the most important part," Guillory said. "My 100 freestyles were fun, 200 free was fun, our relay was fun – we’ll get there."
Strategies

We will identify strategies to close learning gaps.

We will strengthen culturally responsive programing.

We will expand and strengthen partnerships.

We will produce a professional development/mentorship/induction program for SSD staff.

We will develop an internal and external district communication plan.

We will expand opportunities and remove participation barriers for students.
COVID-19 Update
7-Day COVID-19 case rate - Sitka City and Borough

CAUTION: Areas with a few number of cases have extreme variability resulting in unstable rates over time as represented by the large confidence bands. In small areas a few cases can result in large changes.

Learn about this measure

Download Data

Note: This alert level calculation is based on the per capita incidence in the past 7 days among Alaska RESIDENTS ONLY using date of report.

Current Alert Level: High
211.2 per 100,000 population
High

For the 2021-22 school year, the district’s alert level will be aligned with the City of Sitka’s COVID-19 alert level.

Last updated on 10/20/21 at 5:00 pm

During the 2021-22 school year, the Sitka School District will be implementing layered mitigations at all buildings. Parents can review the mitigation summary page on our COVID-19 resources tab for more information or contact the District Office at 747-8622 with any other questions.

The table below will be updated daily with information received from Sitka Public Health and will indicate any active cases reported of staff or students that were identified as COVID-19 positive and are completing their 10-day isolation period. If a positive case is identified with a SSD building, parents will receive a letter from the building principal notifying them of this information. Parents of any student that is identified as a close contact of a positive case will receive a phone call from the school notifying them of this information and what next steps are recommended by public health. If a positive case is reported and a parent is not contacted by public health or the building directly, no further action is required for that student.

### Active Cases Connected to SSD Buildings

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Welcome

The Sitka School District (SSD) is a K-12 public school district serving about 1,150 students who live in Sitka, Alaska. Sitka is one of the top five largest cities in Alaska with about 9,000 residents. Sitka is located on the western edge of Baranof Island and faces the Gulf of Alaska.

Picturesque and welcoming, Sitka has a strong sense of community and commitment to our students. We live on a rock at the edge of the Pacific Ocean, and we know what is important in life!

Enrollment for the upcoming school year (2021-2022) is now open. Follow this link to start the enrollment process.
Both regions in high alert level, but Sitka has higher 7-day COVID case rate: 586.6 cases per 100,000 vs. 397 per 100,000.
Steps Forward

**Fall 2020**
- Remote and in-person instruction
- Limited elective classes
- Teachers moving around classroom to classroom

**Fall 2021**
- Full-day schedule
- In-person classes
- Full elective offerings
- Daily, in-person connection with staff and peers
Performance Evaluation for Alaska’s Schools (PEAKS) Assessment 2021
20 YEARS AGO
September 2001

The Sitka School Board voted 5-1 Tuesday to fund standardized testing for second-graders. Mollie Kabler dissented. ... Superintendent Steve Bradshaw admitted he’s not “wild” about the standardized tests and recommended caution.
JUNEAU – “Approximately 44,400 students participated in the Spring 2021 administration of PEAKS. That is about **64% of students** [emphasis added] enrolled in the test grades of 3-9. DEED extended flexibilities including extending the testing hours to evenings and weekends, reducing reporting requirement, and extending the testing window by a week to help schools safely assess as many students as possible given the mitigation practices in place to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. **Even with these flexibilities, participation rates varied significantly from district to district and among demographic categories.**

Given the low overall participation rate and the high variability in participation among student groups, DEED cautions against comparing 2021 PEAKS data to previous years at the statewide level [emphasis added]. The results are still valuable for assessing performance at the school and individual student levels. Parents and educators can use individual student data from PEAKS, along with other local assessments, to inform decisions about instructional needs during the 2021-2022 school year. DEED has published a *Parent Guide to Student Reports* and FAQs online under the “results” tab.

Typically, summative assessments guide intervention and targeted support activities for schools as directed by the Every Student Succeeds Act. However, the U.S. Department of Education waived accountability requirements for the 2021-2022 school year. DEED will continue to support ongoing school improvement efforts in local school districts, including stewardship of federal COVID relief funds.

PEAKS has been the statewide summative assessment designed to provide important data for parents, educators, policy makers, communities, and businesses about how Alaska’s schools and districts are performing. **Beginning this school year, DEED is moving toward a new approach to statewide assessment that will provide results for teachers that can immediately inform instruction, will better display student growth and needs, and align with interim assessments administered independently by most of Alaska’s school districts.”**
% Proficient Students by Grade Level

ELA

Math

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% Proficient- 2017 Math

% Proficient- 2018 Math

% Proficient- 2019 Math

% Proficient- 2021 Math

2017-AK 2017-SSD

2018-AK 2018-SSD

2019-AK 2019-SSD

2021-AK 2021-SSD
Alaska Innovative Assessment System

Bridging MAP growth interim assessments and the annual summative assessment

Alaska innovative assessment system connects fall and winter interim (MAP Growth) assessments with the spring summative test.

- **Grades:** 3–9
- **Content areas:** English language arts (ELA), mathematics
- **Initial implementation year:** 2021–2022
State Assessment Implementation Timeline

YEAR 1
- MAP - MAP - MAP
- Summative

YEAR 2
- MAP - MAP - Summative
Announcements

• SHS will be hosting a College and Career Fair tomorrow, Thursday, October 7, with over 40 colleges, universities, and career opportunities represented. COVID mitigations will be followed.

• 12 cross-country runners will represent SSD at State this weekend!

• SSD Now on YouTube! Check out our channel.

• Questions about vaccines? See covid19.searhc.org or sitkapharmacies.com