

# THE HUSKIES HERALD



HOPE SCHOOL HOPE, ALASKA

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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

### US SENATOR MAKES SURPRISE VISIT TO HOPE SCHOOL

*By Jeannine Jabaay*

**What a great treat** it was to have US Senator Lisa Murkowski come and visit The Hope School on August 25th. She came unannounced and with only a few of her friends from the Girdwood Health Clinic. All of the students got to meet the senator, shake her hand, and even show her the work they have been ploughing through. It was a day to be remembered by all.



### 7 NEW STUDENTS JOIN THE HOPE HUSKY FAMILY

*By Diane Olthuis*

**We spent the entire summer** hoping that new students would enroll in the Hope School this fall. Our wish came true when seven, yes seven, new scholars enrolled! Haleigh Herrmann's 14-year-old brother, Jaycee Herrmann, is a freshman and staying at Ms. Diane Olthuis' house. He loves Shop class and intends to introduce ice hockey to Hope. Fourth-grader Murphy Dykstra, age 9, and his fifth-grade sister, Wesli Dykstra, age 10, add a lot of fresh energy to the middle school group. Kristi Peterson convinced their mom, Julie Dykstra, to move from Girdwood promising that they'd love the Hope School. We are thrilled to have the large Jabaay family in Hope and attending school! (Does the name Jabaay translate as helpful? These children often offer to assist the staff.) Lincoln Jabaay, age 5, is in kindergarten. He's adjusting to the school routine well. Roman Jabaay, age 9, is in fourth grade and is a great out-loud reader of *Where the Red Fern Grows*. Eleven-year-old Chloe Jabaay is a sixth grader. She adds more girl power to the middle school group. 8th grader Michael Jabaay is fourteen. He shares Jaycee's love of Shop and bicycles. With the new additions, the Hope School is 22 students strong. We have enough players for a soccer team this year. There are so many other great things that we can do!

### HOPE SCHOOL

Hope School is located in Hope, Alaska and is one of 44 schools in Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. It is a public school that serves 22 students in grades K-12. Phone 907-782-3202

# BOOK-TO-MOVIE REVIEW

“THE GIVER” BY LOIS LOWRY

A GOOD FLICK, MUST READ!

*By Cody Fortin-Wright*

Last year, I read *The Giver*. I recently saw the movie, as well, and it was better than I thought. But, I did like the book better. If you haven't read *The Giver* you definitely should. For example, in the book the author shared more memories with Jonas, the main character. I like that more because it gives more detail, and you get to know Jonas better. The movie left out a fight with his friend and a few other memories. I did like the movie, but I did like the book better.

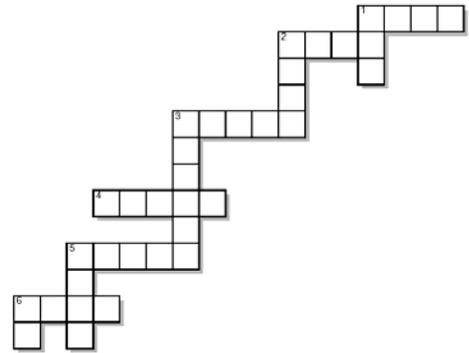
SEE THE MOVIE FOR SURE!

*By Wesli Dykstra*

I recently read the book then watched the movie *The Giver*. I personally liked the movie more. In the movie, there are a lot more effects, such as colors fading into reality, the creative idea that the community lives in the sky, and the memories looked better. Even though the book has more description, you can visualize the movie better. Plus, you can just sit back and enjoy the movie. With a book, you sometimes have to re-read something, if you missed it.

# STUDENT CROSSWORD

Created by Roman Jabaay



ACROSS

- 1 Hula \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 To climb \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I live in it \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Hope School mascot \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Don't worry, be \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 King David's stringed instrument \_\_\_\_\_

DOWN

- 1 His \_\_\_\_\_ and love
- 2 Faith, \_\_\_\_\_, and love
- 3 The N. \_\_\_\_\_. L.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Rock Cafe'
- 5 She \_\_\_\_\_

## POEM OF THE MONTH

*By Andy Bishop*

Alaska is Alaska; there are so many places to go  
There's Homer, Anchorage, and Hope, as well.

Hope has lots of features, like the creatures –  
There's bear, moose, and fish.  
Homer is the place to see the ocean's face.

The big city of Anchorage, the biggest city of all,  
When it comes to shopping, it's the mall.

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



**Awesome view from Whiskers Lane in Hope, Alaska**  
Photo captured by Liam Bureau

## THE SCHOOL'S NEW ICE RINK – IS IT GOING TO HAPPEN?

*By Jaycee Herrmann*

**Recently, I have been talking to the school** about creating an ice rink. If it happens, the ice rink would be on the basketball court. In a survey I took, only 3 out of 22 students said they would not skate on the ice if the rink is created. The rest said that they would skate on the ice. The school would like the community's input on the idea of creating an ice rink. If you would like to skate on the rink, please let the school know. If we build it, the rink would be constructed when the temperatures starts to fall below freezing.



## READ-A-THON IS GOING ON! SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HUSKY!

*By Jeannine Jabaay*

**It's a Hope School first!** The Husky Read-A-Thon is underway, and sponsors are eagerly supporting both the students, who are reading their hearts out, and the Hope School as we raise funds for student field trips and activities. Readers are soliciting donors who will give to the Hope School based on the number of pages they read throughout the month of September. Say, for example, a donor gives 10 cents per page, and the student reads 830 pages in September – that donor would then give \$83 dollars. Donors may also cap the amount of the donations (ie. 10 cents per page up to \$25 dollars). Or a donor may decide to give a flat donation of any dollar amount. The student with the most money raised receives a prize, as does the student with the most pages read. Support the Read-a-Thon, encourage academics, love on a student, and be a part of the many exciting opportunities our Hope Huskies will get this year!

# WELDERS IN THE MAKING

By Michael Jabaay

**I signed up for welding** because my mom and dad are owners of a welding and deck construction company in Anchorage. One summer, I was a helper in the business. When I was helping, some of the workers were welding, and I knew I could not get close because the brightness could blind me. Since then, I have all ways wanted to be a welder. The welding class at the Hope School is very fun. There are six students in the welding class. We have learned many things already, like the melting points of different kinds of metal and safety issues. My teacher's name is Willy, and he has been teaching for many years. He is very kind and patient. He has let me and my friend Jaycee watch him weld. It was so cool to watch. I first wondered if watching someone weld was going to be very boring, but when I got to be that close to the welding, I decided that it was the best time ever. Our class meets for welding Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m. I think everyone should try welding.




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## HOPE STUDENTS "STEP IT UP" WITH PALA+

By Ms. Barron

**You may be asking yourself**, "What is PALA+?" It stands for Presidential Active Lifestyle Award: Activity + Nutrition. PALA+ is a six-week program to help maintain and improve health. Pedometers have been issued to students in grades 3-12 so they can keep track of their total steps taken each day. Their daily goal is between 11,000 and 13,000 steps (or 60 minutes of physical activity). On an open gym night of playing soccer, Cody Joel Fortin-Wright had a whopping 32,039 steps. Another student, Liam Bureau, went on a hike to Twin Lakes and took 17,082 steps to get there! Also, each week students have a healthy eating goal- some examples are to make half of your plate fruits and vegetables, or to drink water instead of sugary drinks. Everyone is doing great and being more health conscious and active. Students are to log their daily activity and weekly eating goal on the form that was provided to them. In addition, Ms. Barron has set up a special group online where students log on and enter their goals and activities. The group name is "Hope School Huskies", and the site will track our progress as we move forward in our quest for health.

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## FROM THE DESK OF MS. T

By Patricia Truesdell

**How exciting it is to be back** in school! I missed all of you so much! I think your children have grown a foot taller, every one of them. It was especially fun to come back from the beautiful summer and meet all of our new students and their families. I can hardly keep the grin off my face!! For those of you who have not been by the school in while, please stop by and see us. The coffee pot is always on (although sometimes it is cold, but hey, push the button and warm it up)...and we would love to show off some of our new and some of our old programs, revised, and updated.

Read-A-Thon: Students and staff "hit the deck running," and are right in the middle of the first ever Read-a-thon! Two gift certificates will be given for prizes: one for the student who raises the most money, and one for the student who reads the most pages. If one of our 22 (yes, 22!) Hope students have not hit you up, give them a shout, and they will bring you by their pledge sheet. All donations head into the PTSCA general fund to help pay for our student activities and field trips throughout the year.

Silent Reading from 9:00 to 9:15 am: With a huge back-to-school focus on reading, you will see a different building at 9:00 in the morning. All students and staff will participate in 15 minutes of silent reading followed by the Pledge of Allegiance - all students and all staff and any parents that are in the building. I have seen this done in another school, and it was an awesome way to start the day. Come and join us!

Special thanks to Ms. Jeannine Jabaay for getting our newspaper started again. I have always wanted to do a newsletter that was produced by the students, and Jeannine has made that goal happen! Thanks, Jeannine!! You rock!

I will wrap up this first edition *From the Desk of Ms. T* with a huge thank you to all of our parents, volunteers, students, staff and Principal Extraordinaire – Michael Hanson. It is simply impossible to imagine what our school would be like without all of you. You are what makes Hope School work! Okay, time to get back work and get ready for the morning. Preparation is everything! Welcome back, everyone!

## HILARIOUS HUSKIES

By River Skaaren



## HEALTH NUT HUSKIES

### AFTER SCHOOL MUNCHIES

By Chloe Jabaay

**The Mixed Fruit Yogurt Parfait**, as I have decided to call it, is one my favorite snacks. I enjoy adding different fruits, granola, and yogurts. It is a healthy and delicious snack, and I hope you will enjoy it. The maker of this recipe is my mom.

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup of prepared oatmeal, 3 oz. of yogurt, a handful of granola, half of a medium sized banana, a handful of blueberries (although I prefer 2 handfuls), half a teaspoon of cinnamon

Directions:

- 1) Mix the oatmeal and yogurt
- 2) Add a handful of granola
- 3) Add the sliced banana
- 4) Add the handful of blueberries
- 5) Mix in the cinnamon
- 6) And Ta Da!!! A delicious healthy snack



## SOCCER SEASON HAS ARRIVED

By Ben Peck

**One of the latest happenings** at Hope School is that Mrs. Barron has been teaching soccer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on up for a friendly match against Cooper Landing. These last couple of weeks, we have been practicing for that game. The students have been passing, dribbling, trapping the ball, working on placement, and becoming a team. The game against Cooper Landing is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2014, at the Cooper Landing School.



### PTSCA NEWS

By Tahnetta Stroh

**The Hope Parent-Teacher-Student-Community Association** has started the 2014-15 school year with a bang! We kicked off our fundraising season with a multi-day bake sale. Thank you to our parents and community members for the delicious donations and support. We were able to raise almost \$200! A very special thanks to Shyla Malone for organizing and manning the entire sale. Our next event will be a chili dinner and membership drive on October 9 at 5:30 pm. Please join us in the school gym to support our students and eat all the chili, cornbread, salad and dessert you can! The next PTSCA meeting will be held on October 14th at 3:45 pm. Students, parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### TRIVIA BY TYLER *By Tyler Motoyama*

**DID YOU KNOW:** The average American eats 12 pounds of cereal each year.

**CAN YOU BELIEVE:** Two thirds of the people on earth have never seen snow.

### HELP WANTED

- Readers are needed to help with grades K-3 from 9:15-10:15 am.

- Books in the Hope School library need to be re-shelved.

- Open Gym is every Wednesday night from 6-8 pm. Swing on by to play, cook, work out, or shoot pool.

- Local artists are needed to help during creative play time with grades K-2 from 2:30-3:30 pm each day.

- Lunch time help is wanted from 12:30-1:15 pm.

### CLASSIFIEDS

Need work done? Michael Jabaay is available for cutting, hauling, or other hard labor work. Rates start at \$5 an hour. Call 748-1111 for more information.

Marvel Comics, such as GI Joe and Spider Man, are available for sale. \$45 or best offer. Contact River at 575-4545 for more details and to see the comic books.