



# John Fredson School

Principal/Teacher - Ms. Diane Olmstead

# NEWSLETTER

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## SUMMARY PAGE

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### Community Cleanup

Students in all grades (kindergarten to 12th grade) were assigned areas around the school grounds for community cleanup.

### STEM - Egg Drop

MS/HS students were tasked to create a vessel that would protect their egg from a drop. Once finished, students were able to test their designs.

### Literacy Night

October was the first of 4 "Literacy Nights". Students and their parents were invited to a night of literacy fun. The event was hosted by Ms. Diane with support volunteering from paraprofessionals Ms. Darlene and Ms. Jamie.

### Halloween Events

Students and their families were invited for a night of fun. Activities included "a haunted library", Cakewalk, carnival games, music, and a photo booth.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held the last week in October. During conferences, IRIP (Individualized Reading Improvement Plan) were discussed with parents (or guardians).





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## PHOTO GALLERY

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## Staff Spotlight

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Mr. Patrick (Pat) and Mrs. Kathleen (Kat) Brady



This month, the staff spotlight is on the teaching couple Mr. Patrick and Mrs. Kathleen Brady (Pat and Kat). They were hired as long-term substitute teachers. However, they (both) went well beyond tasks that many substitute teachers would not have participated in. Both were consistent and dependable. They set clear and consistent rules, routines and expectations. Below is a short summary about the Bradys. Best wishes to them (both).

### Professional background

Pat graduated from BYU with his background in Science and Math. He has been a principal/teacher in Nikoski Alaska, K-8th grade for two years. He has taught in Sand Point Alaska 5th grade/Algebra, Atkasuk AK all science and math classes, Green River Utah Math, Science, Mayor of the city, started the teen center, on Medical Board, Longmont Colorado 6-8 Science. Pat has taught 27 years.

I have worked in the school system for the same amount of time. Pat and I have always worked in the same school. I have taught kindergarten, counselor, special education, and all grades k-12. I started the teen center for the youth in Green River.

### Venetie and/or Alaska.

We were living in Sitka for the summer. I was working at the Fortress of the Bear, and Pat was working for our son. We love teaching and we love Alaska. Pat was excited so I quit my job at the Bears, and we came from Sitka. We thought it would be until the first of October, and here we are ....

### John Fredson School.

Pat teaches HS Math, Science, PE, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) he also taught Gwich'in until we got a teacher. He is the inspiration for all the activities of STEAM.

I taught MS Language Arts, Social Studies (MS), US History (HS), and helped Pat with PE and STEAM. I think it is beautiful here. I love the solitude and beauty that is all around.

Kat Brady





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## BULLETIN

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### October Dates

- 2nd - Mr. Michael Lancaster Visits for Kitchen & Pantry Inspection
- 4th - School-Wide Community Clean-up at 12:30pm
- 7th - Start of School-Wide Reading Intervention (12:30pm to 1:15pm)
- 9th - Final Date for completion of all IRIP Initial Meetings
- 14th - District Inservice (No Students)
- 15th - YFSD School Board Meeting 3PM
- 15th to 18th - Reading Progress Monitoring #2
- 18th - End of 1st Quarter
- 23rd - All Grades Due
- 23rd - Family Literacy Night
- 28th to 30th Early Dismissal (1:30PM) for Parent Conferences
- 31st. Halloween Celebration (Village Event)

### John Fredson Staff

Principal/Teacher	- Ms. Diane Olmstead
Classroom Teacher	- Mr. Joel Brooks
Classroom Teacher	- Mrs. Kathleen Brady
Classroom Teacher	- Mr. Patrick Brady
Gwich'in Teacher	- Ms. Kathleen Tritt
Paraprofessional	- Ms. Darlene Christian
Paraprofessional	- Ms. Jamie Frank
Maintenance	- Mr. Jeremiah Druck
School Cook	- Ms. Audrey Rolfe

### Next Month

- Nov. 5th - Election Day
- Nov. 11th - Dancing with the Spirit
- Nov. 21st - PLC - PD "Drug Training"
- Nov. 22nd - K-9 Presentation
- Nov. 26th - Community Lunch
- Nov. 28th - Thanksgiving



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