



John Fredson School

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NEWSLETTER

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SUMMARY PAGE

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Winter Assessments

The week of December 9th through December 13th, our students completed the NWEA Winter MAP Tests. Students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade also completed Amplify Reading Progress Monitoring #5.

Village Pen Pals

John Fredson School and Cruikshank School students (grades 3rd through 5th) participated in a pen pal exchange.

Family "Math" Night

December 17th Thank you to MS/HS teacher team (Ms. Vanessa Fe Carmona [Ms. Vanessa] and Mr. Justine Villasencio [Mr. Jay]) for organizing and presenting the Family Night. Math was the focus of this Family Night.

Christmas Show

Students (with the help of Ms. Genie) for putting on an interesting Christmas show. Songs included English and Gwich'in.



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Staff Spotlight

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JFS Spotlight – Ms. Eugenia Grammer (Ms. Genie)

For the month of December, the staff spotlight is on Ms. Eugenia Grammer (Ms. Genie). Ms. Genie volunteered to help organize and provide time to teach our students music. Ms. Genie volunteered to teach music for our Christmas show. She has always loved music. She also enjoys teaching music as well. Below is a brief summary about Ms. Genie:

Background – Childhood/Family

- Parents adopted 12 kids.
- Father was in the army and stationed in Washington D.C.
- Started playing the cello in 5th grade
- Attended the state conservatory in Germany
- Had opportunities to travel around the world to places like Germany and Turkey (and learned some of the languages of those places).
- Joined the United States army to become a medical lab technician.
- Adopted her son while in Alaska.
- Took care of her mother for 3 years (until her mother passed away).

Training and Experiences

- Attended Brescia College in Kentucky.
- Started her career as a special education teacher.
- Special Education Teacher
- Primary School Teacher
- Experience teaching Pre-K through High School

Current Work

- CATG (Council of Athabascan Tribal Government)
- Early Head Start Program 9 years after retiring.
- Mostly taught in bush villages, low-income areas, rural Mississippi, but always comes back to the bush.

Venetie, AK/John Fredson School

- Has been living in Venetie for 16 or 17 years.
- She became a school board member after retirement
- Changes have been good.
- School atmosphere is welcoming. Staff works well together.

Hobbies/Interests

- Reading, music, art, and animals
- She has 3 dogs, 1 cat, and 1 bird



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Photo Gallery

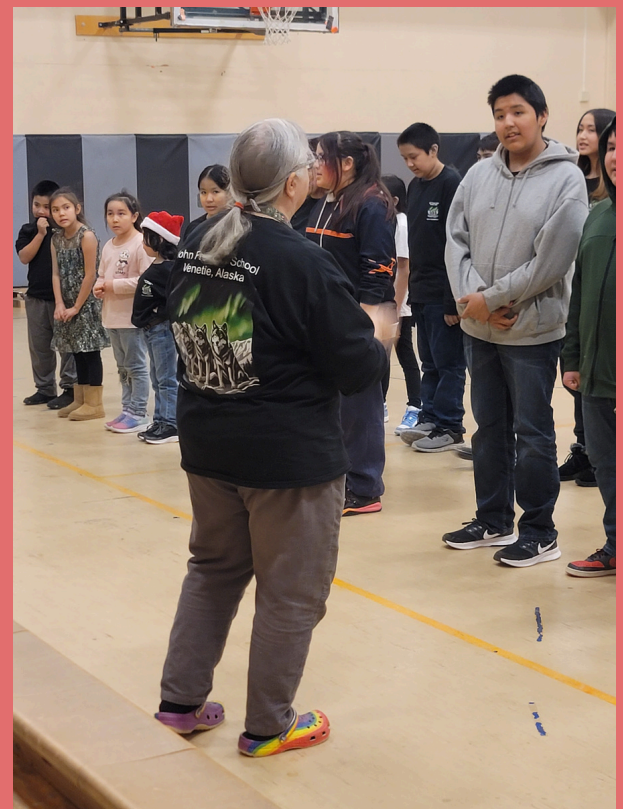
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Village Pen Pals



Christmas Show

Christmas Show 2



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Bulletin



December Dates

- Dec. 4th - New teacher Mr. Jay (Mr. Justine Vilasencio) arrived in Venetie.
- Dec. 9th to Dec. 13th - NWEA (Winter) MAP Tests
- Dec. 11th - The teaching couple The Brady's leave Venetie
- Dec. 16th to 20th - Reading Progress Monitoring #5
- ~~Dec. 17th - YFSD Board of Education Meeting (Zoom) 3PM~~ **CANCELED**
- Dec. 19th - Christmas Show 12 noon.
- Dec. 19th - Community Lunch 1pm.
- Dec. 20th - End of Quarter 2
- Dec. 20th - Report Card Grades need to be completed and finalized
- Dec. 20th - Contract Days (Dec.) Summation form Due

Next Month

- Jan. 1st. - New Year Day
- Jan. 6th. - Teacher Work Day
- Jan. 7th. - 3rd Quarter Starts
- Jan. 20th. - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 20th. - District Inservice
- Jan. 21st. - YFSD Board Meeting
- Jan. 21st. - Progress Monitoring #6
- Jan. 27th - Matthew Stark Visits

John Fredson Staff

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



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