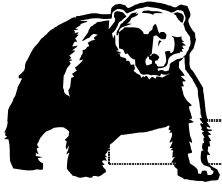


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New Class Schedules

By Elita Cleveland & Pami Douglas

Ambler school's principal, Doni Newell, and staff start off the year with new class schedules. Everyone knows them as block schedules, ninety minutes per class and four periods a day. Doni says, "The schedule is great because the students get one whole credit per semester."

Because of the change, the students are receiving eight credits a year instead of six credits. She likes it because if a student is behind in a class it gives them an opportunity to catch up. She enjoyed being the principal last year, and decided to stay another year.

Doni thinks the students have potential and are willing to participate in class. She says, "Students have progressed because

They're here everyday on time."

They will be starting an after school tutoring class, which will help the students pass their classes and the exam.

"This will help the students recover from failing classes, and also the credits needed to graduate." Doni replies. She is determined to help students at Ambler School graduate and move on to their future plans, and intends to make the student keep their grades up until they are finished with school.

As long as her family stays healthy; she is willing to see the primary students graduate. That's how long she wants to be the principal at Ambler School. While the students are working hard, the principal is working even harder to help Ambler students stay in school and graduate.



New School Year!!

By Derek & Pauline Cleveland

It's a new school year here in Ambler; the new school year brings changes. Changes such as new teachers, new classes, and new schedules.

Last year school started at 8:50am and let out at 3:02pm, and each of the 6 classes lasted 50 minutes. This year school starts at 8:25am and gets out at 3:05pm with 90-minute classes. There are 5-minute breaks in between class and half hour lunch break.

The reason for this change is to allow the students recover credits they might need to graduate from high school. Each quarter, students earn $\frac{1}{2}$ a credit, which means that every semester students earn one credit. This year students will now earn two more credits than last year.

The biggest struggle with the new schedule is the fact that the students have to be in class at 8:25am. Many students are getting the hang of the new schedule, but it's still not



easy to function that early.

Even teacher Don Thurman, which he has taught in Ambler for his 5th year says, "I'm not loving the schedule change, but I'm adjusting to it." Everyone will be going through this adjustment, both teachers and students alike. We'll have to wait and see how rest of the year turns out.

2005 Fun Run

Ambler's 3rd Annual Fun Run was coordinated by Barbara McManus, Maniilaq, the school and the Suicide Prevention Program. This year about 70 people participated including Barbara McManus, Jeff and Barbara Osborn, Teri Wentz, Lena Downey, and Bill Panagoulas. The difference this year over the past years was that more kids ran than adults. People started from the Ambler School to the airport. Little kids ran to the Grizzly Bridge. You either can run, or you can simply walk. The students and adult's age

ranged from 2-67 years odd. The prizes were T-shirts and water bottles. This Fun Run was opened to anybody in the community. "It's a healthy thing to do for families just to have a good time." Said McManus, "We'd like to get more families to participate next year." McManus got involved 3 years ago when she saw a notice in an e-mail and saw that were doing Fun Run's down in Kotzebue. In addition, she asked to set one Fun Run around here. They said yes. Therefore, they sent out T-shirts and water bottles. They talked about setting a date for next year now.

Miscellaneous Stories

Congratulations to the cross-country team for a great season. On Sept 17th the elementary team placed 3rd in the Kiana Invitational. We also congratulate the coach Terry Wentz for working hard to keep these runners going.

Attention anyone interested in Student Council. There is a meeting

on Sept. 20th at 3:30 pm in room 108. Anyone who is interested in participating in student council may attend. If you have any questions contact Scott Riedel.

Ambler's Volleyball team started Sept. 19th at 4:30 in the gym. Anyone interested contact coach Don Thurman. Good luck team and have an excellent season.

Battle of the Books started Sept. 19th with a meeting after school in room 108. This year Bill Panagoulas will be coaching the primary students and Scott Riedel will be coaching the high/middle school students. This year looks to be a great year for readers.