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HOMER HELPING HAITI -SPONSORED BY BRIDGES INTERNATIONAL A group of concerned families in Homer, Alaska (pop. 4000) proposes to bring 12-20 Haitian youth of middle-school and high-school ages to Homer to stay temporarily with local families. These families hope to invest in the youth, offer them respite, and return them to Haiti with improved health, nutrition, and new skills that will benefit their country's reconstruction. Host families and Haitian youth will be matched, and support will be provided using the AFS and Rotary Club models for student exchanges. Each student will stay with a family for a three to six month period and receive housing, food, clothing, basic medical and dental care, and transportation to school.

Haitian students will be paired with Homer students, and attend school with the support of school personnel, TOEFL teachers, and French translators from the community of Homer, including two former French teachers, the school psychologist (RPCV Niger), two bilingual French speakers, and host family members who speak conversational French. Returned Peace Corps Volunteers will provide cross-cultural adjustment support (RPCV's from Mali, Niger, Bolivia, Paraguay, and others with experience in Benin, Togo, Ivory Coast, Central America and the Caribbean).

In addition, community members will offer six to eight full weekend training sessions for both the Haitian and Homer students, including Haitian Culture, health, appropriate technologies, and shelter and home construction. When the Haitian students return to Haiti, they will have new friends, new skills, improved health and nutrition, and long-term connections in the United States who can provide ongoing material and technical support. We view our role as creating new support systems both in the short-term and the long-term, while respecting the Haitian culture and the importance of Haitian young people to the future of Haiti.

LOOK FOR OUR NEW BLOG LINK SOON!!!! Offered by the Phi Theta Kappa Student Association and students at Kenai Peninsula College, Homer, Alaska.

Contact Catherine Knott, email: sansanding@hotmail.com if you are interested in participating, helping with other kinds of support, or have questions. Please include "Haiti" in the subject line.

BRIDGES International is a not-for-profit organization devoted to building bridges of understanding, communication, and support between different cultures.

Mission Statement: We work passionately to share information, knowledge, and training resources between communities internationally to address urgent situations of global inequality in areas of high need, while increasing cross-cultural understanding and collaboration.(article from Homer News, February 17,2010)

ALASKA SALMON GOES TO HEAD START STUDENTS By Laine Welch

Alaska Head Start is taking its hat off to Peter Pan Seafoods and Bristol Bay fishermen this week at a special ceremony on Wednesday in Juneau. The seafood company will be recognized as the top corporate sponsor by the State Head Start Association for its role in providing local salmon to children and elders throughout Southwest Alaska. "Head Start is not an easy program to run and this has been such a success," said Regional Director Anne Shade, who nominated Peter Pan for the honor. "This annual award is one way we can really stand up and recognize the folks who go way above and beyond in Alaska for Head Start." The "salmon to schools" program was spearheaded four years ago in Dillingham by school lunch director Patty Luckhurst, now retired after 21 years with the district.

"It drove me crazy that the best fish in the world was swimming by and yet none of it was available to our school kids," Luckhurst said. She approached Peter Pan Manager Tom Whinihan, who put out a call to fishermen to donate part of their sockeye salmon catch to the kids. The company earmarked tenders in three regions for the donations, which Peter Pan processed and packaged for free. "Tom Whinihan is a gem. He is really dedicated to this community," Luckhurst added. So far, some 50,000 pounds has been donated to the program, which has expanded from Dillingham schools to nine outlying village schools. "Those schools also prepare meals for the elders in their villages, and they each have Head Start programs," Luckhurst explained. "So we're getting salmon meals to well over 1,000 kids and elders at least once a week."

Serving fish that is caught and processed locally saves the Dillingham school district roughly \$12,000 in freight and other costs each year, she added. "The response has been so great," said Jeanne Timmerman, Head Start wellness manager. "It makes so much sense that you can hardly believe it happens in this day and age." Peter Pan's Tom Whinihan agreed. (continued on page 3)



"KICK inCan" PROJECT

Owned by those we serve.



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The board, management and employees of Homer Electric Association would like to thank the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, the Homer Food Pantry, the Homer, Soldotna and Kenai Salvation Army stores, Ninilchik Traditional Council, Seldovia Village Tribe, Port Graham Village Council, and the Nanwalek IRA for participating in our first Kick in-Can drive to replace 7,000 incandescent light bulbs with 7,000 energy saving CFL's (compact fluorescent bulbs). Preliminary results indicate that together we touched 1,400 families on the peninsula. The comments and feedback we received indicated this project was a huge success.

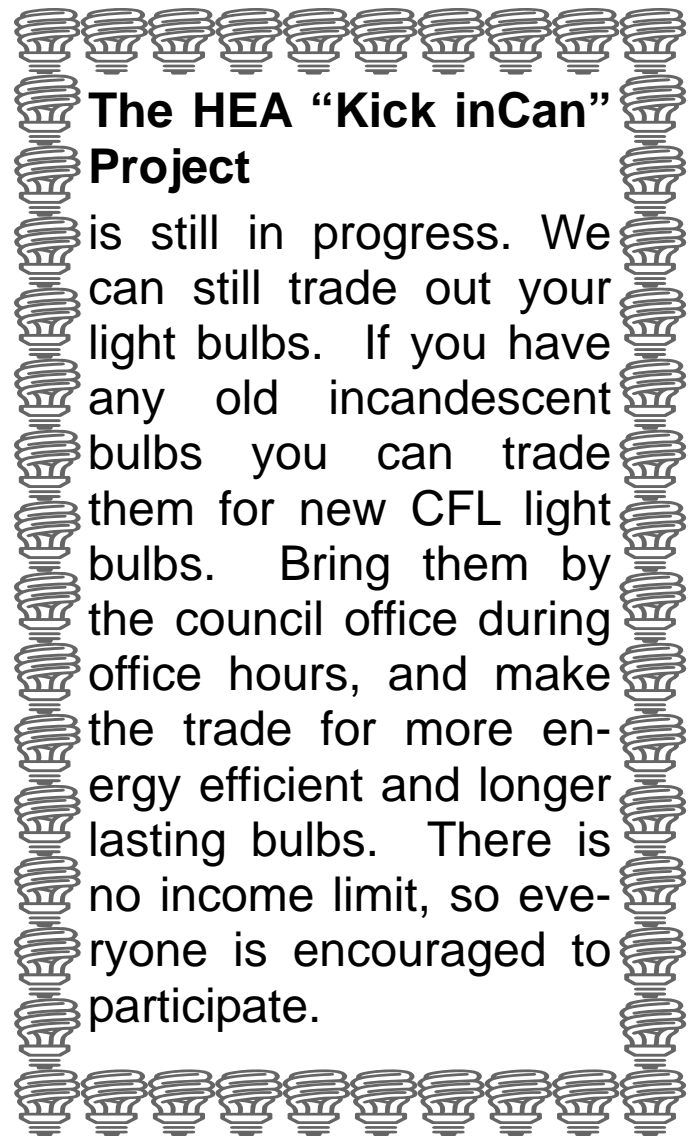
A special thanks to Linda Swarner, Diane Jeska, Capts. Mark and Michelle Thielenhaus, Capt. Craig Fanning, Bob Crowley, Violet Yeaton, Rod Hilts, Michael Opheim and Vincent Evans for your enthusiasm and willingness to collect the incandescent bulbs, your patience when the trash cans were full to overflowing as we made our rounds to empty them, for giving up valuable space in your offices for storing the bulbs, and for all the volunteers' time to distribute the bulbs to those that could benefit the most from this project.

The HEA WiseWatts team was pleased to have an opportunity to work along side these agencies and their volunteers knowing that we have done a little something to help consumers reduce their electric bills, and improve quality of life.

Thank you again for helping HEA take this simple idea for conserving precious resources and sharing energy savings to the community. We look forward to continuing to be a part of your energy solutions into the future!

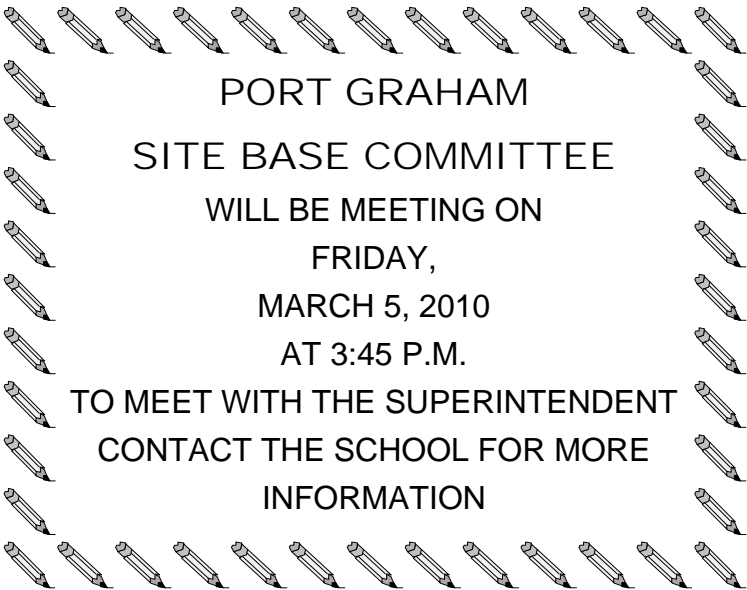
HEA General Manager, Bradley P. Janorschke and the HEA WiseWatts Team

(from the Homer Tribune February 17, 2010)



The HEA "Kick inCan" Project

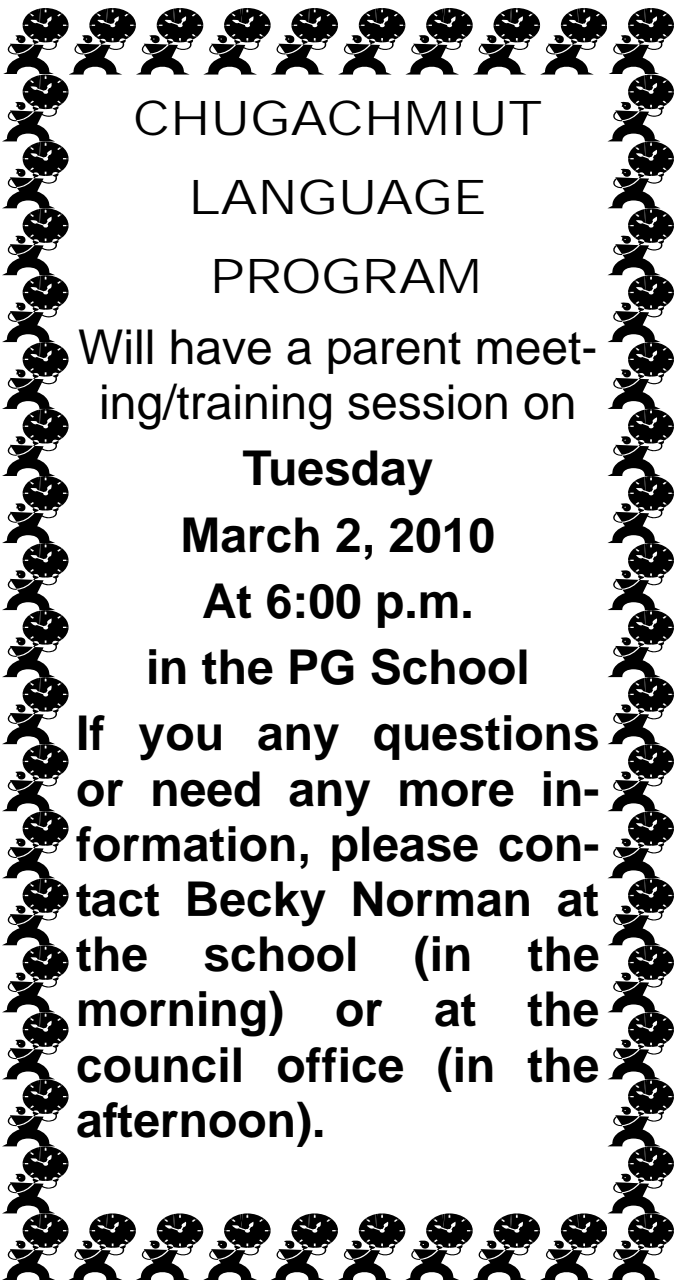
is still in progress. We can still trade out your light bulbs. If you have any old incandescent bulbs you can trade them for new CFL light bulbs. Bring them by the council office during office hours, and make the trade for more energy efficient and longer lasting bulbs. There is no income limit, so everyone is encouraged to participate.



PORT GRAHAM
SITE BASE COMMITTEE

WILL BE MEETING ON
FRIDAY,
MARCH 5, 2010
AT 3:45 P.M.

TO MEET WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT
CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR MORE
INFORMATION



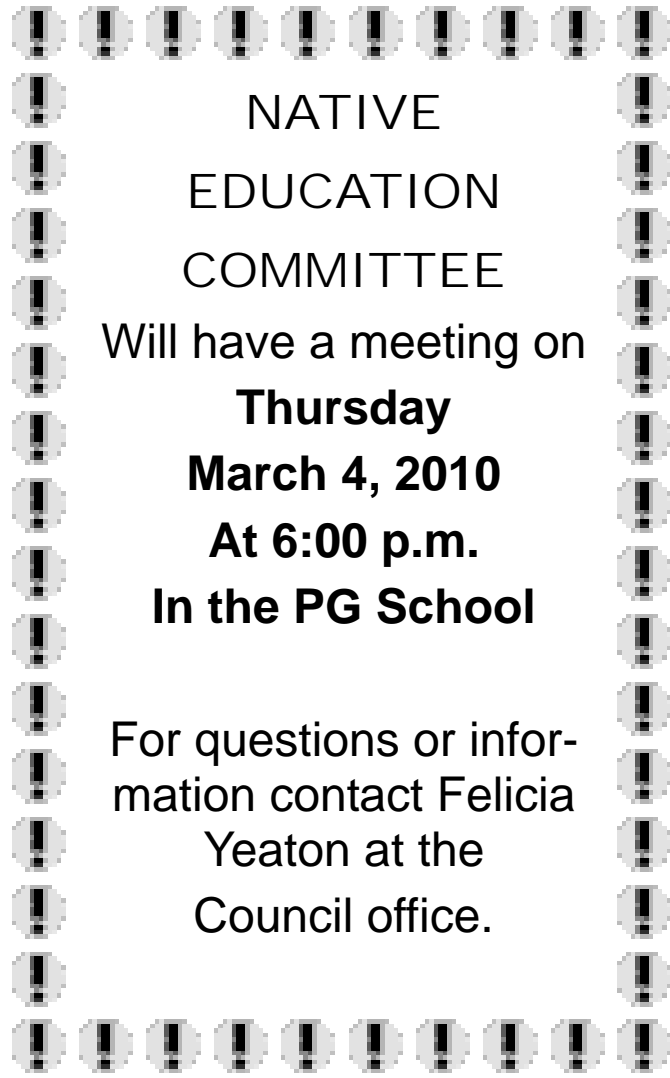
CHUGACHMIUT
LANGUAGE
PROGRAM

Will have a parent meet-
ing/training session on
Tuesday

March 2, 2010
At 6:00 p.m.

in the PG School

**If you any questions
or need any more in-
formation, please con-
tact Becky Norman at
the school (in the
morning) or at the
council office (in the
afternoon).**



NATIVE
EDUCATION
COMMITTEE

Will have a meeting on
Thursday
March 4, 2010

At 6:00 p.m.

In the PG School

For questions or infor-
mation contact Felicia
Yeaton at the
Council office.

(Alaska Salmon....continued from page 1)

"Gosh, this salmon is part of their culture, yet there was so much farmed fish like 'Trout Treasures' being brought in," he said. "This is such a team-effort, and it's so easy to do once you get it going. The result is all the little people and elders benefit from it. I do feel very grateful for it." Whinihan is quick to credit the local fishermen. "They are the ones doing the hard work and being so generous with their donations," he said. "We help facilitate it and ours is the easy part" Ultimately, the hope is that similar partnerships will occur in other regions. "We hope our fish message gets out to all the state," Director Shade said. "We would love to see it happen in other Alaska communities." "If we can do this with a local processor here, there is no reason other schools and communities that have fish processors can't do the same thing," Luckhurst emphasize, "It would be such a good thing if they all got together and made it happen," Whinihan said. "It's so easy and it is not a lot of effort on anyone's part once you get it going. So much of it is just good communication beforehand, and then it all falls into place."

(article from Homer Tribune, February 17, 2010)

February

- 1 Thomas Sawden Jr.
- 2 Mark Mumchuck Jr.
- 2 Jim Labelle Jr.
- 3 Debbie McMullen
- 7 Albert Young
- 8 Reuben Norman
- 9 Ivan Meganack
- 11 Laura McMullen
- 11 Forest Kvasnikoff
- 14 Simeon Kvasnikoff Sr.
- 16 Donna Malchoff
- 17 Kristen Norman
- 18 Sarah Meganack
- 18 Paul Moonin
- 20 Timothy (Neal) Hedrick
- 21 Clara T. Moonin(Lil)
- 21 Melvin Malchoff
- 23 Lydia McMullen
- 24 Alicia Malchoff
- 24 Cyrena Joseph
- 26 Dannielle Malchoff
- 26 Katrina Dupree
- 28 Arthur Moonin
- 28 Leonard Ukatish
- 28 Monique Cook

March

- 1 Jerry Demas
- 2 Vivian Malchoff
- 2 Sherry Glahn
- 3 Joshua Selanoff
- 4 Anesia Kamluck
- 5 Adrian Demas
- 12 Thomas Gil, Jr.
- 12 Nicole Norman
- 13 Roland Kankanton
- 13 Carol Mattson
- 18 Shogun C Smith
- 19 Juliana Anahonak
- 19 Lucas Dodge
- 20 Charles Selanoff
- 21 Rollen Anahonak
- 21 Eric Tanape
- 22 Joshua Wheeler
- 23 Kalina Glahn
- 23 Kimber Moonin
- 23 Leslie Ukatish
- 24 Donald Nelson
- 24 Mickey Anahonak
- 24 Roxanne Jager
- 24 Kert LaBelle
- 25 Heather Joseph
- 26 James Otis
- 27 Laurisa Glahn
- 29 Felicia Yeaton
- 29 Harvey Meganack
- 29 Joe Tabios
- 30 Jasmine Tanape
- 31 Darlene Anahonak

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HOPE FOR A BETTER WORLD

**Happy
27th**

**Sobriety Birthday
To Anesia Metcalf
Congratulations!**



COMMUNITY EVENTS

FUN NIGHT AT THE CENTER

The center is open on **MONDAY** nights
7:00-10:00 p.m.

and everyone is welcome to join in activities like arts & crafts, games, and playing music. So come on by and participate in the **FUN**.

SPEED LIMIT

15 MPH on all roads, except for the back road starting from Wayne Norman's intersection to the first street light before Duncan Heights Subdivision is **20 MPH**. REMEMBER-Pedestrians have the right of way!

OPEN GYM NIGHTS

The school gym can be opened in the evenings during the week and weekends by a "key-signer" and you can practice basketball, volleyball, etc. Contact the school for more information.

12-STEP SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

In February will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Corporation Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THESE OPEN MEETINGS

PROVIDERS SCHEDULE

- Gary Weglarz**, BH Clinician/Chugachmiut 907-284-2247
(in PG Office Mon, Tues, Weds mornings and in Nanwalek Wed-Thurs)
- Michelle Hosford**, Social Worker/ Chugachmiut 800-478-4155
- Mercedes Harness**, SP Haven House 907-235-7712
- Meg McKinney**, DV Counselor/Chugachmiut 907-255-6342

If you have questions or need to schedule an appointment with these providers you can contact **Mary Malchoff** at the PG Council Office 284-2227

PG LIBRARY COMPUTER

is available to find jobs with the State of Alaska Jobs site and to enroll in the State of Alaska Library system, and also to check emails and general research. If any of the rules are broken you will lose your privilege to use the computer.

Hours of Operation are:

- 9:00 am –12:00pm
- 1:00pm-4:00pm

PORT GRAHAM VILLAGE COUNCIL

P.O. Box 5510
Port Graham, AK 99603

Phone: 907-284-2227
Fax: 907-284-2222



LOCAL BOX HOLDER
P.O. Box 55__
Port Graham, AK 99603

- PORT GRAHAM VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS:**
- **Patrick Norman,**
First Chief
 - **Martin Norman,**
Second Chief
 - **Agnes Miller,**
Secretary
 - **Debbie McMullen,**
Treasurer
 - **Stella Meganack,**
Member
 - **Walter Meganack Jr.,**
Member
 - **Melvin Malchoff,**
Member

ANNUAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING/ELECTION
Scheduled for March 9, 2010 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Village Council Seats Open:

Second Chief	2 years
Secretary	2 years
Treasurer	2 years
Members	1 year

Election Rules:

1. Resident of Port Graham,
2. Base enrollee or tribal member of Port Graham,
3. Twenty-one years of age,
4. Run for only 1 position,
5. Turn in a written statement to the council office with your background information, and
6. No absentee votes and only tribal members residing in Port Graham can vote.

Elections will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A potluck dinner will be held after the elections, around 5:00 p.m.