

KALIKAMPET



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Mardi Gras In July!

This year's Celebration of life theme is an event that is celebrated around the world called Mardi Gras!

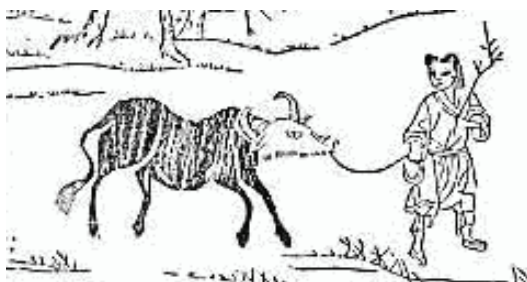
Port Graham's Celebration of Life was originally planned by our local Recovery Center Coordinator in cooperation with Port Graham Village Council as an alternative to the parties that used to be held to celebrate the 4th of July. The sober celebration was well accepted by the community and each year, we at the Village Council try to come up with new themes, all the while keeping up the 'clean and sober' aspect of the event.



That being said, there are many parts of a Mardi Gras celebration throughout the world. What we've seen in the press are big parades, dressing up in fancy regalia, and beads being worn by party goers, fancy cakes being made and eaten, carnivals and drinking, lots and lots of drinking. There doesn't HAVE to be drinking!

In the days before Lent, all rich food and drink had to be disposed of. The way people got rid of them was in a giant party that involved the whole community. But, somewhere along the historical line, they said "give it up" and (some of us) said, "Cool. Let's party first". That is thought to be the origin of the Mardi Gras Carnival.

Carnival and Mardi Gras deliberately occur the week before Lent. 'Carnival' is medieval Portuguese for "put away the flesh". Funny, considering the fact that instead of putting ones skin away, party goers were known to flaunt nearly every bit they had. The tradition was - clergymen would parade oxen through Colonial streets for a somber farewell. In those days many Catholic followers were obligated to give up meat leading up to Good Friday.



Maslenitsa (*Масленица*, also called *Pancake Week* or "Cheese Week") is a Russian folk holiday that incorporates some traditions that date back to pagan times. It is celebrated during the last week before Lent. The essential element of Maslenitsa celebration is bliny, Russian pancakes, popularly taken to symbolize the sun. Round and golden, they are made from the rich foods still allowed during that week by the Orthodox traditions: butter, eggs, and milk (in the tradition of Orthodox lent, the consumption of meat ceases one week before the consumption of milk and eggs).

Maslenitsa also includes masquerades, snowball fights, sledding, swinging on swings and sleigh rides. The mascot of the celebration is usually a brightly dressed straw effigy of *Lady Maslenitsa*, formerly known as Kostroma. As the culmination of the celebration, on Sunday evening, *Lady Maslenitsa* is stripped of her finery, and put to the flames of a bonfire.



Wamluk- Lets Play

I am looking for two more games and need some help. If you know of a game that I am missing from this list, please give me a call. Polly Thiele at 284-2227

Aleut Baseball

Quliarguam Atatii (Story Songs)

Umiacestaq

(Guessing Game)

Kakanaq (Darts)

Sungaq (dolls)

Maqasuq (Dice)

Qayaq (Kayak)

Indian Stick Pull

Iqsaguasuutuq

(Fishing Pole)

One Called Over

String Games

Leg Wrestling

Restrictions of Toys and Games

Skuunuq

(Toy Boat)

Eskimo Stick Pull

Bow and Arrow

Rock Throwing Game

Sharks and Minnows

Sand Stories

Kneeling games

Boats

One Foot High Kick

Lets Dance

Sling

Song and Dance

Bowl and Spoon Carving

Alaskan High Kick

Carving Skills

Give Your Presence *a submissions by Olga Fomin:*

Being present is making contact with the essence of the other person; it is meeting your child in the moment, without concern for the past or the future, and with your mind emptied of distractions. This means you come to your child free of expectations, preconceived notions, and the thousand other things you “need” to be doing, so that you can focus completely on his or her needs. This is not always easy, but it is vitally important.

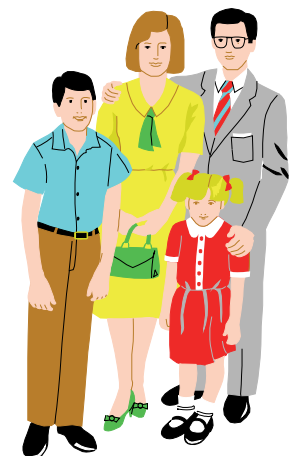
Do you remember hearing the stories of the poor little rich kid who had every material advantage but whose heart was broken because the parents were never really there? Sadly, there are many children who suffer from this kind of neglect. Gifts, no matter how expensive, will never take the place of your presence. Giving your complete attention is much more valuable to a growing child and is the most satisfying way of being together.

As an infant your child requires your presence constantly, but as she gets older it's easy to forget to pay attention, so watch for signs that she may be feeling abandoned. Perhaps her pestering you while you're on the phone is a signal that she needs more undivided attention. Once a six year old boy told me that the only time his father paid any attention to him was when he got in trouble at school and, since he wanted his dad's attention, he didn't mind the trouble. I suggested to his father, Don that he spend a half hour each evening just hanging out with his son. He wasn't sure it would make a difference but agreed to try. The trouble in school stopped, and Don discovered how important his presence was to his young son.

As kids move toward independence, you will be more on top of their adventures if you tune in without distraction. Amber, for example, schedules Saturday morning breakfast dates at a neighborhood café with her nine and eleven year olds. She finds that just an hour away from home to focus on their needs keeps the lines of communication open.

Children do not always communicate with words, so be aware of the nonverbal ways children try to get you to listen. Hailey, at age five, started sucking her thumb again, whereas Ian was always so excited to talk with his parents at dinnertime that he could not eat. Davey complained of a stomachache each morning before school, and Candice bit her fingernails or twisted her hair when her parents argued. A child who repeatedly cries when left with a baby-sitter or clings and whines when with other adults may be sending a message that you need to be paying more attention.

Clear your mind, clear your schedule, and really be there. When you can't give your full attention, tell them so, then schedule a time when you can-and keep it. Turn off the television and turn on the answering machine. Sit together, talk, relax and unwind, and you will feel the connection grow stronger. If you are truly present when you are together, when you're apart they will rest assured your love surrounds them.





2012 GRANTEE MEETING IN WASHINGTON DC

Lillian Sparks, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans & Daryl Kreun, ANA Project Coordinator, Port Graham Village Council

Presidentially appointed, Lillian A. Sparks was confirmed by the United States Senate as the Commissioner of the ANA in March 2010. A member of the Rosebud & Oglala Sioux Tribes, Ms. Sparks has devoted her career to supporting the educational pursuits of Native American students, protecting the rights of indigenous people, and empowering tribal communities. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Sparks served as the Executive Director of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) where she worked extensively on K-12 and early childhood education policy to secure funding to positively impact American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian students. With a background in Political Science and Law, Ms. Sparks was named one of the seven young Native American Leaders by USA Today Magazine.

Tribal Administrator, Francis Norman & ANA Project Coordinator, Daryl Kreun attended the **2012 ANA Grantee Conference**, the theme for this Conference was "Sustaining Benefits for Future Generations". During this conference, we were given the opportunity to network with other ANA Grantee Project Directors and ANA staff to discuss, share outcomes & challenges, attended Workshop Breakouts to discuss more in-depth topics to assist Grantees with their individual projects. Also had the opportunity to meet our Alaska Region ANA T/TA (Training & Technical Assistance Providers), T/TA staff Tonya Garnett & Anthony Caole. Both provide assistance with ANA Alaskan Grantees by providing webinars, training and technical assistance with ANA Projects throughout Alaska, their offices are located in Palmer, AK with staff living in Wasilla & North Pole, AK. During our visit to DC, both ANA Alaskan Region Trainers & I had an opportunity to walk the Mall of Monuments after workshops, pictured outside the White House.



During the ANA Conference, under the umbrella the US Department of Health & Human Services, also attend the **Administration for Children & Families Tribal & Native American Conference** in partnership with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The theme was Integrating PRIDE (Professionalism-Respect-Integrity-Dedication-Excellence) & Self Sufficiency in Tribal & Native American. This 3 day conference gave us the opportunity to hear speakers from around the US & DC, one such

speaker was the Director of Agency Affairs, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Carrie McMillan on the topic of Integration in Action. There were around 450 American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders from American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth for the Northern Mariana Islands attending both conferences to learn, share and network with other Tribal communities, meet one on one with facilitators & panel speakers during breakout



sessions from Financial Literacy in Native Communities, Grants.Gov 101, ANA 101, Employee Sustainability & Capacity Building for Community Based Programs/Projects & many other ACF & ANA workshop sessions that were attended. The last plenary speaker was Chaske Spence, Native American and actor spoke of his life as a native, his acting career and environmental programs he is passionate about and involved with. Chaske latest role was Sam Uley in New Moon & Eclipse from the Twilight Series.

Community Events and Information

DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION FOR THE KALIKAHPET NEWSLETTER?

Do you have an announcement, news or an upcoming event you would like to include in the Port Graham Village Council's Newsletter, **KalikaHPet**?



Port Graham Village Council invites you to *submit* information to be considered for publication in our *newsletter* which can be viewed online at our website: www.portgraham.org



PORT GRAHAMS LIBRARY COMPUTER

The 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.

Hrs of Operation are: 9:00 – 4:00 pm w/lunch @ noon

Fun Night!

F u n Night will be held at the Community Center Building OR at the Apron from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Every Monday night. Folks of all ages are encouraged to come and have a little fun together like arts & crafts, games, and playing music!



SPEED LIMIT 15

KEEP IN MIND PG SPEED LIMITS

SPEED LIMIT 20

The Speed Limit is 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 which is 20 MPH.



REMEMBER

Pedestrians have the right of way!

! FREE TRASH BAGS !

The Port Graham Environmental Program has litter bags available for those who would like to clean their yards, etc. You can pick up the litter bags at the council office during office



PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANIMAL CARCASSES IN THE LANDFILL

And please remember to remove plastic wrapping, etc. from waste before disposing of it on the back beach

12 Annual Celebration of Life



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**This Years Celebration of Life will be held
July 12 & 13
with the theme of Mardi Gras!!**

NPRHA will host the BBQ at 12 pm on the 12th.

Space will be provided for Vender Lunch on the 13th. We invite everyone to participate in the Vendor Lunch, Bartering is encouraged!

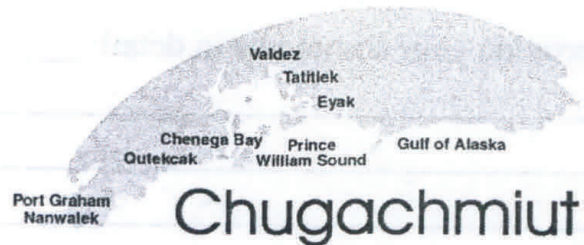
A Contest for best Mardi Gras Mask! One for ages 12 and under, another for ages 13 and up. Materials will be provided to make masks.

The English Bay Band will be playing for the Masquerade Ball the evening of the 13th from 8pm to 12 am.

Some of the other Festivities include: Talent Show, Aleut Baseball, Relay Games and More! There will be more information closer to the event.

Your opinion counts!

Our mission is to provide the highest quality services to our beneficiaries. Many of the changes and improvements we make are based on the ideas and opinions of our customers.



Please help us continue to improve services by submitting comments and suggestions.

If you prefer to speak with someone directly, call 1-800-478-4155 and ask for a Customer Feedback Representative.

Providing your contact information will help us look into your concerns. Your comments are strictly confidential but details of your matter will be shared with key personnel who will conduct the investigation.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Please indicate your affiliation:

Native Tribal Member

Native Non-Tribal

Non Native

If you choose not to provide your name and contact information, an investigation will NOT be performed but your comments WILL be recorded.

Do your comments pertain to a specific Chugachmiut division? If so, please check the appropriate box.

Health Services

Community & Family Services

Enterprise & Trust

Self Governance & Human Resources

Finance & Administration

If your comments pertain to a particular Chugachmiut service or department, please specify:

Do your comments pertain to a specific Chugachmiut employee or employees? Please indicate:

Please provide your comments in detail: _____

Besides the issue you commented on above, how would you rate the overall performance of Chugachmiut?

Excellent Good Average Below Average Poor

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

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Case Number: _____ Date Feedback Received: _____

Feedback Category

Positive Neutral Negative

Staff Contact in Charge of Resolution:

Notes/Comments: _____

Resolution: _____

Resolution Approved by: _____ Date: _____

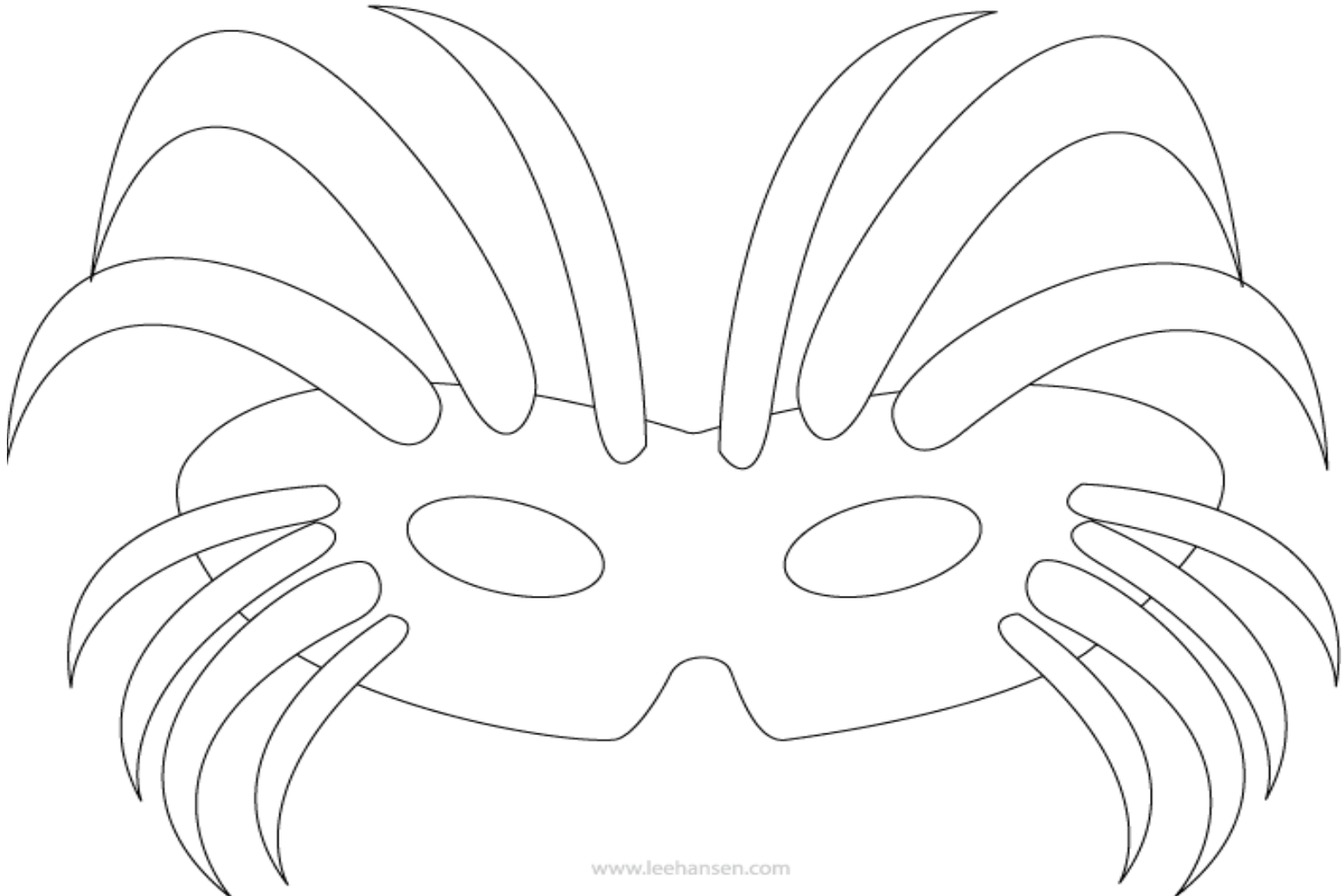
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