

**Port Graham Village
Council Will be Closed
during Holidays Scheduled
for March:**

**March 22, for Chenega Day
March 25, for Swards Day**



Students, Michael, Nicholas and Cyrena

Port Graham Village Council 2013 Annual Meeting

The Village Council's Annual Meeting Port Graham Village Council held their 2012 Annual Meeting on March 7, 2013.

During the meeting, Village Council and Staff reported on what was completed during 2012 and some plans for 2013 as well. It was very well attended, and lots of door prizes were given away throughout the meeting. A couple of other visitors came and gave presentations about their work; They were Cheri Hample, Chugachmiut Health Program Coordinator and Jan Vanderpool, Chugachmiut Executive Director; Thank you both for coming to share this day with us and, of course for all the work you do as well.

Certificates of Appreciation were given from the council to various people to show appreciation for all they did and do for Port Graham, a few



Violet Yeaton, Environmental Program

of which were:

Staff recognition: Felicia & Christalina

2013 Elders: Bob & Eleanor McMullen

2013 Hunter: Lydia McMullen

2013 Jr. Hunter: Kobe Norman

(Please see page 3 for more on certificates passed out during the annual meeting.)

4 council member seats were open and were filled by the following returning council members:

Martin Norman as 2nd Chief

Debbie McMullen, as Treasurer

Agnes Miller as Secretary

Melvin Malchoff as a member



Ben Sr., Patsy and Harrietta hear Chugachmiut's Cherri Hample's Report



Cherri Hample, Chugachmiut Health Director

A black and white line drawing of two Inuit people. The person on the left is wearing a traditional Inuit hat with a star and geometric patterns, and has a small object in their mouth. The person on the right is wearing a beaded headband and a necklace, and is smiling. The background is white.

The Native Village of Port Graham Traditional Values

**With guidance and
support from our
Elders, we teach our
children Alutiiq values**

Sugpiaq/Alutiiq Value of the Month:

TRUSTING

The Native Village of Port Graham Annual Acknowledgements of

Practicing Traditional Values



"SPIRITUALITY, RESPECT FOR ELDERS, GROWING SOBRIETY, HONESTY, RESPECT AND WISE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, LOVE FOR CHILDREN, FORGIVENESS, OPENNESS, TRUSTING, SHARING, LOYALTY, UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, CARING, TENDERNESS, HUMILITY, STRENGTH, COURAGE, HELPFULNESS."

'in living our Traditional and Spiritual Values with our family and community we practice ...

knowledge of language, unity, heritage, subsistence, family roles, survival skills, life skills, medicinal herbs, artistic expression, knowledge of family tree, community uniqueness....and this makes us who we are.'

During the Council's Annual Meeting a great number of certificates were passed out to *many* deserving people. This year, *in particular*, the council has placed an encouraging emphasis on Port Graham's Traditional Values and is celebrating people young and old who are practicing them.

Port Graham Village Council would *again* like to point out these amazing people who should be praised each day for the effort they are making to pass on our traditional values by their every day living and giving:



Tom Yeaton	Growing Sobriety
Heather Joseph	Growing Sobriety
Melvin Malchoff	Fire Chief
Patrick Norman	Assistant Fire Chief
Wayne Norman	On Call Fire Chief
Dennis Anahonak	Pump Operator Volunteer Fireman
Richard Moonin	1.5 Hose Volunteer Fireman
Peter Anahonak Jr.	1.5 Hose Volunteer Fireman
Ephim Anahonak Jr.	1.5 Hose Volunteer Fireman
Harvey Meganack	2.5 Hose Volunteer Fireman
Martin Norman	2.5 Hose Volunteer Fireman

Wes Breedlove	Volunteer Fireman
Jeff McMullen	Volunteer Fireman
Dale Malchoff	Volunteer Fireman
Tania McMullen	EMT / CHAP
Agnes Miller	EMT / CHAP
Darlene Anahonak	EMT / CHAP
Stella Meganack	ETT / Volunteer
Billy Meganack	ETT / Volunteer
Jennie Tanape	ETT / Volunteer
Deborah McMullen	ETT / Volunteer
Jordan Anahonak	ETT / Volunteer



Chief Patrick Norman said, "I look forward to seeing an increase of values being practiced and exercised throughout the village" back in November 2012 when we started putting a 'Traditional Value' on page 2 of our newsletters. By proof of these certificates, we acknowledge the practicing and exercising of our values by these people.



CONGRATULATIONS
Tom and Heather! Way to Go!
We are ALL very Proud of
Both of You!!!



STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS

BROUGHT AN AWSOME COMMUNITY TURNOUT



Leigh Ann McGee

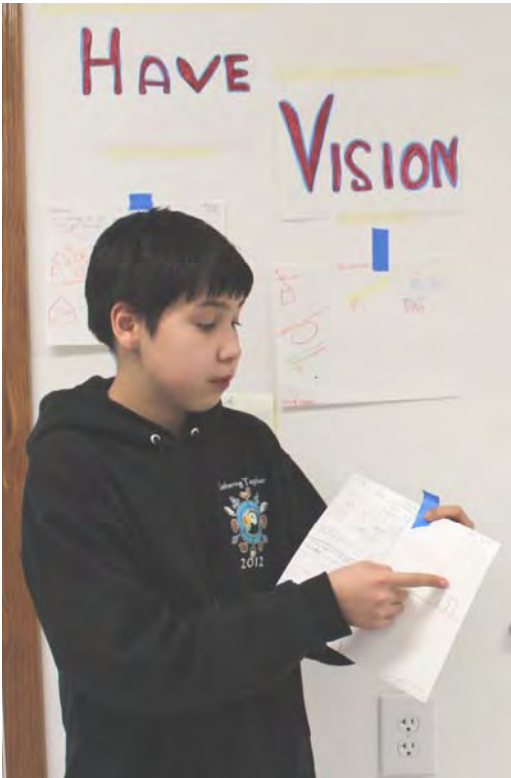


Roni Brigg

Osiyo! That's what the instructors said when they walked into our strategic planning session in February. The word is a variant of "Osiquu," a positive response to the question "Ositsu?" "Is it well?" / "It is well.". Osiyo is the name of their company.

Osiyo is an American Indian owned management consulting company. Osiyo was founded with a single purpose – to help make Native businesses more self-reliant, sustainable, and valuable. The firm's work philosophy is driven by the concept of "Appreciative Inquiry," first understanding the organization and identifying core competencies. Osiyo helps clients improve organizational performance by developing clear direction, utilizing strategic thinking, and building sustainable operations with strong capabilities.

Osiyo came here to help us develop a strategic plan for Port Graham; and boy, Did they ever! It was a very innovative way too. First off, they met with our teenagers, asking them in a *special youth edition* session what *their* dreams were; what *they* thought was important for our village. After that session, next was with the Council members and then



Rick Jager II talks about his vision

Village Council employees. The next day, the tribal membership and community members were invited to share their views and/or ideas. Everyone was given an opportunity to tell *their* dream, *their* vision, to say *out loud* what *they* wanted to see in Port Graham in the next 5 to 10 years. All the ideas and some lists of things we could do were drawn up on sheets of paper and still decorate the walls of the center if anyone is interested in reading them.



Council and Staff session

We can look forward, in the next couple months, to seeing what came out of all this planning and developing. Please Stay Tuned.



Monique, Michael, Kelsey and Cyrena listen intently

YOUTH & Elder News



Community
Health
Representative
CHR,
Lydia McMullen



Felicia Yeaton,
Tribal Youth
Program
Coordinator

Andrew Abyo instructed a mask and aleut visor making class this month. The school students will receive credit for a report given on the training. Adults were also invited to participate. Billy, Tom Yeaton, Jim Miller, Martin & Heather, were on hand to make visors of their own. Thanks to the Heritage Grant for the opportunity to have and participate in this training. A very VERY BIG thank you to Andrew for coming.



👉 Andrew Abyo
instructor /
Artist


👉 The PG
Masked
Maskateers

👉 Kelsey, Koa &
Zeth and Rick
with Malachi



**Happy St. Patrick
Day 2013** ~ Remember to
wear green on Saturday the 17th!



An Old
Irish Blessing: 

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Tuesday, March 19th, 2013 ~ The
Alaska Food Bank will be open from
1:00pm to 2:00pm. This Institution
is an equal opportunity provider.

Wednesday, March 20th, 2013 ~
Elder's Tea from 12:00pm till were
done.

Friday, March 22nd, 2013 ~ Is
Women's Night from 7:00pm to
9:00pm.

Friday, March 29th, 2013 ~ The
Elder Food Boxes will be put
together and available (weather
permitting). This Institution is an
equal opportunity provider.



Community Events and Information

DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

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



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 GRAHAM'S 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 – 2:00 pm w/lunch @ noon



Port Graham

Behavioral Health

Jim Henkleman



In Homer:

235-0735 / 230-6693

(please leave a message)

If you have questions or need to schedule an appointment with the Behavior Health provider you can contact Jim Henkleman at the PG Office, 284-2247 or Call the Clinic Receptionist.

PORT GRAHAM CLINIC ANNOUNCEMENT



**CLINIC
PHONE
NUMBERS**



When the Clinic's direct line: (284-2241) is not in service, and the On-Call Cell phone: (284-3030) is also not working Please use the clinics other number to reach the Clinic regarding an emergency or for an appointment: 284-2295

Reminder: Every Thursday morning the entire clinic staff is in an online meeting. The only patients who will be seen are emergencies. Thank you



PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CLOTH/CANVAS BAGS WHEN YOU SHOP!



Thank You!

HEY!

if you have any extra cloth bags, you can donate them to the stores (and they, in turn, can loan them out when needed, instead of using paper or plastic bags)

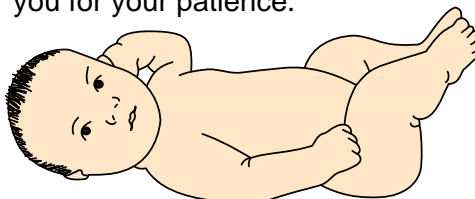
LANGUAGE EDUCATION NEWS

By Ephimia Dumont



Camai! Ggwi Apamia;

Sorry, it turns out I could take 2 months of maternity leave, and I want all the time I have for my new wee one! See you in March! Thank you for your patience.



PLEASE DON'T FORGET...

The Deadline for Alaska Dividend applications is the end of March

The Deadline Energy Assistance applications is the end of the April.



ICWA



INDIAN CHILD WELFARE REPRESENTATIVE Jim Miller

Traits of Happy Families

"All happy families are alike;
every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way."

~Leo Tolstoy~

Studies of families *do* indicate that Tolstoy may have been correct, happy families do share common traits. Numerous researchers have found that these following traits contribute to the best psychological health.



There is love and respect. There will be times of disagreement but they know how communicate the differences without "going for the jugular". In happy families each member can appreciate the diverse gifts and talents of the others.

Happy families eat together. Eating family meals together several times a week serves as a great time to connect intellectually and emotionally. The research shows that kids in homes where the family eats together on a regular basis do better in school and are less likely to engage in substance abuse.



The parents are in charge. Children do better in a home where there is clear structure and where the grown-ups are in charge. There are boundaries with consequences that are understood and appropriate.

Parents listen to the children's input on decisions.

Children who grow up with the ability to make some decisions will have a greater sense of personal power. For instance, "do you want this or that?" or "do you want to do it now or later?". All family members want to feel their thoughts and ideas are appreciated.



They play together. Happy families do fun things on a regular basis, whether it's weekend hikes, game nights, or other fun activity. The family that plays together stays together.

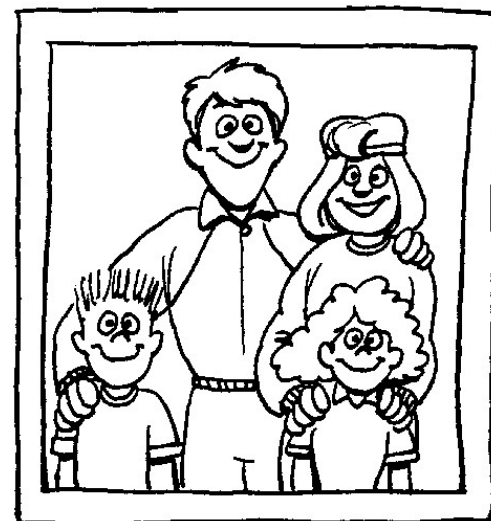
They have good communication skills. The best skill is to listen to each other in order to really understand one another. A little negotiation and problem solving goes a long way.



They share traditions and rituals.

Rituals and traditions might be cultural or religious or passed on from family. Bedtime prayers, summer picnics, gift giving and quiet time are just a few examples.

Happy families don't just happen and neither do unhappy families, good skills can be learned and practiced until they are a habit.



Tribal enrollment of new members

Please contact Jim Miller at the ICWA office for tribal enrollment forms and information. For newborns, children who have not yet enrolled or adults who want to transfer enrollment from another tribe.

James Miller
Port Graham Village Council
ICWA office
P.O. Box 5510
Port Graham, AK. 99603
Phone: (907)284-2227

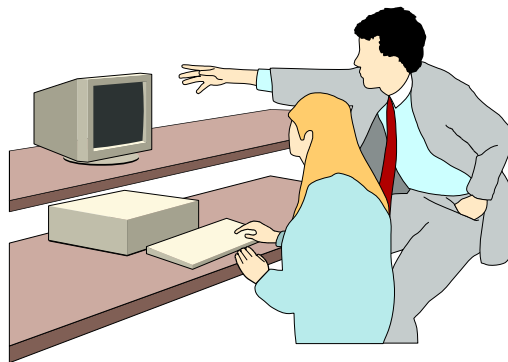


ANA GOVERNANCE PROJECT HAPPENINGS

ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS PROJECT COORDINATOR Daryl Kreun

The Port Graham ANA Governance Project has completed its Objective Work Plan (OWP) for Year One; establishing a process for monitoring and evaluation the training needs of (5) Council Members & (3) Council Office Staff is aiding in the accomplishment our Year Two, OWP & Objective Goal; to complete trainings for Council Office Staff & Council Members as well to schedule follow-up trainings into Year Three.

The scheduling of trainings are gaining momentum from the recent assessment results and the evaluation of trainings; what worked, what didn't or was not well received. We now have a better idea of what trainings are needed based on these findings.



With Completion of the Year One Objective, the April, 2012 Local ANA/Port Graham Tribal Member Survey, the recent results of the December 2012 PGVC/Council Member & PGVC/Council Office Staff Assessments, and finally the PGVC/Evaluations results, we can now better determine and schedule relevant trainings specific to each person's job duties & responsibilities.



Since January 2012, the Port Graham ANA Governance Project has provided (12) of the (21) trainings & the other (9) were In-Kind Trainings provided by Project Partner; Chugachmiut. The (21) trainings covered (18) topics, with (3) follow-up trainings and of the (21) trainings provided, (15) were on-site trainings and (6) were off-site. Results have shown when on-site trainings are provided, we benefit from a larger audience and in turn utilizing our Travel and Training Budget more efficiently. These trainings could not have been accomplished without the help from Project Partner, Chugachmiut and from the ANA Advisory/Trainings Committee which developed and implemented these needed measuring tools.

Now into our second year, the ANA Governance Project we will continue scheduling trainings based these assessments as part of each role and responsibility. To the greatest extent possible, training will be sought and conducted locally so the subject matter may be presented to the greatest number of Council Office Staff, Council Members & the membership at large in order to begin developing and nurturing future Council Members. An excellent example of this was seen during our latest training with OSIYO Communication, the Strategic Planning Sessions which involved Tribal Youth, Elders, Tribal Membership, Community, Office Staff & Council Members.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

Rita Meganack,
Environmental Technician

Camai Paluwik,

March/April Events for your Calendar:

March 28, 2013—Environmental Committee Meeting/Tobacco Prevention Presentation

Sick of Smoking?
Presentation, to be held in the evening, more information to come, currently working on a schedule. Please save this date.

Sick of Smoking?



April 22, 2013—Earth Day Event,



here at the Community Center. Door Prizes, come by and check it out; you could win a Round Trip Ticket to

Homer, along with other great door prizes.

Port Graham Village Council/Environmental Program has evaluations/surveys here at the Village Council on the white table by the post office. Please fill one out. There is a sign-in sheet to sign if you'd like an extra door prize ticket during the earth day event. **(you must be present to win)**



Our environmental program is still recycling light bulbs,

bring in your light bulbs to get

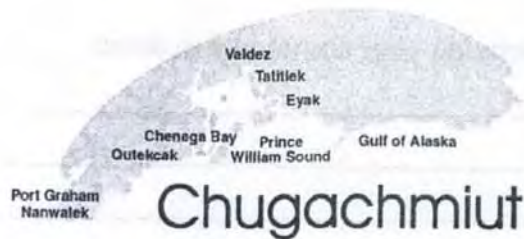
switched out here at the Village Council, ask for Rita or Violet.



Funding for this program is made possible by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP)

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.

FOR CHUGACHMIUT USE ONLY

Case Number: _____ Date Feedback Received: _____

Feedback Category

Positive ☐ Neutral ☐ Negative ☐

Staff Contact in Charge of Resolution:

Notes/Comments: _____

Resolution: _____

Resolution Approved by: _____ Date: _____

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4 <small>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</small> OJJDP <small>U.S. Department of Justice</small>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 1-3pm Ac- tivities @	12 1-3pm Activ- ities @ GYM	13 1-3pm Activ- ities @ GYM	14 1-3pm Activi- ties @ GYM	15	16
17	18 Cultural Activity Night: 6:30- 8:30pm NYO 4-5	19 Fun Night: 6:30-9pm NYO 4-5	20 Open Gym 7-9pm B.Ball or V. Ball NYO 3-5	21 NYO 4-5	22	23
24	25	26 Cultural Ac- tivity Night: 6:30-8:30pm NYO 4-5	27 Open Gym 7-9pm B.Ball or V.Ball NYO 4-5	28 Fun Night: 6:30-9pm Tobacco Pre- vention	29 NYO 4-5	30 Color Easter eggs 3-5pm
31 Egg Hunt 2-3 @ center						

Fun Night!



Fun night will be held at the Community Center Building from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Every Tuesday night folks of all ages are encouraged to come and have a little fun together like arts & crafts, games, and playing music!



TEEN NIGHT



This month Teen Night will take place at the school during 'open gym' nights.(see calendar)

All teens and / or adults interested in sharing company and laughs with others come!

CULTURAL ACTIVITY NIGHT

Cultural Activity Night will be on Thursday Nights between 6:30 and 8:30pm. We will have Dance Practice on this night as well. Anyone who is interested in sharing company, tea, their hobby & laughs are encouraged to attend! Please Come !





See us on the Web at:
www.portgraham.net

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PORT GRAHAM VILLAGE COUNCIL

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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

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR EMERGENCIES

PATRICK NORMAN: CHIEF
OFFICE: 284-2227
HOME: 284-2303

Clinic: 284-2241
Visiting Provider: 284-2295
Darlene Anahonak: 284-2220
Tania McMullen: 284-2332
Agnes I. Miller: 284-2229 &
On Sundays 11-noon: 284-2320
Behavioral Health 284-2247

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