Evan Gardner and Susanna Ciotti just finished up a two week training here in Port Graham, continuing what they started in October; They held sessions throughout the day and evenings. Using the ‘WAYK’ (Where Are Your Keys) structure to help build Sug'tun fluency. These two instructors were impressed with the work that we had continued to do since their last visit. Following what they taught us, we met every day, and two learners have built more fluency in the four months since the last training. Our goal is to build fluency and have more speakers. We have two here in the village that are well on their way. Good job! Keep it up! We are unsure with this being our last year for our ANA Immersion Language

ANA IMMERSION PROJECT
Tamamta Litnaurluta

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 one position
5. Turn in written statement of background info and what seat running for.
6. No absentee votes unless bedridden and only tribal members of the Native Village of Port Graham can vote.
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:

SPIRITUALITY
grant that we will have Evan and Susanna here again. However, I am hoping this will not be the last time we see them here for training. Quyana for the awesome trainings Evan and Susanna!

ANA Immersion has a lot of people here at the council office to thank for all their moral support of helping out when needed, just to name a few, Naomi McMullen, Rick Yeaton, Lydia McMullen, Vivian Malchoff, Fran Norman, Dana McMullen, Daryl Kreun, Martin Norman, the list goes on and on. We all come together and help each other out when our grantee’s have special events planned. We could not have held a successful training without your support. We’d like to send a big thank you from ANA staff,

Ephim & Alma Moonin, Natalie Kvasnikoff and Sally Ash, Quyana for coming and joining our two week training!

We also had a group of local Elders attending, some were volunteer and others were contracted through our ANA grant. Thank you for your continued support and knowledge you bring to these trainings.

Questions/Comments please stop by or give us a call:
Rita Meganack, Language Coordinator
Office Hours - M-F 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. 284-2227
or email me at ana.language.coordinator@gmail.com

Ephimia Dumont
Office Hours Mon.-Thur. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  Fridays, 9:00AM—3:00 PM
School Schedule – 9:00 AM—9:15 AM, 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM
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Our Mission is to “Firmly establish a community wide environment which supports the learning and revitalization of Sugt’stun, so that it becomes a natural medium of communication in our village”

Chugach Alaska Corporation, Quyana for your donation of funds to help bring more Sugt’stun speakers here for this ‘WAYK’ training. Two weeks with their help made a big difference for us ‘learners’.

The ANA staff will continue to hold sessions throughout the day here at the council. We plan on adding an evening session, we will keep you informed with a set schedule. These sessions are open to anyone to join or observe.

Upcoming Events:
Parent Classes
May 23—June 20th
(Not including holidays)
Saturday Camps
June 25, July 2 and July 9

Patrick, Rita, Mia, Mary, Stella, Jean, Nita and Michael. We Thank You All! Quyanakcak!
Paluwik Agnguaryarluk  
(Pa-lou-wik Uhg-ngu-ugh-yught-lohk)

Port Graham, Let’s Go Dance

The Port Graham Village Council was awarded the 2016 Chugachmiut Mini Heritage Grant; “Paluwik Agnguaryarluk” (Port Graham, Let’s Go Dance). Dancing and music have always been a part of our Sug’piaq Cultural Activities and “Paluwik Agnguaryarluk” Project Goal would help preserve and provide needed supplies for ongoing traditional dance activities while revitalizing past dance opportunities for Spiritual Wellness, Healthy and Fun Cultural activities.

This project would also revitalize past community dancing activities in hopes of creating new ones. One such past gathering was Contra and Square Dancing that Elders; Mary Malchoff and Fiona Sawden had coordinated in the past. This project would provide local Dance Coordinator from Homer; Eddie Wood to provided (10) on-site classes to facilitate and teach Square Dance, Two Step and the Waltz. The Waltz happens to be the same dance steps used in the final Russian New Year Celebration Dance at the end of the program.

Traditionally, each actor dances the Waltz with each other until all actors have danced with fellow actors. Once all actors have had the chance to Waltz with each other, the actors will then invite audience participates to Waltz with an actor, eventually everyone in the New Year Program and all audience members have had the opportunity to Waltz that evening. While actors and community members participate in the final dance most watch their dance steps not knowing the true Waltz dance steps to this final traditional dance. 

As of March 10, 2016, Mr. Eddie Wood has completed (3) on-site Social Partner Dance Sessions at the Port Graham K-12 School with the permission from KPBSD and principle Nancy Kleine. Mr. Eddie Wood has provided Contra Dance lessons to our Port Graham School K-12 youth during spring of 2015. After (5) on-site lessons, the youth gave a performance on the last day to the community and was well revived by both the youth and community members. This project would have the opportunity to utilize Mr. Wood to provide lessons in traditional Western dance that would also benefit our Russian New Year Program by teaching the Waltz steps needed during the last dance. By providing the opportunity to have an on-site coordinator, this would also benefit and continue the musician’s talents by providing music for dance activities while utilizing the newly updated band equipment from the previous year’s grant of the Paluwik Muskalaataq Project throughout the year for years to come.

Nita teaches a kuspuk class in Port Graham

Nita came in and taught how to sew a kuspuk class in December. Now some of us got an itch to have another class.

Watch for postings about another kuspuk class that will be offered some time soon. If you want to get some cloth for this project, you will need at least 3 yards, 4 yards would be safe and having a little extra can never hurt! You will also need a couple packages of rick rack and some matching thread. WATCH FOR POSTS!
**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, Kalikahpet?

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

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**PORT GRAHAM 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:**
M-F 9:00 – 11:00 am

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**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

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

**Thank you**

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**Behavioral Health Information**

If you have questions or need to schedule an appointment with any of the Behavior Health providers, you can contact them at the PG Behavioral Health Office at 284-2247 or Call the Clinic Receptionist.

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**Michael Horton,**
Behavioral Health Director

**Rebecca Bell,**
Behavioral Health Counselor

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**EET**

**Education, Employment & Training**

Education, Employment & Training (EET) Apprentice

I continue to work in the Port Graham Village Council Office as the CAC Apprentice. This position works with the Tribal Administrator to identify a list of current local project areas pertaining to social, economic development, education, employment and trainings opportunities. Also may include tasks in support of strategic planning, community outreach, and coordination, development of new funding proposals, reporting on existing projects and programs.

Daryl J Kreun, CAC Apprentice
Camai,
My name is Tim Malchoff and I am Port Graham’s Local Education Coordinator for Chugachmiut and I will be working at the village council office and helping with activities at the school. There are LEC’s in each of the seven villages in our region.

My job as an LEC is to help coordinate and facilitate meetings with our Elders, recognized experts, and teachers to gather information and materials that can be used in our Heritage Kits. A heritage kit is a display of cultural exhibits, past and present, that we will be setting up in the school and the village council upon request. For example, we have a heritage kit called ‘Honoring the Seal’. The kit will have activities for the schools kids, the kits are broken down to learning levels for the kids so they will have a hands on learning experience about the seal and learn why it is so important and has many uses to our culture and heritage. There are currently 10 heritage kits we are working on, and in the next 2-3 years we will be building 10 new heritage kits with the help of our community. We want to have kits that represent our heritage, culture, language and life that is important to us; what makes us unique.

The kits also include a set of curriculum for teachers. Our curriculum is relevant because it addresses Alaska Cultural Standards which not only helps incoming teachers understand our culture, but they must teach Alaska Studies education which is what our activities are. Next fall, we will also have a professional development class that teachers can take to learn how to use our kits and curriculum and also receive professional development credits (that they need to get every year) thru UAA.

I will be working with Elders, experts that have knowledge of our culture, tribal council members, teachers and staff. I will be assembling a cultural advisory committee from the residents of Port Graham and I am asking for their help and cooperation when it comes time for me to interview them and further the information we need to build upon our current kits and our 10 new heritage kits yet to be made.

Quyana, Tim
Here are some ideas for fun things to do together as a family that does not cost much or is free. Doing fun activities together has many benefits, such as making relationships better, doing away with boredom, reducing electronic gadget dependency, increasing creativity, increasing knowledge/skills.

- **Have a story night.** This could be reading stories from a book, telling stories of family history, traditional oral native stories. Make up and write your own story, illustrate your book with a sharpie to make it into a coloring book.
- **Create a fort.** You could use blankets and cardboard boxes to create a special place.
- **Outdoor cooking.** Cook up some good subsistence food over a fire at the LTF or even out camping.
- **Play board or card games on a rainy evening.**
- **Do a garden project together.** After you have done a little garden go do another garden for your auntie or neighbor.
- **Play hide and go seek.**
- **Create a scrapbook.**
- **Make a movie.** Use your I-pad or cell phone to make a movie with your family as the actors. Maybe even create a PSA (public service announcement) for Child Abuse Prevention Month (April).
- **Finger-paint on freezer paper.**
- **Make homemade mini-pizzas.**
- **Make a time capsule.** Let each family member place little items into a white bucket or other sealable container. The outside of the bucket could also be decorated. On the outside of the container write “Do not open until Christmas 2020” or some other date in the future.
- **Play loud music and crazy dance.**
- **Make fruit smoothie popsicles.**
- **Learn to juggle.**

It is actually very important to learn how to have clean and sober fun that is healthy for the children and the family, include elders when possible. These are just a few ideas, the list could be very long.
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