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NOME EA NEWSLETTER

TO PROMOTE EXCELLENT EDUCATION FOR NOME'S STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING TEACHERS

Nome EA This Year

It seems like just the other day that the school year started, but already another school year is coming to a close. It has been a busy year for the Nome Education Association. As a group, we have been busy both behind the scenes and in the community. Here is what we've done this year. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this year a success.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

The beginning of the school year is always a busy time and this year was no different. Our efforts at the beginning of the year focused on our new teachers. In August, we provided a membership drive lunch for them. We also lead several outdoor activities to help new and returning teachers learn about the Nome area. These events included a berry picking trip and a hike to Dorothy Falls. September was also a busy month. Many meetings took place with the district to help set the direction of the school year. September was also our first community event: "How to Train Your Dragon 2" and popcorn at NES.()

Nome EA Executive Committee 16-17

President: Kent Runion
(Nome-Beltz High School)

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(Nome-Beltz Jr./Sr. High)

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Rebekah Albertson
(Nome-Beltz High School)

NES Building Representative:
To Be Determined

SEPTEMBER: Our first community outreach event of the year was a movie and popcorn night at NES. More than 100 people attended and watched "How to Train Your Dragon 2."

MARCH: A group of teachers walk and snowshoe around Nome on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.

JANUARY: Nome EA is also active at the state level. Jill Peters and Jodi Arnold attended NEA-AK Delegate Assembly and helped set the agenda for the state association.

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER
October may have been our busiest month. Several teachers participated in a substitute teacher recruitment and training night. The Nome Health Fair also took place and for the second year Nome EA had a booth encouraging healthy habits for students. NEA-AK Fall Conference also took place and three of our members attended and learned how to make our association stronger.

DECEMBER
December may be the shortest month of the school year, but it is also one of the busiest. Again, we provided gifts for the Nome Children's Home. The Fireman's Carnival pretzel booth was also a huge success again this year. We raised enough money to be able to offer five scholarships to this year's graduating seniors.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY
Our January social event was a make your own pizza party. This is our second time doing this and it is always fun to see the different creative types of pizza that people come up with. Nome EA also sent two representatives to NEA-AK Delegate Assembly. more community activities you can take part in throughout the year.

MARCH/APRIL/MAY
Throughout the beginning of the year, a group of teachers met to discuss our new agreement with Nome Public Schools. Bargaining was held for three days in March and a new agreement was reached. March also saw our teachers out and active: snowshoeing and ice sculpture carving at the Iditarod. With the year coming to a close, we begin our work for the next school year. Again, a big thank you to everyone who helped to make these events successful.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Read Across America is a national event sponsored by the National Education Association. This is our Nome event.

The theme of Nome's Read Across America event was celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

MARCH: In the spirit of Read Across America, the Association carved a Cat in the Hat sculpture during the Iditarod.

DECEMBER: Nome EA again bought Christmas presents for the kids at the Nome Children's Home. Thank you to everyone who donated.

AUGUST: Beginning of the year berry picking with our new teachers. This is part of our efforts to help new teachers learn about the culture of Nome.