

# The Ol' Steller Yeller



## Temple of the Bean Reopens

Five years ago, I used to get a chai latte from Steller's café Temple of the Bean (TOB) with the change I managed to scrounge from the floor of my mom's car. The next year, TOB did not re-open. Four years later, we found ourselves taking up the challenge of reopening TOB - I am an avid coffee enthusiast and Mimie has a part-time job as a Starbucks barista. We were trying to pick up the pieces from years ago with no students from that time to give us insight on how they ran the place. We were left scratching our heads. Before the school year had even begun, Mimie and I had drawn up a menu, prices, flavors, and scheduling on a piece of printer paper in red ink. We later formalized our ideas into a passage proposal. After much struggle to get in contact with a business to supply us, Lori Brewer, owner of Caffé D'arte supplied us with insight, supplies and training. She has been a huge asset in getting TOB up and running again. After over a month of planning, OP group proposals, and Costco run arounds with Rosa, we were finally able to open up and serve quality coffee to the Steller community. Rosa is our staff sponsor, and we have 20 student volunteers staffing the cafe. Temple of the Bean is open Monday -Friday from 7:45-8:20am and 11:50am-12:30pm. - Brynn Westward and Mimie Duot-Kelley

Photos courtesy of the Yearbook Staff, Mr. Toba, Philip, and Ken.

## A Glance in the Classroom

### AK Studies

Students are working on an artistic timeline of important events related to Alaska's statehood. They are given a list of events, such as ANCSA, PFD, and ANWR and must create a visual representation of how and when events are related.

### Science classes



Mike's classes are busy watching life grow. They're currently raising and observing salmon fry. The ducks they incubated and raised from hatchlings have found a happy home with a new family.

## The Steller Band and Orchestra Shine

The Steller Band and Orchestra held a wonderful concert for students, staff and parents on October 7th. Both classes are off to a great start. The band has its largest enrollment to date with good instrumentation. They are very proud of two students who made the All-State Band, Xavier Libbrecht on bassoon and Griffin Lindsay on French horn. The students went through a very competitive audition process. The All-State Gala Concert will be Saturday, November 23 at West High School at 6 p.m.

The band is planning to attend the Aurora Music Festival in Cordova in April. They are fundraising by selling pizza at lunch one Wednesday a month. They appreciate all the students and staff who bought pizza for \$2 a slice in October to make their first day of sales a success.

Currently, the band and orchestra are working on some holiday tunes for a winter concert. It will be Friday, December 6 at 6 p.m. in the MPR. A photo booth will be available for students and their family members from 4:30-5:30 p.m. before the concert.

We appreciate all the support so far and hope to see our school support the Steller Orchestra at our upcoming events.

### Steller Orchestra Fall Concert Season - All Are Invited to Attend:

All Community Winter Concert (Band too)

Friday, December 6th 6-7pm

ANC Ted Stevens Holiday Performance

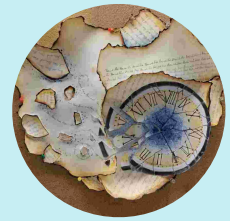
Thursday, December 5th 1:30-2:00pm

Clark and Steller Winter Concert

Thursday December 5th 6:30-7:30pm



### Art Classes



Philip's art classes are humming with creativity. Art 1 students will be working on hero portraits. Art 2 students begin a unit on watercolor where they first will be painting with coffee. Art 3 students will be working on realism using charcoal. Art 4 students will be making projects with combined imagery. And finally, Art 5 students continue to build their portfolios.

## HALLOWEEN DANCE

As always, Steller's Halloween Dance was a frightening success! It was hosted by the Steller yearbook staff. The decorations and snacks, along with great costumes, made for a successful school fundraiser. Students were decked out in their funniest, finest and most frightening costumes. TPC did a nice job with the music and lights.



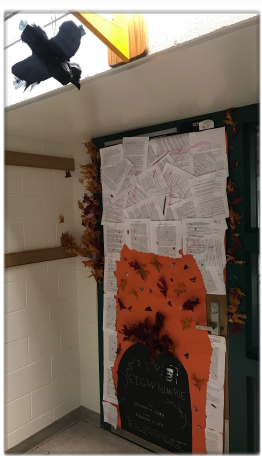
## Advisory and Club Activities

### The Volunteer Club is Busy at Work

The Volunteer Club is hosting a school-wide food drive to help stock the Alaska Food Bank this holiday season. They will be hosting the drive from November 7th-25th and will be collecting non-perishable items. Students will bring their donations to their advisors' classes. The advisory contributing the most food will win an ice cream party at the end of November. Remember to shop for those in need the next time you go grocery shopping.

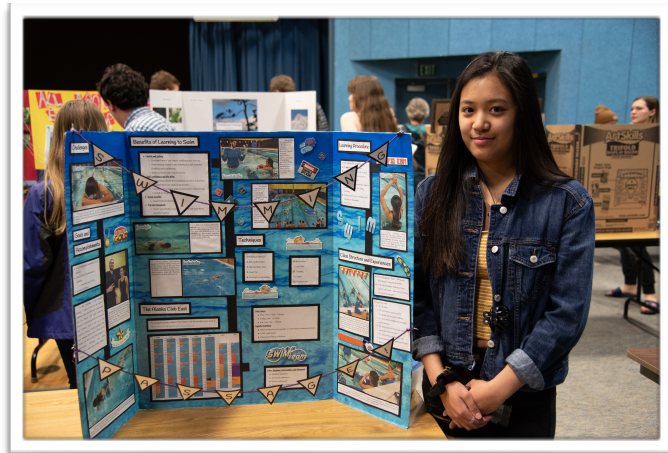
### Door Decorating Contest

Advisory groups competed in a Halloween door decorating contest with a wide range of themes. Monsters, mirrors, failed tests, climate change, and Edgar Allen Poe were all used to spooky and creative effect. Groups earned bonus points for using recycled materials. In the end it was the doorway featuring Poe, followed by the threat of climate change and a student-consuming monster, that was deemed most scary.



## Passages Highlights

Passage students are working hard to complete their 75 hours of work and prepare presentations for the All Community Meeting on Thursday, December 5th. This event will showcase the amazing work of our students. We invite the whole community to attend so we can all learn from and celebrate our students' achievements.



*My passage included raising money to pay for books at an elementary school in rural Kenya. I completed this community service passage over the summer when I traveled to the Taita Hills in Kenya to work with the Wusi primary school. More than 800 students ages 4-13 attend the Wusi primary school and were in need of new books and new renewable funding sources. This project was also able to purchase fruit trees which we helped plant with the students while we were there. When the trees mature in 3 years, the proceeds from the harvest of the fruit will provide the school with equal or greater funding than this initial project contributed. - Ethan King, 10th grade*

*In my passage, I am using my knowledge and skills of sewing to create baby blankets. I will be donating these blankets to the Community Pregnancy Center or the Providence Children's Hospital. I hope that these blankets will be of great use to the babies and bring smiles to those who receive them. - Amanda Parazoo, 12th grade*

*For my passage I am doing a mentorship where I get to work with various social workers at Seeds of Change and Alaska Youth Advocates. I act alongside the Seeds of Change Lead Farmer with youth in the community. I get to lead teams of adolescents through workshops that strive to help improve the quality of their lives. - Reagan Gillis, 12th grade*



## A note from the nurse

### Outbreak of Lung Injury Associated with the Use of E-Cigarette, or Vaping, Products

CDC, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), state and local health departments, and other clinical and public health partners are investigating a multistate outbreak of lung injury associated with use of e-cigarette, or vaping, products.

#### What We Know About the Outbreak:

As of **October 29, 2019**, 1,888\* cases of e-cigarette, or vaping, product use associated lung injury (EVALI) have been reported to CDC from 49 states (all except Alaska), the District of Columbia, and 1 U.S. territory.

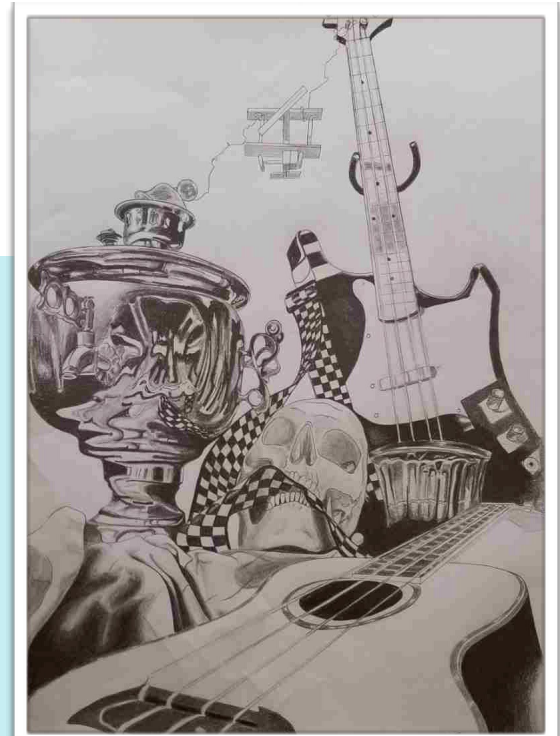
- Thirty-seven deaths have been confirmed in 24 states (as of October 29, 2019).

Here is the link for the complete study:

[https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic\\_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease.html](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease.html)

I realize Alaska is not mentioned in this data statistics yet. However, it still is a concern as I am aware of people who use these products in Alaska. Please share the dangers of e-cigarettes, or vaping, products with your families, friends, and neighbors. Be safe, not sorry.

Thank you,  
Nurse Annette



## Events to put on your calendar

- Monday, November 11th - No School (in-service day)
- Tuesday, November 12th - Parent Group meeting 6pm
- Thursday, November 21st - Souper Steller prep 2-4pm
- Friday, November 22nd - Souper Steller prep, serving and clean-up 9am-1pm, Soup served at lunch - bring your bowl
- Thursday - Friday, November 28th-29th - No School - Thanksgiving holiday
- Thursday, December 5th - All Community Meeting Passages Presentations 6:00-7:30pm
- Friday, December 6th - End of 1st semester/2nd quarter classes, 2nd semester registration, Band and Orchestra Concert 6-8pm
- Monday, December 9th - First day of winter intensives