

Comet News



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Donnie Bridgeman, Principal

We all need someone who inspires us to do better. The past few weeks have shown me that this inspiration can even come from tragedy. Lena Ferguson's life was one of inspiration. She wanted and required the best from her life and from her students. Our kids need "models of excellence" rather than "critics" and Lena led by example. Thank you Lena for who you were and what you meant to Chevak.

Just a reminder: TESTING starts this month. No school for K-2 Monday-Wednesday, April 6-8. Get to bed early and remember to "Do your BEST"!

Harry Ferguson, Athletic Director

The Chevak Comet Basketball teams, despite the tragic loss of Head Girls Coach Lena Ferguson, came up victorious at the regional tournament and both boys and girls advanced to the state tournament.

Lena, who passed on March 3, just days before the event, had dreamed of her Comet girls and the boy's teams both qualifying for the "Big Dance," and so it was. Led by two of her sons, the Comet boys swept a tough Scammon Bay team easily, while the girls struggled just a bit, but eventually eked out a win over the Scammon Bay girls.

By winning, both teams earned a trip to the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage to compete on the big stage. Both teams drew Pt. Hope in the first round; both teams fell to defeat. In the second round the boys were eliminated by the Yakutat Eagles, while the girls earned a third round game by downing Ninilchik. In third round action the girls squared off with perennially strong Noorvik and downed them with ease, thereby earning fourth place overall.

Sandi DeHoop, Vice Principal

Dear Parents and partners in the education of our wonderful students,

As you all know, on March 3, 2009 our school and community suffered a tremendous loss in the passing of our beloved teacher and friend, Lena Ferguson.

One of the things I remember and respected about Lena was her commitment to our students and her commitment to excellence. She not only had high academic standards, she had high behavioral expectations as well.

We have initiated a new character development focus this year, of which Lena would approve. Each week we highlight a particular character quality, such as: honesty, commitment, discipline, respect, sportsmanship, etc.

Our students have the potential to become socially responsible, productive, successful citizens and leaders. Working together, let's continue to honor Lena by expecting the BEST of our students!

Lisa Dickens, Counselor

Good Consequences

Behaving well and working hard pay off! Help your child see the results of his/her efforts – you'll find yourself scolding them less often as they learn self-discipline.

Tie good behavior to good consequences. If your youngster is quiet when you're on the phone, you might say, "You were so patient while I made that call. Would you like to play a game now?" Or when they go to bed without a struggle, point out how energetic they seem the next morning.

Ann Bender, Media Center

The Book Fair is coming soon. Start saving your dollars to buy some great children's books, paperbacks, posters, games, and software. The book fair starts on Monday, April 13 and ends Tuesday, April 14. We will be open after school on both days. This will be a half price book fair! That's right, everything will be half price!! Posters, books, games, software, pencils, bookmarks and more will be available. Save your money. See you there!

Be sure to check the calendar on the back of this newsletter for coming activities.