

# Selections from the Online Conference for Alaskan Students

A collaborative exchange hosted by Ms. Caryn Camp

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This online conference includes about 200 students from 12 classrooms representing every region of the state of Alaska:

**Southeast:** Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan  
**South Central:** Wasilla  
**Interior:** Healy, North Pole, Bettles  
**Far North:** Point Hope  
**Western:** Naknek, Diomedes, Wales, Nome

Although the majority of the students are in grades 4 and 5, there are also a few students who are in grade 3, middle school, and high school. The conference began on February 1, 2001, and continued through April of that year.

The web site: <http://pec2.jun.alaska.edu/webx.acgi>

## Ongoing Topics

These discussions will continue from week to week. Read what others write, and offer your own ideas and responses. Join in on the discussion!

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### Regions of Alaska: Geography and Culture

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- You are an "expert" on your own region. Share your knowledge with us! Click on your own region and describe your village (or your region) to us. Tell us about the landforms, the natural resources, the habitats, the animals, the weather, the people, the food, the traditions and beliefs... People from other regions might post questions to you in your region. It would be great if someone from your classroom could check your region once a day to see if there are any questions for you.
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[Western \(Naknek, Nome, Wales, Diomed\) \(8 messages\)](#)

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[Far North \(Point Hope\) \(9 messages\)](#)

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### Book Discussions

These discussions are about favorite books that we have read in class. What do we really think about them? What do we think about the author? This is a place to share our opinions.

[Dogsong by Gary Paulsen \(11 messages\)](#)

[Harry Potter \(22 messages\)](#)

[Favorite Books \(18 messages\)](#)

[Woodsong by Gary Paulsen \(5 messages\)](#)

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### Favorite Recipes

If you have a favorite recipe that is unique to your region of Alaska, share it here!

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## Regions of Alaska: Southeast (Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan)

Do you live in the Southeast Region of Alaska? If so, describe the geography and native culture of where you live. Kids in Point Hope might not know what Juneau looks like, and kids in Naknek might not know what Sitka looks like! Tell kids in other parts of Alaska what your hometown looks like! Pick a few of these questions and share what you know with the rest of us!

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### Henry in Juneau - 11:28am Feb 15, 2001 (#1 of 15)

*Henry, In Juneau.( southeast region)*

Hey, people! here, in Juneau, there are several rivers, alot of beaches, TONS of trees, alot of loam and moss, and alot of City area. There are foer different basic areas in Juneau: downtown, the valley, Auke bay, and out the road. The Natural goods in Juneau are fish and wood. It is illegal to hunt whale within Juneau's boundaries. The animals that live here are mostly forest animals, such as bear, moose, squirell, and deer. Sometimes, there are wolves. To survive, people shop. We have a hospital, but for VERY serious injuries we send people on a two hour flight to Seattle.

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### Brad in Juneau - 11:32am Feb 15, 2001 (#2 of 15)

*What JUNEAU Looks LIKE*

There are mountains in Juneau. The animals in Juneau are bear, fish, eagles, ravens, crow, whales and lots of ducks. We live on the water in the inside passage. There are lots of small islands around us, but we live on the main land. The Juneau Icefields are directly behind us, separating us from Canada. We have roads in Juneau, but none that connect with Canada or the rest of the United States. We have to take a boat or a plane to get out of Juneau. We have a bridge that goes from Juneau to Douglas Island.

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## Regions of Alaska: South Central (Wasilla)

Do you live in the South-Central Region of Alaska? If so, describe the geography and native culture of where you live. Kids in Point Hope and Juneau might not know what Wasilla looks like! Tell kids in other parts of Alaska what your hometown looks like! Pick a few of these questions and share what you know with the rest of us!

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### Zach in Juneau - 12:19pm Feb 22, 2001 (#1 of 14)

*Questions from Juneau*

Dear students in Wasilla

What is the average snowfall in winter in Southcentral? What are the 3 top animals in Southcentral? What is the average price of a gallon of gas, a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk? What is the average population of villages, and most common group of indigenous people in Southcentral? What is the average sunlight hours on longest and shortest day of the year?

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### Bryce in Juneau - 12:19pm Feb 22, 2001 (#2 of 14)

*Questions*

What is the average population of villages or towns in South Central. What are the most common indigenous group of people that live in South Central?

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### Sydney in Juneau - 02:00pm Feb 23, 2001 (#4 of 14)

*To Wasilla*

This is for the students in Wasilla,  
What is the average snow fall in the winter time not including the melted snow?

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Ryan in North Pole - 06:59pm Feb 26, 2001 (#5 of 14)

*To walsilla kids*

We get metical help from the Hostiple  
Talk later  
RYAN IN NORTH POLE [NPE]

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Chase in Juneau - 11:40am Mar 1, 2001 (#6 of 14)

HI I have a question for you ppl's What is the avrage price of a gallon of milk, gas and a loaf of bread??????

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Holly in Wasilla - 12:26pm Mar 5, 2001 (#7 of 14)

*Costs*

Right now the costs of gas is \$1.63, bread a \$1.20 for a loaf and milk is a cost of \$3.30 per a gallon.  
Kaitlin and Holly

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Natalie in Wasilla - 12:27pm Mar 5, 2001 (#9 of 14)

*Top 3 animals*

Our top 3 animals in wasilla are salmon, foxes and moose.  
natalie herold

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Casey in Wasilla - 12:27pm Mar 5, 2001 (#10 of 14)

*population*

5 or 6 thousand people live in wasilla. About 250,000 in Anchorage. We're all mostly whites myself i am a Texan. There is about 5% native and 95% whites. My friend Jake is a native of Arizona.

your friends Casey and JAKE

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Natalie in Wasilla - 12:27pm Mar 5, 2001 (#11 of 14)

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natalie herold

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**Tom in Wasilla - 12:27pm Mar 5, 2001 (#12 of 14)**

*Snowfall in Wasilla*

The snowfall can vary. This year we got two feet in one day. We've been getting rain and warm weather so its only about 10 inches now, But most of the time there is more snow than rain.

from,

Tom

**Casey in Wasilla - 12:28pm Mar 5, 2001 (#14 of 14)**

*Landforms*

There a lot of mts. around us. There are tons of rivers and waterfalls in the mountains. Sleeping Lady is formed like a lady in a bed with a blanket over her. The story goes there was a princess that liked a knight she said, "that she would marry him after he came back from the battle". She waited for a long time they say that the ship sank on its way back. After many years she went into internall sleep. And since she was so good about waiting that god made a mountain in spite of her.

from Casey and Jake

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## Regions of Alaska: **Western (Naknek, Nome, Wales, Diomede)**

Do you live in the Western Region of Alaska? If so, describe the geography and native culture of where you live. Kids in Healy might not know what Naknek looks like, and kids in Sitka might not know what Nome looks like! Tell kids in other parts of Alaska what your hometown looks like! Pick a few of these questions and share what you know with the rest of us!

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### **Katelyn in Juneau - 12:18pm Feb 22, 2001 (#1 of 8)**

#### *Questions From Juneau About Western*

To people in Little Diomede, Naknek, Nome, Wales.

What is the average snow fall in the winter?

What is the average price for a gallon of milk? Ours is about \$3.65.

What is the average sunlight hours on the longest/shortest day of the year?

What are the top three animals in your region? What is the average population of villages and most common indigenous group of people?

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### **Nancy Dean - 07:16am Feb 23, 2001 (#2 of 8)**

**Dawn, Travis, Gabe Jr, Bobbi, Justin in Diomede**

Dear Students,

It snows here about 30" a year. It is windy also so we have big drifts. We do not get milk by the gallon here--all our stuff comes by helicopter only once a week--sometimes only every three weeks--we drink dry milk or canned milk. Gas here costs \$2.65==it is for a few snow machines and to heat the houses. Most of our animals are ocean mammals--lots of seals, walrus, and some whales. There are a few arctic foxes that live here all year. In the summer we have millions of birds everywhere. Our resources are our animals and walrus ivory that our dads carve. We get help at the clinic when we are sick. A health aide helps us. If someone gets really sick or hurt bad we have to call for a medivac chopper from Nome. Our days are about the same as Nome for long and short. There are about 133 people--we come and go some. We are Ingalikmiut Eskimos.

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### **Roy in Point Hope - 07:16pm Mar 8, 2001 (#3 of 8)**

#### *Questions for Naknek, Nome, Wales, Diomede*

Do you catch bowhead whales? What kind of birds do you catch? We watched a movie about Aleuts and saw women and girls braid seal intestines. We want to know why they were braiding seal intestines.

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**Wayne in Point Hope - 07:16pm Mar 8, 2001 (#4 of 8)**

*Questions for Naknek, Nome, Wales, Diomed*

How Did The Oil Spill in the ocean? I know the oil spilled in Prince William Sound. Did the oil go around the Peninsula to your coast? Did the oil kill lots of your seals? Do you have whales over there? Do you hunt them and eat them? Do you guys always eat seal?

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**James in Point Hope - 07:16pm Mar 8, 2001 (#5 of 8)**

*Question for you*

We watched a movie about the Western Region Why do you put salt on your seal skin? What kind of dancing you do? Do you collect eale eggs?

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**Kelly in Point Hope - 07:16pm Mar 8, 2001 (#6 of 8)**

*Kelly in Point Hope.*

Hi I'm Kelly in Point Hope. I'm 11 years old. In Naknek or in Nome, do they catch Bowhead whales at your town? Is there eagles in your town? Do you eat different kinds of food? Do you guys have Eskimo Dancing in your town? Your seals looked black on the video we watched. If your seals are black, do you guys still eat them?

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**Katie in Wales – 10:31am Mar 20, 2001 (#9 of 9)**

*my culture and stuff*

my culture are Eskimo dancing and sewing and other culture to. we have foxes, reindeer, rabbits, polar bears, seals we have other animals but i don't want to name them all and we have for pets are dogs and some cats.

## Regions of Alaska: Interior (Healy, North Pole, Bettles)

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Nicole in North Pole - 02:31pm Feb 13, 2001 (#7 of 22)

*This is a discreption of our land*

Hi, this is Nicole again. Our nature here in North Pole is good. Like I said it's to busy though. We have animals. We also have moose walk up in our front and back yard. Once when we were getting wood for our fire ( because we have a wood stove ) and a moose walked the heck out of my brother and I. Then we have to go and kill our own moose because they don't sell in our grocherie stores. We don't have any glaciers. We have tundra but not anywhere close. We have forest surrounding our house. I like it a lot. We have a lot of snow here normaly, but this year we don't have our normal winter, but on 2/11 and 2/12 and 2/13 we have had a snowstorm. When we go out and go down a highway we can finnaly see some mountains. You have to go and I mean go down the highway. By the way our highway is called the Richerdson highway. bye,Nicole

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Dom in Juneau - 12:21pm Feb 22, 2001 (#8 of 22)

*Questions from Juneau*

Dear students from Bettles,North Pole,and Healy,

What are some of the traditions and beliefs where you live? We must respect our elders. What is the average sunlight hours on the longest and shortest day of the year? What interesting Historical events happened to change your region? What are some of the most common animals where you live? What are some of the Natural resourses in the Interior? What are some of the landforms in the Interior?

How much does a loaf of bread cost? How much does a gallon of milk cost? How much does a gallon of gas cost? What is your average snowfall in the winter? What is the population of your village?

Please anwser Sincerely,  
Dom

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**Sean in North Pole - 01:13pm Feb 22, 2001 (#9 of 22)**

My name is Sean and my nick name is Neo and the only thing I like about alaska is that you can snow machine a lot. In north pole it is very very cold. and we do have polobears.

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**Frankie in North Pole - 11:12am Feb 23, 2001 (#10 of 22)**

*Answer to questions*

Hi Dom I'll answer some of your questions first the shortest amount of daylight we have is 3 hours and the most is 21 hours. In the winter it's pretty dark but in the summer it is bright! Another answer to your questions is the most common animal is a moose and also a rabbit. When most people see them they are all excited but I have been here all my life and it is getting boring.

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**Mike in North Pole - 11:12am Feb 23, 2001 (#11 of 22)**

Hi my name is Mike and today (Friday the 23) we had 9 hours and 22 min. of sunshine so we have quite a bit of sunshine.

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**Mike in North Pole - 11:12am Feb 23, 2001 (#12 of 22)**

We have moose, mouse and other rodents.

bye,  
Mike

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**Krysta in North Pole - 02:00pm Feb 23, 2001 (#13 of 22)**

*Living in North Pole,*

1 Our price for the movies is \$5.00 for the morning and at night it's \$8.00. The price for gas is \$1.99. The price for CD's \$12.00 at Block Busters and the price for renting one is \$1.99 and for kid movies it's just 99 cents. 2 Our average snow fall is about 151 inches in 1 year. That's more than 12 feet. 3 The population in Tanana Valley is 65,000-70,000. 4 The common animals in our area is squirrels, moose and chickadees.

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**Sean in North Pole - 02:00pm Feb 23, 2001 (#14 of 22)**

*Living in North Pole*

We have a lot of mountains we all so have tundra and forests. We have a little bit of gold but not that much and we have a lot of fish all kinds like Salmon, trout and a lot more fish. We have Moose we have grizzly bears and we have more. The Bears Hibernate to survive in the winter.

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**Danielle in Bettles - 03:30pm Feb 23, 2001 (#16 of 22)**

Dear Dom,

Since I am not a native, I am not really able to answer your question about traditions and beliefs. You will most likely get a letter from another student here. The average sunlight hours we get on our longest day and shortest day is 24 hrs and 0 hrs. There is twilight on the shortest day, but that is it.

Lets see, some interesting Historical events were when the Army Air Core established an airstrip in where Bettles is located now. Old Bettles is located 5 miles south of here. After Bettles Field, that is were we are, was establish, there was no use for the barges to come up the river. So Old Bettles was abandoned.

Some of the common animals that are here are moose, caribou, wolf, and many other small animals.

Food costs more up here because there is no grocery store. The closest grocery store is in Fairbanks. There is not only the cost of the item, but also the cost of shipping. The cost of gas per gallon is \$2.65. I don't know what the average snowfall per winter is. This year, we have gotten around 3-4 feet of snow. Although this has been a very wet year. Our village has about 40 people in it. Our school has 13 students in it. There are 2 students in my grade.

I hope that you enjoyed my answers.

Sincerely,  
Danielle

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**Krysta in North Pole - 03:08pm Feb 27, 2001 (#18 of 22)**

*What resources in North Pole,*

We have fish up here in North Pole in the slugs and in the lakes. We have salmon, grayling, and we have the colorful ones to. if we wanted fish as pets we would go to the pet store but we would have to go to fairbanks to get pet fish.

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**Cori in Healy - 01:15pm Mar 7, 2001 (#19 of 22)**

*Date:3-7-01 Cori here!!!!!!*

Hi In Healy the animals that live here are moose,mice,beaver,snow shoe hair,elk,carabou,squirrles,raven\*,camp robbers\*, (\*means that that animal is a bird)bear,fish,and shrew. it has hailed,rained,and snowed at my house. The temperature is pretty warm here. we have hardly any snow.In the summer, our bugs our grasshoppers,spiders,lady bugs,butterflies(ect.)  
bye Cori\*

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**Aaron in Point Hope - 03:04pm Mar 12, 2001 (#20 of 22)**

*Questions for the Interior*

I was wondering if you do these things. What kind of animals do are there? What dialect do you speak? How do you transport people from one place to another place? Do you use planes, trains and cars? Do you eat the stuff that you catch or you throw it back in to the wild? Do you have an amount to catch or you can catch as much as you want to? What natural resources do you use?

From: Aaron

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**Bekah in Healy - 03:36pm Mar 13, 2001 (#21 of 22)**

In Healy there are lots of trees. There are quite a few mountains and a few lakes and rivers.

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**Cori in Healy - 02:31pm Mar 14, 2001 (#22 of 22)**

*Date: 3-14-01 Cori again!!!!*

Hi again. Our trees are pine, spruce, aspen, birch, and willow. What kind of trees do you have? What animals? We have mountains, rivers, and lakes here.

from: Cori

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**Chelsea in North Pole - 05:45pm Mar 21, 2001 (#24 of 27)**

Resources.

Hi. To answer the question of Cori in Healy. The trees in North Pole are Pines, Spruce, Evergreens, and Birch. There are more but I don't know their names. The animals in North Pole are Rabbits, Moose, Sometimes Bears, fish (in the ponds) and all kinds of Birds, and bugs in the summer.

We also have mountains, lakes, ponds, sloughs, streams, and a lot of trees. We have flowers in the summer time, too. It is really pretty here in the winter and summer. Especially the sunrise and sunset.

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**Krysta in North Pole - 05:47pm Mar 21, 2001 (#25 of 27)**

**answers to your questions,**

1. The people in my area survive by buying food from the food stores around here. We sometimes go fishing in the lakes that we have around here.
  2. We go to the store to get our food. We go fishing and hunting for animals that are in season. Or we buy it at the store. We go hunting sometimes when hunting season is open.
  3. We have to go to Fairbanks to get medical help sometimes we go to Eielson Air Force Base because if the one in Fairbanks is full.
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**Johnnie in Bettles - 11:03am Apr 3, 2001 (#26of 27)**

**Hello**

Our average snowfall is 5 or 6 feet. It never is that high because it melts in the fall time.

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**Amy in Bettles - 11:03am Apr 3, 2001 (#27of 27)**

**This is how we survive.**

Hey Ashley in North Pole,

The way that the people in my community survive is we hunt and we go into Fairbanks and by the groceries. We also have a little store here with candy and milk and things that we might not be able to get very easily. We only buy things from there if we have to because it's expensive.

We have a lot of ways of surviving it just depends on the people. Sometimes we send our food up in the mail.

Sincerely,

Amy in Bettles

## Regions of Alaska: Far North (Point Hope)

Do you live in the Far North Region of Alaska? If so, describe the geography and native culture of where you live. Kids in Naknek and Juneau might not know what Point Hope looks like! Tell kids in other parts of Alaska what your hometown looks like! Pick a few of these questions and share what you know with the rest of us!

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### Aysha in Juneau - 12:21pm Feb 22, 2001 (#3 of 9)

Point Hope:I was wondering what language do most people speak there? In Juneau people mostly speak English, Spanish,and Tlingit.

From Aysha in Juneau

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### Aysha in Juneau - 01:13pm Feb 22, 2001 (#4 of 9)

*questions from Juneau*

Dear Point Hope people,

What do people do for health care or medical problems? In Juneau we go to a hospital or a doctor. What do the people do for transportation? Can you get there by car? Well, in Juneau you can't get here by car. You have to fly or take a boat. What are some of your traditions and beliefs? I don't know beliefs in Juneau but I believe in God.

from Aysha in Juneau

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### Charlene in Wales - 11:11am Feb 23, 2001 (#5 of 9)

*Question for everyone*

What kinds of food do you eat? Do you get to play out sometimes.

Charlene

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**Emily in Juneau - 02:02pm Feb 23, 2001 (#6 of 9)**

*Point Hope*

hi my name is Emily. I was wondering if any body in Point hope knows what languages you speak? I was also wondering what you do for food and how do people use animals, resources, and land forms yo survive?

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**James in Point Hope - 03:03pm Mar 12, 2001 (#7 of 9)**

*Answers for you*

We have Polar Bears, fish, Red foxs, white foxs, snowy owl, seal, and walrus. My oppa caught a polar bear before. It is the digest and the toughest animal in Point Hope. We have 800 people in Point Hope.

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**Gus in Point Hope - 03:36pm Mar 13, 2001 (#8 of 9)**

*A Questions four Junau*

Point Hope has Graying fish in the Kuukpak river. We have grizzly bears at Cape Thompson. We have polar bears out in the ice. We also have seals at the point. In Pt. Hope they have wolves and wolverines.

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**Gus in Point Hope - 03:39pm Mar 13, 2001 (#9 of 9)**

*James in Point Hope*

In Fall time the men go out in the ice and catch a seal and bring it back to the town and give it to the ladys and the sew the skin togaher and the men put the skin on the boat and the men gat ready for boating. It is fun. We get to see a whale in real life. The men go out and go hunting for the whale. There are between 3 and 8 men in each skin boat. The skin is bleached seal skin. The elderly women (akaa)bleach the skins and the men and boys build the boats. One man in the back steers the boat. One man harpoons the whale while the others paddle. They use a bomb on the harpoon. When a whale is caught they use a block and tackle system to pull the whale up on the ice. The whole village pulls.

## Book Discussions

These discussions are about favorite books that we have read in class. What do we really think about them? What do we think about the author? This is a place to share our opinions.

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## Book Discussions: **Dogsong by Gary Paulsen**

The Juneau class is reading *Dogsong* together, and has the option of answering their homework questions in this discussion. Students from other classrooms are welcome to answer the questions as well - just for fun. When answering a homework question, put the number of the question in the title of your message.

1. (Thursday 2/22): After reading the first chapter, what do you hear of Gary Paulsen's VOICE in *Dogsong* that was similar to *Woodson*? Explain.
  2. (Wednesday 2/28): What do you think "culture" means to Russel? What do you think "culture" means to Oogruk? What does it mean to you?
  3. (Tuesday 3/13): Write about how Russel's life is changing because of Oogruk. Be descriptive and use supporting details.
  4. (Tuesday 3/20): In chapter 6, Paulsen uses the word "Out" as the only word in a paragraph, and he repeats it throughout the chapter. Why do you think he does that? What do you think he means by the word "out"? Do you think that way he uses this one word is effective in his writing? Why?
  5. (Tuesday 4/3): Part 1: Why do you think Paulsen keeps describing Russel's dreams? Part 2: Make a prediction: How do you think Russel's dreams will affect what happens to him by the end of the book? Why do you think so? (Use details!!!)
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### **Sammie in Juneau - 07:40pm Feb 22, 2001 (#1 of 11)**

#### *Dogsong (question 1)*

After reading the first chapter today I thought he was very good explainer when the charater Russ's dad smoked and in the morning he coughed. The books are similar because he explains about the main charater and how his cabin looks like and how his dad is. The voice is how his life was like.

your little angel  
Sammie

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### **Zach in Juneau - 09:06pm Feb 22, 2001 (#2 of 11)**

#### *Zach's Homework (question 1)*

1. After reading the first chapter today I thought it was okay but he wasn't as descriptive as he was in *Woodsong*. I thought that what made *Woodsong* good is that it was so descriptive. I think the books are similar because Russ goes to Oogruk for help in *Dogsong* and Gary Paulsen gets helped by his Eskimo man hallucination. Another way they are similar is both of their main topics are on DOGS. I think Gary Paulsen and Russ are alike because they both seem like the outside type and are bnot interested in updated stuff they like to do things the old fashioned way.

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**Veronica in Juneau - 05:23pm Feb 28, 2001 (#4 of 11)**

*Dogsong homework (question 2)*

Wendsday 28,2001

I think culture to Russel means that a culture is like a family and that everybody is related to you in your culture. I also think that culture means that you are always a part of something to Russel.

I think that culture to Oogruk means that you follow your antsisters and you alawas have to belive in something and that everthing has it's own song.

To me I think culture means that you have your own family because culture to me means that everybody in that culture is a family member to you. I also think that it means that you should belive in everything that you have and to follow your belifs like your antsisters once did.

This homework si by,  
Veronica

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**Zach in Juneau - 09:12pm Feb 28, 2001 (#5 of 11)**

*Zach in Juneau (question 2)*

I think the culture means alot to Russ (Russell) because he is so interested in having a song and how they used to do things like the eskimos did like eat meat raw. I think that the culture means everything to Oogruk. He is so proud of what he did when he was younger and he wants to help people get that back. I appreciate my culture because we procees the food so we dont get E-coli. I also like it because we have stores so we do;t have to go out and hunt for our food (unless you want to).

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**Azure in Juneau - 11:01am Mar 2, 2001 (#6 of 11)**

*Azure's Homework (question 2)*

I think that Russel doesn't think of culture as much as Oogruck does. Because Oogruk believed in it more new what his beliefs were and new what his religion was. But Russel had alittle port I think that is making him stay and lissen and believe.

I don't think culture is so big to us or me but if you think about it closely there are alot of diffrent culters not just between humans but also between animals and human. The way birds eat there food, the bird is just leting the food dangle on his bek then the bird flys away without getting one bite.

The culture is diffrent, the way we feel, the way we act, the things we belive, and the way we believe is how I would judge culture.

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**Veronica in Juneau - 05:49pm Mar 13, 2001 (#9 of 11)**

*(question 3) Home work By: Veronica*

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Russel's life is changing now that Oogruk is gone. I think that I think Russel's life is changing because Oogruk would always be the person that would help and give good thoughts to Russel. I also think that Russel misses Oogruk. Oogruk also had the dogs that were very old thta he used to go dog sleding with. Those dogs were alwas at the door when Russel comes into Oogruk's house and he misses them. I think Rusel misses old Oogrks house and how he never had to nock before he came into his house.

Oogruk also told good lagends that his antsisters would do when they were still alive. Russel would also follow his auntsisters way too.

This homework was done by,  
Veronica

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**Zach in Juneau - 09:16pm Mar 19, 2001 (#12 of 17)**

**Question 3**

Russel's life is changing because that the wat that oogruk anticipates him to do the things that he wants to do by himself for example when Oogruk fell asleep and then russel took all the stuff and went out on a dog sled ride. Oogruk is changing russels life because of what russel want's to do so oogruk taught him the old ways how they are supposed to be learned in great diffuculty. So if you want to become a man you have to go on a trip with your dogs for a period of time sometimes death can triumph over you but if you die trying it is not as bad. A way that Oogruk is REALLY changing his life is think of what Oogruk did to save him from the chaotic world of the electronics us and are snowmobiles that break down and kill people fairly often and lights which burn out quiker than you can buy another one. I think that Oogruk is saving Russell a great deal of pain and frustration so if i were Russell i would thank him so many times that he wouldn't want me to thank him any more.

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**Sammie in Juneau - 07:18pm Mar 20, 2001 (#13 of 17)**

sammie [question 3]

I think Rusells life is changing because Oograk lives the old ways for exapale when they started eating meat raw, then they stated to eat meat cooked all the way. Another reason snow mobiles they stared out with dog sled now they use snow mobiles. The way Oograk changed Russels life by doing the old ways and helping him find a song.

yours sincerely,  
Sammie

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**Zach in Juneau - 08:12pm Mar 20, 2001 (#14 of 17)**

**Question 4**

**Part 1**

I think what Gary Paulsen means is that he is starting a new life and going into a new one. For example is that if your misbehaving you say you won't act like that again or try not to. So for Russell he is starting a new life without snowmobiles and government boxes.

**Part 2**

I think he does that to snag the readers attention by using words that don't REALLY make sense but they do to him. I also think he does it because what does a reader do when they see one word by itself in it's on paragraph there probably going to read it because they think it's a really important part of the chapter or the book.

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**Azure in Juneau - 12:42pm Mar 22, 2001 (#15 of 17)**

What I think about the word out.

I think that Garry Paulson has used the word OUT for many different reasons. I think that he wrote that to say that Russell was Out away from the town and away from the new ways.

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**Sammie in Juneau - 04:53pm Apr 3, 2001 (#16 of 17)**

**Sammie question 5**

PART 1: I think he always describes his dreams because he wants it to be interesting and wants to let people inside of his dreams to see how he feels. PART 2: I think it will effect him because when he was in his dream he dreamed that there was going to be tracks.  
sammie

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**Josh in Juneau - 09:12am Apr 4, 2001 (#17 of 17)**

**Question 5**

1. I think Gary Paulsen keeps describing the dreams because there are really important to Russell's Journey (it is kind of like how Oogurk) got the pan of snow without Russell seeing and Oogurk is blind)
2. I think That Russell dreams will effect him a lot because I think each dream is telling him what is going happen in the future.

## Book Discussions: Harry Potter

Have you read Harry Potter? This is the discussion for you! Share your ideas, likes, dislikes, and opinions about Harry Potter stories! Comment on what each other writes! Ask each other questions...and don't forget to say what you think!

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### Henry in Juneau - 01:42pm Feb 20, 2001 (#1 of 22)

*Henry Read Harry Potter!*

Hi, I'm Henry. I've read all the "Harry Potter" books, and I think they're pretty cool! If I could rewrite ANYTHING in the last book I would make it so Whatzis name at the end didn't die, and that Harry fully destroys Voldemort. I think that 4 books is enough- there isn't much reason to write another, and it would get dumb. My favorite character is Prof. Lupen.

sincerely,  
Henry!

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### Zach in Juneau - 01:49pm Feb 20, 2001 (#2 of 22)

*Harry Potter*

I read Harry Potter and I think there is always a good plot. Like in the first book they have to get the stone and in the second get the basilisk and in the third to find Sirius Black. In the third book I think professor Lupine looks like a really cool teacher because he always makes things so fun. I think the best part of Harry Potter books are all the magical stuff. Have you read Harry Potter? What is your favorite part and character? My favorite book is number four The Goblet Of Fire. My favorite scene is where they find Professor Crouch in the woods and he is crazy. When they are going to get professor Dumbledore Crouch knocks Victor Krum out cold. Victor Krum is Harry's favorite seeker for his favorite team.

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### Bryce in Juneau - 01:51pm Feb 20, 2001 (#3 of 22)

*Harry Potter*

I like Lord Voldemort because he's evil and he's trying to hurt Harry. And I don't like Harry because he's always so chicken. He doesn't like to get in any action.

My favorite book would have to be probably the first one. Because I just got to know Harry Potter and the first one was very exciting because I never read Harry Potter before.

I like the scene where Harry is about to fall off the broomstick and (snape the Guy who hates him) tries to save him.

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### Luke in Healy - 01:52pm Feb 20, 2001 (#4 of 22)

*Harry Potter Rules*

I'm on the second book. I'm reading were they get the book out of the restricted area. They just found the Polyjuice potion. And they are in Moaning Myrtles bathroom. My favorite part in the first book about the dragon. And my favorite part in the second book is the part where nearly headless nick distracts Snape.

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**Loren in Healy - 02:52pm Feb 20, 2001 (#7 of 22)**

*Harry Potter*

I am reading the third book. I am at the part when Harry had to bow down to a weird bird thing. Have you read book three.

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**Sammie in Juneau - 12:18pm Feb 22, 2001 (#9 of 22)**

*Harry Potter*

I thought that Harry Potter is a good book. My fav character is Professor Flich. The reason I like him is because he is strict and serious. My other fav character is Snape Because his is snoop {in the first book when someone let the troll in.}

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**Chris in Juneau - 12:20pm Feb 22, 2001 (#10 of 22)**

*Harry Potter*

Harry Potter rocks (even though Brice in Juneau doesn't like him) I'm reading the third book but the teacher took it away so she can read it to the class. She says that she has the third book but she won't bring it in so she can use hers. What I like about him is that he blew up his aunt (not boom blow up.) I also like that he can beat you know who. What I don't like about him is that he never loses a duel. I also don't like him because he never gets beaten at a Quidditch match.

Your southeast friend,  
Chris in Juneau

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**Vance in Juneau - 12:20pm Feb 22, 2001 (#11 of 22)**

*Harry potter*

Our class is reading the third book and we are almost done. I like the first one because I got to know all the characters. My favorite character is Harry because he gets in trouble a lot.

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**Hanna in Juneau - 12:20pm Feb 22, 2001 (#12 of 22)**

*Harry Potter*

I think that Harry Potter is a veary good book. My favorite was the fourth one The Goblet Of Fire. My favorite part of the book was when Harry was in the maze and solves the riddle that the lion gave to him. But i did not like it when that one boy died. Can you tell me what your favorite book is?

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**Julie in Juneau - 12:21pm Feb 22, 2001 (#13 of 22)**

*Harry potter*

Hi I'am Julie

I read Harry Potter. I am on number 3. I liked number 2 becuase Tom Riddle was Voldomoort when he was a teenager. But I don't like it when Harry's friend turns into stone.

Bye Bye!!!

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**Corey in Juneau - 01:13pm Feb 22, 2001 (#14 of 22)**

*Harry's Adventure*

My favorite Harry Potter book is the first one because Snape tried to save Harry from falling off the broom. My favorite character is Fred because he gets in a lot of trouble. The part I liked the least about Harry Potter is when Harry had to go into the Forbidden Forest.

Sincerely Corey

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**Emily in Juneau - 02:54pm Feb 22, 2001 (#15 of 22)**

*Harry Potter*

I like Harry Potter because its really descriptive and you get to learn a lot of new things from it. My favorite book of Harry Potter is #4 because there's this nasty creature that can fly. My favorite character is Hermione because she's interested in everything.

Emily

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**Michaella in North Pole - 11:11am Feb 23, 2001 (#16 of 22)**

*Harry Potter*

Hi, This is Michaella in North Pole. I kinda like Harry Potter books. We take quizzes on the computer and we get points to spend at the point store. The 4th Harry Potter is worth 33 points. I am almost done with the 3rdone because I haven't read it for awhile. Hey, Who hasn't read the 4th? I haven't.

Got to go,

Michaella in North Pole

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**Henry in Juneau - 02:00pm Feb 23, 2001 (#17 of 22)**

*DRAGONS*

My favorite animal in Harry Potter is the dragons. I think they are really cool! I hope in the future there are more dragons. Do you think scientists will clone different reptiles to make a dragon? Then they could make a REALLY realistic movie about Harry Potter. Well, so long!  
-Henry!

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**Kasey in Bettles - 02:16pm Feb 23, 2001 (#18 of 22)**

*Kasey and Kayla in Bettles*

Who was Sedric? We don't remember who he is. I have read all four of the books and Kasey has only read 1 and 2. My favorite part is in the fourth book when the Goblet comes out with the fourth name and the name just happens to be Harry's. I can't believe that some of the students and teachers thought that Harry stuck the name in himself. What was the two other people in the compotion? There was Victor Krumb and Harry but who were the other two people? Got to go!

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**Katie in Wales - 11:57am Mar 8, 2001 (#19 of 22)**

*harry potter*

the main charaters are Harry Potter,hermion,hegrid, mouthboy,and i forgot . were on the third almost onthe fourth book.

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**Frankie in North Pole - 07:15pm Mar 8, 2001 (#20 of 22)**

Excuse me Bryce I think voldermort is cool to but you should read book 4 it's better than them all and Harry does get lot of action.

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**Cheryl in Wales - 10:05am Mar 12, 2001 (#21 of 22)**

*Harry Potter*

I think Harry Potter is a really really good book. My most favorite charactors are Ginny, Ron, Hagrid, Hermione,and Harry. But my most favorite charactors are Fred and George because on the first year of Harry Potter Fred and George said their names were Gred and Forge and of all they pulled pranks on people. I don't like Malfoy, Crabbe, Goyle, Voldermort, and Snape. So far I like the second year the best.

See Ya!

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## Book Discussions: Favorite Books

If you have read a book that you really like and want to recommend, tell us what it is. Be sure to tell us the title and the author, and why you like it. Write a short summary about the book, but don't tell us how it ends!

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### Henry in Juneau - 01:52pm Feb 20, 2001 (#1 of 18)

*Henry's favorite book series is "The Lord of the Rings" by J.R.R. Tolkien.*

My favorite book series is the lord of the rings, because those books are so 'realistic', even if it IS weird. Have "you" read the lord of the rings? I like the part where Frodo's finger gets bitten off. I dunno why, but it's pretty good.

sincerely,  
Henry!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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### Nathan in Wasilla - 03:55pm Feb 21, 2001 (#2 of 18)

My favorite book is Johnny Tramm

My favorite part in the was when a big bunch of boys dress up as indians and dump tea in the harbor. It was a great book.

Nathan Winburn

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### Lena in Wasilla - 03:55pm Feb 21, 2001 (#3 of 18)

*Lena's favorite book*

My favorite book is the Redwall series. Right now I'am reading Redwall and I'am almost done. My mom is going to take me to the public Libery in Wasilla, to get Mossflower.

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### Danielle in Wasilla - 03:55pm Feb 21, 2001 (#4 of 18)

*My Favorite book series*

My favorite book series is The Chronicles of Narnia I have read 2 of the books they are really good . I love books . My favorite part is when they meet the very nice beavers and they meet st. Nick . I highley recmend this book series to you I know you'll love it too. I love to read , books are food for thought.

sincerely,

Danielle

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**Michaela in North Pole - 10:31am Feb 22, 2001 (#5 of 18)**

*My Favorite Book*

Hi. This is Michaela in North Pole.

I have just read a really good book lately. It is called The Egypt Game. I really enjoyed the book because it had a lot of girly stuff but then again they had a lot of boyish stuff. I think that if you are interested in Egypt and stuff like the wars you would be really interested. I enjoyed the book. And I think that if you decide you would read the book be prepared for some jumps and bumps.

Sincerely,

Michaela in North Pole

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**Zach in Juneau - 12:23pm Feb 22, 2001 (#6 of 18)**

*My favorite book*

My favorite book is called Tangerine. Every thing that happens there happens every day of the year. Tangerine is a place where they do all the stuff over again so they can brain wash you. Lightning strikes every day they have a tornado warning every day and the mud pond catches on fire from the lightning so the mud pond never gets put out.

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**Loren in Healy - 02:53pm Feb 22, 2001 (#7 of 18)**

*Loren in Healy*

My favorite book is Lemming Condition. It is about a lemming who name is Bubber. He has to go west to jump in the ocean with other lemmings. But lubber is afraid to bemuse he canto swim. This is a rely good book.

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**Amy in Bettles - 02:16pm Feb 23, 2001 (#8 of 18)**

*Some good books.*

My favorite book series are the Harry Potter series, the Chronicles of Narnia, and the Redwall series. I have read Marfox, Martin the Warrior and I'm in the middle of the Pearls of Lutra. Next I'm going to read Redwall. Then I'm going to read Mossflower. I want to go to the book store and get all of the books so I can read them over and over when ever I want.

Sincerley,

Amy

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**Danielle in Bettles - 02:16pm Feb 23, 2001 (#9 of 18)**

It's funny, every time I read a book, I seem to like that one more than the others. If I go back and reread a book, I like it too. I guess what I am saying is that I don't really have a favorite book because all of the books I read are my favorite. The latest book I have read is Mary Shelly's Frankenstien. It is a very deep book. There is more to it than just a guy creating a monster. Becasue the main character was trying to outlive his potentiel, he ends up suffering the rest of his life.

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**Amy in Bettles - 02:23pm Feb 23, 2001 (#10 of 18)**

*Some good books*

My name is Amy and my favorite series are the Harry Potter series, the Redwall series, and the Chronicles of Narnia. I like the Chronicles of Narnia. I have read all of the Chronicles. I think that they are all cool but my favorite one of all is The Last Battle. I can't tell you the reason because I don't want to give it away. I hope you have fun reading them.

Sincerely,  
Amy from Bettles

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**Chelsea in North Pole - 08:50pm Mar 4, 2001 (#11 of 18)**

*Favorite book(s)*

My favorite book is the Little House on the Prairie. I love the whole series. The other book I like is Anne of Green Gables. My favorite part is when she breaks her slate on top of a boys head because he called her Carrots. I also like the Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. It is good. Danielle in Wasilla likes the same part in the book as I do. Well got to run. Bye!!!!!!!

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**Cheryl in Wales - 12:58pm Mar 9, 2001 (#14 of 18)**

*My Favorite Books*

My favorite books are Little House on the Praire, Harry Potter, Ghost stories that my grandpa Clarence wrote, and Rugrats books.

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**Ben in Healy - 03:36pm Mar 13, 2001 (#15 of 18)**

*Ben in Healy.*

My favorite books are All About Sam . The seiries.

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**Scott in Healy - 03:38pm Mar 13, 2001 (#16 of 18)**

*My Favorite Book!*

My favorite book is Captain Under Pants. :)

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**Loren in Healy - 03:38pm Mar 13, 2001 (#17 of 18)**

*lorern in Healy*

My favorite book is Time Cat. What is your favorite book.

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**Austin in North Pole - 05:51pm Mar 20, 2001 (#20 of 27)**

Hi my name I Austin and I love to read. My faorit book was Banner In The Sky then a book by Will Hobbs called Jason's Gold and then Westing Game I would recommend them to any body that likes advincher stories.

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**Cori in Healy - 05:42pm Mar 21, 2001 (#21 of 27)**

**favorite book**

hi my favorite author is Judy Blume. my favorite book is anne of green gables

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**Mike in North Pole - 05:45pm Mar 21, 2001 (#22 of 27)**

My faveit book sierses was C.S. Lewis The Books of Narnia they are asome so go read them now please!:( :):):):):):):):):)

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**Frankie in North Pole - 05:46pm Mar 21, 2001 (#23 of 27)**

Hi, me Frankie one of my favorit books is The Chronalics Of Narnia the book is great. Got To Go bye.

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**A.J. in North Pole - 05:46pm Mar 21, 2001 (#24 of 27)**

My favorite book series is Holes

It is my favorite book because it has exitement it is about a kid named Stanley he had a grate grate grandfather who hit a witch and she cursed there familey threw the jeneration after all the kids there was in the Yelnats Family that was the Ist name of Stanly it was Stanley Yelnats if you spell Yelnets backward.

You would find out that it was the oppesite of Stanley but he has the worlds famous bnasket ball player his shoes dropped from the air and landed in Satnleys arms as he walked under a bridge then the cop comes up and says "There he is the thief who stold the shoes" it goes on but it is really swell I liked it but he gets sent to a place in the mittle of the desert he haves to dig a hole 5 feet wide and 5 feet deep he was fat before digging.

And he ganned waight because fat is lighter then muscles he turned out to be strong then he dug one every day in the burning hot sun he has a warden that makes them dig the hole every day Stanley doesn't find it fun but there is lots more to the story you should look in you'r library to find it.

You will discover that how you live must be nice better then Stanley does because I did I learned how to find it quite interesting you gotta find it in you'r library well I have to go

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**Ryan in North Pole - 05:47pm Mar 21, 2001 (#25 of 27)**

**My favorite book is Tallahassee Higgins**

Hello,

My favorite book is Tallahassee Higgins. It is about a girl and she has to go to her aunt and uncle's house and she does not like her aunt Thelma at all. She met a girl named Linda and her and Tallahassee's mother Liz were best friends before Tallahassee and Linda were born. Well I would like to recommend Tallahassee Higgins to any girls that have had to leave their mother when they did not want to.

Bye-Bye,

Ryan

P.S

I am a girl and I am 10 years old and I live in North Pole Alaska and I love where I live

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**Lisa in Wales - 10:30am Mar 28, 2001 (#26 of 27)**

**The Best Books I've Read**

I like Poem books. Harry Potter books. Most of the poem books I've read were by Shel Silverstone.

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**Ashley in Wales - 12:28pm Apr 12, 2001 (#27 of 27)**

**My favorite books**

My favorite book is Calvin and Hobbes.

## Book Discussions: **Woodsong** by Gary Paulsen

Have you read *Woodsong*? If so, share your opinion about the book. Ask each other questions about the book, and offer your own ideas. For example: What do you think Paulsen means when he writes "We have had and been owned by many dogs since we started to run them?" Ask your own question to the others who join this discussion, and don't forget to write your own answer to your own question!

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### Henry in Juneau - 11:04am Feb 15, 2001 (#1 of 5)

*Henry read Woodsong!*

Hey, folks! Anybody else read "*Woodsong*", by Gary Paulsen? I have. I like the way he describes everything so well. My favorite part is when the squirrel jumps down from a tree and kills the chipunk. I know it's gross, but for one thing, my favorite animal is a squirrel, We all need to survive, surprising things happen, and hey, we're all different!

signed,  
Henry!

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### Zach in Juneau - 11:29am Feb 15, 2001 (#2 of 5)

*Zach In Juneau*

I have. My favorite part of that book is at the the beggining. When the wolves go and attack the deer and then it sinks on a piece of ice. I think it is really cool how he just decides he cant finish the race because he ahd such a good time with his dogs I only think that because that my favorite animal is a dog and thats basicly whaat this book is about so I really like this book.

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### Marie in Point Hope - 04:42pm Feb 15, 2001 (#3 of 5)

*This is Marie from Point Hope*

I haven't read the book *Woodsong* by Gary Paulsen yet. Have you read *Wait Till Helen Comes*? It's a realy good book. It's about two people having the same initials , and the same heith. But whays really weird is that one of them is a ghost. Heather the ghost friend was going to droned. Well lucky Molly was there. She saved her from droning. at the end they were good friends.

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### Henry in Juneau - 04:06pm Feb 16, 2001 (#4 of 5)

*Henry, in Juneau!*

I read that Marie in Point hope read "*Wait till Helen Comes*." I haven't read it yet, but, because of the reccomondation I might read it.  
-Henry!

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**Zach in Juneau - 04:06pm Feb 16, 2001 (#5 of 5)**

*Zach In Juneau*

No I havent read the book called wait till hellen comes. It sounds pretty Interesting. I like the book called woodsong has anybody else read that book except for me? Does any body like the part when the wolfe attacks the deer? but isnt wait till hellen comes a battle book? Do you know what battle of the books is? It is a competition where you read up to 15 books and then you have a battle with other teams.

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## **Favorite Recipes**

If you have a favorite recipe that is unique to your region of Alaska, share it here!

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**Sammie in Juneau - 12:21pm Feb 22, 2001 (#1 of 7)**

*Snickers doodles*

My favorite recipe is Snicker doodles because snicker doodles are fun to make because you get to roll the dough into brown sugar or any kind of toppings { but to tell you the truth if you put any other toppings on it, it would taste gross}.

your little angel  
Sammie

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**Brittany in Juneau - 12:23pm Feb 22, 2001 (#2 of 7)**

*Pinwheel Sandwiches*

I have a lot of favorite recipes but this is one of the best!! They are fast/ easy to make and you can carry them anywhere. You don't even have to bake it! They look cool too. They look like a swirl of bread and whatever you want to put in it. They taste like anything you want it to because you can put anything you want on it. You put whatever you want in it, roll it up and cut it. P.S. Never Put Mustard on it.

{word of advice from Britt}

:]your friend Britt:]

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**Brittany in Juneau - 02:03pm Feb 23, 2001 (#3 of 7)**

*Yum!*

Its me again! Another good recipe is Peanut butter and Honey sandwiches they are very good. All you have to do is take a piece of bread and put Peanut butter on it then put Honey on it and presto!!!

FROM: BRITTANY in JUNEAU

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**Cheryl in Wales - 02:22pm Feb 26, 2001 (#4 of 7)**

*My fav food*

My most favorite food is tortillas. First you get a taco cup then you fill it up with spaghetti meat. Then you put cheese in the taco cup. Finally you put it in the oven the same time as tacos. Now you can eat it.

**Nicole in North Pole - 08:22pm Feb 28, 2001 (#5 of 7)**

*Fruit -filled scones*

I love this recipe. Here are what you need.

2 cups flour 1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup sugar 1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1 teaspoon cream of tarter 1 teaspoon baking soda  
2/3 to 3/4 cup milk  
3/4 cup raisins, currants, or any other kind of fruit

Here's how you make it: preheat oven to 400 degrees. Sift dry ingredients and cut in the butter or margarine until the mixture is coarse, resembling cornmeal. Gradually add milk to make soft dough. Add the dry fruit and knead dough three or four times. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to a 1/2 inch thickness and cut out the scones with a 2-inch round cookie cutter. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12, or until golden brown. It makes 10 scones. Then enjoy!!!!

Have fun,

Nicole

(P.S It's a breakfast not a lunch or dinner)

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**Steve in Healy - 03:28pm Mar 6, 2001 (#6 of 7)**

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{1} cup of icecream  
{1} can of rootbear  
{1} t of salt and sugar  
some wipcream  
stir or shake  
walla desert.

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**Rocky in Healy - 01:13pm Mar 7, 2001 (#7 of 7)**

*Mine Now!*

My favorite food is not a hard thing to make. It's for lazy people like me ,just you have to have a big stumach. CUP NUDLES!All you do is fill this foam cup up to a line then heat it up in a microwave for about one minute and forty-five seconds. Then you have to love it like it a real pearson, just edible and made of candy so that is is mouth-wattering. Thats all.

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**Katie in Wales - 10:31am Mar 20, 2001 (#8 of 19)**

**my favorite recipe**

My favorite recipe is pizza peproni kind. my second is brittos its good.

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**Loren in Healy - 02:40pm Mar 20, 2001 (#9 of 19)**

**loren in Healy**

my favorite recipe is elephant ears. I take a torteas and sugar and cinamen and microwave for two minutes.

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**Mike in North Pole - 02:44pm Mar 20, 2001 (#10 of 19)**

**Quick choalat shake**

1. your ingredients milk, hershys choalat syerp, glass, and a spoon  
Take your hershys choalat syerp and you milk and put them both of them in the cup and stir thme till it is choalaty and take as straw or just drik it plane.

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**Ryan in North Pole - 05:52pm Mar 20, 2001 (#11 of 19)**

**Apple pealing pie**

I like Apple pealing pie and you make it just like this:

5 Apples and peal them do not put apple in it [the inside of the apple]

1 cup of flour

1 cup of water

1 cup of walnuts or makadamion

1 teaspoon of cinn. or ginger

store bought pie crust put the oven at 450 degeres and let cool for 5 minutes

Mix the flour, and water ect.

Put in pie crust and cook for 8 to 10 minutes

cool for 5 minutes and have a nice pie

Ryan in North Pole

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**Ryan in North Pole - 05:52pm Mar 20, 2001 (#12 of 19)**

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**Adam in North Pole - 05:52pm Mar 20, 2001 (#13 of 19)**

**Peanut butter taco**

Here is the list of stuff that you need. Soft shell taco, Peanut Butter and if you want even some Honey what you do is lay out the shell then spread the peanut butter on now you can eat it BY

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**Amanda in North Pole - 12:19pm Mar 21, 2001 (#14 of 19)**

**Tortia and sinnaman**

Hi! My name is Amanda and my favrat risape is Tortia and sinnaman.  
This is how you make it you take a tortia and laye it down then take Budder and sprade it on the tortia and then you put sinnaman on it and that's how you make the tortia and Sinnaman.  
TORTIA AND SINNAMAN. by Amanda

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**Michaela in North Pole - 05:45pm Mar 21, 2001 (#15 of 19)**

**A quick after school snack**

Here is what you will need:  
10 little saltine crackers or you could also have rite crackers, too.  
Some peanut butter, jelly and also some butter.  
A butter knife and a spoon.  
First take you're crackers and you put a little layer of butter on them.  
Second take you're peanut butter and put a little layer of it on the cracker over the layer of butter.  
Next you take the jelly (doesn't matter what kind) and you put a layer of the jelly on the butter and on top of the peanut butter.  
It should taste really good!

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**Nicole in North Pole - 05:47pm Mar 21, 2001 (#16 of 19)**

**Enchaloda Cassoroll**

Here's another one of my favorite recipes:  
Taco shells Hamburger  
chili seasoning sour cream  
hot sauce 2 pans  
Here's how you make it, put some hamburger in the pan. It would help if you used a non-stick skillet. Before you add the chili seasoning, you have to wait for the hamburger to brown. Then you add the chili seasoning. while your waiting for that to brown, in the second pan you can start crumbling the taco shells in the other pan. By then the chili seasoning should be done. Then add the hamburger on top of that. You just keep on layering it like that. Then you stick it in the oven on 350 for about 30 min. Take it out, add the sour cream and hot sauce. Then you enjoy.  
Sincerely,  
Nicole

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**Sean in North Pole - 05:47pm Mar 21, 2001 (#17 of 19)**

**Smores**

- 1.You need about 2 or more gram cracker's.
  - 2.You also need a bag of morshmells.
  - 3.And you need chocalate for the smores.
  - 4.OK now once you have those things you put the marshmells on the chocalate after the choclote.
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**Amy in North Pole - 09:30pm Mar 21, 2001 (#18 of 19)**

**My Favorite Dessert**

One of my favorite desserts is Candy Fun Cakes this is what you need to make them:

- 4 Tablespoons of unsalted butter
- 4 Cups of mini marshmallows
- 2 Teaspoons of vanilla (not the ice cream)
- 4 Cups of Rice Crispies (the cereal)
- 3/4 Of butterscotch carmal fudge topping
- 12 Ounces of milk chocolate coarsely chopped
1. Lightly grease a 7-by11 inch or an 8 inch square baking pan.
2. In a large saucepan,melt the butter over low heat.
3. Add the marshmallows and stir until blended.
4. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla.
5. Stir in the cereal and mix with a wooden spoon until thoroughly blended.
6. rap the mixture in to the prepared pan.
- 7.With lightly buttered hands or a lightly buttered spatula,press gently on the mixture to level.
- 8.Place in the freezer for 10 minutes.
- 9.In a small saucepan,warm the butterscotch caramel fudge topping to lukewarm
- (IMPORTANT Do Not Let It Get Hot IMPORTANT.
10. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool slightly.
11. Pour the warm butterscotch topping over the cereal layer,spreading evenly.
- 12.Place in the freezer for 10 minutes.
- 13.In a double boiler,melt the chocolate over hot, not simmering,water.
14. Set aside to cool slightly.
15. Spread the chocolate on top of the carmeal mixture.
16. Chill to set the chocolate.
17. Cut into squares and serve.

By: Amy

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**Lisa in Wales - 10:30am Mar 28, 2001 (#19 of 19)**

**My Favorite recipe**

My favorite recipe is cinnamon rolls, doughnuts,Peanut Butter Cookies,and Burritos all of these are all good and there the best!!

## Weekly Topics

Each week we will discuss a different topic about life in Alaska. We will share our ideas about the past, present, and future of living in Alaska, and how we can make a difference where we live.

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## Week 2: "Day in the Life"

Is life the same in every part of Alaska? Share with us what a typical "day in the life" is like in your village - for a winter day and a summer day. You may choose to describe a weekday, or a weekend day. You may choose to describe your own day, or the day of someone you know. Read what other kids write, and see if life in other villages is the same or different from yours!

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### Loren in Healy - 05:02pm Feb 13, 2001 (#3 of 53)

*Kid in Healy.*

A day in Healy. In Healy we all play hockey. We also build igloos. We all go to a school called Fri-Valley. There are two stores called Mountain View and Wally's. We also have three churches. In Healy some people go hunting for moose, bear, rabbit and all sheep. We also have a mini golf and regular golf. We have a lake called Onto Lake. A fun place to go is Denali National Park. Healy is a fun place to live in.

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### Chelsea in North Pole - 05:02pm Feb 13, 2001 (#4 of 53)

*"Day in the Life" of Chelsea*

Hi. My name is Chelsea.

A day in my life is normal. I wake up at 7:30 to go to school. I get ready for school, too. I learn, play, work, and do really cool computer stuff. When I get home I do my homework (if I have any) and play with my little puppies. (My dog had 7 puppies.) When it is 5:00 I usually have dinner. When I finish eating I do my chores. I watch T.V and then read for 30 minutes. At 9:30 I go to sleep sometimes.

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### Carolyn in North Pole - 05:02pm Feb 13, 2001 (#5 of 53)

*Day In The Life Of Carolyn*

Hi!

A normal Saturday in the winter time in North Pole sometimes is relaxing and lazy. We take hot baths and watch TV, it's even a great time to have fun! My dad might take my little brother and I out sledding, or he might give me lessons on skiing. Then, when I come back home from these winter activities, my mom will make some nice hot coca. One time my little brother and I made an Igloo (snow fort) out of cardboard and snow! I think a Saturday in the winter time way up in North Pole are great! Well, I have to go. Bye!

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**Michaela in North Pole - 05:03pm Feb 13, 2001 (#6 of 53)**

*"Day in the life of" Michaela*

Hi!

The normal school type of day I have is first I get up and I take the food to my three dogs. I eat breakfast and then I get my papers that my mom has to sign out. I get on my the bus and I take a 30 minute ride to school. When I get there I go to the class and I get all my books at my desk. We have our special every day at 9:00am. We take a bathroom break and when we get back to class we sing and do the pledge of allegiance. We do language. We do really fun stuff. We even made our own language. We have math and then we go out to recess. We eat lunch. We read for one half hour and then we go to the computer lab. My teacher has 7 I-macs in his room. We made our own journals. When we leave the lab we og nad write a thing that says we have odne our home work. We get on the buses and we go home. I do my home work get asnck and I watch TV. My mom gets home and I help with supper. I feed the dogs. When I am done eating and feeding the dogs I go to bed.

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**Amy in North Pole - 05:03pm Feb 13, 2001 (#8 of 53)**

*"Day In The life"*

Hi A day in my life is I get ready for school and then my mom drives me to school. We do science,social studies,computer stuff and when I get home I do my homework and so does my brother and then we read for 30 or more minutes. Sometimes I go swimming with my best friend Chelsea she is in the same class as me to!! Isn't that cool and she lives by me she is practicly my neighbor. I also like to watch T.V!! I think T.V is popular. T.V stands for television if you do not know what T.V is. I also have a birthday coming up,that happens to everybody!! I will be 10.

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**Jackie in Naknek - 05:04pm Feb 13, 2001 (#9 of 53)**

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My Typical Day

A typical winter day for me is I might go outside and play in the snow or maybe I might go smelt fishing or something. In the winter I have basketball so I might be traveling somewhere. In the summer I usually stay home because my mom and sister fish while I babysit my brother. On the weekend my whole family goes camping or fishing in the Bay of Islands.

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**Chad in Wasilla - 02:17pm Feb 14, 2001 (#10 of 53)**

*Day in Wasilla*

Hi!

my name is chad.I wake up at five o'clock in the morning.I have one dog.I don't really like school.the only thing i like about school is my really cool teacher.we do writing,math,spelling in the morning and reading,art or geography or social studies in the afternoon....Chad

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**Danielle in Wasilla - 02:21pm Feb 14, 2001 (#13 of 53)**

*A day in the life of Danielle.*

Hi,

I am Danielle on a week day day I wake up at 6:00 am and get ready for school. Then I watch TV. And after school I do my homework and then go and play outside with my black dog. On Monday it was so snowy 35 busses went off the road. lucky I wasn't on the bus and I never went to school that day. go to Anchorage every Saturday. I go to wal-mart and go shopping for clothes and groceries but some times I go stores in Wasilla. Anchorage there are more buildings than you can count, it is so much fun .

sincerely ,

Danielle

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**Charles in Healy - 02:21pm Feb 14, 2001 (#15 of 53)**

*My life*

in the winter I always stay at home except when I go snow machining or at school. I don't go to many partys. I'm ten years old. In the summer I get on my scooter. We don't have any sidewalks in our road.

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**Kristin in Healy - 02:21pm Feb 14, 2001 (#16 of 53)**

I am going to tell you about my life in winter and summer. In summer I go swimming in Otto Lake and I go bike riding at home. In the winter I go skating, sledding, snow machining and skiing.

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**Ana in Healy - 02:22pm Feb 14, 2001 (#17 of 53)**

*My life*

Hi! I am 9 years old. I am in forth grade. Each morning I wake up and get ready for school. When I come home, do my home worked In the evening I read Harry Potter

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**Nancy Dean - 07:02pm Feb 14, 2001 (#18 of 53)**

**Justin in Diomede**

Dear Students,

My house is longer than 25 feet. We get 30 minutes to go to school just for breakfast. I have to wake up at 8:00 to get dredd, then wait for 30 to 15 minutes. My friends are Travis, Neil, Kevin. My parents are Gabe, Sr and Sistuq. I got 1 brother, 3 sisters. My brother is lazy. He doesn't do anything, all he does do is play station. I shovel our steps in winter. Summer time I go fishing in the holes with a spear. Yours Truly,  
Justin

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Nancy Dean - 07:04pm Feb 14, 2001 (#19 of 53)

**Travis in Diomede**

Dear Students,

My name is Travis. I live on Diomede Island. It is 27 1/2 miles from Wales. I like to go hunting and I have a snow machine in Nome. My brother Louis has one too. they both are 550's. Mine is red, his is green. On a regular day I visit my Upa and I play out and slide and I am in the 4th grade.

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Nancy Dean - 07:08pm Feb 14, 2001 (#20 of 53)

**Dawn in Diomede**

Dear Students,

Hi, my name is Dawn and is it fun here in Little Diomede. In Little Diomede we play out here not-it. I will tell you how to play not-it. You need ten kids and see who can say not-it the fastest. Then who ever say it last you have to try to tag them and then you have it. Then try to tag another person. When it is winter we always go sliding with a sled and it is lots of fun when you slide by the post office.

Good-bye--  
Dawn

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**Leonty in Sitka - 06:01pm Feb 15, 2001 (#22 of 53)**

*Wow Jessikah*

Wow you get up early Jessikah !! do that sometimes.

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**Jacob in Sitka - 06:03pm Feb 15, 2001 (#24 of 53)**

*Hello from Jacob in Sitka*

In the winter I like to snow board. Sometimes we don't get enough snow but up on the mountains it's pretty snowy so I get to go up there with my brother. We have lots of animals in Sitka. Deer, bears, squirrel, whales, king salmon, halibut, seals and sea lions. In the summer I like to go outside and skate board, ride my bike and roller blade. We get a lot of rain in Sitka. Sometimes we get sun, but mostly it rains.

**Braden in Sitka - 06:03pm Feb 15, 2001 (#25 of 53)**

*One Day in the Summer and Winter*

On a summer day I play Tag and Hide-and-Seek. The weather is good. We also get alot of rain. On rainy days I like to play inside.

On winter days I like to have snowball fights. I also like to go to Juneau and ski. We really don't get too much snow.

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**Twila in Sitka - 06:05pm Feb 15, 2001 (#26 of 53)**

*"Day in Life"*

Hi

My name is Twila

Im going to tell you guys about my life. Mostly in winter days I go outside and build a snow man . When there's enough snow I always go sledding on our hill and fly off on jumps that I make and almost go into the road. But, my parents don`I know that so shhhhhh.

In summer I go and play with my dogs and bike around my ditch. Sometimes my Mom and Dad take me four wheeling at Stargavin camp ground. I once in a while get to have lessons from my dad on how to ride a four wheeler because I don`I have one yet. We always go out in the boat and go fishing I sometimes troll but mostly I use a pole.

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**Zach in Sitka - 06:06pm Feb 15, 2001 (#27 of 53)**

*Zach in Sitka*

Hi my name is Zach. In the summer I play with my friends and I go on trips they my parents. Sometimes I go to my friends house and we always see deer in his yard but he moved four months ago. In the winter I go sledding or I make a igloo or we have a snowball fight or I make a real big snowball.

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**Nancy Dean - 07:24am Feb 16, 2001 (#28 of 53)**

**Neil in Diomede**

Dear Students,

Hi, it's me again. When I wake up I let my dog out for 5 to 10 minutes. He is 6 months old. He was born a runt, but he is a very good guard dog. When I wake up at 7:15 I get ready for school, then I go down to the school. School starts at 9:00 and gets out at 3 pm. I go to ski practice at 3:40 and we do stretches and 35 laps, that is 1 mile and 9 laps. Then we play basketball for 15 minutes. sometimes I play out, but I am always doing chores like dumping the trash and all th house chore stuff. Most of the time I clean up for my mom. I go to sleep at around 12:30 am. But when I ahve like 2-3 sleepovers we like to stay up. On week nights I ahve like 5 sleepovers. Sometimes I like it nice and quiet. I leave today on the chopper for a 3 week trip...Bye

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Nancy Dean - 07:29am Feb 16, 2001 (#30 of 53)

**Bobbi in Diomedede**

Dear Students,

I always play nintendo at home and I always play out by my house and by the school in the wintertime. And Happy Valentine's Day! We always do art at the school with Opik at 10:30-11:00. We made Valentine's cards, Halloween art, thanksgiving art...At pe we always play warrior ball. I am 9 years old. We have movies lots of Fridays in the school gym they are great to watch.

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**Emily in Juneau - 04:05pm Feb 16, 2001 (#31 of 53)**

*hello*

Hi my name is Emily. Every thursday I go to school then after school my dad pickes my friend and me up to go to dance. What do you do every Thursday?

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**Josh in Juneau - 04:07pm Feb 16, 2001 (#32 of 53)**

*A day in Juneau*

Hi my name is Josh. In Juneau the land is not flat it is at an angle we have 2-3 lakes 2-3 boat docks a lot of hills and a lot of mountains A day in the spring in Juneau is like this first I wake up. Then I get ready for school. When I get to school. We first go to math then we have snack then recces then we have compter lab then we go tro lunch then we have story then we go to reading then we go to recces then we have scince then we go home anda then I do my homework eat dinner then I wath tv then I go to bed. On spring break I go skiing it is fun. In the summer time I just play around outside beacuse it is about 65-70 F. Then in the fall I go to school for the first time I 3 months at schhol we do new things. then I the winter I go skiing it is fun but hard. Some times I go to the glacier and my dad takes picures and I go sleding by the glacier In the winter time that is very fun. I lke it in Juneau

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**AJ in Point Hope - 04:08pm Feb 16, 2001 (#34 of 53)**

*A day in the life*

Hi my name is Aj lane I live in Point hope I saw a POLar Bear at the beach and I shot it 3 times in the back and it died and I brang it home to my mom and she take the skin off and she put it outside and she put it back inside in 2 days later and she keep it and then it get stink so we throwed it ok bye.

**Chase in Juneau - 04:09pm Feb 16, 2001 (#35 of 53)**

*Day In The Life BY: Me (again)*

Sup!?! A day in the life is a normal 11 year old life. I get up at 7:30 I take a shower then I get dressed. I watch a little T. V. Then I catch the bus to school. When I get home I play Play Station then I eat Dinner at 6:00-6:30 then I watch T. V. I read Then I go to bed at 10:00 to 11:00. Then I wake up in the morning and do the same Routine.

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**Hannah in Juneau - 04:10pm Feb 16, 2001 (#37 of 53)**

*day in the life with me*

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Today I got out of bed and I found out that my gerbil died. His name was spotti. He was 6 weeks old and he spun in his wheel. He was very cute. Then I went to the bus stop and there was snow outside, but everyone had stepped on it. So, it was not fresh. Darn! Then my bus took me to school. When I got to school I went to my class room, which is room 26. Then we talked about the conference, and how some of the messages didn't get posted. Then we had snack recess and had an assembly. After that we had lunch and went to computer lab and that's all that has happened today.

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**Aaron in Point Hope - 04:11pm Feb 16, 2001 (#38 of 53)**

*A Day In My Life*

Hi I'am Aaron Milligrock. I am in Point Hope. And I wake up at 7:30 am. I have 2 dogs I go to school at 8:30am. I have P.E. at 9:15 I really like math alot. I play my playstation alot on weekends I stay up until 5:00 o'clock on weekdays I could stay up only until 10:30 P.M I mostly stay up on week days. computers are not my thing. Basketball is my thing. I usually feed our dogs most of the time. In the winter it is very cold around here and In the summer it is really windy. We are learning about some of the lower 48. and compare them with Alaska Indians and Eskimo. There are alot of tribes in the lower 48. The names of them are Navajo, Zuni, Apache, Ute, Bannock, Natchez, Choctaw, Miami, Winnebago, Seminole, Wampanog, Quapaw, Pawnee, Huron, Miwok, Hoopa Yaqui, Nez Perce, Chinook, Coeur d'Alene, Cheyenne, Flathead, Chippewa, Norton shoshone, Chumash. Now for Alaska Natives Athabaskan, Tsimshian, Tlingit, Haida and Eyak. And now for the Eskimo's Inupiaq, Yupik and Aleut.

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**Roy in Point Hope - 04:16pm Feb 16, 2001 (#39 of 53)**

*Day in the life in Point hope*

Hi my name is Roy. In the summer I ride my bike. At night one of my friends slept over and we snuck out. Then we jump on a trampoline and we were always getting caught. Then we go inside. The next day we get to go hunt birds and squirrels. After that I go to my aapa's. And play nintendo64. Then I go home. In the winter I go to the school ramp and slide with my sled. After that I make a tunnel. Then we play snowball fight. Then we make a snowman then break it. After that I

go in side and go to sleep. The next day I go to school at 8:00 I go in the gym and play basketball. After that I go in are class and read until 8:45AM Then we go to bilingual. After that we go to gym. My favorite part of the day is gym. My favorite thing is science in the afternoon because we get to do some cool stuff. I like to do lab reports and experiments. After school I go home and do my homework. Then eat and go to my friends houses. We play dreamcast. On the weekends me and my dad go hunting for caribou. After that we go to sleep.

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#### **Katelyn in Juneau - 04:10pm Feb 16, 2001 (#40 of 53)**

##### *A day in the life of me Katie*

On a regular Saturday for me is to sleep in till 11:00 in the morning. After I have woke up I take a shower and get ready for my soccer game.

After my soccer game I useally go to lunch at Taoco Bell. Then I useally have some one to spend the night at my house. And we havea fun time.

On a wednesday I wake up and go to school we have gym and music that day. After school I go stright to Jazz Dance at JRC (Juneau RaquetBall club). Then my mom picks me up and takes me to my cusin's house and they take me to soccer pratice thats from 8:00 to 9:00 then my mom and dad take me home and I go to sleep and wake up in the morning at 6:00.

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#### **Kaya in Juneau - 04:08pm Feb 16, 2001 (#41 of 53)**

##### *A day in my life in Juneau*

On Saturday I wake up and then watch t.v. because there is a really cool show on called One Saturday Morning. After that I eat breakfast and then go outside to feed my Donkey. Then i play outside and walk to the beach. When I get back to my house I like to play games and finish my homework that is due on Monday or Friday. After that I usally play outside until dinnertime then after dinner I feed my Donkey his dinner and then I watch t.v. then I go to bed.

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#### **Lisa in Wales - 09:45pm Feb 16, 2001 (#42 of 53)**

##### *life in Wales*

hi the thing i like most doing in Wales is playing out, climbing up the mountain than skiing down, in the summer i like going picking berries& greens.

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#### **Lisa in Wales - 09:45pm Feb 16, 2001 (#43 of 53)**

##### *reindeer wrestling*

hi the weather gets very cold & alot of snow blizzards but today It was very nice out. When it is cold out we payout, when it is nice out we play out, too. We go riding on snow machines, but in the summer we ride on hondas. In July we have corral sometimes in June kids my age wrestle fawns or grab horns. Corral is where we wrestle reindeer. They come right when it is corral time. I grab horns I wrestle fawns with my friend Katie from Wales she is my first cousin & my best friend or I wrestle with my cousin Cheryl.

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**Dan in Wasilla - 03:54pm Feb 21, 2001 (#46 of 53)**

*A day in the life of the cool man DAN !!!!!!!*

Hey,baby

It's me cool man DAN and when I'm in the house the jam is on. My life is boring so is school. But my teacher is cool. My family is boring except my mom she's coool!! She's the one who thinks of sledding.

see yah,  
DAN

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**Henry in Juneau - 12:19pm Feb 22, 2001 (#47 of 53)**

*My Day- Henry!*

This morning, I had to wake up at 7:00 A.M., so I was really tired. I didn't even see the clothes I put on this morning, so I was lucky I didn't get totally dorky clothes. I stumbled downstairs, and ate a breakfast of waffles. After that, I played with my cat. I got my coat and backpack on, and raced my little brother up the hill- I won. I waited for the bus for ten minutes, then climbed into it. Right now, the normal bus is in for repairs, so we have a bus that has practically no fire exits, the seats are too low, and it is painted this ugly green color. Anyways, I sat around until the bus got to school some 20 minutes later, and shoved my way almost to the front. I got off, then went up the stairs at the school to our classroom. I got all ready, then said the pledge and went to math and science in E.L.( extended learning) and worked on my rocket. After that, I did the assignment for math. I played Jezzball( a cool game where you try and fill a room on the computer screen with black and there are little white balls bouncin around inside it. If the black that you're busy making gets hit by a ball, then that black gets canceled out, and you lose a life.) After that, I went back into the normal room and sang "happy birthday" because it was Kyra's birthday, and ate the cupcake that she gave me. I went to recess, and played football. I scored one touchdown, made one interception, and threw for one touchdown- we lost anyway. After that, I came in from recess, and started this message.  
signed, Henry!

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**Tuzzy in Point Hope - 03:31pm Feb 23, 2001 (#48 of 53)**

*friends!*

Hi my whole name is Tuzzy Evelyn Frances Taktuk Nashookpuk. I'm 11 years old. What's your whole name? I have one dog her name is kinda weird her name is ready to hear it is Boomer. Told you it is weird. But I have fun with her alot when I'm bord sometimes. Do you have pets? I have lots of friends here in Point Hope. Their names are Kelly, Henrietta, Hilary, Francine, Marie, and Frances. I am very nice to my friends. I have a very nice teacher. How about you? Bye know got to go.

**Percy in Point Hope - 07:58pm Mar 6, 2001 (#49 of 53)**

*I GO FISHING*

WHEN I GO FISHING I PUT A NET OUT FOR 30 MIN.THEN I CATCH ABOUT 15 FISHS. I GO FISHING WITH MY DAD,ROBERT,MY SISTER AND, MY COUISIN ROCKY.

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**Andy in Healy - 01:13pm Mar 7, 2001 (#50 of 53)**

*A day in my life*

I usually get up at 5:30 A.M. to get up and get ready for school. I leave my house and go to school at 7:55 A.M. when I get home I have to do my chores, practice my piano, and make a snack for myself. After I do all of that, I do my homework. Then I go outside and play soccer. When I come back inside I sit down and play a little game boy. Then I go back outside and run around in my yard. When my brother comes home We both play some more soccer. When I go inside again I get ready to go to bed. That is what I do in my life.

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**John in Healy - 01:15pm Mar 7, 2001 (#52 of 53)**

*Days in life*

When it is summer it is beautiful . The flower pope up and the bares wake up now when it is winter it is cold the bares are sleping The moos lose their antler dogs get radey for the rases

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**Katie in Wales - 03:39pm Mar 13, 2001 (#53 of 53)**

*day in life*

hi my name is Katie im in grade 5. my favorite sport is basketball. at home i sometimes play nintendo 64. outside sometimes lots of people play snowball fight,eskimo baseball,hide in seek and not it.

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**Florence in Wales - 01:37pm Mar 27, 2001 (#58 of 59)**

**What my family and I do here in Wales, Alaska**

Hi, my name is Florence Seetook, I am in sixth grade, and I am thirteen years old. I like to read, write to my friends, and draw. I mostly talk to my auntie's or my cousins here in Wales. After school all I do is stay home, ride around on a snowmachine, or walk around town. In summer time when it is warm out most kids here in Wales ride around on a four-wheeler. Some go to Tin City, Alaska. Tin City is on the other side of our mountain. When, people go by four-wheeler or by truck, it is about I don't know seventeen to eighteen miles. There, is always big waves in the summer, when my family goes to fish over in Tin City. My brother and I sometimes go over with four-wheeler, when there is nothing to do here in Wales. The people in my family who go over to Tin City are Laura, Nicholas, Thomas, Bill, Frank, and Matilda Crisci. In my mom and dads is my two brothers, my sister and I. Most we ever do is put the net out into the water, and wait for the fish. Every time we go there, there is always a fire, hot dogs, marshmallows, and fried fish. After it starts to get dark, we come back home between eleven and twelve o'clock at night. That's what my family and I mostly do in the summer.

### Week 3: "Village in the Past"

This week we are discussing what Alaska was like in the past. Talk to people in your village who are the age of your grandparents, and who have lived there their whole life. Ask what your village was like when they were kids. Then share with us what you found out. (Click on your own region to write about your village in the past.)

Do you want to know what life used to be like in a different part of Alaska? Click on the region you want to learn about. If you can't find the information you want, you may post a question in that region to the students who live in that region. If they have time, they may answer you!

► **Click on a region below to view the students' discussion about how it was in the past:**

[Southeast](#) (Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan)

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## Village in the Past: Southeast (Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan)

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### Azure in Juneau - 12:24pm Feb 22, 2001 (#1 of 12)

*My Interview With Sharon ( My moms fiend)*

Sharon lived in Juneau and is between 50 and 60 years old.

1. About what was the population of Juneau when you were a kid? 12,000 people About what is the population now? 30,000 people
  2. What languages did people speak in Juneau when you were a kid? Tlingit, Filphino, Chines, English, and Rusian. What languages do they speak now? Tlingit, Filphino, Chines, English, and Rusian.
  3. What did people do for food in Juneau when you were a kid? They hunted, fished, went shopping, picked berries. What do people in Juneau do now? They go hunting, fishing, SHOPPING, picked berries.
  4. What did people in Juneau do for transportation when you were a kid? They used cars, WALKED, busses, boats, plains, and bicycles. What do they do for transportation now? They use CARS, BUSSES, BOATS, PLAINS, MOTORCYCLES, SKOOTERS, and they walk.
  5. Wat do people in juneau do for medical care when you were a kid? Juneau only had 2 docters and only 1 hospitals. What do they do now? Juneau has a lot more hospitals and docters, Juneau has clinics home helth careand lots more.
  6. Who were the Native people in Juneau when you were a kid? There were Tlingit, Athabaskan, Yupik, and Hidia. What were some of there beliefes. Potlaches. The Tlingit had lots of different dances for different ressons. They believe that the Raven carries the sole of a past on person. The Tlingit word for boogie man is Kotahka. Are they the same now? Yes thaey are the same now.
  7. Did anything happen back then that changed the way life is in Juneau now? The Tlingit ggot back there land and do not have to pay for medical care and they get paid for what happendton them.
  8. What do you want to say about life in Juneau when you were a kid? What do you remember best about it? What is the mostdifferent from life in Juneau now? Juneau seemed like a safer place when she was a kid then now, and she felt like she knew more people because there were less people then now.
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### **Bryce in Juneau - 09:53pm Feb 24, 2001 (#2 of 12)**

*interview with my grandma Ruth*

My grandma grew up in Juneau. Here is what she said about what Juneau was like back then.

1. About what was the population of Juneau when you were a kid? 5000 And what is it now? 30,000
2. What language(s) did people speak in Juneau when you were a kid? English And what about now? English
3. What did people do for food in Juneau when you were a kid? shopped at stores. the same as now however food was shipped by slow freighter and wasn't always fresh
4. What did people in Juneau do for transportation when you were a kid? There were fewer cars; road to airport only; very little plane traffic; relied more on boat transportation And what about now? Everyone has a car; highway system much larger; plane travel is used more extensively than boat or ferry system
5. What did people in Juneau do for medical care when you were a kid? We had two clinics in Juneau and St.Anns Hospital plus the The Alaska Native Hospital. What about now? Alaska Native Hospital does not exist and Juneau has Bartlett Hospital and many excellent medical personnel.
6. Who were the Native people in Juneau when you were a kid? Mainly Tlinget and also a small group of Filipino who came to Juneau during fishing season to work in canneries.
7. Did anything happen back then that changed the way life is in Juneau now? statehood
8. What do you want to say about life in Juneau when you were a kid? What do you remember best about it? What is the most different from life in Juneau now? Juneau was much smaller and mainly a fishing community. It also had a plywood mill and a lumber mill. Schools were segregated. There were two small movie houses. No television. It cost 25 cents to go to the movie on Saturday. Teenagers did not drive cars. Music was played on 78 records - no CD's and everyone listened to the radio. Not everyone had phones. To make a long distance call, one had to go to ACS building and use that phone. Small dairy stood near where Marie Drake school is now.

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### **Leonty in Sitka - 11:41am Mar 1, 2001 (#3 of 12)**

*My Interview with Alice(my grandma)*

My grandam is 69 years old.

1. There were a lot of people in Sitka.
2. Her dad was a fisherman and her mom sold the fish.
3. My grandam did all the chores there is to do.
4. Play different kind of games.
5. My grandam only had the beach to play at.

6. My grandam lived in Juneau, Hookah, and now here in Sitka.

7. My grandam still lives here because she got married.

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#### **Ryder in Sitka - 11:57am Mar 1, 2001 (#4 of 12)**

*My interview with Ann (my moms friend)*

1. There was about four thousand people.
  2. Her father was a carpenter and then he became a Sitka Building Inspector. Her mother stayed at home while her siblings and her were young then she became a 2nd grade teacher.
  3. Her chores were to clean the house and pick salmon berries.
  4. A few things she liked to do when she was little was to play on the beach, build forts in the woods, and ride bikes.
  5. Her favorite places to play were on the beach, in the woods, and swimming in the ocean.
  6. She lived at 1307 Halibut Point Road just down the hill from Verstovia school.
  7. The reason she stayed in Sitka was because she loves it and she thinks it's a good place to raise her children.
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#### **Margot in Sitka - 12:03pm Mar 1, 2001 (#5 of 12)**

*Sitka's Past*

My name is Margot and I'm from Sitka. When my elder Leslie was a kid there were about 5,000 people living in Sitka. Her mother was a waitress and her father was a worker at the pulp mill. For chores she had to wash the dishes (without a dishwasher) and take out the garbage. She played in the woods and at the beach, but her favorite place was Sandy Beach, because she lived across the street from it. Leslie stayed in Sitka because it is a safe, small place to raise her kids.

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#### **Seth in Sitka - 01:14pm Mar 1, 2001 (#6 of 12)**

*Old Sitka*

There were about 6,500 people in the 1960s. Ruths' dad worked as a long shore man and her mom worked at home. The chores Ruth did as a small child were to set the table. But when she was in high school she cleared garbage, burned trash and chopped wood. What Ruth did to have fun was girl scouts, summer camp and go to a friends house. Ruth lived on Park Street. In school the activities were recess, PE, singing and band. Ruth stayed in Sitka because she doesn't like big cities and it is beautiful here.

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### **Jordan in Sitka - 01:14pm Mar 1, 2001 (#7 of 12)**

*Jordan my interveiw with Brent*

1. About how many people lived in Sitka when you were a kid?

I'm not sure but a lot more than now.

2. What did your parents do for work?

My dad was a fisherman.

3. What kinds of chores did you have as a child?

I helped my dad fish.

4. What did you and your friends do for fun?

We played outside a lot because there was no video games or TV.

5. Tell me about your favorite place to play.

My favorite place to play was the beaches.

6. Where exactly did you live?

I lived on New Archangle St.

7. Why did you stay in Sitka as an adult?

It is home, and all my friends live here.

8. How is Sitka different now?

- A lot more people
  - More houses
  - No McDonalds
  - The Cellar was a grocery store.
  - Lake Side was where the car store is now.
  - The Post Office was down town.
  - No cruise ships came here.
  - No Crecent Harbor
  - No bridge
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### **Caitlin in Sitka - 01:15pm Mar 1, 2001 (#8 of 12)**

*Sitka Now and Sitka Then*

When my mom, Lesa was a kid they had about 5,000 people witch was about 45 years ago. Her dad was a carpenter and her mom was a homemaker that is a person who stays home and takes care of the kids. For chores every night her and her two brothers would do the dishes after dinner. For fun her and her friends would just play outside. Her favorite place to go was Sand hill and Mermaid cove. She lived near what is now Sealing cove. She came back to Sitka after collage and raised her kids.

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### **Braden in Sitka - 01:15pm Mar 1, 2001 (#9 of 12)**

*My Interveiw With Rich*

In old Sitka there were about 3,500 people. Rich's dad was a Longshoreman. The ships came in & he unloaded them..... food, fish, fuel, freight and lumber. Rich's chores included emptying

garbage, chopping fire wood, burning the trash, hauling water, setting the table and keeping his room clean. Rich lived on Cannon Island and they played everywhere on it... Cowboys & Indians, Pirates and they also had a rowboat. They had a cabin and went swimming. His favorite place to play was Pirate's Cove. He still lives on Cannon Island because he likes it here. Rich was the first baby born in the SJ Infirmary. Before that, all babies were born at the Salvation Army.

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#### **Zach in Sitka - 01:15pm Mar 1, 2001 (#10 of 12)**

##### *old Sitka*

My mom is 51 years old. She grew up in Wrangell, but has lived in Sitka for about 20 years. About 2,000 people lived Wrangell when my mom was a girl. My grandam was a housewife, she cooked and cleaned and took care of 7 kids. Grandpa was a fisherman and a hunter. My mom's chores at home was to wash the dishes and clean her bedroom. She and her brothers and sisters liked to play marbles and hide and seek, and kick the can. My mom and her brothers and sister's favorite place to play was in the woods. My mom lived in town by the post office in Wrangell. Cause my mom liked it in Sitka and so did my dad.

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#### **Aleasha in Sitka - 01:16pm Mar 1, 2001 (#11 of 12)**

##### *My interview with an Elder*

There were about 9000 people in Sitka, the guy I interviewed was Daivd Loogan. My mom worked at cascade, my dad worked at the Sawmill. When I was a child I had to clean the house, wash the clothes, and washed the windows outside. He also had to watch his brothers and sisters. Me and my friends usually go swimming, bike riding, went to the beach, and played kick the can. When school was out they usually went to an old run down canery and a place were nobody knows. Well me and my family lived in Sitka, it was a two story house, it was across from Monastary street. Why I liked Sitka, because it was beatiful back then. Did you see the World War 2? Know but we were ready to hide. Is your mother the girl oh seen the World War 2? Yes she did and she taped half of it because she was hit but not to hard, she is still alive she is 89 years old, my dad is dead know hard feelings now please! Sincerly Aleasha

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#### **Henry in Juneau - 02:01pm Mar 2, 2001 (#12 of 12)**

##### *life from the perspective of a tlingit during the gold rush*

It is very cold in the small log cabin that me and my family lives in. I know that the white people have "comfortable" heaters, but I don't mind, the fire is enough for me. Those white people are evil. In the schoolhouses that they just built a month ago that they make us go to they have white people who hit us if we try and speak our own language. Also, they teach us things we don't understand, then say " That's too bad" to us. Yes, those white people are evil. They are all after this metal called gold, and they are vicious and will kill people in order to get it. they have these evil fire shooting sticks that you can't keep from being killed if they point it at you, itis so fast.

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## Village in the Past: South Central (Wasilla)

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There was no discussion about what life in this region was like in the past.

## Village in the Past: **Western (Naknek, Nome, Wales, Diomede)**

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### **Lisa in Wales - 03:41pm Feb 20, 2001 (#1 of 13)**

*Life in the old days in Wales, Alaska*

hi,

1. They used to speak inupiaq no we speak English now only some people.
  2. They hunted. now we go to the store or hunt.
  3. They used dog sleds or boats . now we use snow machines or hondas but some kids let their dogs pull them on their sleds.
  4. In the old days they had local midwives or they prayed for people to get better from their sicknesses.
  5. They believed in god and Eskimo dancing.
  6. The TV. changed the life here in Wales.
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### **Katie in Wales - 03:55pm Feb 21, 2001 (#2 of 13)**

*Katie in Wales*

- 1.not inupiaq we now speak English.
  - 2.they use to hunt,fish and gather berries.
  - 3.they would travel by dogsled and boat.
  - 4.they used midwives for sickness
  - 5.eskimo dancing and god (church)
  - 6.t.v because the kids and some aldults just stay home sometime and watch t.v and not go church.
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**Clarence in Wales - 01:13pm Feb 22, 2001 (#3 of 13)**

*hi*

1. They used to speak inupiaq but now we speak english
2. They hunt but now we hunt,pick, and shop.
3. They used dogsleds and skin boats but now we use four wheelers,snow machines,and boats.
4. They had mid wives now there's the clinic.
5. There belief was God and the tradition was Eskimo dancing. YES.
6. Tv changed our life from the past.

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**Ashley in Wales - 07:40pm Feb 22, 2001 (#4 of 13)**

*Past and present*

The language that most people spok in Wales was Inupiaq. Today, only the older people still speak Inupiaq and everyone else speaks English. It used to be that people had to hunt, fish, and gather food for their families. Now people can buy food at the store. In the past people used sled dogs and boats. Now people get around by four wheelers, snow machines and walking. It used to be that people would get help from the mid wives and pray a lot when people got sick. Now, people can go to the clinic or go to the hospital in Nome. We also have a doctor and dentist that come and visit twice a year. In the old days people had a bigger belief in god, everyone Eskimo danced, all the boys hunted, and all of the girls learned to sew and gather food. Today some people still hunt, lots of people are dancing again, but lots of the other things have changed. Since back then, the store has gotten much bigger.

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**Nancy Dean - 08:28am Feb 25, 2001 (#5 of 13)**

**Justin in Diomede**

A long time ago we only spoke Inupiaqu and now we only speak English. When I was three days old me and my mom crashed between Little Diomede and Wales, AK. I am 10 years old and I got one brother and three sisters. This my dad caught his first 2 polar bears in one night at 4:15 am and a few hours later at 6:00 am they caught anuter bear. We seal hunt in boat, walk, snowmachine. Now to buy we go to the store. When my Ahna Dora was small they go to Wales and Nome by boat. Now that we go by chopper.

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**Nancy Dean - 08:30am Feb 25, 2001 (#6 of 13)**

**Dawn in Diomede**

Dear Students, In the past we use to speak Inupiaq but we do not speak in Inupiaq we start to speak in English now. Some people speak Inupiaq but most people speak English. Good bye,

Dawn

Nancy Dean - 08:34am Feb 25, 2001 (#7 of 13)

**Bobbi in Diomede**

Dear Students,

We spoke Inupiaq in Diomede.  
We speak in English now.  
We hunted ring seal for food.  
We buy food from the store and we still hunt.  
We transportation of dog team.  
We go in a chopper or airplane now.  
We take of our family.  
We go to the clinic or hospital.  
We Eskimo danced.  
Sometimes we don't Eskimo dance now.  
Our grandparents don't change their beliefs.  
I share a Nintendo at my house.

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Nancy Dean - 08:37am Feb 25, 2001 (#8 of 13)

**Gabe, Jr. in Diomede**

Dear Students,

We spoke in Inupiaq in Diomede. Now we speak English. We used to hunt walrus. Now we buy and hunt. We used to use skin boat now we use tin and skin boats. We use for mail chopper. Every year the nurse comes if we were injured. We always have medicine. We told stories and Eskimo dancing. We still Eskimo dance.

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Nancy Dean - 08:49am Feb 25, 2001 (#9 of 13)

**Opik in Diomede**

1. Inupiaq was originally spoken in Diomede.
2. English is spoken by most here now. Those over 45 still speak Inupiaq.
3. Seasonal subsistence hunting/gathering for food in the past.
4. Now people have part-time/full-time jobs or welfare for income.
5. In the late spring and summer transportation to the mainland was by skinboat.
5. In the summer and fall now there is the helicopter. In the winter and spring there are airplanes that land on the ice in the ocean.
6. In the 1950's the village depended on the teachers (only 2) or priest, the Little Sisters of Jesus, Elderly people were responsible for medical care in the past.
7. Now, Community Health Aides are here all the time. Public Health nurse visits Diomede, Once a year the dentist and eye doctor visits. If something serious happens appointments are set up in Nome or Anchorage.
8. Traditionally there were Eskimo Dancing and Eskimo Games. Some of these traditions continue today.

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**Delta in Naknek - 06:59pm Feb 26, 2001 (#10 of 13)**

*The Past*

My mom said that they always had to walk to school. They had no TV's instead they went to drive in theaters. There were no computers or cordless phones!

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**Timmy in Naknek - 07:00pm Feb 26, 2001 (#11 of 13)**

*difference*

My mom had animals to feed before she went to school. In the summer she had vegetables and fruit to pick. She used to pick raspberries and sell them. She also water-skied every summer. And she didn't have home computers or Nintendo.

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## Village in the Past: Interior (Healy, North Pole, Bettles)

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### Danielle in Bettles - 02:04pm Feb 23, 2001 (#4 of 6)

*Was Up*

My name is Danielle, but I go by Dani. I was born in 1985. I like sports, reading, computers, and things like that. I live in Bettles. Bettles is located about 250 miles north of Fairbanks. We are just over 30 miles from the Arctic Circle. The population of our town is around 40. In our school, there are 13 students. There is only one other in my grade. I have 5 sisters and 1 brother. My oldest sister is in Washington D.C. for the senate page program.

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### Johnnie in Bettles - 02:16pm Feb 23, 2001 (#5 of 6)

*Hello*

Mostly people speak english. They hunt or buy food from the store they still do that now. Mostly medicine man would pray or do something now there are no more of medicine men or anything like that. Now there are village health aids. Allot of things have changed Athabascan beliefs are kind of the same but they don't use much. there has been alot of changes here there never used to snowmachins or trucks even planes. The only transportation is dogs overland in winter and boat in summer

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### Austin in North Pole - 02:43pm Mar 20, 2001 (#8 of 9)

Hi my name is Austin and this is my village in the past story. In the past we did not have the shopping mall that we do now. Their was not a Pizza hut or a Wendy's. there was no Mc Donalds or a bank. There was no gas stations all their was was a yellow blinking light and a market basket that was what my teacher said. There was not very much in door pluming 25 years ago.

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### Quin in North Pole - 02:43pm Mar 20, 2001 (#9 of 9)

*The Past*

I do not no very much about my past. But that I no That we did not have any firestasens and Wendy's,McDonald's or ToacBell and there onley was a suppermarket.

## Village in the Past: Far North (Point Hope)

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### Henrietta in Point Hope - 02:03pm Feb 23, 2001 (#1 of 4)

*Henrietta in Point Hope*

At old town side they used to have native doctors during child hood. They speak Inupiaq. They lived a subsistence way of life. Today they have a big store with everything you need. But the main foods are caribou, seal, fish, ducks, walrus, and whale. In the old days the only transportation was dog team. Today there is honda, snow machine, cars and airplanes.

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### Gus in Point Hope - 03:30pm Feb 23, 2001 (#2 of 4)

*Gus in point hope*

In old town side they hade 150 people and know they have 800 people in Point Hope.

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### Frances in Point Hope - 12:23pm Mar 2, 2001 (#3 of 4)

*a day in the past*

on the old town site there was lost's of grass and bug's. Along time ago they used to use wooden houes's wiht wahe bones. and seal's wiht seal oil. they use to make seal boats out of skin. they use sickpun to make fire or to put in the stove and that is wahle blubber.

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### Wayne in Point Hope - 05:34pm Mar 2, 2001 (#4 of 4)

*A day in the past by Wayne Hawley*

What were sod houses made? They made sod houses with the whale bone, the sod {tundra}, and the drift wood. The long entrance was made with whale bones {for frame} and sod. Inside the house made with drift wood for walls and floor. The entire house outside was covered with tundra. People don't live in sod houses any more. But I have been inside an unoccupied sod house.

## Week 4: "Village in the Future"

What do you think your village (or Alaska) will be like in 20 years? What do you wish it would be like? What do you think will change? What do you think will stay the same?

**Luke in Healy - 02:22pm Feb 26, 2001 (#1 of 42)**

I think it will be the same because it is only 20 years away. I mean I would be 30 years old. That is not that old.

**Danielle in North Pole - 02:23pm Feb 26, 2001 (#2 of 42)**

Hi my name is Dani in North Pole,  
And I think the North Pole will not be the same becuase my mom might be ded in 20 years. Does  
any pepole have a mom at their school that helps?

**Charlene in Wales - 02:23pm Feb 26, 2001 (#3 of 42)**

*Village in the future:*

I think that Wales will be different in twenty years. There might be running water in everybody's home. Maybe people won't need to use honeybuckets anymore. I think that the school will still be the same, but the teachers will be different. Maybe some of the people that live here will leave and new people will move in. I think that there will be new kids that I won't know. I think that maybe the store will be bigger. I bet there will be even more kids. I can't think of anything else.

**Dom in Juneau - 01:44pm Feb 27, 2001 (#4 of 42)**

[illegible]

I think that in 20 years Juneau will be rich. Everybody will be getting a 500,000 dollar dividend. That would be cool. I think that Juneau will get a lot of buildings and a lot of tourists from all around the world. I don't think this will happen but, I wish that Juneau would have hover crafts. I wish that Alaska would not be connected to Russia ever.

**Peter in Juneau - 01:46pm Feb 27, 2001 (#5 of 42)**

*In twenty years*

In 20 years Juneau will be really really big \$500,000 dividend from the state and there will be lots of buildings on Douglas and Mt. Roberts and there will be a road to Skagway and a road to Atland BC.

I think there will be half a million people in Juneau and the gold mines will be updated and used again. In the far far far future I don't really think this but I think Alaska and Russia will be connected and people will live under water.

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**Zach in Juneau - 01:46pm Feb 27, 2001 (#6 of 42)**

*Juneau In the Future*

I think Juneau is going to be pretty much the same because Juneau doesn't have that much population so things won't really change. I wish Juneau would be as big as San Francisco because they have good stores and good malls so I could get better clothes. I think Juneau will stay the same by all the trees because we have so many trees so I don't think they will be all gone in twenty years. I think Juneau will be different because it will START to grow so it will be a little bit bigger so we might have more people living here. I don't want Alaska to turn into a place that is full of junk because then it would lose its beauty.

In 100 hundred years I would expect Juneau to have big sky scrapers and have hovering cars and I would like that because we could fly places and just buy gas so we don't have to buy airplane tickets and waste our money. I would like one of those sky scrapers to be a BIG sports arena where I could play professional soccer. I think that Juneau would be awesome if we could wear spacesuits and we could have jet packs so we could fly around and see how big Juneau is. If Juneau was this big it would lose all its beauty but it would be so fun because we can fly and ride hovering cars and look really funny in spacesuits. Juneau is very good right now but I would also like it like this. If Juneau was like that right now I wouldn't like it because Juneau is great for outdoors and hikes so if it was that big we would lose all our trails and all our trees because they would have to cut all of them down and if we did this Juneau would look like New York. But if Juneau was that big I hope we would try to save some of the trees and preserve them in a plenty place

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**Peter in Juneau - 01:48pm Feb 27, 2001 (#7 of 42)**

*In twenty years*

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I think there will be half a million people in Juneau and the gold mines will be updated and used again. In the far far future I don't really think this but I think Alaska and Russia will be connected and people will live under water.

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**Henry in Juneau - 01:49pm Feb 27, 2001 (#8 of 42)**

*What will Juneau be like?*

I think that in 20 years Juneau will be a very rich city, with a lot of mansions and rich people. There won't be any poor people, because the city and borough will do such a good job taking care of the citizens. The schools will do an extra good job, so Juneau will be the city with the highest I.Q. average. You wouldn't have to pay for putting your kid in school, so school would be free. Juneau would also have all the sports, Pro and college. We would have the tallest buildings, ( the highest 10 buildings, anyway) and the dividend would be huge. We would have the three richest people in the world, so all in all Juneau would be the richest city. By then, Alaska

would have led a revolution, so it would be a country. We would have a really powerful army, and lots of special forces. There would be a gigantic air force, with lots of high-tech aircraft. Our best pilots would have originally been bush pilots, and we would be trained for bad weather, so all the other people would be really afraid to fight us in bad weather so we wouldn't have to have any wars. Then, our army and marine and stuff people would learn to recycle. that way, there wouldn't even be any pollution. There would be huge animal reserves, and people wouldn't have to hunt, because we would have the prices for food extra low, and even pop would only be 50 cents. That way, everything would be extra cheap. There would be alot of malls, too. There wouldn't be any currency, so people could just walk into a store and pick up what they want and walk out. The population would be low because the weather isn't so good, even though the cost of living would be in the minuses.( that's because that the dividend is so high, and we don't have to pay any money at all.) We would have really good movies, too.  
-Henry!

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#### **Chase in Juneau - 01:50pm Feb 28, 2001 (#11 of 42)**

*In Twenty Years.....*

In Twenty years I think Juneau will not be the Capital of Alaska. I think that Anchorage will be the Capital. I think that there will be about 20 more ferrys. There will probably have another high school in Juneau. They will have another swimming pool. There will be population will be a smaller population of 100 people.

Dreams:

There will be road to El Dorado from Juneau. Atlantis will not be under water. there will be malls in El Dorado. There will be no school in Juneau. SCHOOLS OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! and nobody will listen to and old music or Elvis. and a floting road to Hawia

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#### **Katelyn in Juneau - 01:50pm Feb 28, 2001 (#12 of 42)**

In 20 years is think that Juneau wont be much different except for more high tech stuff and bigger malls. Thats what I think will happen in Juneau in Juneau.

What I wish will happen to Juneau in 20 years is Juneau will have the biggest mall in the world. I also think that the Lock Ness monster will be found and more of them will come. I also wish there will be a floating bridge to Hawaii.

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#### **Kristen in Juneau - 01:52pm Feb 28, 2001 (#13 of 42)**

*Juneau in 20, 100 years and what I wish it were like.*

In 20 years I think that Juneau will have a bigger population, more malls and bigger stores. I think that Juneau will have more and bigger movie theaters and another pool. I think that there will be bigger schools.

I wish that in 20 years we will have a bigger recreation pool, a bigger swim team, Alaska will be its own country. I wish that there will be a big enough big to drive to Hawaii. I wish it will be warmer, sunier and more beaches.

In a hundred years I think Juneau is going to be so messed up I can't explain it.

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**Josh in Juneau - 11:36am Mar 1, 2001 (#14 of 42)**

*JUNEAU IN THE FUTURE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

Hi my name is Josh I think Juneau will be like this in the Furture 20 years from Know I think I think that the population will triple and there will be 90,000 people in Juneau And there will be a lot more bulidings, Hotels, and restrant. I also think that The wildlife will cut down so much that there will be onley 100 Moose deer and Carobiou left. Plus the ocean will be polluted so we would not fish so we would have to deped on the other citys so we could have food. That is how I think it will be

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**Sydney in Juneau - 11:36am Mar 1, 2001 (#15 of 42)**

*Juneau in 20 years*

20 years from now in Juneau I think there will be the same amount of people and a lot more trees. I think the glicars will really small but not gone. I hope there will be better stores in the two malls that we have.

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**Hanna in Juneau - 11:36am Mar 1, 2001 (#16 of 42)**

*Hanna in Juneau*

In the future I think that Juneau will have a water park. And an ice skating rink where you can ice skate all year around. And Juneau will have lots of new restaurants in the mall like MD,DQ,Taco Bell and Wendys. A new gigantic candy shop just for kids. And kids would be gifted to make magic and get money for free.

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**Henry in Juneau - 11:37am Mar 1, 2001 (#17 of 42)**

*Henry; dreams in 100 years.*

My Dreams: I hope that in 100 years, the U.S. will have pioneered space travel, to the point where there will be hyperdrive, and a spacecraft would be relatively inexpensive. I also hope the ages for driving will be lowered, so I could drive at my age, and instead of worrying that tour tires will pop, you would be worrying that the levitator system in your land speeder wouldn't stop working. I hope there will be laser blasters, and lightsabers. I hope I would be able to get mandalorian armor( boba-fett type armor) and go to "Coruscant", a city-planet that is entirely made up of one city, and has hundreds of thousands of stories. I think it would be really cool if the glaxy would be like that. I'm sorry I haven't really talked about Juneau, but I think that by then it would either have entirely disappeared, or gotten huge, with a population of 1,000,000 people, also aliens. Man, I'm dreaming! I think that there would be three classes of people: not very many INCREDIBLY rich, a gigantic amount of middle class, and trillions of billions of millions of very poor. It's not that I WANT to have lots of poor people, it's just more realistic. I hope my descendants have good luck, and are rich.  
Henry!

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**Aysha in Juneau - 11:37am Mar 1, 2001 (#18 of 42)**

*20 years from Aysha in Juneau*

People: In 20 years I think it will be almost the same but some stores and places and where people live will be different. There will be more stores and hopefully more malls. I wish it would have better stores than it does now. And I also wish that Juneau won't be very big.

From Aysha In Juneau

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**Azure in Juneau - 11:37am Mar 1, 2001 (#19 of 42)**

*WHAT I THINK JUNEAU WILL LOOK LIKE IN TWENTY YEAR*

I think that Juneau will have lots more electronics and moters and different equiment. Other than that I think that Juneau and all of Alaska will be thae same.

SINCERLY,  
Azure

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**Chris in Juneau - 11:37am Mar 1, 2001 (#20 of 42)**

*in 20 years (and a hundred)*

I 20 years I think that there will be a big ice rink and an Alaska hockey team called the Bears. Also I will be playing on the Colorado, Avalanche team and Wayne Gretzky will be back and him and me will be best friends and we'll be on the best team together.

your south east friend(that loves hockey),  
Chris in Juneau

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**Kaya in Juneau - 11:38am Mar 1, 2001 (#21 of 42)**

*In 100 or 20 years*

In 100 years I think people will travel by cars that will fly and every thing will be up side down. In 20 years I think it will look the same.

In 20 years i wish that horses and donkeys will rome wild so you can cath 1 and bring it home.

In 100 years i wish i would still be alive and i will be a champion chip donkey rider race.

yoyo good bye,  
kaya

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**Sammie in Juneau - 11:38am Mar 1, 2001 (#22 of 42)**

*The Future In Juneau Is.....*

I think in 20 years I think Juneau will be the same but more stores like Old Navy and Macies and Jcpenny again and Chuckie Chesse and more high tech equipment. I think that we will have a road to Haines

In 100 years I think we will have a WAtter Park in the mall and will have a giant mall.

your little angel  
Sammie

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**Bridget in Juneau - 11:38am Mar 1, 2001 (#23 of 42)**

*What will be the future in Juneau?  
In 20 years*

I think that Juneau will be different in 20 years, because I think there will be hover crafts, a jet that can take you any where In the world in just seconds.

I wish that everybody will get a 9000000000,0000000000000,000000000000000,000000 dividend and the old gold mine will be back in process.

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**Eric in Juneau - 11:38am Mar 1, 2001 (#24 of 66)**

**In 20 years**

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I wish that everybody will get a 9000000000,0000000000000,000000000000000,000000 dividend and the old gold mine will be back in process.

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**Hannah in Juneau - 11:39am Mar 1, 2001 (#25 of 42)**

*Hannah's imagined future*

In 20 years I think Juneau will be rich and more people will live here. In think there will be a mall 5 stories high and it will have escalators for each floor. The malls will have lots of stores like, a cheep Macy's, McDonalds, Sentements, big screen movies, and a gigiantic candy store for kids. You will say "open sesame" and magically appear in Hawaii. You will be able to surf down a volcanoe without it erupting. Rocks will eatable, and thay will taste like gummyworms!

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**Kyra in Juneau - 11:40am Mar 1, 2001 (#26 of 42)**

I think that juneau will be thea same because I will only be 30 that not old.but I wish that I wish in 100 years the malls would have big skrean moves that you would not have to pay for.candy store,a body works store.The mall would be 100 story'sBy

**Veronica in Juneau - 11:40am Mar 1, 2001 (#27 of 42)**

*Juneau in 20 years*

I think Juneau in 20 will be the same as right now. I wish that Juneau will not make another worse drug than ciggars so no more people will die. I also wish that Juneau will not be surrounded by water and there will be a road going to different places.

VERONICA

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**Brad in Juneau - 11:39am Mar 1, 2001 (#28 of 42)**

*what I think Juneau will look like in 100*

In 100 years I think Juneau will look like a space port and the cars will be hover machine kind-of cars. You would be able to drive your car through the Pacific Ocean to Hawaii in about 2 seconds. there will be warp travel instead of planes.

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**Leonty in Sitka - 01:15pm Mar 1, 2001 (#29 of 42)**

*The Future*

I think Sitka will have more buildings and jobs. I also think my grandma will be dead in 20 years. I wish robots will be in the future to do stuff for people. Then I think everything else will stay the same.

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**Leonty in Sitka - 01:16pm Mar 1, 2001 (#30 of 42)**

*The Future*

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**Emily in Juneau - 01:16pm Mar 1, 2001 (#31 of 42)**

*Wuzup?*

I think Juneau will have more trees and less animals in 20 years. I think there will be a bigger population of people. I think there will be more roads. I think there will be a road out of Juneau to Skagway. I also think there will be more schools.

I wish that there will be more malls and more pets.

In 100 years, I think there will be a lot of old people. I think there will be less of the glaciers and more land, and more fish.

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**Vance in Juneau - 01:18pm Mar 1, 2001 (#32 of 42)**

*back to the future...*

I think Juneau will be older in 20 years. I will be 30 years old in 20 years. I think they would invent new stuff like a new scooter. You would have to do nothing to it but it would go automatically. I think there will be more people here. I think there would be different clothes and different brands of clothes. I think there will be new malls.

I wish there would be a go-cart for everyone in Juneau so everyone can drive around and have fun.

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**Brittany in Juneau - 11:03am Mar 2, 2001 (#33 of 42)**

*North to the future!*

I don't think that in 20 years we will have hover cars Because it seems impossible that they could find gas or make gas that was strong enough to make cars hover. I think in 20 years the rainforest will be mostly cut down. I think in 20 years Juneau will be not much different except for 20 years will have passed.

I wish that in Juneau things fell from the sky that you wanted. I think that would be really cool.

In 100 years I'd be 111 years old. I think Alaska would be a much bigger place with more people. I think there would be twice as many tourists because they'd find a new gold mine and there would be more homesteaders.

In 200 years they will have probably have found about 500 new species of animals. I think the glaciers will have moved or melted. I wish I was still alive in 200 years.

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**Nancy Dean - 08:09am Mar 3, 2001 (#34 of 42)**

**Gabe in Diomedes**

Dear Students,

The store will be old i twenty years. Maybe all the houses and store will be nice and new in twenty years. Nancy will change in twenty years. Nancy will be almost in her seventies. In twenty years the school will be bigger. In twenty years there's going to be more teachers.

In twenty years there's going to be more play dough. In twenty years there's going to be more houses and more people. In twenty years there's going to be more pizza. In twenty years there's going to get internet. In twenty years there's going to be more mice.

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**Nancy Dean - 08:14am Mar 3, 2001 (#35 of 42)**

**Justin in Diomedes**

Dear Students,

I think there will be new houses in 2021, and a bigger store out here, and more Eskimo language out here.

I wish that they could make a bigger gym and more bikes, and more ice a year. I think Diomedes needs is a ice cream maker and more pop. I hope they get more snowmachines, more Eskimo dancing, more teachers because if we get a bigger school we would need more

teachers. I want the teachers to be local teachers becaouse they understand local things better like the birds, walrus, seals, whales, Eskimo dancing.  
I hope it dousn't change, I like it how it is.

I wnat a movie theater and pizza restaurant. Now we don't have any restaurants. In 20 years I think there will be one.

Good Bye. The End.

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Nancy Dean - 08:17am Mar 3, 2001 (#36 of 42)

### **Dawn in Diomedes**

Dear Students,

I would think the store got more bigger and more food and pop, candy, juice and in twenty yeare I will be an adult. By thime in twenty years and it will not be no more trash around on the ground and it will be lots of fun.

I wish there was a restaurant to have pizza and soda pop, all kinds of food and I would like it to be yummy to me.

I think the Mexican teachers can come to speak Spanish with us.

The clinic will not change and washateria will not change, but the houses will change. We will have showers at home.

See you later

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**Loren in Healy - 01:56pm Mar 6, 2001 (#37 of 42)**

*Loren in Healy*

I think Healy will be different. I think there will be a new ice rink. Mabey even a skate park. We will probelly have a new gas station.

**Miranda in Juneau - 01:14pm Mar 7, 2001 (#38 of 42)**

*the future*

In 20 years I think Juneau will be nice and sunny. And there will be green grass and flowers. I think there will be less people because people will move away to Las Vegas because they like it there. I wish there would be lots of snow and sun and rainbows in Juneau in 20 years.

In 100 years I think people will be crippled because they will be so old. There will be leaves on the trees, and chipmunks and birds and eggs. I think Juneau will be the same.

In the future, I wish it wouldn't be so dark in the winter.

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**Katie in Wales - 12:58pm Mar 9, 2001 (#39 of 42)**

*village in the future*

I think wales will get better roads in few years and have bigger houses.and a bigger gym too.

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**Brad in Juneau - 12:11pm Mar 15, 2001 (#40 of 42)**

*My dream...*

I wish thate there will be NO paloshon,air,water or land. and NO wars thate way some kids will have a chance to see theayer dads. And beer wold have never ben envented so there wold be no car acedences coes of dronck driving. And NO derogs ether. But School will still be arawnd becose if it wasent other kids hoe arnt born yet wownte become domdoms cose there wasent School to tech theme.

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**Alan in Sitka - 12:11pm Mar 15, 2001 (#41 of 42)**

*Alan in Sitka*

I wish that there are cars that float in the air. And I hope that there are high tec material.

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**Chelsea in North Pole - 02:42pm Mar 20, 2001 (#45 of 66)**

**FUTURE!!!!**

I hope in 20 years there will be longer Summer Vacation and Spring Vacation. There can be some school but not as much. I also hope there won't be so much snow. I don't really like it. And more warm weather. That is what I wish!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**Danielle in North Pole - 02:42pm Mar 20, 2001 (#46 of 66)**

**Past**

I think that the world will change. The buses will be a lot faster and sdeader. Time could go relay fast and the schools might be changed. My sister might be learning to drive and that is scary. Are realigens might change that's ok.

Dani

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**Dane in North Pole - 02:43pm Mar 20, 2001 (#47 of 66)**

**Future**

I wish the school will not homework. And no school work. And only recess. And only luch. I wis that allthis hapened in 20 year.

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**A.J. in North Pole - 02:44pm Mar 20, 2001 (#48 of 66)**

**What I think will happen in North Pole.**

Well I most likely think we have a highway lots get killed in car recks but i think they might even put a highway bridge where you can come out and instead of getting you hit by a nother car you can look and see if there is anybody coming and I also think we might have our schools fixed up so they won't be all messed up. And maybe we might have hovver cars.

Thats what I hope we have they are cool and also what I really like to do is meet new kids so I hope we have kids all over the world come see our stats and meet me and others to. It would be nice to see others from diffrent countries and states and maybe even some one from china and also what I hope will happen is to learn diffrent language. I've mettin some kids i know a girl from Japan. She brot a movie of Japan it fillmed Japan they have big sellebrashins and also what I hope in the future is I hope we have motter sikells that can go up two 150 and huger bildings that had elevaters.

That would be super cool and ramps on the bildings I also hope we have a thieter in North Pole and malls and zipzaps and a huge mall in fairbanks and it is called K-Mart and Sams club and kinda big is Fred Myers and so and so they are all cool there are more but I can't quit think of them right know but it was fun sharing my ideas with all you and know I have to go bye.

Oh P.S. I hope we have way beter roads and pools and also hovvering snowboards well hope you'r idea would work.

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**Carolyn in North Pole - 05:52pm Mar 20, 2001 (#49 of 66)**

**North Pole in the future**

In 20 years from now I wish that they would build an arcade or an amusement park... now that would be fun! I also wish that some how people will come up with a car that doesn't have wheels and ran on solar power! Why? Because the cars that we are driving today are polluting our atmosphere. I also wish that doctors could find a way to cure deadly deseizes and sicknesses that people have been dying from. I also wish we had better stores, restraunts and swimming pools. It would be very nice if we had a comic shop or a movie theatre in North Pole. I think that maybe in 20 years from now North Pole might have better jobs so that our parents don't have to drive for about 30 minutes to an hour just to get to and from work. I also wish people wouldn't litter as much as they do around here. Even though North Pole is a nice place, I think that it could be better. Bye!

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**Austin in North Pole - 03:41pm Mar 22, 2001 (#51 of 66)**

Hi my name is Austin in the future I think North Pole will have flying cars. And a water slide and A space shudle lountch site.Hopefualy there will be a monarile and a theme park.

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**Peter in Sitka - 12:21pm Apr 5, 2001 (#52 of 66)**

**Sitka of the Future**

At the rate the population is reducing here in Sitka we may not have much of a town in a few years. Down here in SE AK. we are becoming dependant on the cruise ships. Lately one of the larger cruise lines pulled out of Haines, and some people there are freaking about money! Because we live in such a beautiful area and it is clean, and safe, people will probably always want to come here. It will probably grow in the next 20 years, but not a whole lot. I don't think it will double. First of all it takes a special kind of person to live in Alaska, and secondly there isn't much to do here to make money unless you start a company or you can fish. There will be a few new businesses; restaurants and maybe a bigger grocery store. The water bottling company will change the place some, but not a lot.

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**Margot in Sitka - 12:21pm Apr 5, 2001 (#53 of 66)**

Margot in Sitka

I think that in twenty years we will have a way to use solar power instead of electricity and there will be more electric cars so we wouldn't use as much fuel.

I think that in twenty years people will invent some kind of machine that makes candy and soda and snacks .

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**Braden in Sitka - 12:21pm Apr 5, 2001 (#54 of 66)**

Twenty years ahead from now

In twenty years I think there will be more buildings in Sitka and a lot less wildlife. More businesses will open and with more buildings comes more pollution.

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**Aleasha in Sitka - 12:22pm Apr 5, 2001 (#56 of 66)**

Aleasha in Sitka

In 20 years I think there is going to be alot of theaters, malls, and stores. There will be more population here in Sitka because there will be alot of shops.

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**Gabi in Sitka - 12:22pm Apr 5, 2001 (#57 of 66)**

**What it will be in the future**

In the future I hope there will be more land.

so when there will be more malls and stores. More lakes and lots more animals. So every thing will be a lot cheaper. There would be more schools. More people will come to Sitka.

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**Twila in Sitka - 12:22pm Apr 5, 2001 (#59 of 66)**

**no drugs!**

I wish that there would be no more drugs and alcohol. If I were the president of the whole Earth I would arrest all the people who made drugs and used drugs alcohol. But anyways, the war against drugs is starting to go down.

Sincerely your friend,  
Twila.

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**Zach in Sitka - 12:23pm Apr 5, 2001 (#61 of 66)**

**In 20 Years - Sitka**

In 20 years, Sitka will have more buildings. There will also be more people. The wildlife will be less. There will be more pollution. There will be less fish because there will be too many fishermen. Hopefully there will be more technology and more money for the schools. There will be less trees. In 20 years I will be a millionaire.

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**Lori in Sitka - 12:23pm Apr 5, 2001 (#63 of 66)**

**Impact in Sitka!**

Will Sitka get impacted with drugs? Maybe Sitka will get so much drugs that stores will be filled up with drugs, I don't want that to happen. There should be no drugs in the world! your friend, Lori!

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**Caitlin in Sitka - 12:24pm Apr 5, 2001 (#65 of 66)**

**Caitlin in Sitka**

I think in twenty years people will invent boats that don't pollute the ocean and if people can't invent that they should make a better way to hold oil so there won't be that many oil spills.

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**Jordan in Sitka - 12:24pm Apr 5, 2001 (#66 of 66)**

**Jordan in Sitka**

In twenty years I hope that there is no more communism in China. I hope the Chinese will bring back the US crew of about twenty this year.

I think that the F-22 will be replaced by a faster and more powerful jet in twenty years. The US will probably have better technology.

Computers will be faster and tapes will be replaced by CDs.

Bulbs will be replaced by that new kind of light that uses less electricity.

## Week 5: "Making a difference..."

What can you do to make a difference where you live? Explain. You may write about what you can do now, or what you think you can do as an adult. You may write about how you can make a difference in your school community, your village community, your state, your country, or the world.

Read what others write in this discussion, and write any questions or comments you have about their ideas.

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### Natalie in Wasilla - 12:27pm Mar 5, 2001 (#1 of 32)

*making a diference*

How I make a difference is I sell eggs, milk and meet for money and to supliing people food

natalie

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### Hanna in Healy - 01:14pm Mar 7, 2001 (#3 of 32)

*making a differance*

Hi I make a difference by cleaning up litter on the ground.

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### Sammie in Juneau - 11:42am Mar 8, 2001 (#5 of 32)

*less money more food.*

When I grow up, When I make a difference to my town I would buy food for less money. If I could make a difference to state I would have a clean state. If I could make a difference to America I would make America clean. If I could make a difference to the world I would make freedom to the countries that have slaves and clean the world up and I would relive habitats.

Right now I could clean the school up and take care of little kids like I'm doing now. The reason we can't recycle because it's too much money to ship it down south. I could pick up litter around the town.

your little angel,  
Sammie

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### Azure in Juneau - 11:42am Mar 8, 2001 (#6 of 32)

*How I can make A difference and what I have done.*

I can make a difference by picking up all the trashon the side of the road and hekp out the school with more Ideas for donations and other things.

I already done some things to help the school with my clan. We have helped out with a Halloween Carnival. We have adopted a grand parent, and made another idea to get money for our class.

sincerly,  
Azure

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**Corey in Juneau - 11:43am Mar 8, 2001 (#8 of 32)**

*If I could make a difference*

If I could make a difference I would make a componey that picks up litter and recicle things. I would make a difference I would make it so trucks and other vchiles dont polot. I would plant more flowers and trees to make our invierment a better place to live.

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**Katie in Wales - 12:58pm Mar 9, 2001 (#12 of 32)**

*alot of difference*

I think kids should not smoke to act cool theres some resons why could get cancer and other stuff. and people should not bully around on little kids and don't hit other dogs because they might bite you one day if the dog is loose.

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**Lisa in Wales - 02:44pm Mar 9, 2001 (#13 of 32)**

*making a difference in Wales, Alaska*

Kids should not kill each other like in the lower forty-eights cause they might go to jail for a long time sometimes for your whole life. People should stop smoking people should stop drinking. Older kids than younger kids should stop hurting little kids. Kids should stop teasing each other if they know that they will hurt the feelings of that person. Parents should stop fighting with each other.

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**Vance in Juneau - 02:41pm Mar 16, 2001 (#15 of 32)**

*JUNEAU*

I can make a difference by Juneau being more fun. Like makeing a place for aduts and kids so the whole family can be happy!!! and every thing there will be free.

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**Hannah in Juneau - 02:41pm Mar 16, 2001 (#16 of 32)**

*WHat Ive Done*

This year I have made a difference by visiting my adopted grandparent. I have helped my reader buddie and play games with her. I have sold food for my class which helps us save up for a class trip at the end of the year.

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**Kristen in Juneau - 02:41pm Mar 16, 2001 (#17 of 32)**

I have made a difference by helping the teachers in my school and helping with a daycare that people in my class and me set up. I have also been donating clothes and toys to a homeless kind of shelter. When I grow up to be an adult I think that I could help all the homeless people get a job so they could make enough money to get a home and enough money to be able to pay for themselves. If I couldn't them a job I would try to help in a different way.

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**Aysha in Juneau - 02:41pm Mar 16, 2001 (#18 of 32)**

*How I could Make a difference ... by Aysha in Juneau*

People: I think I could make a difference by saving yogurt containes to raise money for people who have cancer. I think I also can make a difference by teaching kindergardeners. Thats how I think I could make a difference.

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**Azure in Juneau - 02:41pm Mar 16, 2001 (#20 of 32)**

*What Else I Can Do To Make A Differens*

Hello it is me Azure I am going to think of some other things to make a difference in Juneau and maybe even the world. Well my idea is that when I am an adult that I can maybe get a job as a very smart scientist an figure out a way to cure the Ebola virus!!!!

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**Sydney in Juneau - 02:42pm Mar 16, 2001 (#23 of 32)**

*Making a difference!*

I think I can make a difference in Juneau, Alaska and the USA by picking up the garbage any where that there is.  
I also think I can make a difference by being a teacher and teaching kids alot of new things so they think school is fun.

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**Corey in Juneau - 02:42pm Mar 16, 2001 (#24 of 32)**

*IF I CouLD maKe a dIFFErenCE I woULD...*

I would find a cure for lung cancer. I would find a cure to heart disease. I would help people to stop smoking so they don't get lung cancer. I would try to help people to stop drinking so much.

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**Katelyn in Juneau - 02:43pm Mar 16, 2001 (#25 of 32)**

I think I can make a difference by helping disabled kids reach their dreams or something close to their dreams. But in high school I can donate my time to read to littler kids.

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**Zach in Juneau - 02:43pm Mar 16, 2001 (#26 of 32)**

*Making a difference*

I think i can make a difference by being a really good soccer player so little kids that really like to play soccer could look up to me.

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**Corey in Juneau - 02:43pm Mar 16, 2001 (#27 of 32)**

*IF I CouLD maKe a diFFErenCE I woULD...*

I would find a cure for lung cancer. I would find a cure to heart disease. I would help people to stop smoking so they don't get lung cancer. I would try to help people to stop drinking so much.

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**Kyra in Juneau - 02:43pm Mar 16, 2001 (#28 of 32)**

*making a difference*

Hi my name is Kyra and I make a difference by picking up liter and keeping things clean.  
your friend,

Kyra

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**Nancy Dean - 07:07am Mar 17, 2001 (#30 of 32)**

**Dawn in Diomedes**

Dear Students,

I can make a difference by being a art teacher and pe teacher. No somoking or no tobacco when you grow older and say Boo to drugs. I hope you have lots of fun, but no beer when you grow up, ok? Kids so how are you doing? I am fine, but no tobacco.

Sincerely,  
Dawn

Nancy Dean - 07:09am Mar 17, 2001 (#31 of 32)

**Justin in Diomede**

Dear Students,

I can make a difference if I will be a pilot when I grow up for Bering Air. I like to watch Bering Air fly. It would be cool if there was no tobacco in earth. Diomede needs more houses and less tobacco. the worst of is beer, it is very bad. Smoking is very bad too.

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Nancy Dean - 07:11am Mar 17, 2001 (#32 of 32)

**Gabe in Diomede**

Dear Students,

I can make a difference being appropriate. Say no to drugs. Follow the law. Don't chew, don't smoke. Listen, don't mutter. Tell mom and dad to be good. Not to be bad. Tell your mom or dad to have no beer. No swearing at school or outside and at home. Don't be bad.

Sincerely,

Gabe

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**Chelsea in North Pole - 02:42pm Mar 20, 2001 (#33 of 42)**

**Making a difference.**

I made a difference the other day. My mom and I went shopping to SAMS (a store in Fairbanks) and I found a newspaper on the ground. I stoped and picked it up and stuck it in the trash, but while I was doing that I made my mom trip over me. That was only a little job. At my grandmas I went around a picked up all the trash I could see. I had 3 bags full when I was done. That is how I help.

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**Ryan in North Pole - 02:42pm Mar 20, 2001 (#34 of 42)**

**How I can make a difference**

I can make a difference and I can help the people who can not buy thier ounne food or house and I can sell houses that are farly chep and a food bank where i can give food away and I will donate 20 dallors for the homeles children and the hungry childeren and I am a girl and I am 10

Bye-Bye ,

Ryan in North Pole

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**Henry in Juneau - 05:52pm Mar 20, 2001 (#35 of 42)**

**Henry!**

Yo! It's Henry, again. I Just forgot to add this one part: if I was famous, I would make a difference because that people would look up to mae as an example because that I want to be a Famous soccer player, and Athletes make great role models.

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**Carrie in Wales - 12:54pm Mar 21, 2001 (#36 of 42)**

**Making a Difference**

Hey,

Hi its me again. If I had to make a difference in this town. I would build all kinds of things like bigger stores, more better houses, some apartments, and I don't know what else I would make. Well I don't know what else to say but this. If you had to make a difference in your town then what would it be?

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**Rocky in Healy - 05:43pm Mar 21, 2001 (#37 of 42)**

**I do good things aswell**

Hi. What I do is pick up trash off of the ground so that it can't disturb the things that we have in Alaska. This will sadly be my last message. so I will say my goodbyes to you. Wait a minute! I still have 20 minutes to talk! So hello! lets talk! FISHWINCLE!! I'm sorry, but I had to say something.....weird. There still is plenty of time to talk.....I wish that I could see all of you instead of only talking to you. Well, goodbye. your friend, Rocky

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**Johnnie in Bettles - 11:05am Apr 3, 2001 (#39 of 42)**

**hello**

My main concern is that people that people litter to much and not enough cleaning. and to much goldmining, logging and commercial fishing. They all tie together and make the fish population to go down.

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**Kasey in Bettles - 11:05am Apr 3, 2001 (#40 of 42)**

**making a difference in my environment**

I think that i could make a difference by keeping my environment clean.

Thanks

Kasey

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**Leonty in Sitka - 12:22pm Apr 5, 2001 (#41 of 42)**

**my difference**

I will make a difference by picking up garbage and telling people not to litter. I wish people would stop drinking and smoking. Children such as 21 and under shouldn't drink or smoke just to be cool. If your friend or friends ask you to smoke try to convince them to not smoke or drink if they still bother you walk away. I've been in a situation like that about smoking. Oh, I almost forgot good-bye Healy I'll miss you.

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**Carrie in Wales - 12:26pm Apr 30, 2001 (#42 of 42)**

**Saying My Goodbyes**

Hi,

Its me again. So my teacher Wendy said, "That the lady in Juneau said there would be no more online conference. Which will be weird not going on the online conference anymore. Cause I really got used to it. Well BYE!

## **SPECIAL: The Iditarod 2001**

Are you following the Iditarod? Do you know anyone racing in it? Are you routing for any mushers in particular? Are there any special things you do for the Iditarod in class? What is your favorite part of the Iditarod? Do you think it is a good trail? Would you design the trail any differently?...shorter? longer? What do you think about the rules of the Iditarod? Are there any rules that seem strange, or that you would change? Do you have any "what if..." questions? Share your experience of the Iditarod 2001!

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### **Henry in Juneau - 11:33am Mar 8, 2001 (#1 of 46)**

*Mushers 2001*

Hey! I'm Henry, and I am following up on two mushers, one is Tim Osmar, the other is Jessica Royer. Tim is in 18th place, and Jessica is in 39th. I hope they come in 1-2! Tim Osmar is doing really good, Jessica is doing not-so-good. I hope Tim Osmar keeps on gaining on the other mushers! I hope that Jessica Royer will actually START gaining on the other mushers! Does anyone know these two? I would really like to start learning about these two. Once, in 1992, Tim Osmar actually came in 3RD!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Jessica Royer is only a rookie, so who knows what place she's gonna come in. I hope neither of them scratch, and that Tim starts to gain on the other mushers... I think he is really good at passing other mushers. If he is, and he keeps on with this rate of passing people, then he might WIN! Tim Osmar is really good, so I wouldn't be surprised if he came in the top ten. Wow!  
-Henry!

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### **Sammie in Juneau - 11:33am Mar 8, 2001 (#2 of 46)**

*MUSH DOG MUSH!!!*

The people I'm going to follow are Dave Treiso and Palmer Sagoonik. Dave Treiso is in 61 place and Palmer Sagoonik is in 58 place pretty close don't you think? I think Palmer is a Eskimo? Don't you think? The first person I had was Bob Morgan but his dogs did not run so the sponsors took him out. Now his is withdrawn.

your little angel,  
Sammie

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### **Bryce in Juneau - 11:34am Mar 8, 2001 (#3 of 46)**

*DeeDee Jonrowe*

Hey guess what I am getting info on DeeDee Jonrowe. I think she is in 11 place. In 1998 she got 2nd place that was the best place she has ever gottin. I REALLY want her to WIN this year!!!!!!!!!! Every one is resarching 2 diffrent mushers. We picked 2 mushers from a hat and I got DeeDee Jonrowe and Aliy zirkle DeeDee Jonrowe is from Willow Alaska. Is any one from Willow Alaska? Does any one know DeeDee Jonrowe or Aliy Zirkle? Well If you do write me back.

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**Vance in Juneau - 11:34am Mar 8, 2001 (#4 of 46)**

*Musher News!!!*

Mitch Seaney my guy was in 3ed place but now in 9th place. My other guy Sonny Lindner was in 45th but now!!! in 35 place. I think I got good guys. and everyone picked two Mushers.

How many mushers did you get?

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**Azure in Juneau - 11:34am Mar 8, 2001 (#6 of 46)**

*What Is Our Class Is Doing With The Iditarod?*

Our class is following each musher. By letting each person in the class pick 2 mushers and figure out what check-point they are at, and figure put how far they have got to. My 2 Mushers names are Andy, and Cindy. Cindy is in 33 place, and has lost 2 dogs. Andy is in 25 place, and hasn't lost any dogs.

Azure

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**Aysha in Juneau - 11:34am Mar 8, 2001 (#7 of 46)**

*About IDITAROD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

People about the Iditarod: I was wondering why do they have so many rules? In my class we are doing stuff on the Iditarod and we have to have two people and my people are ROY MONK and RON KOCZAJA. Roy is in 51th place so far 3/7/01. He was in 59th place so he's moving up. The other guy(Ron) is in 45 place. There both in McGrath right now. There both have 725 miles to go and they have both gone 436 miles. Did you hear one of the mushers scached because someone hit his dogs on there snowmichine. His front two leaders got bruised and couldn't run as fast.

What are you doing for the Iditarod? Please say something back.

By Aysha in Juneau

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**Josh in Juneau - 11:35am Mar 8, 2001 (#8 of 46)**

*The Iditarod*

Hi my name is Josh. My people in the Iditarod are Doug Swigley he has raced for 10 years. Pedro Estban this is his first time racing in the Iditarod

Doug Swingley has Won three times. So He is a three time winner. He is in first place right now and he has 532 miles to Nome. He has Traveled over 629 miles and he has 13 dogs left. Pedro Esteban is a Rookie (he has never raced before) Right now He is left McGrath he has traveled over 436 miles. He has less than 725 to go he is in 54 place with 13 dogs left.

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**Kristen in Juneau - 11:35am Mar 8, 2001 (#9 of 46)**

*Mike William and Danny Seavey*

The 2 members I have are Mike William and Danny Seavey. Mike William is a veteran and got 18 in the year 2000 and Danny Seavey is a rookie. Right now Mike William is in 31 place in Takotna and Danny Seavey is in 59 place in Nikolai. After the end of this we have to do a small biography about our mushers and what place they got at the end of the race.

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**Hannah in Juneau - 11:41am Mar 8, 2001 (#13 of 46)**

*DOG MUSHING*

The two ushers that I am following are Paul Gebhart and Stephen Carsick. The best place that Paul Gebhart has come in is 2nd place and the best place Stephen Carsick has come in is 41st.

Paul Gebhart was born in 1956 in Minnesota and raised on a dairy farm. He moved to Alaska in 1989. His friend and mentor, Martin user introduced him to competitive mushing, in 1992. Paul Raised hid dogs from birth and Paul can talk with his dogs and his dogs really, really like him.

Paul Gebhart is one of a few mushers who bnuilds his own dog sleds. Paul has 3 kids Paul Jr. who is 23, Nikka who is 22, and Kristin who is 15.

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**Eric in Juneau - 11:41am Mar 8, 2001 (#14 of 46)**

*Iditarod!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

Hi my name is Eric.

In my class we drew from a bucket to see who our guys that we get and we had to keep track of where they are. My guys are David Straub and Juan Alcina. Juan Alcina went from 29th place to 26th place. Right now Juan Alcina is in Takotna and so far he has traveled 474 miles from Anchorage and needs 687 more miles until he reaches Nome.

David Straub went from 61st place to 65th place. Right now David Straub is in Rohn and so far David Straub has traveled 365 miles from Anchorage and David Straub needs 796 more miles until he reaches Nome.

I think a cool rule for the iditarod is that you can yell to the person to move I want to pass you.

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**Brad in Juneau - 11:42am Mar 8, 2001 (#15 of 46)**

*WHAT IS THE JR LIKE?*

I have a kwashton. what is the jr Ididarod...???

And what is it like?,is it hard,is it esy,is it bolth,is it cold?

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**Kyra in Juneau - 11:43am Mar 8, 2001 (#16 of 46)**

*Iditarod*

We picked out of a hat my mushers were Morten Fonseca he is from Denmark. He's a rookie. He's in 31 place. He passed 17 people from last time I checked.

Peryll Kyzer is from Willow Alaska. She's a veteran and came in 9th place in 1997.

Why do they have the passing rule if you could just ask the musher in front of you if you could pass them, and the musher ignored you and you reported them. What would their punishment be?

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**Zach in Juneau - 11:44am Mar 8, 2001 (#17 of 46)**

*Iditarod*

I love to hear about the Iditarod. This year I have to keep my eyes on two people which are Jon Little and Bill Cotter. Today Bill Cotter was in 21st place and Jon Little is in 34th place. I think it would be so fun to do the Iditarod because my favorite animal is a dog and that is what the Iditarod is all about. I think it would be a great experience to go dog sledding because you can go so fast by just using dogs plus you don't even have to waste your money on gas. I think the craziest rule is that if you help someone who is injured severely hurt or his/her dogs are hurt they get all that time subtracted from their whole time that they finish with. I think the best rule is that you have to say passing on the right and then the person has to stop for safety so the dogs won't get in a fight but they still have to stay there for 15 minutes longer.

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**Chris in Juneau - 11:44am Mar 8, 2001 (#18 of 46)**

*The Iditarod*

I wish that the Iditarod went thru here but I know wye they don't. if they did they would half to go over humungus mountains and if there dogs got tired they wouldn't be able to rest. well we are "betting" who will win. well Im betting on John Baker and John Borrón so far John Baker is in front of Borrón. so far he is in 3rd place and he might beat his record from 1998 he got 5th place and he will beat his old record by 2. He is from Katzebue, Alaska. He was born in 1962. I wish i could tell you more but I half to leave now.

your southeast friend,  
Chris in Juneau

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**Bridget in Juneau - 11:45am Mar 8, 2001 (#19 of 46)**

*Bridgets Iditarod!!!*

I wish that in the Iditarod you have to travel around the whole world. so that the people that run in the Iditarod can see the whole world. Then I would be in the Iditarod when I am older. It would be fun watching people on dog sleds go by me.

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**Dom in Juneau - 11:47am Mar 8, 2001 (#20 of 46)**

*iditarod*

Hi it's Dom, we piked names out of a hat for the iditarod and we got to pick two people I picked Art Church and Jerry Riley. My favorite is Jerry Riley, he was born in Alaska in 1936.1952 he had his first experience trapping dogs. so far he is in 20 place. my favorite rule about the iditarod is everybody has to stop when you gut an animal.

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**Luke in Healy - 03:35pm Mar 13, 2001 (#21 of 46)**

*Iditarod*

I know one of the Iditarod racers. His name is Jeff King. Right now he is either in second or third place. Doug Swinley is in first right now[maybe]. I hope Jeff King wins.

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**Matt in Healy - 03:37pm Mar 13, 2001 (#22 of 46)**

*Mush in 2001*

Does anyone know what place Jeff King is in? I do he is in either 1or 3. His daughter's go to school with me. there names are Ellan,Tessa and Halle. Ellan is in 3d grade and Halle is in 9 grade and Tessa is in 10 grade.

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**Taylor in Wasilla - 12:20pm Mar 14, 2001 (#23 of 46)**

*Doug Swingley won!!!!!!*

Hey, it's Taylor,

I was following Doug Swingley and he won!!!!!! I'm super happy. Who were you following? The jr. Iditarod is where kids get to havea little Iditarod, hhappy?

from,

Taylor

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**Nathan in Wasilla - 12:20pm Mar 14, 2001 (#24 of 46)**

*Elizabeth Manning*

Hi!!! I am tracking Elizabeth Manning. She is in 55th place and she is in Kaltag. She has 12 dogs. I wish she was in 1st , but Doug Swingley is in 1st.

Nathan

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**Danielle in Wasilla - 12:20pm Mar 14, 2001 (#25 of 46)**

*Iditarod 2001*

Dear everybody,

I am tracking only one musher and his name is Paul Gebhardt. I love to get on the internet.

Friday I went on a very very very long field trip to SPECIAL OLYMPICS. But anyways my musher is in 6 place. Doug Swingley came to come at 6:55 a.m. And I was hoping mine would win.

Sincerely,  
Danielle in Wasilla

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**Rocky in Healy - 02:32pm Mar 14, 2001 (#28 of 46)**

*GO DAVE GO!*

I like David Sawatski BEST! He would have gotten first place, but his dogs weren't obeying very well. My least favorite is JEFF KING!!!

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**John in Healy - 02:33pm Mar 14, 2001 (#29 of 46)**

*Iditarod 2001*

In the Iditarod one of the mushers are my nabors and his name is Ramy and he is in 12<sup>th</sup> place. There are three mushers are in Nowm

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**Andy in Healy - 02:33pm Mar 14, 2001 (#30 of 46)**

*Iditarod*

Did you know that Doug Swingley won the Iditarod? Well he did. Do any of you know Jeff King? Right now I think he is in 3rd place. I wished Jeff King placed 1st this year.

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**Kristin in Healy - 02:33pm Mar 14, 2001 (#31 of 46)**

Jeff King is in 3rd place. He had 14 to start out with I think. Now he has 8 dogs.

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**Vance in Juneau - 12:04pm Mar 15, 2001 (#34 of 46)**

*Iditarod*

Sonny Lindner is now doing better than Mitch Seavey now. Because Mitch is in 49th place Sonny is in 21st place.

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**Henry in Juneau - 12:05pm Mar 15, 2001 (#35 of 46)**

*Mushin' 2001*

Hey! It's Henry. Did you hear that Doug Swingley finished the race #1? my people are Tim Osmar and Jessica Royer. Jessica Royer is 15th, and Tim Osmar is 17th. They are both doing really good! Royer was once really far behind Osmar, now she's ahead! I think that they are both doing really good because that Osmar has been steadily gaining since the start of the race, and Jessica was about 49th and then came back and went up to 15th! They are both really good mushers. Maybe one or the other will win in the future! Well, gotta go-bye bye!

**Hanna in Juneau - 12:08pm Mar 15, 2001 (#36 of 46)**

*Hanna in Juneau*

Hi this is Hanna in Juneau. My mushers are Vern Halter and Hans Gatt. Two Days agow Vern halter and Hans Gatt were side by side in the race fore first. And yesterday i saw that Vern Halter was leadind dy 1. and the next day he lead by eight. Today Vern Halter Was leading in 11th place and Hans Gatt was in 19th place. But Doug Swinly won.

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**Hannah in Juneau - 12:09pm Mar 15, 2001 (#38 of 46)**

*THe Iditarod*

The people that I am following are pul Gebhart and Stephen Carsick. Stephen Carsick scratched but Paul Gebhart came is 6th. Stephen Carsick scratched in Mcgrath. Paul Gebhart finished the race.

Did you know that Martin Boozer paid Andy Medrow to race his dogs puppies, later Andy and the puppies actually caught up to Martin Boozer. You wouldn't think that puppies that have never even raced before would catch up to a good rider.

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**Kristen in Juneau - 12:09pm Mar 15, 2001 (#39 of 46)**

*The Seaveys*

I think it is interesting that Mitch Seavey was waiting for 52 hours at Graling. The person I was following was Danny Seavey, Mitch Seavey's son and Dan Seavey's grandson. I think it is wierd that Mitch waited 52 hours for his son and dad to come to Graling. I also think it is strange that Martin Buser payed Andy Medrow to run some of his puppy's. I think it is strange that Andy caught up with Martin with Martin's puppy's.

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**Kaya in Juneau - 12:58pm Mar 15, 2001 (#43 of 46)**

Hello The musher i am going for is Linwood Fielder and Charlie Boulding Linwood Fielder finished the race in 2 place. He was in 1st place for a long time but Doug swingly past him. Charlie Boulding hasnt finished yet and he is in 14 place.

This is about the Seavey family. The musher Mitch Seavey stoped at a cheke pount for a long time and the people were tring to figure out why. Then Dan Seavey, the grand father arived at the same chekpoint and stayed there for a long time too. Then Danny Seavey, the son arived at the same chekpoint too but then they all left at the same time and stiked togeather through the race so the people figured out why Mitch Seavey and Dan Seavey stayed at the chekpoint for a long time. It was becuase they wanted to stike togeather as a family.  
Your friend, Kaya

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**Holly in Wasilla - 12:23pm Mar 16, 2001 (#44 of 46)**

*iditarod winner in Nome*

you knew that the iditarod winner in Nome was Doug Swingley?  
Well I didn't know till the morning at school.  
He's one of the only mushers that has one 2 or 3 times already.

holly

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**Holly in Wasilla - 12:25pm Mar 16, 2001 (#45 of 46)**

*About mushers*

I now ushers are cool people because my neighbors both husband and wife have ran in the big race. mushers learn to be nice from working with dogs.  
So if you ever I the chance to see a musher, get their autograph.  
I'm pretty sure they'll giveit to you.

Holly

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**Vance in Juneau - 12:09pm Mar 15, 2001 (#46 of 46)**

My guy mitch seavey he is with hes family.

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## **Week 7: "Environmental Concerns"**

Are there any environmental concerns where you live? What are they? What are the two sides? Which side do you agree with the most? Why? Do you have any recommendations?

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### **Frankie in North Pole - 02:42pm Mar 20, 2001 (#1 of 94)**

My environmental concerns are that the mad cow disease will be spreading towards Alaska. And now I havent seen many rabbits, and I'm wondering why. And its not just the rabbits, its that I havent seen very much wildlife. I wonder whats happening?

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### **Nicole in North Pole - 02:42pm Mar 20, 2001 (#2 of 94)**

#### **Here are my concerns for my enviroment**

The most concern is that there are so many people that want to live here that they keep cutting down our trees so that people can live here. In our neighborhood I think that we might have 30 houses just in our neighborhood. Right now, we probably have 15 houses just in our neighborhood. The other concern is that people liter to much which makes the animals die out. I really have a strong feeling about this, I just try to never show it. There is to much liter around here. Well got to go.

Sincerely,

Nicole

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### **Krysta in North Pole - 02:43pm Mar 20, 2001 (#3 of 94)**

#### **Concerns in my area.**

1. we have a concern about guns in our schools. Some people have threatend to bring guns and shoot them in the schools around here.
  2. The dumpsters we have are getting to full and are over flowing with the trash we haave that we fill up every year.
  3. The slew we have around here is taking to much eart off the sides of the bank and we have some trees that are falling into the slew.
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### **Adam in North Pole - 05:51pm Mar 20, 2001 (#4 of 94)**

#### **concern about animals By Adam**

I am concerned about the life of animals. The reason that I am concerned is that we have to much toxic waste in the air from the cars and espesualy from the Refinery. I am concerned that the toxic waste might start killing off all the animals. Also a lot of people arent thinking and they keep on littering. That is also a way that the animals might start being killed. The bad thing is that we have had a lot of shooting here in town. That is real bad don't you think so.

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### **Josh in Juneau - 11:10am Mar 22, 2001 (#5 of 94)**

**Something to HELP**

I think that the landfills are not doing us very good beacuse they just pile up are garbage and one day we won't have any room for garbage any more.  
I also think that the incinarators are not doing us much good beacuse it is just burn's the garbage so we breath it and who wants that.  
The solution we recycle.

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#### **Chase in Juneau - 11:38am Mar 22, 2001 (#7 of 94)**

I heard that Frankie in North Pole has a concren about the mad cow disease. Im concernd too because who knows what will happen. But I dont think it will come over here that soon. Maybe it will be here in about 2-3 years so its not my biggest concern. My main concern is that the Garbage bears. When they get into are trash it can kill them but if the trash wont kill them then the police will so the bears wont sufer. But the differnt sides are that some people think its the humans fault because they leave there trashes open but other people think that it is the bears fault for getting into the garbag. but I think that it is the Humans fault because the bears dont know whats wright and we should put Bungee cords on them I wish that people would do that simple thing to make are world safer for the bears.

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#### **Sammie in Juneau - 11:38am Mar 22, 2001 (#8 of 94)**

##### **garbage bears**

My concern is garbage bears. the problem is the bears of juneau are eating the garbage and it can cause problems with the people.They are getting mad and the police are looking for the bears.

I read Krytsa concern I think they should stop threatening people about shooting them and bring a gun to school.

sammie

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#### **Kristen in Juneau - 11:41am Mar 22, 2001 (#9 of 94)**

##### **Concerns, Concerns, and more Concerns**

One of my concerns about Juneau is the garbage bears. The thing is the bears in Juneau have been going out to peoples garbages cans and eating their garbage. Then after a while they keep coming and eating the trash then the police come and shoot the bears because they don't want them to get sick and suffer from the trash. I would be a longer time for them to suffer so the police shoot them. I also think that the people should keep their trash in the garage or tie it closed with something.

I also am commeting about the concern that Krysta in North Pole made. I think it would be sad if people started shooting people in the school. If anyone actually did threaten to shoot people then the person who heard should tell somebody. I also heard that there is a lot of toxic air in the North Pole and I think that they should stop littering or if you see a piece of trash then pick it up.

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#### **Hannah in Juneau - 11:41am Mar 22, 2001 (#10 of 94)**

##### **My Concers**

A concern in Juneau is that we have garbage bears and they get into the garbage. The garbage can kill the bears and people don't want to kill the bears and make them suffer. people don't want the bears dieing of eating the garbage.

Some people in Juneau think it's the bears faults but, some people think it's their fault. Well me and my family put bungee cords and begs in our garbage bags.

Do people really bring guns to school in the North Pole? That's not good. That is very dangerous. Has any body ever got engered?

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#### **Miranda in Juneau - 11:41am Mar 22, 2001 (#11 of 94)**

##### **garbage bears in Juneau**

We are concerns about the bears getting killed by eat are garbage because people blame other people because they leave the garbage lid open. when i go out side to take garbage because when i live with my gramma carol there was a baer in her back yeard.

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#### **Chris in Juneau - 11:42am Mar 22, 2001 (#12 of 94)**

##### **our concernes in juneau**

heres a list about the concernes of stuff:

The mad cow disease:we have heard that the mad cow disease has been spreading out and moveing towards Alaska. The fairyes: we have been hopeing to find some oil to stop the fairyes frome poluteing the air and the water.Do you have an idea? Garbage bears:we have to many Garbage bears and Chase in Juneau they dont just need to put bungie cords on the trash cans the garbage people need to clean avery thing out and dont throw the trash cans on the side walk. the people also need to keep the garbage cans in a safe place untill the garbage men get there. your south east friend Chris in Juneau

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#### **Chase in Juneau - 11:42am Mar 22, 2001 (#13 of 94)**

I have a concern from Juneau it is that the fast ferries and the road. I think that we should just stick to what we have now because if we get fast ferries it would polute our water but if we have a road it would ruin the habitats for all the animals I think we should just stick to the slow not so much poluting ferries and no road what does Everybody else think?????? : )

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#### **Eric in Juneau - 11:43am Mar 22, 2001 (#15 of 94)**

##### **CONCERNS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

A concern is that bears are getting into other peoples garbage and the bears get really sickby eating the garbage. I think in a few years bears will stop eating garbage.

Frankie in North Pole says that the mad cow diciease is going around and he says that he isn't seeing any wild life maybe that he is not seeing any wild life has to to do with the mad cow diecease.

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**Emily in Juneau - 11:43am Mar 22, 2001 (#16 of 94)**

**Garbage**

Hi my name is Emily. I am concerded about animals geting in to the garbages. I think crows, ravens, and bears are geting in to the garbages to much. I think more people should put bungee cords or locks on there garbages.

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**Kyra in Juneau - 11:43am Mar 22, 2001 (#17 of 94)**

Frankie, I havin't seen that much wild life ether. But my cunsern is fast ferries and the rode because some peopel wont ferries and some wont rode. But I wont a fast ferries because I like rideing them.

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**Dom in Juneau - 11:47am Mar 22, 2001 (#19 of 94)**

**my concerns**

my concerns are that garbage bears keep on getting in tok some garbage cans. I wish there was a kind of device that would scare garbage bears away so that they would stop having to make people get fined from the garbage man. Also so that people would not have to pick up their own garbage.  
read ya later,  
Dom

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**Corey in Juneau- 12:00pm Mar 22, 2001 (#20 of 94)**

**What people dont like!**

I heard that Krista in the North Pole is concerned about Guns at her school, I think that is very dangerous for kids all around but my cocern is on crows and Ravens getting into peoples Garbage and scattering it all around place. I think that people should get the Garbage cans with the lids that lock or put on a bungy cord because they can put there beaks under the Garbage can lid and flip it over and people have to pick up all of the garbage that the Crows or the Ravens scatter all over the place. Witch bird do you think is the smartest the Crow or the Raven?

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**Kaya in Juneau - 12:00pm Mar 22, 2001 (#21 of 94)**

**Kaya in Juneau**

No polluting! You should not pullute because little animals can eat a can and get sick and maybe die. The animals might get there head stuck in a box or bag and sufficate. Polluting can also make the water bad so plese dont pollute. Kaya

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**Vance in Juneau - 12:01pm Mar 22, 2001 (#22 of 94)**

**Concerns!!**

They should make a silent helicopter because people can't sleep when they take tourists on the glaciers.

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**Katelyn in Juneau- 12:01pm Mar 22, 2001 (#23 of 94)**

A concern in Juneau is garbage bears. It is so bad because all the bears by them eating the garbage so they get killed. But some people think it is good to feed bears. So they do and then the bears keep coming back. Then at one point they stop feeding them and so they get mad and get in to their garbage. I think it is bad to feed the bears because like I said they will soon stop and the bears will get mad.  
I read that up in North Pole they have a gun shooting problem. I think that I went to that school my mom and dad would transfer me to a different school,if there was a other school. Or we would move.

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**Dom in Juneau - 12:01pm Mar 22, 2001 (#24 of 94)**

**other people concerns**

I think in north pole they should have more dumpsters so that the other dumpsters would not over flow.  
They should have it like that all over alaska.  
That would make is so no dumpster would over flow.  
dom

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**Zach in Juneau - 12:01pm Mar 22, 2001 (#25 of 94)**

**Concerns in Juneau**

I think a concern in Juneau is pollution because Juneau is really nice without all the trash. Also what happens to all the fish in the water? They die off because of all the trash in the water. If Juneau had no trash it would lok alot like just a regular small city with a great surrounding.

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**Aysa in Juneau - 12:02pm Mar 22, 2001 (#27 of 94)**

**roads out of Juneau from AYSHA IN JUNEAU.....**

PEOPLE: I think we should build a road out of Juneau so we can drive places with out having to fly. Also so you could go some where in summer break or somewhere faster. Some people think we should have a faster ferry instead of a road. I don't because it could enger animals in the water.

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**Brad in Juneau - 12:02pm Mar 22, 2001 (#28 of 94)**

I read about Frankie's concern about the Mad Cow Disease. If I were Frankie, I would stop hunting because if I killed an animal with the Mad Cow Disease and I had it for dinner, I would probably get the Mad Cow Disease and get sick and die.

My concern for Juneau is about the Ravens and Eagles and bears getting into the garbage cans. The garbage makes them sick and can kill them. It clogs up their intestines and stuff. That's really bad because they would die. I think people could start making steal cages for their garbage cans because the steel would be strong enough so the bears couldn't break it. And put lids on the garbage so the bears can't smell it, but the bears probably would still smell it because they can smell things very far away. (dictated)

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**Brittany in Juneau - 12:02pm Mar 22, 2001 (#29 of 94)**

**My Concern of Juneau**

My concern is the garbage bears. I think part of it is the trash peoples fault because they say we can't leave the trash out overnight but they want us to get up at 7:00 in the morning to get the trash out! ( Either way the bears could get into it.) The bears just come along because they are hungry and we shoot them for it! Personally I don't think it is fair. I think they should only shoot a bear if it is using aggressive behavior or is wrecking something.

FROM: BRITTANY

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**Michaella in North Pole - 03:41pm Mar 22, 2001 (#30 of 94)**

**My Concern**

Here is my one most concern.

I have a worry about the pollution in the water and all that UNGOOD stuff the most sloughs, ponds, lake, rivers and all the other water areas that we have access to. It goes like this. One day hot summer day I decided to go to the little liverish slough I have near my house. I went up the cement roan, up a gravel hill and down that same gravel hill. I took of my white sneakers and I set them by the edge of the slough. I went into a really shallow part of the water. I looked a little ways down the slough and I saw a really pretty sight, after I looked a little farther ways out I saw a lot and do I mean a lot of pollution. I was disgusted. There were alcohol bottles and other stuff that just wasn't good for the water. So my plan for the summer is to go down the slough in a little boat and clean up all the trash. Hopefully oneday in the future the slough will be clean enough to swim in.

Well Got to go,

Michaella. in North Pole

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**Mike in North Pole - 02:55pm Mar 27, 2001 (#31 of 94)**

**To the people on the first page of "Environmenal Concerns"**

I do think that it is a problem for the air is pleuted. The bungey cord is a good idea. I think that the oil in cars will be over rid by water (any kind.)

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**A.J. in North Pole - 02:55pm Mar 27, 2001 (#33 of 94)**

**I like you're concern Bryce in Juneau**

About the bears eating garbage that people leave out side cause bears are one of my favorite because they have sharp claws and sharp teeth and that they are smart animals if they can servive in the out doors with no food or water and they have to hunt theres.

They are really neat I like the way there fur feels and how big there teesh are they are huge compared to mine my friend has the fur to one and I had a tooth but I lost it.

It was huge though if I had it to show you and you lived here I would let you have it cause I had like 3 but 1 broke 1 fell into some oil and got thrown away and 1 got lost but people should take there trash to the dump and not leave it out side for it to attract bears.

And maybe some other animals and also we need our bears to keep safe!! And maybe there a huge white bear out there dieing and we maybe be able to save it like the world can save its bears. So we don't let them get extinced they need help and you cn help them by takeing you're trash to the dump.

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**Danielle in North Pole - 02:55pm Mar 27, 2001 (#34 of 94)**

My concern is that are winter is not that good. We need snow because on my block we get are water from the slew (in the spring and summer). If we don't get snow then we don't get water in the sping and summer time.

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**Austin in North Pole - 02:56pm Mar 27, 2001 (#35 of 94)**

Hi Austin in North Pole Chase in Juneau mad cow disease is not ever going to get in to Alaska. It's not even in the lower 48. Know I do not have an environmental concern. But some people are mad because oil is gotting in to their water and poisoning the water.

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**Michaella in North Pole - 02:56pm Mar 27, 2001 (#36 of 94)**

**My concerns**

One of my other concerns is about the mad cow disease. This go's out to all the people who were writing back to Frankie and the people who wrote it as a general concern. Mad cow disease is starting to spread around the U.S.!! It is especially bad because we have a supermarket and we get large shipments of meat. I am scared that the next time my mom go to the store the little germyish disease bug might be in the meat that she will feed my family. My other concern is about North Pole water. It is getting polluted. #1 it smells like rotten eggs. #2 it is nasty, if you drink it you will gag for up the rest of the day.

Bye,

Michaella. In North Pole

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**Ashley in North Pole - 02:56pm Mar 27, 2001 (#37 of 94)**

My biggest concern is that our land will be covered with trash. Outside its gross because you see trash everywhere. People could just care less about trash everywhere so they throw their trash on the ground. Every year there is someone who gathers other people and has them pick up

trash, but that's not enough.

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**Ricky in North Pole - 02:56pm Mar 27, 2001 (#38 of 94)**

**a large concern**

My concern is that the global warming might make our cold weather animals move farther north

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**Krysta in North Pole - 02:57pm Mar 27, 2001 (#40 of 94)**

**Our environmental concerns in our area,**

1. We cut down the trees and we aren't replanting them. We need the trees to live a very long time. We need trees for paper, houses, pencils and other things but we can at least replant them.
2. Our moose are getting killed by the bears and we are killing them by hitting them with our cars. We need the moose. We are getting low on the moose around here. So we need to start shooting them.
3. I'm concerned about the lakes and the fish that live in them. I'm concerned because we put trash in the water by accident and the fish either eat or get stuck because of us.

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**Ryan in North Pole - 02:57pm Mar 27, 2001 (#41 of 94)**

**My concerns about the Sloughs in North Pole!**

Hi,

My name is Ryan well my concerns about the sloughs is there is a lot of pollution in our sloughs. I saw something catch my eye and I walked over to the sight, and yes what I saw? I saw about 10 bottles of of course BEER !!!!! So I went up to the bank and got my shoes on and ran to the house, and I got my dad [Joey] and we got the bottles and my plan for this summer is to clean up my slough just like Michealla in North Pole said.

Well what I am trying to get to is Please!! Please!!! Please!!!! DO NOT LITTER EXPETULLY IN THE WATER !!!!!

Ryan in North Pole

P.S.

Solve this puzzle

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GOOD LUCK !!!!!!!!!!!

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**Jessica in North Pole - 02:57pm Mar 27, 2001 (#42 of 94)**

**Concerns**

What my concerns are is that when the bears get shot and they keep getting shot they keep getting died off (extinction). And the more they get extinction we will have no more. And when we have no more then what will we have? besides Polar Bears?

**Carolyn in North Pole - 02:58pm Mar 27, 2001 (#43 of 94)**

**My concerns**

I have a concern about the weather shifts. Last year it snowed and, snowed and, snowed and, snowed and, snowed and, snowed and, snowed some more! But this year it only has snowed a few times, this has been the shortest and warmest winter of the past 50 years or more! Not only has this been happening in North Pole but it's been happening all over the world! If this keeps up Antarctica and the polar ice cap might melt and flood the coasts and wipe out islands! Well, while the summers are getting longer and the winters are getting shorter and less snow is falling, the pollution is getting worse as well! Every year my family and I go and pick up trash on Earth Day and every year there is more and more trash! Also more people are dying each year due to drugs and violence. People are also cutting down trees and building more buildings! I can imagine that in 100 years from now Alaska will look like New York! If these things could be taken care of I think North Pole and all over the world would be a lot better place.

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**Adam in North Pole - 02:58pm Mar 27, 2001 (#44 of 94)**

**My Concerns**

I was reading Chase in Juneau and he was wondering what mad cow disease does to you. What mad cow disease does to you is it will start eating your brain and it will kill you. The thing that I am concerned about is the wildlife. People keep on dumping garbage in the water. So all the fish that live in the water and the animals that drink the water are starting to get sick. Also all the people that are hunting keep on killing the mother mooses. So that there is no one to take care of the baby mooses. That is causing the baby mooses to die. Also people are knocking down trees just to build more and more houses which is making it crowded in North Pole. WELL GOTTA GO!!!!

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**Alex in Wasilla - 04:49pm Mar 28, 2001 (#45 of 94)**

**plution**

In my naberhood peplepul throe beer cans on the road

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**Nathan in Wasilla - 04:49pm Mar 28, 2001 (#47 of 94)**

**My concerns about hunting.**

I think NO HUNTING should be a national law because if everyone was old enough to hunt there would be no animals left on earth. Every nice animal would be extincted. NATHAN

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**Lena in Wasilla - 04:50pm Mar 28, 2001 (#48 of 94)**

**Lena in Wasilla**

people are killing all the animals. soon there won't be any to annoy me. so if you are killing animals you are very evil, bad, crazy scoundrels. SO DON'T KILL ANIMALS, PEOPLE!!!!!!!

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**Taylor in Wasilla - 04:50pm Mar 28, 2001 (#49 of 94)**

**To many billdings!!!!**

Our town is starting to grow to big! In my naberhood we have alot of homes! And it's still growing! I HATE IT!  
SEE YEAH,

Taylor

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**Dan in Wasilla - 04:50pm Mar 28, 2001 (#50 of 94)**

**Concerns in my area**

I am concerned about oil spills . When there are oil spills animals die becasse of the oil spills in ALASKA.It kills every thing.  
DAN

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**Jessikah in Wasilla - 04:50pm Mar 28, 2001 (#51 of 94)**

**Jessikah in Wasilla**

My concerns are there were two teenagers got shoot in Anchorage and a lot of people miss them. There are like thousands bundles around there crosses near the church I use to go to.

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**Danielle in Wasilla - 04:50pm Mar 28, 2001 (#52 of 94)**

**Concerns for the town of Wasilla**

Dear everybody,

One of My concerns is that thare are to many cars in our area And that they are causing pollution to Alaska.

2.That we are cutting down to many trees and building with them.

3.That people in Anchorage Discriminate Native Americans And Shot paint ball guns at them.

And if this keeps happining then they all might move away from Alaska.

Sincerely Danielle

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**Krysta in North Pole - 04:50pm Mar 28, 2001 (#53 of 94)**

**Our Enviromental Concerns,**

1. We're worried about global warming because it's supposed to be spring but it's snowing down here in North Pole. We've been getting warmer here and we are very worried about that because if the world gets covered with water than where would we live? We could live in the mountains but I would rather live on flat ground.

2. We're worried about earthquakes here because of our homes and our families that we love very much. We want to keep our friends too. We don't want any earthquakes at all even if there was never any earthquakes here never ever again.

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**Aleasha in Sitka - 01:30pm Mar 29, 2001 (#54 of 94)**

**Aleasha in Sitka**

Kaya you are right about pollution. I really think they are going to keep on polluting. I think you and your friends should like put some sort of make a flyer up and make it say: PLEASE DO NOT LITTER!!!! But I think you should ask your mom or dad to put the flyers!!!! I don't like yukky water do you? Trust me I wouldn't if I were you, yukkk!! O.k maybe i should go now, bye-bye now!!!

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**Ryder in Sitka - 01:30pm Mar 29, 2001 (#55 of 94)**

**Too many tourists**

I agree with Tailor in Wasilla. There are TOO MANY TOURISTS AND TOO MANY HOUSES!! The houses waste too many trees. Some of the tourists decide to move here and get houses built. When tourists move to Sitka the prices on the houses go up. Then the tourists will buy cars and there will be more car pollution.

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**Leonty in Sitka - 01:30pm Mar 29, 2001 (#56 of 94)**

**Garbage**

Hi Emily, I'm Leonty. I think that people should prevent birds and bears from getting in the garbage too.

I also think people should stop littering and stop using cars and things with gas and start walking.

sincerely,  
Leonty

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**Twila in Sitka - 01:31pm Mar 29, 2001 (#57 of 94)**

**from Twila in sitka**

Hi my name is Twila,  
I think I agree with Erik  
on the garbage, because in  
Sitka I live by the woods, and we always have bears,  
mostly they always have to go get into our garbage  
so then we can clean it up! Which sucks!

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**Ashley in North Pole - 10:44pm Mar 29, 2001 (#58 of 94)**

**GLOBAL WARMING**

I am concerned that we will be flooded. Why we would be flooded is because it will get so warm that Antarctica will melt. When it melts there would be more water in the ocean. The water would have to go somewhere so it would rise over the land. If Antarctica completely melts all the water would come exactly as high or close to be the same height as the Empire State Building.

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**Chelsea in North Pole - 10:44pm Mar 29, 2001 (#59 of 94)**

**My Enviornmental Concerns**

I'm concered about people cutting down tree. They cut down trees to get paper and other stuff. Other reasons why they cut down trees is to get them out of their electric lines. Trees give us oxygen and I am worried that we are getting less go it. The best thing to do if you cut down a tree is to plant a new one. I am also concerned about air pollusion. In my village we breath in exoust when cars are on. It's bad for people to keep their cars on while they are going into the store. This also affects global warming too. Everything causes something else.

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**Philip in North Pole - 10:44pm Mar 29, 2001 (#61 of 94)**

**Concerns by Philip**

One thing I am afraid of is the global warming. The green house gas is starting to happen to the earth the green house gas is like if you are in a room with a window and the sun can't get back out and you get very hot. It is starting to efect our plants and other foods.

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**Amy in North Pole - 10:45pm Mar 29, 2001 (#62 of 94)**

**My Envirmental Concerns**

Hi this is Amy in North Pole,

I red that in Juneau you have a problem about garbage bears. What kind of bears are garbage bears? I have not seen a lot of rabbits like Frankie said or Wild Life! WE are behind 20 inches of snow this year. That is because Global Warming we just got about 4 inches of snow. We have bad water here in North Pole But we have a solution but it is confusing. The water smells like routine eggs. Global Warming is a big concern because if the sun goes 2-3 degrees higher we will burn but if it goes down 2-3 degrees we will freeze!! The tundra will melt and the berries will stop growing and the wild life will leave! Cutting down trees is a problem to because they give us oxygen. Since we have global warming Antarctic will melt and we will get covered with water and the ocean will get more water and over flow!! Got to go Bye,  
Amy

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**Mike in North Pole - 10:45pm Mar 29, 2001 (#63 of 94)**

My Enviermental Concerns is that the bears in Juneau I have friends down there. We are afraid of global warming. We have a water problem our water has a kind of sulphur and it smells bad, also our cars are spiting out to much carbon monoxide. If we cut down to many trees we will lose oxygen. If the earth warms up we will lose Antartica, and the Northern Ice cap. The slough behind my house has problems I have a filter that filters the water so I can drink it.

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**Danielle in North Pole - 10:45pm Mar 29, 2001 (#64 of 94)**

**AIR**

Hi, I am concern about us paluting the air. We all get welled at because we all ceap are car running in the winter and it's not good for the evirment. I think we should use less gass and cars, in the summer. So we don't realy use cars in the summer.  
Cincerly,  
Danielle

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**Ricky in North Pole - 10:46pm Mar 29, 2001 (#66 of 94)**

**my concern**

I'm concerned that the polar ice cap might melt all the way and we will haft live on a mountain and we will have no farm land to grow crops and we might starve or die of malnutrition

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**Adam in North Pole - 10:47pm Mar 29, 2001 (#67 of 94)**

**My Concerns**

I am concerned for a couple of reasons. One we have bad H2O. Also Global worming might be too hot and it might melt Antartica. If it does melt Antartica it may cause to flood all of new York and the Umpire state building will be under water. Another thing is the Fairbanks air pullution. Too many people are leaving there car run when they go into the store. So the pullution is getting in the air. Also down in Denali Park there is a baby black wolf that is all alone. It is the last one of the pack that it was in.

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**Jessica in North Pole - 10:47pm Mar 29, 2001 (#68 of 94)**

**polution**

The reason I'am talking about polution is because when the trash is on the ground it makes it stink. Even when you pick it up it will still stink because the polution will still be there and it will always stink and never go's away. think that every month we should go pick up trash but that is my option it does not have to be yours. So if it does matter to you then "start" because our option and our trash is about 70% of our town is not filled with trash. So what I did one day is I picked up all the trash around my house so when the snow melts then it will not stink when it melts.

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**Amanda in North Pole - 10:48pm Mar 29, 2001 (#69 of 94)**

**My Concerns!**

Hi! I Amanda, One of my concerns is that the air pollution is really biting people sick. My Second concert is that golabal Warming heat because the earth will gather up the heat though out the hole world. It will melght all the ice-caps. It will cause the ocean to have more water and flood all of New York and it will be so dip it will cover the empire state billing and it will flood Antartica. Antartyica will be uder water. My therd concernt is that thir is land pollution and it is ruining the land. My last concernt is that people are cuting down trees and we if we lose any more trees we won't have very much oxygen.

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**Ryan in North Pole - 10:48pm Mar 29, 2001 (#70 of 94)**

**Sorry It is Ryan in North Pole[[this is a copy]**

Hi,

My name is Ryan . My consernse are that the sloughs are getting poluted. So I thought why don't I pick up the slough in our backyard with my dad . I asked my dad and he said sure,so mt dad and I went to our slough inn our backyard aand picked up the bank first and then the water . Well what I am tryindg to tell you is please do not litter on the LAND or the water,expeshually in the water. Well I have a plan for this summer and this is it I am going to do the same thing this year just like last summer ,and I want to clean to my loop and on the street myloop is on we have 3 loops and I know a kid on each loop and they will clean their loop.Well Got to Go.

bye-bye

Ryan in

North

Pole

P.S solve this puzzle

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GOOD LUCK

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**Frankie in North Pole - 10:48pm Mar 29, 2001 (#71 of 94)**

My enviornmental concerns are global warming and polutian. My teacher Mr.McCarthy is saying that in Vermont there was this male eagle that people let go, it went found a female and made 2 eggs. But before the eggs could hatch a snow storm hit and the eggs died. So the eagles made more eggs and this time they just sit there nursing the eggs so they can hatch before another snow storm happens.

There is also a comercial on T.V. that is saying that the goverment is getting mad at us about the clean air act. They are getting mad because the people that are supposed to be telling us how to get the air less dirty arent doing their job.{or at least thats what I think it means}

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**Sean in North Pole - 10:49pm Mar 29, 2001 (#72 of 94)**

**My concerns**

In Anchorage there are to many earthquakes.On day in Anchorage 1964 a huge earthquake append on 5th ave,part of \*ignore\* down and the other building witch was a Hotel and it went up. And in Anchorage they build to many buildings in the domes places,like once a different year there were to houses that footed on to the ocean because of a eartquake.The ground wiggled like jello.And were conceded about the Global warming.

The Antartica is melting and Hawiia is getting folder.

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**Nicole in North Pole - 10:49pm Mar 29, 2001 (#73 of 94)**

**Enviromental concerns**

My concerns about the envirement is that there is that there are to many poachers. They go out and just kill the animals without taking the meat. I mean if they are going to kill the animal, they minus well eat it. Like in the summer of 1999,on moose creek, I saw a moose just lying on the

side of the road. I think that we should kinda worry about Mad Cow disease. We also have a little problem with the garbage too. Sometimes Fox, rabbits, sometimes bears (when your camping), and wolves though it's not likely. Then there's Global warming. If the Global warming keeps going on, We will have Alaska be Hawaii and Hawaii be Alaska. That's going to be a bad thing. I have concerns about Politics, drugs, doctors and animals. The concern I have about Politics is that there is too many dumb people in the world. They are greedy and will do anything to get money, even if that means killing people. And that doctors, they need to stop with all of the stuff using electronics to try to keep people alive. They do that so they can keep that alive when it is their turn to die. If they don't die then we will all die, because there won't be enough food to go around and we will all die. Then drugs. Other continents try to sell the drugs to us and try to make us weak when it comes to war. Guess What? it is working.

Bye,

Nicole

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**Johnnie in Bettles - 11:04am Apr 3, 2001 (#74 of 94)**

**hello Frankie**

This is Johnnie's in Bettles. The same thing is happening here too. That is just the cycle doing its part. This year there is a lot of predators. Next year there will be a lot of prey. Like no rabbits this year but I see more foxes than usual. Next year there will be no foxes and a lot of rabbits.

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**Kasey in Bettles - 11:04am Apr 3, 2001 (#75 of 94)**

**My Concerns for our Environment**

My concerns for the environment is that there aren't very many moose because all the hunters that come up and village people are killing the moose and the moose population is dying down. The other concern is that all the fish aren't coming back each year and you don't catch very much each year. It is a concern to me because I like to eat the fish and there are also people who do it for a living and can't do that any more because there aren't enough fish that come back each year.

Thanks

Kasey

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**Sue in Bettles - 11:04am Apr 3, 2001 (#76 of 94)**

**About the Bears**

Dear Chase,

You should be happy that the bears are there most of the time because then you get to see them. I know that you think that it's the humans fault but if the bears want trash they're going to get trash.

Sincerely,

Sue and Amy in Bettles

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**Sue in Bettles - 11:05am Apr 3, 2001 (#77 of 94)**

**About the Bears**

Dear Bridget,  
If you want to help with the garbage bears you should get a good strong Bungee cord and put it over the trash can. That way the bears can't open it.  
Sincerely,  
Sue and Amy in Bettles

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**Hannah in Juneau - 07:38pm Apr 4, 2001 (#78 of 94)**

**FEED BACK**

I read that some people were worried about guns in school and i thnk that this is very BAD!!!!!!!  
People at my school don't do that it all. The people at my shcool are more safe.  
Guns are not good things to carry around at school. No body has ever done anything like that at my school since I have been here. I can't beleive that people do that! Has any body ever got engered?

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**Kaya in Juneau - 07:38pm Apr 4, 2001 (#79 of 94)**

**Kaya in Juneau**

I read that Kasey in Beetles is worried because the people are killing the moose and the population of moose is dying. I think that it is ok to kill the moose for food but if they just kill the moose for fun and waste the meat it is not ok. I also read that nicole in the North Pole is worried because of poachers. They are killing the animals and not eating the meat and that is bad. So I agree with her. Kaya p.s. Dont litter

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**Sydney in Juneau - 07:38pm Apr 4, 2001 (#80 of 94)**

**Feed Back**

I read that a couple of kids talked about the pollution in the water. Well I think that is bad because it kills all the fish that some people eat. Or just fish that are living there. I think that people who litter in the water or just on the streets are bad and they should learn a good lesson. I never ever litter any where. Some day I hope that Juneau and other citys and states will be free from litter.

**Kyra in Juneau - 07:38pm Apr 4, 2001 (#81 of 94)**

**Feed Back**

I read that some people were talking about pollution in the water.  
well I don't like that ether.I think it's bad because it will kill the fish.

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**Bridget in Juneau - 12:16pm Apr 6, 2001 (#82 of 94)**

**FEED BACK**

I read that some people in Northpole were talking about poachers. I think it is sad that they just leave animals their without taking the meat. I also think that people should do something about it.  
By, Bridget

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**Katelyn in Juneau - 12:16pm Apr 6, 2001 (#83 of 94)**

I read that someone was mad that they are shooting the bears and they are going to become extinct. I also want to know why they are shooting. If it is because the bears are getting in to the garbge then I say that it is their fault and not to care.

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**Kristen in Juneau - 12:17pm Apr 6, 2001 (#84 of 94)**

I heard that the sloughs were being polluted and i thinki that the people should stop littering so that the people in the North Pole will be able to swim in the slough. They should also stop because the air is going to be like it is in L.A. All littery.

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**Azure in Juneau - 12:17pm Apr 6, 2001 (#85 of 94)**

**Feed Back!!!!**

HI ITS ME AZURE, I HEARD THAT PEOPLE IN TE INTERIOR REGION ARE WORIED ABOUT THE GLOBLE WARMING I DON'T THINK THAT YOU SHOULD BE SO WORIED ABOUT THAT BECAUSE IT IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE MELTING TOTALY UNTILL AWHILE.  
AZURE

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**Josh in Juneau - 12:17pm Apr 6, 2001 (#86 of 94)**

**A concern**

I think that Austin in North pole is right The water poulltion is not good for anybody so why do it. there is not even a point to so why do it so you can make people sick and the animals make the place look bad not that is the thing you get out of poulltion

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**Dom in Juneau - 12:18pm Apr 6, 2001 (#87 of 94)**

**con.**

Why do bears have to kill Moose? I think people should kill moose.  
Or else no body should kill moose.  
We need food more than the bears so we should do it.  
Dom

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**Chase in Juneau - 04:44pm Apr 7, 2001 (#88 of 94)**

I HEARD THAT ASHLEY IN NORTH POLE IS CONCERNED ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING I AM NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THAT SO MUCH BUT I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THAT IS. BUT MY CONCERNED ABOUT THE GARBAGE BEARS AND IF THEY DON'T STOP THEN THEY WILL NOT BE ANY MORE IN JUNEAU.

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**Veronica in Juneau - 04:45pm Apr 7, 2001 (#89 of 94)**

**Environment**

My environmental concern is about the littering down here.  
I do not litter but some people do. To many people litter down here and it kills the earth! I wish the people who littler would stop. If everybody stoped littering the world's air would be alot cleaner, and fresher!!! Maybe if any of you people that are reading this maybe you could pick up a peice of garbage any time you see one please. It would help alot!  
You freind, Veronica

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**Sammie in Juneau - 04:45pm Apr 7, 2001 (#90 of 94)**

**CONCERNS**

I read that Michalla and Mike in the north pole said that air pollation in their village. And I also read that there are pochers in her village I also read that people in a vilage are bringing guns to school. the kids in my school don't do that. My air is pollated to. there are no pochers in juneau I think.?

your little angel,  
sammie

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**Hanna in Juneau - 04:45pm Apr 7, 2001 (#91 of 94)**

**Concerns in Juneau**

One of my concerns in Juneau is that we get alot of garbege bears a year. And every year atleast ten or thirty of them die from getins sot by a gun or killed by garbage. Plus we have alot of garbage in Juneau. It is all around Juneau it makes juneau look bad. And the turests that come reck our traies by going on detures.  
well ttfn ta ta for now

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**Henry in Juneau - 04:46pm Apr 7, 2001 (#92 of 94)**

**Henry!**

I heard Dan in Wasilla- and I agree with him. Oil spills are bad-they kill miillions-even billions-of animals. I think that Oil Rig Captains should be more careful when the sail their oil rig through dangerous areas. Even if they ARE late, it is better than being sued for millions, or even worse, dying when the boat sinks. Not only that, if their oil rig crashes and sends out tons of oil, they shouldn't get away with it.

-Henry!

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**Katie in Wales - 02:31pm Apr 10, 2001 (#93 of 94)**

**concern about bears**

My concern is bears always come in summer. last summer a brown bear was by the 1st colvert and me my mom and dad my whole family were fishing. almost by the bear at the colvert.and we didn't know it was there. next we heard about it then we went home.

Once at home we saw a bear runing by the mountaing and two people were chasing it back to where ever.once me and my friend were walking back from the mountain we were on the tundra and when we made it to new housing my mom said there was a bear near airport and were almsot the bear could of get us. tqaht would be scary if it did get us.

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**Clarence in Wales - 12:26pm Apr 30, 2001 (#94 of 94)**

**wolverines**

a wolverine is hanging around the mountains somewhere  
it went by the reindeer corral  
my brother and i saw some tracks there  
and we think it was chasing after a fox

## Introductions and Sharing

This is the part of the conference where you can introduce yourself, meet kids from all over Alaska, and discuss what you like about where you live, what you like to do, and what you don't like. Please use first names only.

Messages should not be written to a specific person. In a conference like this, everyone should feel welcome to read everything that anyone writes. You may refer to what a specific person writes, but it is important to address your messages and questions to everyone in the conference. Have fun!

**Week 11: April 16 - April 22 (15 messages)**

**Weeks 8-10: March 26 - April 15 (13 messages, 1 new)**

**Week 7: March 19 - March 25 (14 messages)**

**Weeks 4-6: February 26 - March 18 (14 messages)**

**Week 3: Feb 19 - Feb 25 (25 messages)**

**Week 2: Feb 10 - Feb 18 (44 messages)**

**Week 1: Feb. 1 - Feb. 9 (123 messages)**

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### **Week 1: Feb. 1 - Feb. 9**

Welcome to the Online Conference for Alaskan Students! Students in grades 3 - 7 from classrooms in Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Wasilla, Healy, Naknek, Nome, Diomedes, Point Hope, North Pole, and Wales are participating in this conference. This week we are introducing ourselves to each other.

Please tell us your first name, your age and grade, and where you are from. Let us know a little bit about where you live. What do you like best about where you live? What do you like least? Tell us something special about yourself!

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#### **Chase in Juneau - 01:53pm Feb 2, 2001 (#13 of 121)**

Wazzz up, my name is Chase. I am 11 and in the fifth grade. I live in Juneau, Alaska. What I like about Juneau is that we have lots of sports and fishing. What I dislike about Juneau is all the rain. Juneau looks like the mountains are everywhere. The streams only salmon in the summer. How I came to Juneau is that my mom wanted somewhere there is not much crime. She also wanted to live in a beautiful place. So she chose to move here from Oklahoma. What is beautiful up/down here is the glaciers, Northern lights.

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#### **Jackie in Naknek - 03:31pm Feb 6, 2001 (#36 of 121)**

*Otay*

My name is Jackie Elaine West, I am in seventh grade, and 12 years old. My favorite subject is Computer Skills. My favorite food is milkshakes. I have three pets and they are all dogs. My favorite color is lavender. When I grow up I would own something like a bakery or café. The

best thing about living in Bristol Bay is all the fish. The worst thing is the smell of the fish and that we are so far out here, we have to take airplanes everywhere.:)

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**Sarah in Naknek - 03:31pm Feb 6, 2001 (#45 of 121)**

*Hey*

My name is Sarah Swartz, I'm in 7th grade, and I am 13 years old. My favorite subject is Computer Skills. My favorite food is ice cream. No, I do not have a pet. My favorite color is red. I would like to be a doctor when I grow up. What I like about living in Bristol Bay is that I'm not in a big city where there is robbery and murders. The thing that I don't like is that I never get to see my family.

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**Rocky in Healy - 02:07pm Feb 7, 2001 (#52 of 121)**

Wazzup?

Wazzup? My name is Rocky. I am 10 and I am in fourth grade. Throughout my life I have had about 20 pets, but now I only have two turtles and a dog. We used to have eight dogs, the two turtles that I still have, a cat, 12 fish, and an iguana. I know, know, it doesn't add up to 20, but it is close enough. Next time I do this I will tell you about myself.

your friend,

Rocky

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**Megan in Point Hope - 02:43pm Feb 7, 2001 (#63 of 121)**

*Megan from Pt. Hope*

Hi, my name is Megan. I'm from Anchorage AK. I moved to Pt. Hope with my family to experience something way different from the city. We definitely got what we wanted. Pt. Hope is amazing comparing it against Anchorage. There are all new things here, I have never heard of. If anybody out there has just moved to one of these villages, please tell me what you thought when you moved there. These are some of the things I have heard that I would never have known: Hunting whales, Blanket toss, eskimo dancing, baleen baskets, ivory and whale bone carving, and lots of festivals. I LOVE animals and love to save them and I think that's what's special about me. I am not very good at sports, but I am very fond of soccer. I have 1 dog, 1 cat and 1 fish. My favorite color is Blue. Please write if interested.

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**Aaron in Point Hope - 03:05pm Feb 7, 2001 (#66 of 121)**

*Hi Rocky I am Aaron in Point Hope*

HI I AM ON THE TOP LEFT ON THE TIP OF THE MAP AND OUR CULTURE IS ESQIMO SEWING, ESKIMO DANCING, WHALING, HUNTING, PLUS IT IS REALLY COLD AROUND HERE. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF SNOW PLUS I LIKE TO WHALE HUNTING THAT; WHEN LOTS OF PEOPLE CHASED WHALES. ONE TIME SEVEN CREWS CHASED ONE WHALE

BUT NONE OF THEM CAUGHT IT. WE EAT MUKKTUK IS WHALE MEAT, CAIBOU, SEAL MEAT, FISH TOMCODS IS LITTLE FISH.

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**Natalie in Wasilla - 12:01pm Feb 9, 2001 (#114 of 121)**

*Natalie in wasilla*

Hi!!!! My name is Natalie. I am 10 years old. I go to snowshoe school. We have 425 kids in our school. We have over 20 schools in our distrike. I have a 2 horses, one milking cow, 3 meet cows, over a hundred chickens. I lerned lots of stuff  
. By!!!!!!!

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**Casey in Wasilla - 12:01pm Feb 9, 2001 (#115 of 121)**

*Casey fom Wasilla*

Hi my name is Casey. I am a boy. I moved here from dallas, Texas. The difference from Tx and here is that the tempature jumps from 100dergrees to 32degrees. We have 425 kids in our school. My favorite movie is Tombstone it's a Texan movie. My favorite sport is football. What's good about Wasilla is there is alot of farming and there is alot of sun.

Well I have to go,

Casey

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**Gus in Point Hope - 02:36pm Feb 9, 2001 (#121 of 121)**

*to Aysha in Juneau*

This is Gus and Megan replying from Pt. Hope  
There are over 100 whales in Pt. Hope. we hunt bowhead whales up here. We hunt whales with harpoons. Gus knows how to set up the harpoons. we put gunpowder and fuse in the harpoons. Now, this is Megan: I like to save pets by trying to convince people what might be better for there pets by uesing posters and talking to people.

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Nancy Dean - 03:54pm Feb 11, 2001 (#2 of 44)

#### Justin in Diomede

I am Justin. I am 10 years old. I live at Little Diomede, Ak. I was on a plane that chrshed when I was 3 days old. One thing I hate about Diomede is when there is lightening. I love Eskimo dancing and boating. My first time going to Wales, Ak was when I wa 4 years old. My favorite game is snowball fighting. We used to pay until it is time for curfew. We go murre egging by the cliffs for some eggs in the summer. I like to eat murre eggs for breadfast. Diomede looks like a big rock. It does not have trees and that is cool. sometimes we get light blue ice. Sincerely, Justin

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Nancy Dean - 03:58pm Feb 11, 2001 (#3 of 44)

#### Neil in Diomede

My name is Neil. I'm in the fifth grade. I am a student of the Davis Mendelook School. Little Diomede is in between Russia and Alaska if you look on a map and Alaska has like a '3' on the front of Alaska and Little Diomede is in the middle of the three. I like to go bird hunting for my gram and for me and my mmom. It's like we go bird hunting for as long as you wnat. I always used to go for 3 hours, but now I go for a good 17 hours with my brother Richard. We come back with a big bag full of Crested Auklets. They grow to be about 8 to 10 inches. Bye for now...

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Nancy Dean - 04:07pm Feb 11, 2001 (#5 of 44)

#### Gabe in Diomede

Hello, my name is Gabe, Jr. I'm eight years old. Nancy -my teacher, has a mandolin and autoharp.

We have beetles and mealworms. The beetles are kind of funny. Nancy put paper in their box. I like beetles in the books. I like beetles.

We play not-it in the summer and spring. We play snowball fight in the winter. We play not-the-freeze tag in the summer and spring. We need 5 people if the last one out is tagged we are frozen.

The island is small and there are no trees or playgrounds. It's slanted.

Bye, Gabe, Jr

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Nancy Dean - 04:16pm Feb 11, 2001 (#6 of 44)

#### Dawn of Diomede

My name is Dawn. I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. I go to school in Diomede, AK.

In Little Diomede when it is summer some kids always go birding and go egg junting. There are skin boats and they can catch whales, seals, walrus and ribbon seals. We can go nifullucking with

a spear. First we need a long skinny wood and two nails. Then we hammer them into the wood. Then you go down to the beach. Some kids always pick on me and so I say "so pick on someone your own size" and it is great

Good-bye--Dawn

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**Chelsea in North Pole - 05:42pm Feb 12, 2001 (#8 of 44)**

*Hi.*

Hi, my name is Chelsea. I am 11 years old. I am in the 5 grade. In North Pole we have a Santa Clause House and there are real reindeer that we can see. At Pizza Hut Santa delivers Pizza. Have you ever seen Santa do that? It doesn't rain alot but it snows. This winter we hardly got any. I sometimes wish I was in Hawaii. The thing I like best in North Pole is we can sled. The thing I don't like about it is that it gets to cold to go out and sled. Does it snow a lot in your town. Gotta go, Bye.

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**Austin in North Pole - 05:43pm Feb 12, 2001 (#9 of 44)**

Hi my name is Austin I live in North Pole. So fair this year we have not had a lot of snow. So it was not the best snow machining with the amount of snow we have. But we just recntaly got a lot of snow. Did any one of you ever go to North Pole? Can you see the northern lights good in PT.Hope?

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**Mike in North Pole - 05:44pm Feb 12, 2001 (#10 of 44)**

Hi my name is Mike. I'm nine years old, and in the 4th grade. I like to go sledding, hiking, fishing, and swimming. I like to hunt moose and ptarmigan. I like to have friends over for the weekend and I love my family.

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**Ryan in North Pole - 05:44pm Feb 12, 2001 (#11 of 44)**

*Introduction*

Hi,  
My name is Ryan I live in North Pole I. do not like where I live I am going to move to Maryland where my Dad lives. I am a 10 year old girl cool huh I am in the 4th grade My nicknames are Eeyore because I love him and I am gloomy and Reedeedoo it is a chimpanzee song and when I was born my grandma gave it to me I. live with my Grandma and my Aunt Charmayne and my cuzin sean well got to go  
Bye-Bye

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**Austin in North Pole - 05:03pm Feb 13, 2001 (#20 of 44)**

Hi my name is Justin I live in north Pole. Did any one else see the northern lights night of 2/12/01.

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**Nicole in North Pole - 09:08pm Feb 13, 2001 (#24 of 44)**

*Hi again*

Hi it's Nicole,

I just want to say that I would probably move to Sand point if I ever could. They say that they have great halibut fishing. I have a friend that lives down there and were going to go down there this summer and visit him. Then the next month were going to go to my gramdpa's and grandma lives there. so I can't wait to go down there. By the way they live in Kansas city,Kansas and my other grandma (the one that comes up here every year ) lives on the Missouri side, cause there two Kansas city's. Isn't that messed up.

bye,

Nicole

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**Lena in Wasilla - 02:20pm Feb 14, 2001 (#26 of 44)**

*Lena in Wasilla*

On Saturday I read a book called Redwall.I don't go outside its too cold.It can be -5 degrees outside.I sometimes play video games its called Super Mario Smash Bros.Today I woke up at 3:00 in the moring while thising to the radio.My dad is leaving in 9months.He doesn't no were he's going.Were you live do you have malls? Lena

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**Delta in Naknek - 06:08pm Feb 15, 2001 (#32 of 44)**

*Free and wild*

I read that Megan in Point Hope just moved there. I've never been there but I think any place in Alaska you feel like you are free and wild. Dose anyone else feel that way?

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**Timmy in Naknek - 06:08pm Feb 15, 2001 (#33 of 44)**

*hi*

I read that Chelsea in North Pole has a Santa delivers her pizza and she gets to see reindeer. Does anyone else get to see reindeer?

I read that A.J. in North Pole likes snowboarding. I like snowboarding but I don't get a lot of chances to do that. Does anyone else like snowboarding?

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**Henry in Juneau - 04:05pm Feb 16, 2001 (#34 of 44)**

*Yo! it's Henry.*

I have two questions: for one, what is it like in Diomedes, and how many miles is Diomedes from Russia? Can you see it? Can anybody go over there in a rowboat?  
For North Pole: Do the letters sent to Santa really end up in North Pole, Alaska? Is there really someone there that owns a sleigh and looks like Santa? And, what is it like there?

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**Vance in Juneau - 04:08pm Feb 16, 2001 (#35 of 44)**

Hi my name is Vance I am the new person in this conference I am ten years old & I am in 5th grade & I saw Tlingit dancers it was cool to see!!! And I am almost all Tlingit. I am in the Eagle Thunderbird clan.

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**Bridget in Juneau - 04:09pm Feb 16, 2001 (#36 of 44)**

I read that Jordan in Healy has a dog. I have a dog too. Has anyone gone dog sledding? We just read a book about it called Woodsong by Gary Paulsen.

I read that Charles in Healy has two parakeets. I have two parakeets too. Mine talk a lot. Sometimes if they won't be quiet we squirt them with a water bottle. Then they quiet down.

I read that Dawn in Diomedes liked to go egg hunting. I was just wondering what egg hunting is. Has anyone else gone egg hunting?

Bridget

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**Brad in Juneau - 04:10pm Feb 16, 2001 (#37 of 44)**

*me myself and I*

I am a little Tlingit. I am in the Raven clan too. Today at assembly some Tlingit dancers came to dance for us

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**Lisa in Wales - 09:45pm Feb 16, 2001 (#41 of 44)**

*reindeer wrestling*

hi the weather gets very cold & a lot of snow blizzards but today it was very nice out. When it is cold out we play out, when it is nice out we play out, too. We go riding on snow machines, but in the summer we ride on Hondas. In July we have corral sometimes in June kids my age wrestle fawns or grab horns. Corral is where we wrestle reindeer. They come right when it is corral time. I grab horns I wrestle fawns with my friend Katie from Wales she is my first cousin & my best friend or I wrestle with my cousin Cheryl.

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**Cori in Healy - 02:33pm Mar 14, 2001 (#44 of 44)**

Hi I live in healy. I'm in 4th grade. I am 10 years old. my b-day is June 12. I have some math for you.

#1.  $10 \cdot 10 + 3 - 6/2 + 18 \cdot 3 + 9 - 100 = ?$

#2.  $6 - 6 + 3 \cdot 10/10 \cdot 60 - 3 + 6 = ?$  #3.  $100/4 + 6 + 4 - 9 \cdot 3 + 9 - 4 = ?$

If you know at least one of them, tell which number it is, and the answer to it.

from: Cori

(bonus)

$20 \cdot 100 + 6 - 9/2 + 6 - 4 \cdot 7/3 = ?$

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**Kyra in Juneau - 09:43am Feb 20, 2001 (#3 of 25)**

Hi my name is kyra. I just had a brthday party yestrday. But my brthday is relly on Thursday. I am going to be 10. We have an assembly on Friday. It is the Multicultural Day. We're going to do a soccer dance from Brazil . It is going to be scary to have the hole school waching. Do you think it would be scary to?

your friend,  
kyra

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**Jordan in Healy - 02:53pm Feb 20, 2001 (#6 of 25)**

*Jordan*

If you now what  $10 \cdot 10 \cdot 2 \cdot 3$  is? If you do write me back.

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**Luke in Healy - 03:40pm Feb 20, 2001 (#7 of 25)**

600

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**Luke in Healy - 03:41pm Feb 20, 2001 (#8 of 25)**

Do you know  $100 \times 100 \times 3 \times 1$  is write me back

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**Nicole in North Pole - 10:31am Feb 22, 2001 (#9 of 25)**

*Hi from Nicole*

This is Nicole from North Pole. It's not the one on the top of the world, but Santa Clause lives here at the Santa Clause House. There, there's Santa's reindeer, and some souvenirs. There's also Santa Clause that lives there. It's a really fun place there and I only live about a mile away from it. I live on Cecile Street. It's right off of Silverleaf. I have a lot of friends too.

Bye,  
Nicole

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**Krysta in North Pole - 10:32am Feb 22, 2001 (#10 of 25)**

*Krysta,*

Hi it's me again. I just finished a book called The Egypt Game. I watched a show on TV last night and it was about Martin Luther King Jr. 2 people died and one was black and the other was white. It was the march for freedom and after the last kill they were aloud to march to the freedom land. The last kill was the white man named John. The black man's name was Jimmy Lee. The black people of the black church cried and they cried a lot. Then when there were no white people around there fountain Shiann went over there and got a cup of water. But there was a white person and he knocked it out of Shiann's hand.

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**Bryce in Juneau - 12:20pm Feb 22, 2001 (#11 of 25)**

*DAAAAAA Easy*

$$100 \times 100 \times 3 \times 1 = 30000$$

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**Vance in Juneau - 12:22pm Feb 22, 2001 (#12 of 25)**

$$10 \times 10 \times 2 \times 3 = 600$$

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**Vance in Juneau - 12:23pm Feb 22, 2001 (#13 of 25)**

Those are easy problems. One was 600 and one was 30000.

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**Luke in Healy - 02:53pm Feb 22, 2001 (#14 of 25)**

300,000 is the correct answer

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**Brittany in Juneau - 02:54pm Feb 22, 2001 (#17 of 25)**

*reading about Diomedede*

I was reading about Diomedede. I can't imagine having no trees because we have so many trees in Juneau. I am wondering if murre is a type of bird. And I am wondering if the light blue ice turns blue when air goes under the ice. We have an ice field in Juneau and it has glaciers. One is Mendenhall Glacier and it has blue on it because air goes under the ice and gets stuck in there. What are Crested Auklets? Sammie thought they were chocolate until she heard they grow 10 inches. Three of us did a play yesterday and it was called To-voka-nok. It was about two friends who grew up together and one gets a wife and the other guy wants a wife too but he dies. It's an Eskimo legend. Three other people did a skit with Eskimo dancing. They made dance fans with feathers.

Brittany

**Johnnie in Bettles - 02:02pm Feb 23, 2001 (#22 of 25)**

*Hello*

My name is Johnnie I have a snowmachine and it is not the best kind it is a mix between a 89 and 93 elan so part of it is old and older so I have to work on it every ounce and awhile well I am 16

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**Danielle in North Pole - 03:08pm Feb 27, 2001 (#24 of 25)**

*Reply*

Hi my name is dani in North Pole,

I'm repying to Kyra and I do think it would and you should be brave. I am 11 years old and I'm scared being watched by the hole school.

Your friend,  
Dani

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**Alan in Sitka - 01:14pm Mar 1, 2001 (#25 of 25)**

*Old Sitka - A Story with Paul*

There where about 8 to 9,000 peple in Sitka. Paul (my step-dad) use to have war with bb guns but I'm learning to shoot. Paul's dad was a bus driver for the school district. he also was a Native carver. Paul's mom still lives in the same house on Seward Street. Chores he had to do were mainly walking the dog, doing dishes, taking out the garbage, and the dreadful cleaning of our rooms. For fun we shot our bb guns or went hunting, fishing or hanging out at the Teen Center or Arcades. His favorite place to play was in the muskeg off DeGroff Street all the way over to Indian River Trail. There were so many forts that we

built in countless trees, river banks and caves. It was a peaceful place. Paul stayed in Sitka because it is home to him and he never really ventured out of Southeast Alaska until almost 20 years old. It is a very beautiful and peaceful community.

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### **Weeks 4-6: February 26 - March 18**

In addition to sharing about your lives, let us know what your native culture is...and if you have one favorite tradition each year.

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#### **Krysta in North Pole - 03:05pm Feb 27, 2001 (#2 of 14)**

Hi it's me again. I hope everybody in the area that had to do the stuff about the geography got their information. Today we had the C.A.T.s tests today. Then when we got to the computer lab we wrote in our journals that we made on the computer. How was your day? Have a good day. How is it all the way up in the cold spots? If I offended you I'm really sorry.

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#### **Nicole in North Pole - 03:07pm Feb 27, 2001 (#3 of 14)**

*What is our weather like?*

Hi from Nicole, The weather here is pretty much like the weather down in the lower forty-eight at this time in a normal winter. On 2/25 in the afternoon it was 49 degrees. It was pretty warm. Then at night it was 32 degrees. Then of course the lower forty-eight is getting our weather. I think that it is continental drift. We were taught that not a long ago. It could be that we switched sides. Just kidding.

Your friend,  
Nicole

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#### **Michaela in North Pole - 03:08pm Feb 27, 2001 (#4 of 14)**

*Tradition*

Hi,  
Almost every year I get a birthday party. I do not know why. My parents just say, "You can have a couple friends over for a little party". Well tell me about your traditions. Write back to Michaela in North Pole.

Got to go,  
Miki

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#### **Vance in Juneau - 02:00pm Mar 2, 2001 (#5 of 14)**

Our 4th grades already did the c.a.t. Our class has fourth and fifth graders, and the fifth graders had to leave during the c.a.t. test.

I am studying the South Central Region.

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#### **Chelsea in North Pole - 08:50pm Mar 4, 2001 (#6 of 14)**

Hell-o!  
Hi. This is Chelsea.

All last week we did the C.A.T test. We have a 4/5 class like Vance in Juneau only the 4<sup>th</sup> graders took it too. It took us 4 days to finish.  
That's all. Bye.

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**Jordan in Healy - 03:28pm Mar 6, 2001 (#8 of 14)**

*Math*

What is  $10 \cdot 10 + 56 - 6 + 50 - 100 - 2 =$ ? If you know write back.

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**Miranda in Juneau - 01:13pm Mar 7, 2001 (#10 of 14)**

*...back from Montana*

Hi my name is Miranda and I am ten years old. I am in fifth grade. I just went on a trip to Montana to visit my dad. I was there for a week. I went sledding. They had a lot of snow. We don't have any snow in Juneau. When me and my sister went hiking in Montana, we saw a dead fox. It wasn't there when we went hiking after that. The person who was living there catches them and skins them. My sister took pictures of me.

We don't get much sun in Juneau. We get rain. I like to play and go to school. I live with my grandma.

## What Do I Think About This Online Conference?

Please answer these 3 questions:

- How does it feel to be in this online conference?
- What do you like or dislike about the conference? Why?
- Do you think having this conference is useful or not? Why? You may also offer any suggestions for how the conference could be better.

Neither your teachers nor the administrator of this conference will know or see your name. You will not be able to see what others write about these questions. Your opinions are important. Please share your thoughts and ideas as honestly as possible.

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**Feb. 19 – Feb. 25**

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**opinion from Juneau - 08:50pm Feb 16, 2001 (#1 of 3)**

- 1 I feel that this online confrence I s cool beacuse we get to use compters and I think it is fun.
  - 2 I like this confrice beacuse we get to make a website and tell about Alaska and It is fun.
  - 3 I think it is useful beacuse bniot is fun and I am lerning a lot.
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**opinion from Juneau - 08:51pm Feb 16, 2001 (#2 of 3)**

**Zachs opinion from juneau**

I think it feels good so we can talk to other people in different places in alaska. I like it becausase you get to see what different places in Alaska are like and shat other people in those places are like. I think it is useful because we are doing region studys so we can get soem information about the different places that are in our region.

## Teachers' Conference

This folder will contain the discussions held by the teachers involved in the Online Conference for Alaskan Students, and will not be viewable by students.

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The initial “welcome” message from Caryn Camp to the participating teachers:

### Welcome teachers!

This discussion will only be viewable by the teachers (not the students) participating in this online conference.

The purpose of this discussion is to introduce ourselves, talk about our goals/concerns/questions/ideas for this online conference, and get used to the process ourselves.

About myself, this is my first year in Alaska. I have spent almost all of my 34 years in New England - from Connecticut to New Hampshire to Maine, though was at Georgetown U for a year in Washington D.C. many years ago, and have spent the last 2 in upstate New York with my parents. I am changing my career from that of a laboratory biochemist, and had a tough decision between the Master's program at Syracuse University vs. here at the University of Alaska Southeast. I chose the latter because of its emphasis on technology, and for the adventure. Though Syracuse U has the Leu and Leu expertise on their staff (two of the masters in educational technology), they are on sabbatical this year. I fell in love with Alaska last summer, as I experienced the glaciers calving in the Tracy Arm Fjord, the bears at Pack Creek on Admiralty Island, and my first time kayaking! I would consider staying, and even working in the bush, if I had any family here at all. But it is just me, and my family is important to me, and VERY FAR AWAY! So I am looking forward to returning to Vestal, New York where I hope to teach 5th or 6th grade. I have to fly back for the New York State Certification Exam on April 21st, so I will interview there at that time. And that's about me! I am very much looking forward to this project, both for the students and for me. It is fun to communicate with each of you.

Please send me a list of any students who will be participating in this conference. I will register them as users next week, and they will have "moderated" status. That means that anything they write and submit will have to be previewed by me, the host, before it is posted to the conference. That is just a precaution against any inappropriate language being posted.

You, as teachers, do not have "moderated" status - that means anything you write now will be posted immediately.

If an adult acts as a scribe or typer (who edits) for the student, I think I would like in parentheses at the end of the entry something like (scribed) or (edited)...just for my own information.

The students will be registered as their first name plus the name of their town. For example, Peter in Juneau. Although I have registered the teachers as their first and last name for this teachers' conference, I will also register you as (for example) "Ms. Logsdon in Wasilla." and "Miss Camp in Juneau." I think it would be helpful for us to use those names if and when we post an entry in the conference, because it would let the reader know that 1) we are a teacher, and 2) where we are from.

A couple things to think about...

For those of us who have many students, we may want to keep watch for any students who ask questions and don't get a response, and read out-loud that entry to our own students, and ask for volunteers to respond.

To lessen the amount of computer time needed, you may consider printing out the posted comments (daily or weekly) and putting them up in the classroom for your students to read.

When planning this online conference, I tentatively mapped out the topics of discussion for the first 5 weeks, based on looking at the past, present, and future of Alaska, and an opportunity for students to connect with each other. Here is what I envision:

For the first week, I'm thinking of giving the kids an opportunity just to introduce themselves and say where they are from, and mention what they like best about where they live, and what they like least. Perhaps they might describe the geography and culture of where they live a little bit. On the second week, I would like kids to write about a typical "day in the life" of a winter day and a summer day where they live.

On the third week, I would like kids to discuss what their town/village was like when their grandfather was a kid.

On the fourth week, I would like kids to discuss what they think Alaska (or their village) will be like in 20 years, and what they wish it would be like.

On the fifth week, I would like kids to think about how they can make a difference (now or as an adult) in their town or in Alaska.

The questions move from being pretty concrete in the beginning, to more reflective and opinion-type topics. We can continue the conference as long as we feel it is manageable and beneficial. Please feel free to offer suggestions for topics of discussion. A recipe exchange may be fun as well.

The kids in Sue's and my classroom are broken into 5 groups, and each group is focusing on one of those 5 topics I mentioned. Of course, we have 27 students - and I know many of you have only a few students. Let me know what would be helpful for you. I think we'll learn as we go, so we'll just have to dive in and give it a whirl...and adjust as necessary.

I look forward to our sharing of ideas this week. I know some of you have a lot more experience with this than I, so feel free to offer suggestions, comments, ideas...! Post any of your questions here as well!

Caryn