

Viking Saga

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NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School is out for the summer! I don't know who is more excited, student, teachers, or parents?! I do know that I am grateful for the work and care that everyone has put into these past couple of months of school during distance learning.

I believe we have all learned much more than we had planned before Spring Break. And largely about different things than the curricula had laid out. And, in some cases, the curriculum became more real and personal.

In the Reflections on Learning linked to the right, I saw field guides from students' own yards. I heard students perform music together online. I saw students sharing things they learned in their own personal lives, beyond the walls of the school and textbooks. There are live presentations to authentic audiences and beautifully displayed projects about relevant topics (I'm looking at you, Algebra III! Using Polynomial regression to guess when the Nenana Tripod will fall? I'll consult with those students next year!). I saw students outside a lot! Some of the reflections look back at this specific time of learning, but all of them are artifacts of this time.

Please take some time to view them with your child on the website or the link to the right.

Be on the lookout for communications during the summer as we reach out for feedback as well as communication about planning for the fall.

Have a great summer!!

Congratulations Class of 2020!



Congratulations to Becki Basile, Laird Dixon, Kenzie Mirasole, Lauren Pluard, Erin Przybylski, Abigail Smith, and Missy Titus. Special thanks to everyone who helped make this year's graduation ceremony a success. Photo credit: Tina Graham

NEW Congratulations! Isabel Brown won the "Environmental Award" from the Museum of the North when she participated in the virtual Interior Alaska Science Fair in mid-March. Way to go, Izzy!

NEW Summer Reading: The Library is planning for independent summer reading activities, coming soon, check the community library website at www.tvclibrary.org. This is also the site where the library will announce when we're ready to receive book returns, and open the doors sometime this summer. In the meantime, you can find lots of online resources for ebooks and audiobooks, plus reading activities by grade level at the [TVS LIBRARY PADLET](https://sites.google.com/dbsd.org/dbsd-reflections-of-learning). Read on - all summer long! (link for TVS LIBRARY PADLET is: <https://padlet.com/marthatomeo/qgnaongpf797>)

NEW Reflections on Learning This collection reflects our students' experiences as we journeyed as Crew through emergency, distance learning (and some learning from before!). These products celebrate learning as a human endeavor that collectively held us together. Reflection, either on the part of a student or teacher, empowers the learner to understand their progress and growth over time. Reflection is directly linked to motivation, confidence and a sense of accomplishment. We hope that you'll see in our work that we have demonstrated the DBSD character traits of ownership of learning, self-management, engagement, perseverance and creativity. <https://sites.google.com/dbsd.org/dbsd-reflections-of-learning> It is also being posted on the school's website. You will need to be signed in to google with [@dbsd.org](https://twitter.com/dbsd.org) in order to view the page.

Online Registration: Now open in Skyward for the 2020/2021 school year! **Any new or returning students should register.** You'll see links within your Family Access to finish this process. We appreciate your efforts in completing this as we'll be able to better plan for our school year.

NEW Spring Virtual DBSD Variety Show: The link for the Spring Virtual DBSD Variety Show is on www.dbsd.org. Check out our talented students and staff!

NEW Class Supply Lists for 2020/21: Class supply lists for 2020/21 will be posted on dbsd.org in the next couple of weeks.