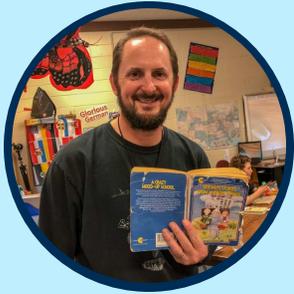




Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Celebrate Student & Educator Success

In the 42 schools across the Kenai Peninsula, students learn, excel, achieve. Every. Single. Day.



JASON DANIELS
K-BEACH ELEMENTARY

Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)

"Science education is now more important than ever. We live in an age of science and technology. It has shaped our lives and will shape the lives of our children even more. To this end, we have new Science Standards of Alaska (SSA) for Alaskan educators. The new standards were vetted by Alaskan teachers in an effort to make them more relevant for Alaskan kids and the Alaskan way of life. The SSAs are designed around three dimensions of science understanding, and more closely aligned with how science happens in our daily lives and they are very teachable."

National story coming February 18
Finalist story:
<https://bit.ly/3G2QyEo>



ANNA DEVOLD
CONNECTIONS HOMESCHOOL

Anna DeVold designed the Promote Our Pollinators (POP) program to educate her community about bees and other pollinators, why their numbers are declining, and to offer ways to promote their population growth.

Recipient of the **President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA)** the program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources, encourages positive community involvement, and recognizes outstanding environmental projects. Anna offers POP presentations and educational activities in schools, libraries, senior centers, and at community events. She is an award winner in the KPBSD Caring for the Kenai program and continues to receive statewide recognition awards. Story:
<https://bit.ly/3jevBNW>



SPENCER CO
HOMER HIGH SCHOOL

Spencer Co, now a sophomore at Homer High School, is one of only a couple hundred people worldwide to receive not just a score of 5 on the AP Computer Science exam, but also received every point possible on the test, putting him in the top .29% of people who took the test!

"It's really rewarding to know that the time and commitment I put into studying computer science was recognized in some regard. Still, my perfect score was in a way simply a matter of chance. I'm sure that other students could have achieved the same, but had only missed a few questions."



LINNAEA GOSSARD
COOPER LANDING SCHOOL

2021 Alaska Society for Technology in Education (ASTE) Student of the Year

Linnaea Gossard fashioned her own educational experience and thrives in the virtual world using her 21st century skills and knowledge. Starting in 7th grade, she took 24 live synchronous classes with 16 different teachers from eight different schools—all from her one room K-12 schoolhouse in Cooper Landing. She is a certified Video Tele Communications (VTC) facilitator and coordinator, the cocreator of the districtwide VTC Coordinating Program (creating opportunities for remote students to take live synchronous courses not available at their school) and was the VTC Coordinating Program Intern for the KPBSD. Story:
<https://bit.ly/2Xn54pQ>



KIM LESLIE, KPBSD
DISTANCE LEARNING

2021 Alaska Teacher of the Year Finalist

"I design courses rich with information and engaging learning tasks in Canvas, primarily work with my students asynchronously, and the feedback cycles that happen in text, recorded video and Zoom fuel the heart of their learning. Often my students' curiosities, hopes and dreams guide what we dig into the most. I can honestly say that I learn more from them in the end: They share their gulps with me!" One deeply moving part of my work is witnessing the return on investments in people. I watch students stand a little straighter, walk a little farther, and sometimes leap over hurdles simply because I (and other stakeholders in their world) said, "I believe in you."

Story: <https://bit.ly/3proR3i>

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