



# Chapman Elementary grade $\frac{4}{5}$ Class Notes

Week of Dec.16-20, 2019

## An Interview With a School Board Member

By: Alysha & Alana

We interviewed the vice president of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District School Board. His name is "Zen" Kelly. So we are going to tell you the questions that we asked him and his responses.

Question one was," How long have you been a School Board Member?"

His response was, "I have been a School Board Member for about four and a half years."

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Question two was, “Have you ever held a different position like a teacher, principal, or a librarian?”

He said, “I have not. I have only been a School Board Member, but I am married to a teacher.”

The third question was, “What exactly do you do as a school board member?”

He said, “Wow, that is a good question. As a school board member, I help develop policies that help the school district run. For me, as a school board member, I help a lot with the finances and the budget. There are nine school board members and they all represent different areas of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Your school is one of the schools that I represent. I’m the person you would come to talk to if you have an issue.”

Question four was, “What motivated you to become a school board member?”

He responded, “Children. Providing an excellent education to every child.”

The fifth question was, “Do you have any upcoming plans for the school?”

He said, “To secure a really good principal for your school. I think the world of him. I have another good plan. To advocate to keep Chapman School open for the Anchor Point community.”

Question six, we asked, “What is your biggest responsibility for being a school board member?”

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Zen said, "The biggest responsibility is making sure that there is an equal educational opportunity for all kids in our district."

Question seven was, "What do you like the most about being a school board member?"

He said, "This is a hard one. I like seeing the children in their classrooms learning from the great teachers we have."

Question eight was, "Do you dislike anything about being a school board member?"

Zen's response was, "I do. I dislike having to work so hard to convince the state on the need for adequate school funding. What that means is that I can't go out and get money. I can't tax people and I can't raise money from people. All of the money that we use is given to us by the state. I'm always saying we're not getting enough money to do the job that needs to be done. And that's a frustrating thing."

Question nine was, "How long did you have to go to school to become a school board member?"

He said, "You don't have to go to school at all to become a school board member because we are an elected official. There are no qualifications other than living in a certain area, it's the only qualification you have to have to run on the ballot. And when you put your name on the ballot to be a school board member, then people go and vote, then people decide who they want to represent their certain area. So you don't have to go to college to be a school board member."

Question ten was, "Do you have any upcoming plans for the school district?"

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Zen said, "My upcoming plans are to provide the best environment for kids to learn. And that's like a huge open statement, right. Because that involves so many different things. Making sure you have the books that you need and that you have the support you need that you want to come to school. And that your parents have the tools that they need to prepare you to be ready when you get to school. So like all of that is my plan to continue on and make sure people get what they need, so they show up to school and they're ready to learn and you're actually learning."

This was an interview with the vice president of the school district.

## Christmas Break

By Asa

As most of you know, Christmas is coming up soon. There will be a Christmas break for two weeks to celebrate Christmas. You could do a lot in two weeks! (You will have to do a lot to get ready for Christmas.) Think of all the things you could do in two weeks! You could go on Christmas vacation, you can sleep in, you can annoy your parents by making them wake up extra early on Christmas morning, yeah! Look at all the fun things you can do!

## Christmas Traditions Around the World

By Javan and Asa

Here are some interesting facts about how other countries celebrate Christmas. In Japan Christmas is known as more of a time to spread happiness rather than a religious celebration. Christmas Eve is often celebrated more than Christmas Day. Christmas Eve is thought of as a romantic day, in which couples spend time together and exchange presents. Fried chicken is often eaten on Christmas day. ([www.whychristmas.com/cultures/japan](http://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/japan))

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The Mexican tradition for Christmas is named Las Posadas and it starts on the 16th of December. For Christmas they have a parade on Christmas Eve and it is led by children who have a figure that they put into a nativity scene at the local church. Then everyone goes to church to celebrate. (Christmas Traditions in Mexico/How Stuff Works)

Christmas Day, celebrated on December 25 in Catholic, Protestant, and most Orthodox churches, is a public holiday in South Africa. On this day Christians commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. The date is traditional and is not considered to be the actual date of his birth. People like to go camping and put up a “fir” tree. ([https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/south\\_africa](https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/south_africa))

The Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th was also celebrated in some towns in Ireland as 'Nollaig na mBean' or Women's Christmas. Traditionally the women got the day off and the men do the housework and cooking! The women met in each other's homes to sew and chat. Some houses put a large candle in the window and let it burn until morning. ([www.whychristmas.com/cultures/ireland](http://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/ireland))

Christmas celebrations in Russia was banned from 1929 to 1991. Christmas in Russia is normally celebrated on January 7th, only a few Catholics might celebrate it on the 25th of December. The date is different because the Russian Orthodox Church uses the old 'Julian' calendar for religious celebration days. The Orthodox Church also celebrates Advent. ([www.whychristmas.com/cultures/russia](http://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/russia))

Americans celebrate Christmas with many Traditions. Christmas, celebrated by most Christians on December 25, commemorates the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. ... In the Southwest, luminarias, lanterns made from brown paper bags weighed down with sand and illuminated by a lit candle, are displayed on Christmas Eve.

([www.whychristmas.com/cultures/usa](http://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/usa))

## Math

By Aaron

In this week of math, we are multiplying and dividing decimals. Next week, we are doing numerical expressions a numerical expression is a combination of numbers and at least one operation. You can find the value, or evaluate, numerical expression by completing each operation, we are also doing a fraction packet, and then last we are learning how to do order of operations.

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## Opinion Piece

By Javan and Luke

We think kids should get more sleep, because it will help them think better during school. Kids don't get enough sleep due to staying up too late or because they have to do something after school. This makes them fall asleep late. Sleep is more important than you may think. Can you think of a time when you didn't get enough sleep? That feeling is awful and, when you feel that way, you're not at your best. anyway it has to be fixed. We think the school could fix the problem by making breakfast time longer, so the kids could come to school later or earlier depending on when the parents have to go to work. Parents could help by making an earlier curfew for their children, and making sure their children go to bed earlier. Anyway, we just think the kids at Chapman School need more sleep.

we found some of this stuff from

<https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/not-tired.html>.

## 2019 Chapman Winter Concert

By Javan and Parker

At the Chapman School Winter Concert this year, the grade K-4 choir sang "La Navidad", "Don't Eat A Poinsettia", and "The Rhythm of the Season". 5th Grade band played, "Hot Cross Buns", "Jingle Bells", "Good King Wenceslas", and "Dreydel, Dreydel". The Preschool class did showcase a sampling of songs that they have learned in music class. They have selected their favorites, including "Old Jeremiah", "Snowflakes Falling", "The Wind Blew East", and "Aiken Drum". 6-8 a combined band played First "Winter's Sleigh Ride" and "Clash of Warriors". They also played "Hanukkah Celebration" and "The Nutcracker March" as challenge songs. At the end of the Chapman School Winter Concert, 5-8 played "Holiday Sampler". That was the end of the winter concert. The Cookie Sale Made \$555.55, the root beer sale made \$188.20, and the stocking made \$1,393. The little kids were cute when they sang their song and danced.

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# Lazy Latte Interview

Lucy & Milleah & Dayten

Milleah and I thought we should interview the owner of the coffee shop named K's Lazy Latte, so we did. We came up with 11 questions to ask them and here they are, and if you are wondering where Lazy Latte is it is in Anchor Point, Alaska next to the museum.

"How many years have you worked here?"

Kristy and Kylie said, "About one and a half years."

"Who is your competition?"

Kristy and Kylie said, "Black Water Bend."

"How many family members work by your side?"

Kristy and Kylie said, "Because we're sisters."

"Why the name Lazy Latte?"

"We don't know the people before us named it and we added the K's to it"

"How many people go there a day?"

"About 60 to 70 people"

"Where do you think your business is going to go?"

"Good, it's been open for a while."

"How many years has Lazy Latte been running?"

"Lazy Latte has been running for about twelve years."

"Who started Lazy Latte?"

"Rosa Jammy."

"Have you started any other businesses?"

"No. But our mom and dad own Romeros"

"Do you have a goal for Lazy Latte?"

"To buy a property and build another coffee shop."

"Do you have any advice for other people that want to start a business?"

"To have a good job, and good employees."

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# Story of the week:

The Three Brave Chihuahuas:

The corruption

## RECAP:

Our heroes have encountered a very rare thing, and it could change their lives, corruption!

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“I can't see!” said Fred. “I know your here.” said Carl. “I know you've been drinking coffee, but come on!” said Bob. Then, **SPLASH!** Carl was back, but wet. “C-Carl?” said Fred. “Yeah.” said Carl. “Your all wet, why?” said Bob. “I am?” said Carl. “I've been waiting for you.” said ???.

“H-hello?” said Bob. Then, out of the shadows, another chihuahua came! But then ran away. “We need to find that chihuahua!” **TO BE CONTINUED....**



By William