

# Homer-Kachemak Bay Rotary Club

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Nikolaevsk School  
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Dear Billeen Carlson, Michael Sellers and Stephanie Jones,

First, thank you for all you are doing to make education engaging and meaningful to students of all ages as the pandemic continues. We hope you realize that your work is valued and you are appreciated.

Second, to help you in the jobs you do, enclosed please find a check for \$2,500 from the Homer-Kachemak Bay Rotary Club and Rotary District 5010. This grant money originally was allocated for travel scholarships to Japan for Nikolaevsk's graduating seniors. Because that trip was canceled due to COVID-19 and other reasons, we are giving you \$2,500 to use for student field trips on the Kenai Peninsula — and possibly beyond.

As I mentioned to Billeen, there is a string (or two) attached to the funds: The club wants to see photos of the field trips the students participate in and get a report from the students and teacher about what the field trips mean to their education, as well as a financial accounting of how the \$2,500 is spent. In addition, it would be great if there could be an in-person presentation to our Rotary club. We meet at noon Thursdays at the Best Western Bidarka. The presentation also could be via Zoom.

Here is a summary of our understanding of how the money will be spent: \$2,500 will provide you with about \$400 per field trip, most of which goes to transportation (bus) costs. Augmented by your school budget this would provide you with transportation costs, the cost of modest programming through local non-profits, and possibly lunch on the go from Subway or another vendor. We understand that between 8 and 10 students regularly participate in the field trips. The students are in Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.

Billeen, we also are working up on coming up with possible field trip sites. May I share your email address with the club, so people can contact you directly? Please let me know.

Finally, we hope this grant encourages you and the students during a difficult year. May it be a reminder that even though you teach at a rural school, you and your students are not forgotten.

Here's to a surprisingly wonderful school year.

All the best,

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