

Nelson Lagoon sees Sand Point

From the ALEUT Sand Point School

On January 11, 18 of 22 students from Nelson Lagoon came to Sand Point for a field trip. Four sponsors came with the students; they are: Kathy Isacson, Principal/Teacher at Nelson Lagoon, Norman Isacson, an aide; Steve Tucci, the new high school teacher (he taught College preparatory at Tacoma, Wash., before going to Nelson Lagoon.) His wife, Cherie Tucci, is a volunteer at school.

Mrs. Isacson said they have all liked what they have seen. She said they were made to feel very welcome, and being here in Sand Point has been a real experience for some students who have never gone to another school other than the one-room school in Nelson Lagoon. Mrs. Isacson said that she has really enjoyed meeting the teachers here.

Everyone enjoyed the tour of the Pacific Pearl Cannery. She said they really enjoyed the basketball games and for some it was the first time. The students took a tour of the aquaculture building, too.

This field trip was funded by the Indian Education Parent Committee. The students flew over on Don Johnson's Cessna 180; it took four plane loads to get them all over here. They stayed at the Chapel and left on Saturday. During their stay here the high school students from Nelson Lagoon had the honor of planning and cooking all of the meals for themselves and the chaperones.

There are at present 48 people living at Nelson Lagoon. In the spring they are getting a 2,600 foot runway and new roads. During a 100-mile an hour wind their windmill blew down so they are putting that back up.

Well we've enjoyed having you here, Nelson Lagoon; hope you enjoyed it and come back again!