

Bethel students join Junior Achievement movement

Bethel has been among the Junior Achievement statewide community satellite areas since the programs expanded to reach rural Alaska in 1989. 1995 is no exception! With the assistance of community volunteers and teachers, nine programs are occurring in Bethel classrooms this spring.

Community members and businesses provide funding for this economic education program for students kindergarten through twelfth

grades. Richard Romer, Calista Corporation and Statewide Board Member; Arvin Dull, First National Bank and Statewide Board Member; and Bing Santamour and Roy Kenick both of AVCP, have been active in the 1995 Bethel Junior Achievement fund drive.

With community volunteers who share business experiences in the classroom, students learn how economics impacts their lives as citizens, consumers and workers.

This awareness enables them to understand their place in the world and make educated decisions about their economic future.

High school students learn to operate their own companies, from the sale of stocks, production and marketing of products, to final liquidation. Middle school students learn the importance of staying in school, interview skills and budgeting. Elementary school students learn their roles in an expanding

environment. Each theme includes grade appropriate activities to enforce learning concepts.

Classroom community volunteers and teachers include; Dave Morgan, Bethel Regional High School; Aaron Dey, National Bank of Alaska; Gary McConnell, Bethel Regional High School; Jane Allen, UAF; Joli Morgan, UAF; Dennis O'Neill, KYUK; Susie Israelsson, Bethel-Kilbuck Elementary; Jolene John-Ellis, AVCP

and Alice O'Neill, YKHC.

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization, annually reaching 2 million students nationwide and 15,000 students in Alaska, whose mission is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics and be work force ready. All classroom materials and volunteer trainings are provided by Junior Achievement.