

8th Graders

Four eight-graders from Chalkyitsik are visiting Fairbanks and attending Lathrop High School where they will enroll as ninth-grade boarding-home students in September.

They are Kenny Jones, Simon Francis, Isabelle Salmon and Virginia Henry.

The four hosted four Lathrop High School sophomores at Chalkyitsik March 20 to March 30, including Jeff Coe, Ray Collins, Ginger Regan and Julie Manville. The exchange attempts to improve understanding between students and acquaint each with the other's environment.

"Fairbanks and the school system will not be so strange to the Chalkyitsik students when they become boarding-home students," said Vivian Moore of the Center for Northern Educational Research.

The Chalkyitsik students will attend classes with the Lathrop sophomores. The exchange project is funded under Title 4 of the Civil Rights Act and is part of the Alaska Educational Program for Inter-cultural Communications.