

Pilot Station hosts Ski Meet

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Pilot Station held an invitational Ski meet March 20-21, 1981. This was for all skiers from grade 6th, through 12th. Ten villages participated and the following were Russian Mission, Marshall, Pilot Station, St. Mary's High School, Pitkas Point, Mt. Village, Emmonak, Sheldon's point, Scammon Bay, and Hooper Bay.

The Schools arrived Friday, March 20. After they came we got ready for the relay race on the Yukon River. There were three boys and two girls on each team. Pilot Station came in first, Emmonak came in second, and Scammon Bay came in third.

That night we showed a movie in the Seventh & Eight Grade room for the visitors. We also

drew numbers to see in which order the team would leave the starting line for the individual race.

The next morning we built a finishing chute for the skiers, and lined up for the race. The skiers were started in pairs at an interval of 15 seconds. Sixty-two started off. The trail had lots of holes where people had fallen. The snow was hard and rugged, because of warm weather and melting snow, lots of branches were sticking out of the snow. Although the trail was bad, we had fun skiing with lots of people. Fifty-nine contestants finished the three-mile course. The three best boys times and the two best girls times were added up to five a total team time. The team with the lowest score was the team that won. Pilot Station

took 1st place, Scammon Bay took 2nd place, and Hooper Bay was 3rd.

The top three Girls were:

- 1) Abi Beans of Pilot Station with a time of 33:50.
- 2) Marita Smith of Hooper Bay with a time of 37:55.
- 3) Janice Beans of Pilot Station with a time of 38:03.

The top three boys were:

- 1) Kenny Beans of Pilot Station with a time of 23:50.
- 2) Arnold Aquaik of Mt. Village with a time of 27:04.
- 3) Harry Paul of Pilot Station with a time of 27:05.

Pilot Station thanks all the other villages for participating in our ski meet. We also thank you for your cooperation and we hope you come back next year.

Nice Race, Good-bye
Sixth Grade class-Pilot Station