

# PORT LIONS RURAL TRIP 2010, A. KAILING & L. WOOD

**Who are you?** We are graduate students in the Master of Arts in teaching program at UAA. Lynnette is going to teach secondary science and Amanda will teach music K-12.



**Where did you visit?** We visited Port Lions, a small village on the Northwest coast of Kodiak Island.

**What did you do?** Amanda was a student teacher in the K-3 class and Lynnette worked with the Middle School and High School students. We had an opportunity to see what it was like in a small rural Alaskan school and to get to know some of the people in the community.

## What did you learn?

We learned that the Native population in Port Lions are Alutiiq and that they have a strong tie to their cultural heritage. The tribal village council is very active, they hosted a community wide Easter egg hunt while we were there. One of the high school students found the grand prize, a golden egg worth \$300.00. There are 33 students K-12 and 5 teachers. The girls basketball team won the state championship game.

## How do you relate your learning to yourself and/or your work as an educator?

In the village a teacher must be flexible and willing to teach many subjects. Participating in community activities is very important, and it wouldn't hurt if you could shoot some hoops!



**Your vision of rural field experience: What role could the rural field experience play in preservice teacher education?**

Exposure to Alaska Native students and their lifestyles. It's important to know where your students are coming from and be able to relate to and accommodate them.



Thank you AEIN and Port Lions School for making this trip possible.

