

## Tips from a (perfect) attendance expert

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The flu is a part of every school year- unless your name is Lily Vaughn. One of the many good qualities of Kayhi senior Lily Vaughn is that she is an extremely dependable person. Don't believe me? Then check her record of perfect school attendance since the 5th grade.

"Honestly, it's really important to me not to miss school because I hate to get behind. I've gone on some school trips where it takes me two weeks after just to get caught up, so that gives me some motivation to not miss school," Vaughn said. "I usually just stay away from sick people. I have gotten really sick before because I was too busy and wore myself out. I would have skipped but it was a (band) concert week so I couldn't stay home."

Vaughn is often found playing in the percussion section in many of Kayhi's different bands, taking photos for Kayhi's yearbook, or tap dancing the night away through the Ketchikan Theater Ballet program.

"I think I have only missed two practices of pep band ever in high school, and it was because of a doctor's appointment or something that couldn't be changed," Vaughn said. "My perfect attendance is only for school and school activities though. I do tap at Ketchikan Theatre Ballet and I have missed numerous classes because of school events."

Although to many it seems completely insane to show up to school every single day, to Miss Vaughn it seems completely attainable for anyone to do what she's doing.

"I do think anyone can do it as long as you put your mind to it. Even on the days where your bed is really warm or you stayed up late you just have to get out of bed and go to school," Vaughn said. "Usually it's not that hard, you just get into a routine and stick to it."

With Vaughn being a senior with roughly a month left until graduation, she seems to be coping pretty well, and believes that her preparedness here in Ketchikan will help her in the transition to college.

"I think it's crazy we only have a month left. I've gone 10 years without missing school and it's hard to think that there's only one month left," stated Vaughn. "I think my motivation for perfect attendance (in college) will be that I'm paying them a lot of money. Plus you don't have six or seven hour days of classes so it will be easier."

Vaughn will be attending college this fall in Missoula, Montana at the University of Montana with an intended major in forensic chemistry.

## The French Life of Madame Zed

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We will all reach that time in our lives when we sit down and start pondering the biggest decision of our working career, retirement. This year with the graduating class of 2017, the long time French teacher Myra Zelensky or as we all know her, Madame Z, will be retiring.

Before Madame Z was a teacher at Kayhi, she was a teacher at Holy Name Catholic School from 1984-1986. Before that she was a French/English teacher at Bethel High School 1982-1984. And before that she was a teacher at Stevenson Washington right after she graduated from college back in 1978. She taught there from 1978-1981.

I personally enjoyed my time with Madame Z as I had a full three years of French. To me, she's that extra grandma that spoils you, helps you out and fills your heart with joy whenever you see her face. It all started when I was learning about the basic words with cows and monkeys. Then I moved on to French two where everything was harder. We had to memorize the regions of another country, which was brutal for most people. You ask anyone who took three to four years of French and they will all say that French two is the hardest level of French.

Four-year student Edric Tiamzon loves Madame Z and thinks she separates herself from the rest of the other teachers. "Madame Z makes herself a good teacher by going out of her way to really know the student. It seems as though she's always learning about a different student every day. Making connections with them," Tiamzon said. "My class, in my



Myra Zelensky teaching one of her French class periods.

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opinion, is her most favorite due to the amount of kids we have had in our advanced french for all four years of high school. She can be pretty laid back and chill as well as actually teaching you things."

Though she plans on leaving Kayhi, Madame Z never plans on leaving Ketchikan, at least for good.

"I'm planning on staying in Ketchikan. Im keeping my house. In the fall, probably November, I'm planning on going to New Zealand and staying with my daughter," Zelensky said. "She's planning on not doing a summer school program from November through January, and we will explore New Zealand and have a home base in Wallington where her apartment is."

In past years Myra Zelensky has taken her past French groups on trips to France. They would go for 2 weeks and make memories that will last a lifetime.

"I took the first group in 2000, and continued in 2003, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2011, and 2015. They were all in June except the very first one, late July early August. We moved it because it was too hot," Zelensky said. "The tour usually consists of 3 days in Paris, a trip down the Loire River valley. West to Normandy. Afterwards a train to Lorraine then Rhone Alps. Sometimes we've been to Toulouse, Bordeaux. South France as always. I always change it up though, but no matter what, we always go to Paris, Normandy, and the south of France."

Madame Zed's favorite class will always be Advanced French which includes the three to four year students. Since she's retiring with the class of 2017, some students believe that her favorite students are specifically the French four students.

"My favorite class is my Advanced French every year, and that includes this year's nine French

four members. It's because once they get the jist of the language, past tense, future tense, vocabulary.... Then I have the ability to bring in something new or different. I can create a new unit. Last year I created stop motion film and the marionette units. I can bring in new movies for new vocabulary. Last year was heavy history and this year it's fantasies."

Four year French student Angel Spurgeon will truly miss her favorite teacher and everything she does in and out of the classroom.

"She's just a joy to have around, she's very outstanding, like she gets we have a lot of other classes and extracurricular activities going on so she always makes sure we get the most out of our class time and is sure not to add onto the pile of stuff we have going outside the classroom. I will truly just miss everything about her, and will never forget her."

## Facebook takeover?

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Recently Facebook announced that a division, known as Building 8, of the company was working on brain scanning technology. The idea being that a chip with the ability to read your thoughts would be planted in your brain. This proposed chip would make it possible to post updates to Facebook without having to even touch a keyboard. Largim Zhuta was very intrigued by this possibility, intrigued but not convinced.

"I wouldn't let Facebook plant a chip in my head, the potential misuse of the power associated with that technology is far too great," Zhuta said. "Facebook or whoever may be trying to just read the thoughts we were going to say out loud anyway, but are we really that naive to think that they would stop



there? Has any person or company stopped once they achieved their goal?"

Zhuta brings up some great points. If you had the power to read minds wouldn't you become curious as to how far you could go. Being able to constantly monitor the thoughts of thousands and possibly millions. The novel 1984 had Room 101. Brave New World had hatcheries. And Facebook has building number eight. Every great dystopian society had some event that propelled it towards complete chaos. Could building eight be the start of our decent into a world such as the one

portrayed in 1984.

"I can definitely see this technology becoming a bigger part of society. Our consumerist nature would be a huge catalyst in the spreading or integration of this technology into society. We need to be cautious of what path we head down," Zhuta said. "Technology is a great tool for mankind. I believe in using technology to solve problems but we must be weary of the potential troubles it could- and knowing human nature- will cause."

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