

Nunamiut News

Nunamiut School of Anaktuvuk Pass
Home of the Amaguqs

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We're All Together Again!



The hallways of Nunamiut School went from ½ full to all full on March 22! After a year and two weeks have having no students to having ½ of the student body occupying those hallways and classrooms, the COVID-19 pandemic precautions were minimized to allow all the students to return to school four days a week. The use of masks, social distancing (6 feet to 3 feet), and stringent cleanliness are still required. The Amagut returned to school four days a week, and the adults returned to the gym three days a week. Quayanqpak for understanding and participating in the measures that were taken during the pandemic. We have reached a great accomplishment in keeping our village COVID free! Our community can be filled with pride that Anaktuvuk Pass did not have one case, and no DEATHS, due OUR community's diligence.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 30-Apr. 14 National Geo-
 graphic visitation

Apr. 1-30 PEAKS testing






Apr. 6 Archery visitation

Apr. 16-17 MS Volleyball to Pt.
 Hope

Apr. 23-24 MS Volleyball to
 Hopson MS

After School Gym Schedule Changes

With the opening of the gym to adults, the schedule of activities for the students has changed. There is still plenty of fun for kids of all ages!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>4 p.m.</u> Tutoring Grades 5-8 Volleyball Ski Club	<u>4 p.m.</u> Tutoring Grades 5-8 Basketball	<u>4 p.m.</u> Tutoring	<u>4 p.m.</u> Tutoring Grades 5-8 Volleyball	<u>4 p.m.</u> Tutoring Grades 5-8 Basketball	<u>12 noon</u> Boy Scouts 
<u>5 p.m.</u> Grades 8-12 Volleyball	<u>5 p.m.</u> Grades 8-12 Girls' Basket- ball		<u>5 p.m.</u> Grades 8-12 Volleyball	<u>5 p.m.</u> Grades 8-12 Girls' basket- ball	<u>1 p.m.</u> Grades K-4 Open Gym
	<u>6-7 p.m.</u> Grades PreK-2 Open Gym			<u>6-7 p.m.</u> Grades PreK-2 Open Gym	<u>6-7 p.m.</u> Grades PreK-2 Open Gym
	<u>7-8 p.m.</u> Grades 3-6 Open Gym			<u>7-8 p.m.</u> Grades 3-6 Open Gym	<u>7-8 p.m.</u> Grades 3-6 Open Gym
	<u>8-9 p.m.</u> Grades 7-12 Open Gym Boys			<u>8-9 p.m.</u> Grades 7-12 Open Gym Boys	<u>8-9 p.m.</u> Grades 7-12 Open Gym Boys
	<u>9-10 p.m.</u> Grades 7-12 Girls/Adult Women Open Gym			<u>9-10 p.m.</u> Grades 7-12 Girls/Adult Women Open Gym	<u>9-10 p.m.</u> Grades 7-12 Girls/Adult Women Open Gym
	<u>10-11 p.m.</u> Adult Men Open Gym			<u>10-11 p.m.</u> Adult Men Open Gym	<u>10-11 p.m.</u> Adult Men Open Gym

Amaguq Intramural League Champs

We are proud to announce that the overall champions of the Amaguq Intramural League Games was the team comprised of Jeramiah Ticket, Justus Mulcahy, Dorothy Hopson-Ahgook, and Eunique Mekiana. Tyler Hugo and Rashawn Stone's team came in second, and Ethen Stone and George Bifelt were the third place winners! Congratulations to all! Thank you, Coach Candis for your dedication and pride towards our student-athletes!

The Nunamiut Zoo?

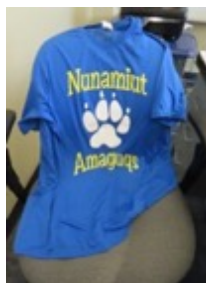


Tattoo, the Madagascar Hissing Cockroach, worked hard this month, preparing for the science fair. He (She?) is sure to be the star of the science fair as part of Jeralyn Morry's project as she measured its ability to carry weight. Tattoo and his three companions have lived in Ms. Polly's science room since last year, although some of them have born more recently. A baby showed up over winter break!

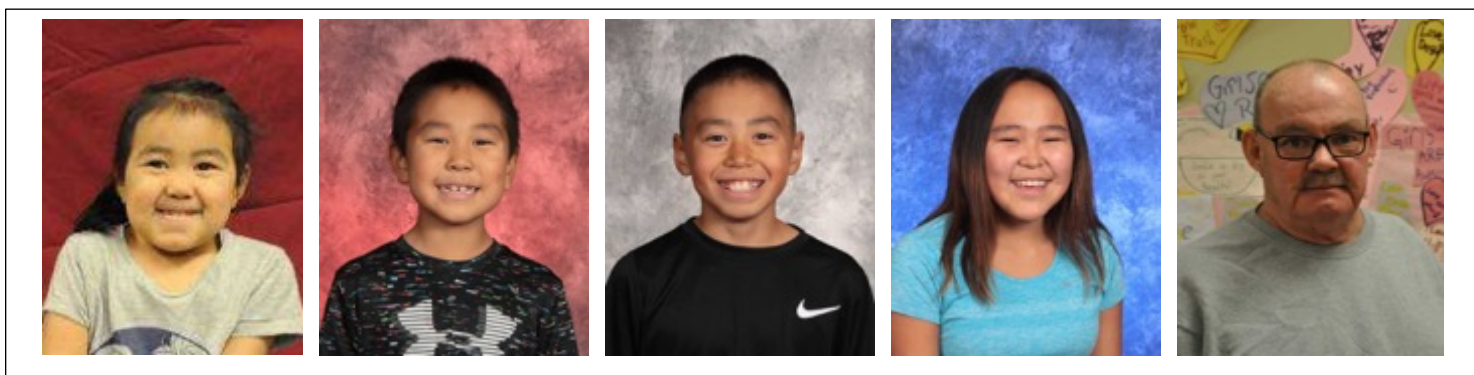
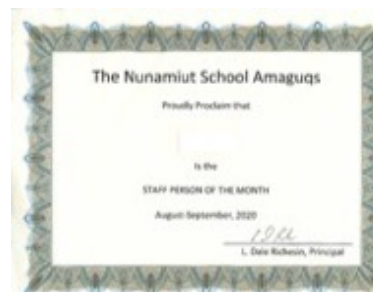


On the other end of the building, Coach Torres has created new environment filled with an skulls, skeletons, hearts, an abnormal sized ear and an aquarium filled with over 100 fish. These finny friends are teaching the third graders about aquatic life (and, unfortunately, death.) The aquarium is home to algae eating shrimp, Plecostomus suckers, Chinese algae eaters, guppies, fancy guppies, fantail goldfish, comet goldfish, and a male betta fish.

Student/Staff of the Month



PreK-2nd Grades: Soraya Ahgook
 3rd - 5th Grades: Phillip Ahgook
 6th - 8th Grades: Alex Galloso
 9th-12th Grades: Rebecca Mekiana
 Staff: Bill Monahan



Iñupiaq Word of the Week



Boy Scouts Make Dog Houses

Under the guidance and assistance of the carpentry-experienced Ned McGreavy, and the Boy Scout leader, Dale Richesin, the local Boy Scouts are building three doghouses for three lucky village dogs. The houses are insulated to keep the pups warm, and the outside will be sealed with a protective material that will protect them from the ravages of winter.

Scout members include the following: Howard Ahgook, Phillip Ahgook, George Bifelt, Alex Galloso, Corey Galloso, Cameron Gordon, Justin Gordon, Kevin Gordon, Harlin Hopson, Thomas Hopson, Titus Hopson, Gabe Hugo, Paul Hugo, Tyler Hugo, Jace Kakinya-Williams, Gilbert Mekiana, Jaret Smith Mekiana, Patrick Smith

Mekiana, Cadyn Morry, Michael Morry, Justus Mulcahy, James Nageak, Ethan Stone, and Rashawn Stone.

We send our gratitude to Mr. Ned McGreavy and Mr. Dale Richesin for giving our students real life experiences.



The doghouse builders: Tyler Hugo, Ned McGreavy, Phillip Ahgook, Justus Mulcahy, Jaret Smith-Mekiana, Gabe Hugo, Dale Richesin

Summer School

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Summer school is now available for all students grades K through 12. The cap is 10 students per class. The deadline to sign up is May 1, 2021. Parents need to fill out an application form for each student. Summer school will begin May 17th and run until June 4th, Monday-Friday, including Wednesdays. Classes will begin at one and go until four each day.

What a wonderful opportunity for your child to come to school to catch up on what you missed during the past year, and, also, see what the future school year will look like. The three teachers listed for summer school are Dale, Coach Candis and Coach Torres. Sounds like a FUN time! Sign up NOW! If your child didn't bring home the application form, pick one up at the school.



Science Fair

There were studies about everything from cockroaches to hot air balloons in this year's science fair. The 4th and 5th graders determined who rules between boys and girls and between adults and kids. The PreK kids demonstrated how much mold grows on bread when it's spread is made of germs from hand sanitizer, soap and water, and even doorknobs. The middle schoolers did research on caribou, wolves, and lynx. The high schoolers did experiments to learn how much weight a cockroach can carry, if snow is a good insulator, if a shovel can help one survive an avalanche, if a solar balloon will fly, and if recycled paper is as strong as other paper. Here are the winners!:

Elementary:

3rd: 89 points. Bread and Germs. Ms. Coburn's ECE class

2nd: 106 points. Who Rules? Girls or Boys? Justin Gordon, Patrick Smith Mekiana, Nevaeh Gordon, Kailey Mekiana, and Paul Hugo

1st: 107 points. Who Rules? Adults or Kids? Jaret Smith Mekiana, James Nageak, Howard Ahgook, and Gilbert Mekiana

MS/HS:

3rd: 125 points. Insulating Properties of Snow. Tyler Hugo and Justus Mulcahy

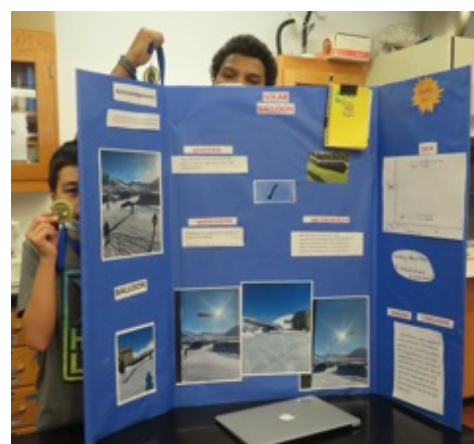
2nd: 128 points. Shovel Shear Test. Ethan Stone, Elijah Burris, and Cadyn Morry

1st: 132 points. Solar Balloon. Jeremiah Ticket and Alex Galloso

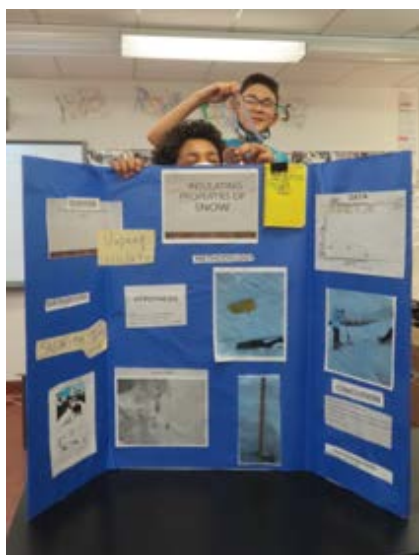
A big thank you to our volunteer judges: Matt Regen, Sarah Coburn, Polly Bass, Dale Richesin, and a mystery judge, and to Renee Arakaki for putting on the Science Fair.



Kaiyas Morry, Soraya Ahgook, Ms. Sarah, Clyde Morry



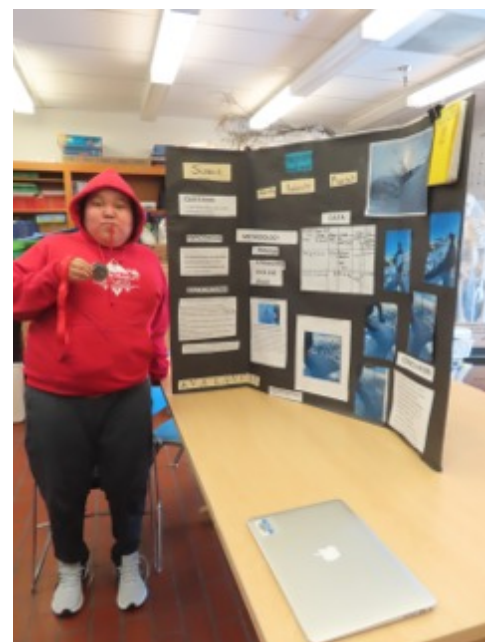
The very shy Alex Galloso and Jeremiah Ticket



Justus Mulcahy and Tyler Hugo



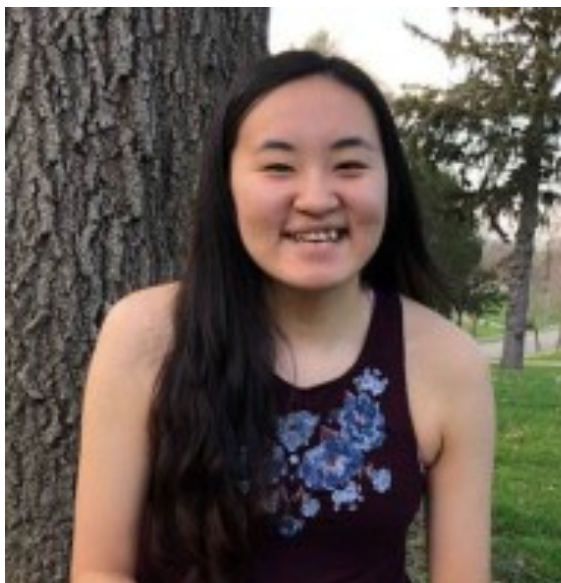
Top Center: Mr. Richesin, Jaret Smith-Mekiana, Ms. Arakaki, James Nageak, Gilbert Mekiana



Cadyn Morry

Bottom Center: Mr. Richesin, Paul Hugo, Justin Gordon, Patrick Smith-Mekiana, Ms. Arakaki, Nevaeh Gordon, Kailey Mekiana

NHS Alum Becomes Emmaus Bible College Alum



Congratulations to Kirsten Morry, a past graduate of Nunamiut School. Kirsten will graduate this Spring from Emmaus Bible College in Iowa. Our principal, Dale, received information regarding Kirsten and forward it to Paula who sent a copy and somehow, Coach T. read it. Coach Torres then sent an email to Kirsten's basketball coach who said this about Kirsten. "Kirsten is such a special girl and has more to offer than she even knows." Kirsten left Anaktuvuk Pass after high school graduation to pursue her education and to play college basketball. She hit clutch 3's! Kirsten's team, the Eagles, won Regions her freshman year. They were conference and regular season

champions in her sophomore and junior years. She played in two National Tournaments. During her junior year, Kirsten won the NCCAA DII 3-point championship.

Kirsten is studying "ministry leadership" in school. This is what Kirsten said about her life after high school, "I had a great collegiate career and had the best time of my life the past four years." Kirsten will be transferring to Maranatha Baptist University in Watertown, Wisconsin where she will play her 5th year of basketball and work on a graduate degree. We hope to have her ZOOM our school before she leaves Iowa. Congratulations again to Kirsten Morry, to her parents, and to everyone else who was involved in her success.

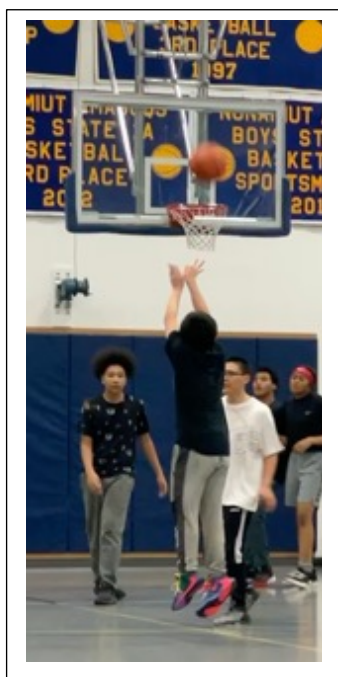
Reading Opens Doors

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! The NSBSD celebrated the day, Mar. 2, by sponsoring a door decorating contest with the theme of "Reading Opens Doors." One door in each school in the district was named a winner. In Nunamiut School, the Seussian splendor of the third graders' door was named the door with the best decor. Congratulations go out to the third graders and their teacher, Coach Torres. They will be awarded a prize at a later date.



The Gym is OPEN!

Along with the school's move to the Green Level of COVID-19 precautions, the gym once again opened to the public for use. This long awaited-for move took place after two new Rec Aides agreed to chaperone the games. A HUGE thank you, to Jaden Rose and Jonathan Rulland! The gym is open for public use on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. The youngest students, Pre 3-2nd graders, are scheduled to attend from 6:00-7:00. Third-6th graders are invited from 7:00-8:00. From 8:00-9:00 the gym is available for boys in 7th -12th grades. The 7th -12th grade girls can play with the adult women from 9:00-10:00. From 10:00 -11:00, it's the men's turn. On those nights, the Student Store will be open from 5:00 until 8:00.



Classroom Happenings



The 3rd graders and their fish



Playing kickball, a favorite of the 1st and 2nd graders in P.E. class.



The 1st and 2nd graders making amaguq sounds in Iñupiaq class.



Sorarya and Ms. Sarah, making green eggs and ham on Dr. Seuss's birthday



Third graders discussing letters to their pen pals in far-off North Dakota