

Nunamiut News

Nunamiut School of Anaktuvuk Pass Home of the Amaguqs

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Students Celebrate Inuit Day and Veterans' Day



Thanksgiving isn't the only holiday in November. The students in several classrooms learned why they didn't have to come to school on November 6 (to celebrate Inuit Day on the birthday of Eben Hopson, the 7th) nor on November 11 (to celebrate Veterans' Day.)



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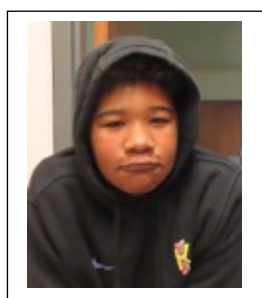
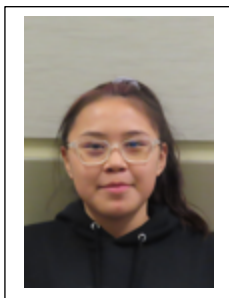
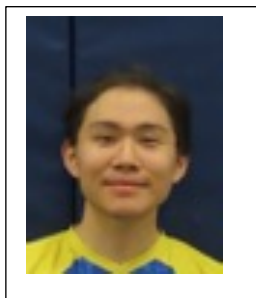
UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs., Dec. 17, End of 1st Sem.

Fri., Dec. 18-Mon., Jan. 4 Break,
no school

Tues., Jan. 5, Teacher Inservice,
no school

Student Council Election Results



Left to Right
President Danny Morry
Vice-President Jeremiah
Ticket
Secretary Krista Hugo
Treasurer Ethan Stone

The results are in! The following are the officers of this year's Nunamiut Student Council. Daniel Morry is the President. Jeremiah Ticket is the Vice President. Krista Hugo is the Secretary, and Ethan Stone is our Treasurer. Our council will consist of the following students: Kevin Gordon, Elijah Burris, Arianna Hart, Justus Mulcahy, George Bifelt, Anna Nukapigak, Rashawn Stone, Tyler Hugo, and Alex Galloso. All positions were close, with a couple decided by one vote! Thank you to all the candidates and all those who participated in the process.

The goal of the Student Council is to make the 2020-2021 school year to be the BEST year for all students Pre-K through grade twelve. We will construct a box for any suggestions from students who have something in mind. The box will be available for any input, suggestions, or concerns that students have. The box will be checked daily and be kept in full confidentiality. Let's make 2020-2021 the BEST school year!

STUCO (Student Council) has to report to the District School Board monthly. This year the District is concerned with MENTAL HEALTH issues. "What is the biggest issue mental health wise that is going on in Nunamiut School?" "Why is it the biggest issue?" Please use the box that will be placed in the commons area on the table in front of Casey and Matt's office window. Quyanaqpak!

Iñupiaq Word of the Week



PUGS (Pick-Up Games)

Nunamiut School has been hosting a series of PUGS, Pick-Up Games, since the middle of November. These games give community members the chance to play volleyball or basketball against the high school team.

If you would like to participate, contact Dale or Candis at the school by Wednesday. The volleyball games take place on Thursdays (7:00), and the basketball games are held on Fridays (7:00 for women, 8:00 for men.). In order to make these events COVID safe, no spectators, fans, kids, or babies will be allowed to watch. No one who is in quarantine will be allowed. Only people who have signed up in advance will be allowed to play. All school rules and protocols must be followed or all involved will be required to leave.

In the early games, the volleyball players from the school included Willie Hugo, Harold Sheldon, Rebecca Mekiana, Jeremiah Ticket, Danny Morry, Justus Mulcahy, and Brianna Morry (who helped out the community team). Community team members included Naomi Morry, Shana Sheldon, Josh Mekiana, Ben Hopson, Derek Zuk, Darrin Morry, Lillian Stone, and Scott Ahgook.

The basketball players from the school played the community and got schooled by them. The high school never gave up and played hard right until the last second of the game. But, in the end, the community had too much talent. Fun was had by all and good sportsmanship was displayed on both sides. Our young high school basketball team will grow in the process. Lots of positive take-aways! Stay strong, Amaguqs.



The Ski Club continues to practice on Wednesdays and Saturdays.



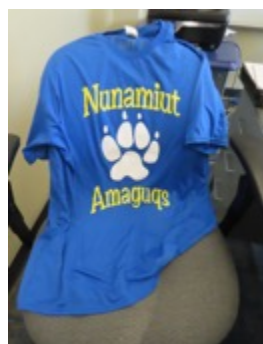
Teachers Hold Cultural Inservice



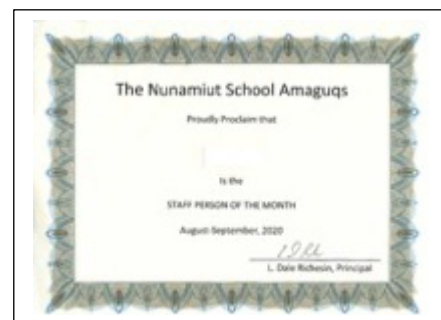
On November 21, Louisa Kakianaq Riley and Lillian Sisualik Stone lead the staff of Nunamiut School in a cultural inservice. It began with some historical information about Anaktuvuk Pass's founding and events of the past. An excellent video that was shown, "Listening to Anaqtuuvak" can be viewed on Vimeo.com. (The URL address is <https://vimeo.com/273779015>). The teachers were each given a name plate with their Iñupaiq names beaded onto it by Kakianaq. These plates will later be sewed onto the new kupirag the staff members are sewing. The teachers will continue to work on sewing their jackets during their free time.



Student/Staff of the Month



PreK-2nd Grades: Gabe Hugo
 3rd - 5th Grades: Donnie Anderson
 6th - 8th Grades: Krista Hugo
 9th-12th Grades: Danny Morry
 Staff: Josh Morry-Mekiana



1st Quarter Honor Students

Superintendent Honor Roll (3.76-4.0 GPA)

Seniors

Aaron Gordon
Winfred Morry
Dean Sheldon

Juniors

Jerry Ahgook

Sixth Grade

Rashawn Stone

Placement on the Honor Roll is
based on both grades and
attendance.



High Honors Roll (3.50-3.75 GPA)

Seniors

Joseph Nukapigak

Sophomores

Martina Gordon
Rebecca Mekiana
Daniel Morry

Sixth Grade

Anna Nukapigak
Kevin Gordon

Fifth Grade

Nevaeh Gordon
Jaret Smith-Mekiana
Donnie Anderson

Honor Roll (3.00-3.49 GPA)

Freshman

William Hugo

Eighth Grade

Justus Mulcahy
Jeremiah Ticket

Seventh Grade

Ethan Stone
Krista Hugo

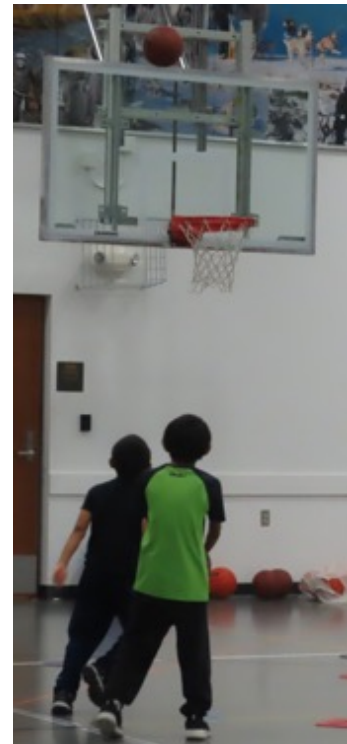
Sixth Grade

Eunique Mekiana
George Bifelt
David Mekiana

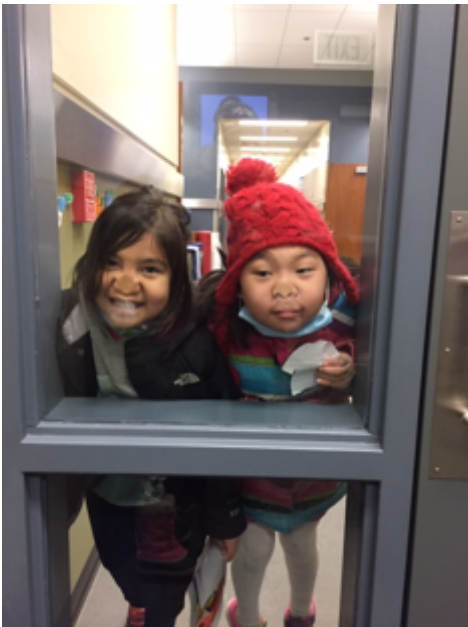
Other News



The Girl Scouts are busy on Saturdays under the direction of Ms. Brandi Bowles



The Little Dribblers practice on Saturdays under the direction of Ms. Candis Cook.



Goofing around while waiting for the bus



The Boy Scouts recite their oath under the direction of Mr. Dale.



Showing that Nunamiut Spirit!

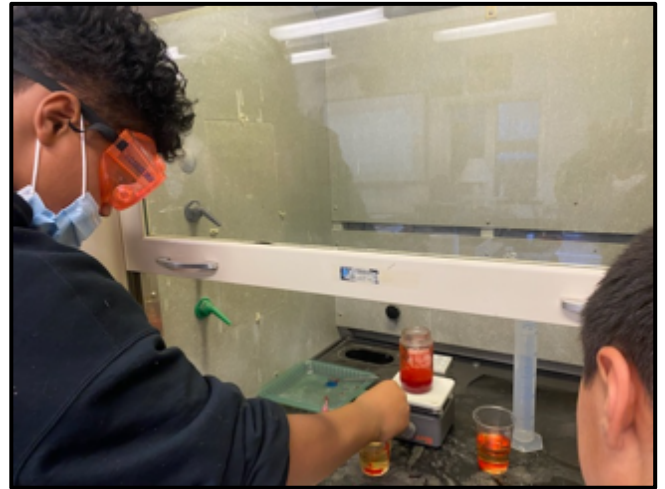


Danny Morry works on conditioning during one of Coach Cook's Wednesday night conditioning clinics.

Classroom Happenings



Ms. Teresa's Junior High math class computing percentages of baskets made.



Ms. Polly's Earth Science students demonstrating mantle plume



Ms. Sarah's PreK students working on the alphabet



Fourth and fifth graders working on learning Iñupiaq.



Grades 1 & 2 learning to pass and catch with Coach Cook..

Thanksgiving



The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Inuluk Mekiana-Nukapigak because she helps with her baby brother.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Sonny Lampe because he like to play out.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Zoey Ahgook because she's cute with her curly hair.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Elena Morry-Esmailka because she likes to hunt with her dad.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Addison Galloso because she is a great leader and great thinker.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Ethel Gordon because she shows up almost every day and has a great willingness attitude.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Janessa Gordon because she has a sweet personality and really focuses on her work.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Amos Hugo-Ahgook because he has a great excitement for the things he loves.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Ruth Morry because she is always kind to her friends.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Soraya Ahgook because her happy smile makes us happy.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Xavier John because he is a hard worker and is so kind.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Kaiyas Morry because he has a great sense of humor and makes us laugh.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Patty Williams because she's a very hard worker and is kind.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Malakai Morry because his is cool like his dad and always does his homework.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Bella Wagner because she's full of energy and not afraid to ask questions.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Daisy Bifelt because she takes pride in her work and gets along with others.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Colin Hopson because he always greets everyone with a big smile.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Titus Hopson because he's very honest and willing to learn.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Hunter Hopson because he is so kind.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Gabe Hugo because he keeps getting better and better each day.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Mackenzie Hugo-Ahgook because she follows directions very well.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Inez Morry because she is always smiling.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Faith Mekiana because she is becoming a very good athlete.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Dax Hugo because he makes sure we remember how to tie shoes tight.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Frances Mekiana because she gives the best hugs.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for River Rigby because he makes us smile.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Taktuk Hopson because she is eager to learn.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Peyton Picotte because she is so smart.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Corey Galloso because he works hard.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Jace Kakinya-Williams because he has the best ideas.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Allie Aishanna because she is so sweet.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Phillip Ahgook, Jr. because he works to be a better student and tells enjoyable stories.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Jesse Gordon because of all the hard work he does in class, his respect and compassion.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Peter Morry because of his positive attitude in school and his kind spirit.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for MJ Morry, Jr. because of his retention of information in class and his cooperation.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Grace Ahgook-Attungana because she shares with her peers and avoids conflict.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Kaelyn Hugo because of her beautiful handwriting and her love for family.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Sarah Edwards because she is not afraid to learn new things and she makes us laugh.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Darci Anderson because she is respectful and turns in all her work.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Destiny Gordon because she tries hard every day she's in school and she helps with Iñupiaq.
 The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Melanie Gordon because she is polite and brave and shows humility by putting others first.
 The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Justin Gordon because of his strong connection to his culture, hunting, language and commitment to learning.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Thomas Hopson, Jr. because of his quietness and politeness that masks his knowledge.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Kailey Mekiana because of her happiness and energy that keep her smiling.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Patrick Smith Mekiana because he is good at all sports.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Paul Hugo because he is authentically himself.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for James Nageak because nobody can stop him in any sport.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Calleigh Gordon because she is beginning to realize just how capable she is as a student.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Howard Ahgook-Attungana because of his friendship that he has with his peers.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Jaret Smith-Mekiana because he is the GOAT.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Gilbert Mekiana because he is so sweet.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Nevaeh Gordon because she is so talented.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Donnie Anderson because he is so intelligent.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Ellen Morry because she reads beautifully.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for George Bifelt because he has a joyful spirit and makes us laugh.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Dorothy Hopson-Ahgook because she has the best break out dance sessions.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Eunique Mekiana because she is hilarious and teaches us the new dances.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for David Mekiana because he is so sweet and works hard.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Kevin Gordon because he consistently contributes to class discussion and works hard.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Anna Sheldon because she is a great listener.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Anna Nukapigak because she is always present and contributes in class.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Ava Morry because she participates and has excelled.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Rashawn Stone because he contributes to class discussion, is eager to learn, and works hard.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Harlin Hopson because he is kind and polite when greeted in the halls.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Tyler Hugo because he perseveres in his own learning and helps others.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Cadyn Morry because he smiles a lot and is very cheerful.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Justus Mulcahy because he helps others with work while encouraging them to keep trying, and he perseveres in his own learning.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Jeremiah Ticket because he doesn't give up; he just keeps at it until it is done.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Alex Galloso because he is a very kind and polite person.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Cameron Gordon because he is very personable and nice.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Krista Hugo because she is brave and very kind.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Ethan Stone because his peers love to be around him.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Xavier Sheldon because he is energetic and cheerful.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Elijah Burris because he is a steady force in the classroom, is kind, and knowledgeable.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Danny Morry because of his interest in sharing his culture and language.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Tamera Morry because of her enthusiasm and her perseverance.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Rebecca Mekiana because of her kindness in always saying hello with a smile.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Lela Nukapigak for attending and participating because it's fun working on projects with her.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Robert Hugo because of his wit and sense of humor.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Billy Edwards because of his industriousness and for keeping his classmates in line.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Robert Gordon because of the energy he brings to field investigations.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Arianna Hart because of her ability to focus on the task at hand.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Martina Gordon because of the time she takes to share her local knowledge.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for William Hugo because of the good example he sets.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Harry Sheldon because of his thoughtful insights and contributions to class.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Michael Ahgook because of his cautious skepticism in learning new things.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Jerry Ahgook because of his observations and very instructive questions.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Aaron Gordon because he is the quiet steady one.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Michael Lampe because of his winning smile.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Briana Morry because she can really light up a room.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Winnie Morry because of his shrewd counsel and sense of humor.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Joe Nukapigak for being the quiet, Nunamiut gentleman.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Deano Sheldon because he's the man; he's been an inspiration for his commitment to school.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Shana Sheldon for her perseverance and determination.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Angeli Williams for always being kind.

The Nunamiut School Staff is thankful for Thea Lampe for her positivity.

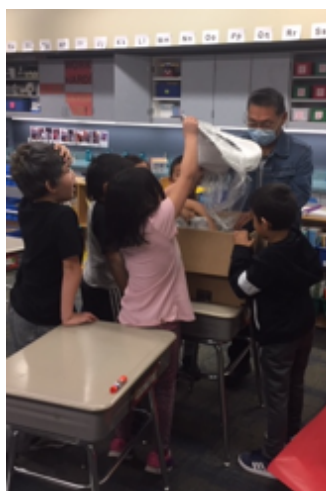
Community Thanksgiving Feast and Dancing



Members of the Student Council serving at the dinner.



Staff Changes



John opening his going away present with the 1st graders

As Nunamiut School bids a fond farewell to John Toopetlook, they bid a warm welcome to Bradyn Gordon. John has worked for almost two years as a paraprofessional in the special education department. He will be greatly missed by the students with whom he interacted as well as by the staff as he moves to a new job at the Simon Paneak Museum.

Bradyn Gordon, in the meantime, has been hired as a general ed paraprofessional. Bradyn has previously lived in Fairbanks and Anchorage, where he graduated from Service High School. We wish him well in his new endeavor with us.



Bradyn Gordon, Nunamiut's newest paraprofessional