

Site Report – Igiugig – September 2026

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Kathy Touring - Head Teacher

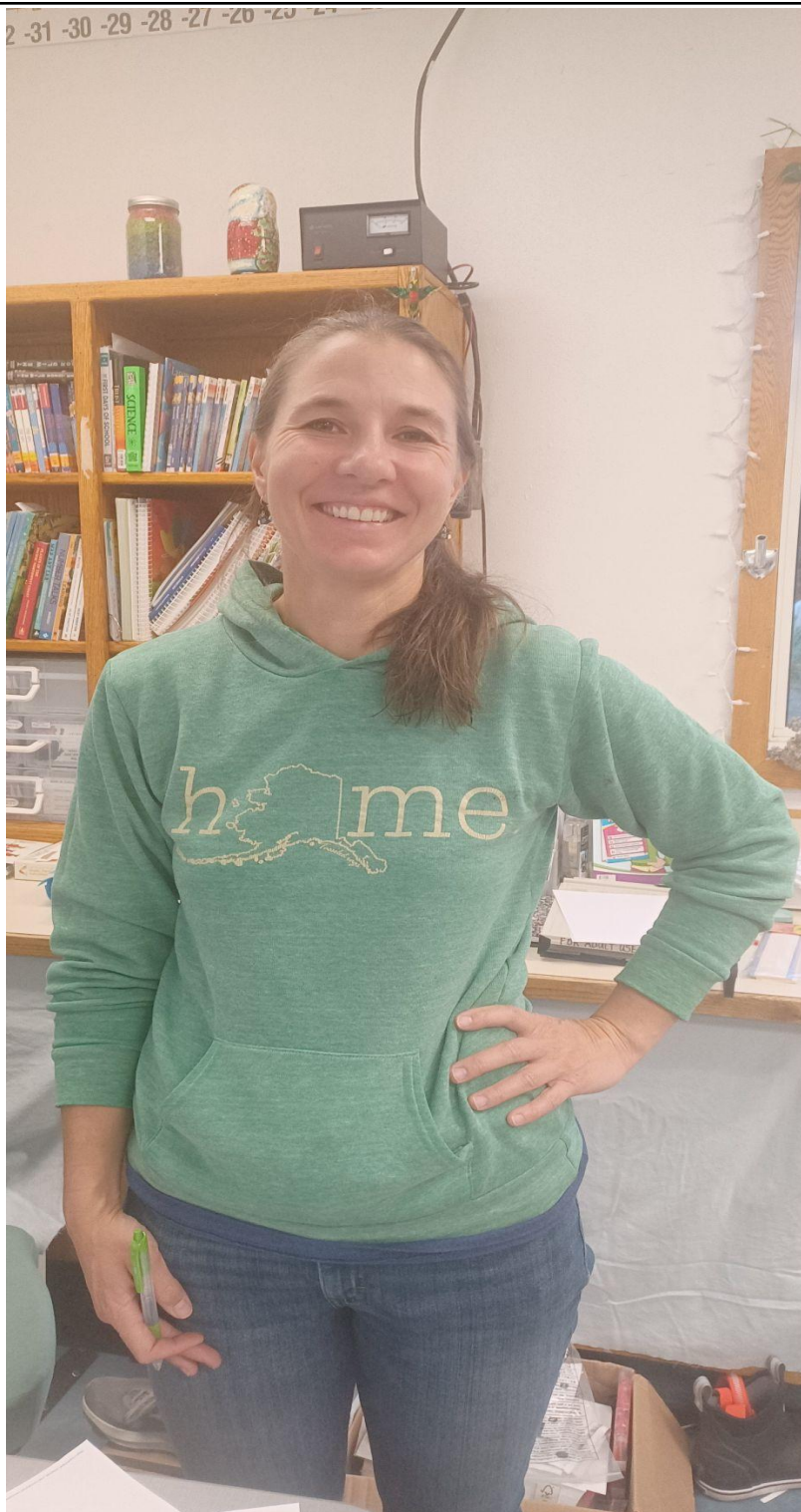
Photos & Description of Activities and Events



Community members organize First Friday at the Office.



We opened the year with traditional Yu'pik dance and storytelling.



Heidi Chamberlain joins us from the Palmer area in the elementary class this year.



Renae Zackar returns to Igiugig this year after a time away as Elementary Aide and PreK teacher - welcome back, Renae



Deran McDowell has joined us as custodian at Igiugig school. Deran has worked for Tim in the maintenance department for LPSD previously and will continue to help out in that area as well.

Personnel Update

We have seen many changes in personnel at Igiugig this year. Colter Barnes returns as principal and Kathy Touring as Secondary/Head Teacher. Olga Zackar also returns as Night Gym aide. We welcome Heidi Chamberlain as Elementary teacher and Renae as Elementary and Preschool aide. Martha Crow is our cook this year and Ida Nelson is classroom aide. We welcome Deran McDowell as custodian/PE aide/Night Gym Aide. The position for Lower Elementary teacher is currently open.

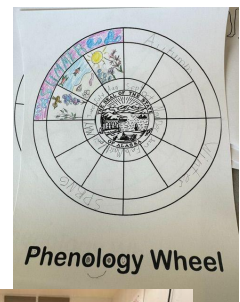
Classroom Highlights

The K–5 students recently conducted a science experiment to test whether the local plant sweetgale would repel insects. Our brave students sacrificed one arm to test our hypothesis, demonstrating their commitment to scientific research!

We have also started phenology wheels to observe and record the seasonal changes happening around Igiugig. As we learn about the cycles of plants, animals, weather, and daylight throughout the year, the students are already teaching me so much about the place they call home.

Upcoming place-based learning opportunities will include harvesting potatoes at the greenhouse with Kylene, followed by a potato potluck where students will share some of their favorite potato recipes.

Another highlight has been our beginning-of-the-year potluck, generously organized by our amazing parents. We are grateful for the wonderful support and involvement of our school community!



LSAC Activity
Our first LSAC Meeting is scheduled for the last week in September
Community Engagement
Igiugig Village Council hosted visiting author Terry Tempest Williams and filmmaker Mark Titus in September at the Igiugig School. Christina Salmon and Alicia Tinney continue to support our students with outstanding volunteer engagement organizing a back-to-school potluck and planning various activities for the fall semester.
Professional Development
Certified employees are active in professional development, attending LPSD In-Service as well as assessment training for mCLASS testing. Classified staff is currently training for PreK Aide and Food Service through LPSD.
Pupil % Attendance K-12
Attendance is at 94% for the month.
Student and Staff Safety
Community efforts in the area of road safety have been emphasized at the start of the school year.
Other