



**Harold Kaveolook School  
Highlighted School SAC Report  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Words of Wisdom Elder from Kaktovik: Fenton Rexford**

**Harold Kaveolook School Advisory Committee Members:**

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**Total Enrollment: 69**

ECE 3: 4	ECE 4: 3	Kinder: 7	1 <sup>st</sup> : 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> : 7
3 <sup>rd</sup> : 5	4 <sup>th</sup> : 5	5 <sup>th</sup> : 8	6 <sup>th</sup> : 5	7 <sup>th</sup> : 4
8 <sup>th</sup> : 3	9 <sup>th</sup> : 4	10 <sup>th</sup> : 2	11 <sup>th</sup> : 4	12 <sup>th</sup> : 2

**Staff: 18.5**

Gen. Ed. Teachers: 5	HSF: 1
Counselor: 1	Secretary: 1
Special Ed Tchr: 1	Paraprofessionals: 3.5
ILT: 1	M&O: 6

**Highlights:**

1. Dr. Crystal Coleman, HKS principal for the 2024-2025 school year, visited Kaktovik on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Vadiveloo Flew into Kaktovik on March 12<sup>th</sup> to present this candidate to the community during a community ice cream social and “meet & greet.” This was a wonderful experience for all involved, and the community welcome for Dr. Coleman was impressive but not surprising!
2. Items related to facilities:

- a. Students now have a small, temporary gym they can access for PE, recess, and volleyball and basketball practices. This area is now heated.
  - b. A two-person film crew from ICE Airport Alaska arrived to video the delivery of construction materials and to interview community members about the importance of aviation to the people of Kaktovik. The show will air on The Smithsonian Channel in approximately one year.
3. Highlighted items related to student activities:
- a. Seven students and three adults traveled to compete in JR NYO. This is the first time any HKS students have participated in JR NYO. Funding is through the unspent portion of a grant from Exxon Mobil which rolled over from last year and local fund-raising efforts.
  - b. Nine students are now in Anchorage competing in this year's NYO games.
  - c. Big thanks to ASRC and Ilisagvik for coming to Kaktovik for Inupiaq days last week. The students loved working with them during the school day, and we had a large turnout for our community dinner and meeting.

### **Distinguished Students, Staff, and Volunteers:**

#### Students:

1. Ariadne Tukumiq Lampe (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
  - a. Outstanding improvement in reading, as evidenced by her improvement on the mClass reading assessment, from the beginning of the year to the end of Spring testing.
2. Khloe Inquuraq Gordon (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)
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3. Charles Avamiq Lampe (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)
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4. John Agiak (10<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - a. John seems to always have his eye on the horizon. He works hard in school and seems to always be looking for educational opportunities in and outside of Kaktovik. Just this year, John has participated in the following courses...
    - i. Alaska EXCEL Introductory Course
    - ii. Alaska EXCEL Introduction to Careers
    - iii. Alaska EXCEL Introduction to the Trades
    - iv. Alaska EXCEL Introduction to Aviation and Aviation Mechanics

- v. Alaska EXCEL Intermediate Course
- vi. Dual-Credit Course at Ilisagvik

Staff:

1. Chelsea Brower

- a. Ms. Brower has been our ECE Paraprofessional since February of 2022. Due to the early departure this year of one of our certified teachers, Ms. Brower has taken over this class. Due to regulations, we have a certified teacher of record who works collaboratively with Ms. Brower on lesson plans and assessment strategies. Ms. Brower is AWESOME at what she does with her students! Additionally, Ms. Brower, is enrolled in a teacher preparation program at Ilisagvik!

2. Elise Barrett

- a. Ms. Barrett has been teaching for approximately 40 years. She is currently our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. She retired from Arizona as a teacher and then joined the Peace Corps. When she returned, she began teaching in international schools before coming to Alaska. Ms. Barrett is an outstanding teacher whose students show strong growth throughout the school year!

3. Kenneth Dutton, Katie Gavenus, and Their Crew of Graduate Students

- a. Ken is the Lead Scientist of the Beaufort Lagoon Ecosystems Long Term Ecological Research Project. He has been working with this project in Kaktovik since the 1970's. Ken is a professor at the University of Texas. His graduate students are from a variety of universities. The project is funded by the National Science Foundation.
- b. Katie Gavenus is the Educational Specialist for the project. She, along with the graduate students, volunteer at the school three times a year. They work with students in their classrooms, and take high school and middle school students into the field to learn about the lagoon ecosystem.

I, John Riddle, HKS Principal, would like to express my deep appreciation for being afforded the opportunity to work for the district. I will miss these kids tremendously! The people of Kaktovik have been so warm and welcoming. I truly love this place and it has been such an honor to serve as the principal of HKS. I will hold Kaktovik and these kids in my heart forever. --John