



- We have two Kiita Alumni working for us at Kiita Learning Community! Brandi Akpik – ILT & Iñupiaq Lit. & Comp., and Erin (Naani) Kignak is our regular substitute when we need support. Awesome!
- Our Substitute, Vera Patkotak, is an active parent who volunteers And returned to become a substitute as the principal, counselor, and Sped teacher were acting as substitutes during their prep time

## 2/15/24, NSBSD School Board Meeting & 2/12/24 SAC Meeting

### 1. Kiita Events to date:

- 8/17/23 - ASNA speaker, Rachel Aumavae
- 8/18/23- Parent Open House Luncheon - Kiita Learning Community, 17 Parents/community/Stakeholder meeting attended our student prepared lunch.
- 8/29/23 – North Slope Sci. Field Trip to tundra w/Ilisagvik staff (Jerica Leavitt & Natasha Itta).
- 10/2/23 - 3 Kiita students attended Ilisagvik College Dinner for American Indian College Fund.
- 10/3/23 – Frieda Nageak brought AIHEC (American Indian Higher Education Consortium) to Kiita Learning Community to speak about college funding available for Indigenous students & tribal colleges available in the U.S.
- 10/3/23 – Kiita’s classes, North Slope Science and ILT, researched Bowhead whale head bones around town in Utqiagvik to answer questions about whaling.
- 10/5/23 - Kiita’s classes, North Slope Science and ILT, took a field trip to IHLC for more research on Whaling.
- 10/9/23 - For Indigenous Peoples day we wore Orange & discussed facts from a book titled, A Celebration of Traditional North American Knowledge: Indigenous Ingenuity. By Havrelock & Kay (see image above)
- 10/9-13/23 – Spirit week (sponsored by our Kiita Student Council)
- 10/11/23 – Kiita’s North Slope Science class dissected and compared a Tuttu and sheep brain today for Anatomy.
- 10/13/23 – First time ever for our Kiita Learning Community students to join in with Battle of the Books!
- 10/16/23 – Six Kiita Students helped the Little Whaler Crew harvest their whale and helped deliver shares the next day.
- 10/27/23 - Quarter 1 Awards & Recognition Luncheon Community/School/Stakeholder meeting.
- 11/2/23 – ASVAB testing for all Kiita Learning Community students.
- 11/13/23 – Spirit week (sponsored by our Kiita Student Council)
- 11/13-15/23 – “Grandma’s House,” Cynthia Erickson from Tannana came to visit Kiita. She spoke to our students on Suicide Prevention with AFN recordings of students giving testimonials on how young people can help stop suicide & domestic violence! Columbia donated to Cynthia many coats and hats that the students won by raffle for participation/listening. Cynthia donated “Grandma’s House” T-shirts to students who took a pledge to help stop suicide & domestic violence. Cynthia brought lots of crafts for the students to make while discussing suicide & domestic violence prevention (earrings made of birch bark, salmon skin, moose intestine, etc.) Kiita Students & Staff Love Cynthia!!!
- 11/17/23 – Ilisagvik speaker on Dual Credits
- 11/17/23 – AWIC speaker on Domestic Violence Prevention and bullying
- 12/1/23 – Ilisagvik speaker on Dual Credits, trainings, scholarships, and educational opportunities
- 1/12/24 - Quarter 2 Awards & Recognition Luncheon Community/School/Stakeholder meeting.
- 1/26/24 – AWIC speaker on SEL (Social Emotional Learning), and Anger Management, Cheryl Humme
- 1/29/24, & 1/31/24 – Alice Sage and Brandi Akpik’s classes attended the AEWC (Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission)
- 3/15/24 - Quarter 3 Awards & Recognition Luncheon Community/School/Stakeholder meeting.

## **2. Our Kiita Learning Community Student Council has been busy!**

### **○ Volunteer work/activities – Kiita Student Council-**

- August – Students Spoke on KBRW about suicide prevention
- 10/9-13/23 – Spirit week.
- 11/13/23 – Spirit week
- Volunteered at the Rotary Carnival
- Volunteered at the Ipalook Carnival
- Volunteered at the Veterans’ Luncheon at Ipalook
- 10/6/23 – Kiita Student Council collaborated with Ipalook to put on a mini-presale Scholastic Book Fair
- 11/9/23 - Kiita Student Council collaborated with Ipalook to put on a mini-presale Scholastic Book Fair
- 11/27-12/1/23 - Kiita Learning Community and Ipalook Elementary partnered to host a Scholastic Book Fair. They sold enough books for each school to receive approximately \$6,200 in book profit. Students, families, and teachers were all supportive and were able to stock up on books for holiday gifts and presents.
- January – PSA with AWIC on Healthy Teen Dating on KBRW

### **○ Donations - Funding Raising for CloseUp in Washington D.C.-**

- 9/2/23 - AC donated \$2,500.00 to Kiita Learning Community Student Council, Thanks so very Much!!!
- 9/20/23 – ConocoPhillips donated \$5,000 to our Kiita Student Council, Thanks so very Much!!!
- October - City of Utqiagvik donated \$10,000, Thanks so very Much!!!
- Arctic Education Foundation (AEF) donated \$5,000, Thanks so very Much!!!
- 8/26/23 - ICAS BarBW at Kiita, food donated by ICAS \$1,827.00, Thanks so very Much!!!
- ASTAC - \$500, Thanks so very Much!!!
- NVB - \$3,200, Thanks so very Much!!!

### **○ Fund Raising for CloseUp in Washington D.C.-**

- 8/19/23 – AC BarBQ, food donated by AC \$985.00
- 8/26/23 - ICAS BarBW at Kiita, food donated by ICAS \$1,827.00
- 9/2/23 – AC BarBQ, food donated by AC \$400.00
- September - 30 dozen cookies ordered by BHS \$320.00
- 10/27/23 -Kiita Haunted House, \$2,400
- 11/11/23 – Bake Sale \$234.00
- 12/9/23 - Students and Staff prepared for the Christmas Bazaar at Roller Rink. They made pillows, earrings, pot holders, minibags, 3D Christmas ornaments and more, to earn money to fill up our snack section at school. Students earned approximately \$1,200.
- =\$29,366.00 raised for Close Up for 10 students. \$28,772.00 paid to Close Up (includes dorm, food, & transportation at CloseUp to field trips).
- Close Up travel dates 3/18-25/24

**3. Kiita Learning Community Needs:**

1. Enrollment, Quarter 2, Fall FY23/24, Day students – total 42 (25 Seniors & 17 Juniors), Night School – total 18 = total 60 (up 6 since January, 2024)
2. **16 out of 25 Seniors are on schedule to graduate.** (We receive no district credit for early graduates and less credits for seniors who do not graduate on time.)  
Why are all 25 not graduating:
  - We take 12<sup>th</sup> graders first & then 11<sup>th</sup> due to how many credits are needed. Nine of our 12<sup>th</sup> graders need 9 or more credits to graduate, behind 5 to 10 credits. Kiita students can earn 10 credits a year versus 5 credits yearly at BHS. We are on a quarter system, not semester. Kiita students can take independent study online courses so that they can earn more than 10 credits a year at Kiita
  - Attendance is not good due to
    - 3 Being parents and do not have a babysitter
    - 5 are babysitting for parents
    - 2 are working to support their family
    - 1 has chronic health diagnosis
3. Vape detectors bought by NSBSD and need to installed in every bathroom.
4. Full time Principal
5. Full time English/Social Studies teacher
6. Home School Facilitator. - reason for this need is:
  - Kiita Learning Community is the only NSBSD without a Home School Facilitator/Coordinator and, at times, may have a greater need for this position due to the list below.
  - Roles and responsibilities – our counselor/secretary/principal have been making home visits as needed for-
    - Signatures for forms such as free & reduced lunch, registration, migrant ed., etc.
    - Home visits when no contact is can be made by phone/email information given
    - Truancy visits/wellness checks
    - Assisting/transporting/signing up students/students who are parents for homelessness programs/resources, TNHA housing assistance, AWIC shelter, AWIC Domestic Violence support, WIC, the homeless shelter, food stamps, assisting in signing up for a tribal card/tribal replacement card/SSI card, transporting students to Duel Credit classes, Vocational Rehabilitation applications, etc.
7. All back and end side windows are broken and covered with plywood since last summer, 2023.
8. One bathroom floor needs to be replaced per Steve Cropsey
9. Need to improve attendance –

FY23/24 Attendance = Average 66.87% Aug. =73.45%, Sept. =71.98%, Oct. =68.50%, Nov. =65.78%. Dec. =60.38%. Jan. =55.16%	FY19/20=57.61%, FY20/21=Covid, FY21/22=75.67%, FY22/23=69.94%, FY23/24=66.87%	*Individual student averages from FY22/23 to FY23/24 show an increase from 44% to a 67% increase in attendance, with four of these students not being enrolled in school since the COVID year FY20/21.
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**10. Need to improve NWEA MAP results:**

<b>A. FY22/23 results from Fall, Winter, Spring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reading average = 7.5 Grade level, Rdg average gain=1.25 grade levels</li> <li>○ Math average = 7.0 Grade level, Math average gain= .5 grade levels</li> <li>○ Lang. average = 8.0 Grade level, Lang. average gain=1.0 grade levels</li> </ul>	<b>B. Fall MAP testing FY23/24 Students presently at these levels:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reading average = 5.0</li> <li>○ Math average. = 5.25</li> <li>○ Language average =5.5</li> </ul>	<b>C. Winter MAP testing FY23/24 Students presently at these levels:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reading average = 5.4</li> <li>○ Math average. = 5.8</li> <li>○ Language average =5.7</li> </ul>
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Kiita Learning Community Graduation Numbers and Employment

School Year & total seniors for that year	Total Graduates	Total # of Grads. Working	Graduation % Rates
2003	9	4	
2004	12	7	
2005	12	10	
2006	12	5	
2007=22	12	5	54.54%
2008=19	16	10	84.21%
2009=35	21	5	60%
2010=20	11	1	36.67% (55%)
2011=38	11	7	19.23% (28.94%)
2012=30	21	6	30.00% (70%)
2013=22	14	3	40.00% (63.63%)
2014=29	8	4	12.00% (27.58%)
2015=42	17	8	41.67% (40.47%)
2016=46	12	5	25% (26.08%)
2017=57	18 + 4 (+ equals night school)=22	10 + 2 (+ equals night school)	57.14% (38.59%)
2018=37	12 + 2 (+ equals night school)=14	8 + 1 (+ equals night school)	45.83% (37.83%)
2019=37	8 + 1 (+ equals night school)=9	3 + 0 (+ equals night school)	52.17% (24.32%)
2020=34	17 + 5 (+ equals night school)=22	5 + 3 (+ equals night school)	55.88% (64.70%)
2021=	11	7	68.75%
2022=	13	8	65%
2023=28	20 (1 Night student & 1 11 <sup>th</sup> grader)	7	64%
2024=25	17 ( 1 night student)	7	65%
Totals	316 (- one death and one student disabled due to accident)	141/316= 45% with jobs	