

Meade River School
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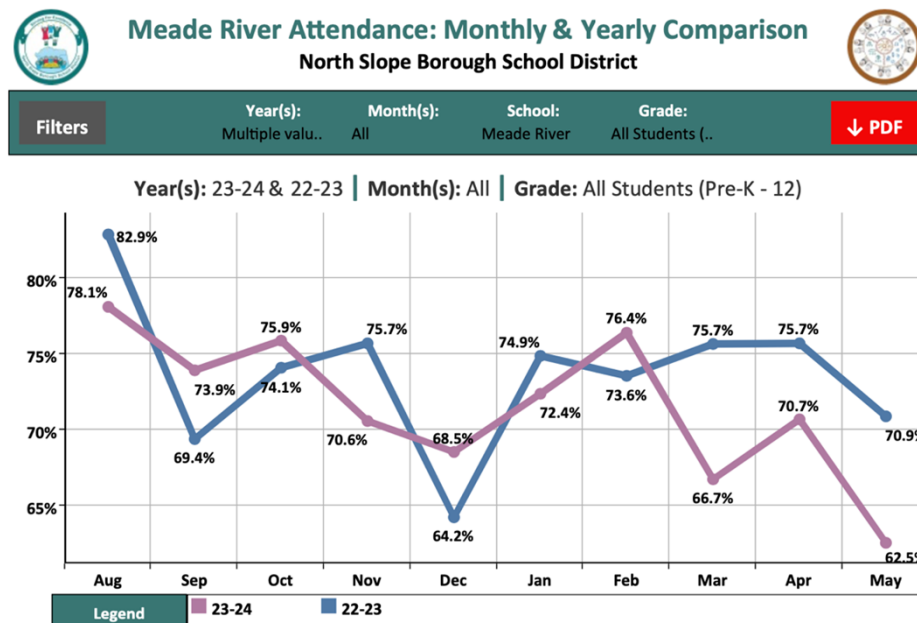
NORTH SLOPE
BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
— *Striving For Excellence* —

TO: SAC Members
FROM: Brian Schaffer, Principal
DATE: 8/28/24
RE: September 2024 SAC Report

Current Enrollment:

ECE – 6
K – 3
1 – 9
2 – 5
3 – 8
4 – 11
5 – 4
6 – 2
7 – 10
8 – 5
9 – 9
10 – 4
11 – 4
12 – 4
Total – 84

Attendance: Please see the attached attendance report for the past two years, which is posted throughout the building. Our goal for this year is a schoolwide attendance rate of 90%. August 2024 attendance was 83.48%!



Personnel: The Building Leadership Team consisting of Mel, Carla, Rod, Patti, Amanda, and I will meet every two weeks in the lobby to discuss and problem solve building issues. We met to start the year and will meet every two weeks to solve school problems.

Here are our current teaching assignments right now:

Grade	Teacher	8/6/24 Enrollment	Room #
ECE (Afternoon)	Alvin Juanite	5	114
K/1	Rod Lloyd	12	115
2/3	Krystina Levenhagen	12	133
4	Carla Alindada	11	117
5/6	Mecheal DeGuzman	6	116
7	Virginia Pulley	7	132
8	Alvin (1, 2, 3) Greta (4) Bobbie (5) Alma (6)	11	See Notes
9-12	Alma Punla & Greta Warner	24	168, 169
ILT	Bobbie Aveoganna	All	137
Literacy Interventionist	Rod Lloyd	All	Library
Sp.Ed. Teacher	Michael Murphy	Caseload	134
Counselor	Patti Lloyd	All	151
Principal	Brian Schaffer	All	126

A job fair was held on 8/1 in the lobby, and we have the following vacancies for this school year:

<u>Job ID</u>	<u>Position</u>
3816	Cook
3772	Cook's Helper
3601	Instructional Paraprofessional
3589	Special Education Paraprofessional
3685	Library Assistant (Part Time)
3822	Temporary Maintenance
3832	Temporary Paraprofessional
3834	Temporary Secretary
3826	Temporary Bus Driver
3829	Temporary Rec Aide
3838	Temporary Cook
3791	Student Activity ADCs

Culture in our School: Classrooms on the Nuna, Meade River School's premier Inupiaq cultural and relationship building event, was a success!

For the last four years during the first full week of school, we move the entire school to the tundra. Our focus is on Inupiaq values, traditions, and language, and we find learning is best experienced on the land. Every day we start out with our Morning Meeting which includes a land and elder acknowledgement, blessing, pledge of allegiance in Inupiaq then English, and a conversation about Inupiaq values.

This year, we assigned teams in a cross section of all grades and ages, resembling what one would experience at a whaling or hunting camp. Students held leadership roles such as captain, crewmate, and kimik are selected and each has shared leadership responsibilities throughout the week. We have schoolwide competitions, large group activities, and small group lessons. Students spend the day exploring the nuna where they become the teacher, and our adults are the student.

We were very fortunate to have Susan Hope and Edna Ahmaogak from NSBSD central office, Frieda Nageak from NSBSD School Board and Ilisagvik College, and several other guests to help lead activities. Their expertise added a depth in areas where we could use the help such as sewing, baking, language, storytelling, and aggi. I am hopeful that our NSBSD departments and other guests consider this week a focused, prioritized, and protected time to come assist our efforts. We have many visitors who want to give presentations and lead student activities over the school year, and I invite ASRC to have a presence at next year's event August 18-22, 2025

We need ongoing support to keep the tradition alive. I have been in touch with Superintendent David Vadiveloo and our grants office for support.

Curriculum and Instruction: We will start out the school year with the following bell schedule:

Meade River School Bell Schedule		
School Opens at 8:00 am		
Breakfast is from 8:00am to 8:45am		
Morning Meeting is from 8:45 am to 9:00 am		
Class Hours	M, T, TH, F	W
First Period	9:00 - 9:57	9:00 - 9:50
Second Period	10:00 - 10:57	9:53 - 10:43
Third Period	11:00 11:57	10:47 - 11:37
Lunch	12:00 - 12:30	11:40 - 12:30 (4)
Fourth Period	12:30 - 1:27	12:30 - 1:00 (L)
Fifth Period	1:30 - 2:27	1:03 - 1:53
Sixth Period (Distance Offering)	2:30 - 3:30	1:56 - 2:46
Dismissal:	M, T, TH, F	W
High School	3:30	2:45
Middle School	3:30	2:45
3rd - 6th	3:00	2:15
K - 2nd	2:30	1:45
K3 & K4	2:30	1:45
Lunch	M, T, TH, F	W
K3, K4 and K	11:00-11:30	10:45-11:15
1st and 2nd	11:15-11:45	11-11:30
3rd and 4th	11:30-12:00	11:15-11:45
5th and 6th	11:45-12:15	11:30-12:00
Middle/High School	12:00-12:30	11:37-12:07

Student Activities: Greta Warner will be the Activity and Athletic Director this year. Activities are starting out strong with Cross Country, our most popular sport! Coaches Rod and Patti (HS and MS respectively) are seeing nine students compete in high school and approximately ten in the middle school. This past Friday we held the NSBSD Virtual Meet. High school students are traveling to Palmer for a meet this Friday. Good luck runners!

