

Nunamiut School Highlighted Report March 2024

# **Principal Eric Hart**

# **Distinguished Students**

# K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Xavier John

Xavier serves as a role model and mentor to younger kids. Xavier has excellent manners, and says please and thank you. He has shown great growth this year in math, and reading. He frequently helps out in the classroom, and he has greater than 90% attendance. His teachers say he works hard every day. "He helps with the kindergarteners, and serves as a positive role model for the KG, even when he would rather be doing something else."

Xavier has had great attendance since he started school back in K3! He is curious and resilient and is quick to catch on to new information. He is helpful to his teachers and classmates and is fiercely protective of his younger sister.

His behavior is much more grown up than what is usually exhibited by a first grader. Xavier seems to be happiest when people and situations are honest and fair. He is quick to speak up when he spots inequities or if one of his classmates is stretching the truth.

### 4-8th Grade, Destiny Angelene Gordon

Destiny has shown great improvement throughout the year. She has stepped up to a leadership role in the 5-6<sup>th</sup> classroom. "Her attendance, attitude, and desire to learn have improved dramatically since last year. Previously she didn't seem to enjoy school; now she enjoys school, and her work in class has improved tremendously. She has shown improvement in math, and handwriting. She now volunteers to lead activities." Destiny has been voted most improved by the teachers, and she has really upped her game.

# 9th-12th Grade, Justus Patrick Mulcahy

Justus is an athlete, and a good student. He always shows good sportsmanship at sporting events, and is respectful in the hallways, and in the classroom. He has good attendance, shows a positive attitude, and is willing to give peer support. "He has a nice personality, and is always willing to help. We see him as a great leader because he works hard, and acts as a role model with great leadership on and off the basketball court." Justus is loved by the little kids especially where he talks and plays with them during recess and lunch breaks. He is fantastic in his connection to the elementary students.

### **Distinguished Staff**

#### Susan Webb – Certified Staff

13 years at Nunamiut School, and she has been a dedicated staff member on various committees, and extra duties –including this year where she was an outstanding tech support person keeping all the printers, and technology humming. She has also brought a great deal to the table in regards to being part of the leadership team, and serving on the PBIS team. She frequently volunteers to take extra responsibility, and is a consummate team player. Susan is an amazing can-do person that seeks to solve problems rather than place blame.

#### Jana Esmailka – Classified Staff

Ms. Jana steps in wherever needed. She shows up with a good attitude, and is available to help in any classroom. She does bus duty, subs for teachers that are out, and is fantastic with the elementary students. She is currently working on her Highly Qualified Para designation.

#### **Distinguished Volunteer**

#### Lu Simpson

Lu was on the SAC for years, and used to be the school secretary. She volunteers to read to the students, and share her life stories. At the beginning of the year she shared her wisdom with the Elementary, and the students were listening to every single word. Lu is a treasure that loves up the kids, and is a wonderful role model the lives the Inupiaq values. Lu is extremely generous, especially with her time and sharing her experiences—always willing to speak to the classes. She is a respected elder presence in the school—involved and attending pep rallies, games, graduation, and community events.

#### Highlights: See attached documents to report

- Student work AKP Voice, student centered projects and themes
- Activities-Both BB teams went to state, Arianna Hart selected to All Star Game
- Cultural integration cultural thematic units