



**Highlighted School Board Report  
Fred Ipalook Elementary School  
April 7, 2023**

**Principal: Roger Wells: Assistant Principal: Susan Johnson: Assistant  
Principal: Regina Bellereide**

**Enrollment:**

**K3/K4: 89      K:78      First: 65      Second: 68      Third: 77  
Fourth: 87      Fifth: 68      Total: 532**

The Fred Ipalook Elementary Foxes have made a smooth transition in the second half of the school year. The school welcomed a new principal, a new assistant principal a new P.E coach, several new teachers, and a few new paraprofessionals to the ranks. Our students continue to work hard and stay the course in their academic progress. We are very proud of the work our students have been completing, the activities they take advantage of, and the infusion of culture into our curriculum.

Our students continue to take advantage of the amazing opportunities afforded them by NSBSD. Some of the athletic/co-curricular activities include Inupiaq dance and drumming, Little Dribblers, sponsored by the city as well as choir. In addition to these, IPK also offers academic-based opportunities outside of the regular school day, which include Battle of the Books and Drama. Students also

have the opportunity to have their voices heard in all matters pertaining to school through our student government program (Student Council). Outside partnerships have brought other activities which includes College Bound sponsored by Ilisagvik College.

The Inupiaq language program at IPK not only emphasize their work in the Inupiaq language, but bring community based cultural activities into the classroom. These activities include trapping, animal skin prep, food prep, and how to use the many parts of the Caribou and Whale.

Culture is also infused into our content on a daily basis. For example, Every Wednesday staff and students participate in our cultural celebration in the gymnasium for Inupiaq dancing, singing and drumming. Within the classroom, teachers choose books that support and empower local culture; math instruction creates relevancy through local connections; science instruction incorporates traditional ecological knowledge.

Through classwork, additional opportunities to succeed, and an understanding of culture, IPK students are continuing to achieve NSBSD's stated mission. Our students' positive attitudes, motivation to succeed, and academic gains are great indicators of continued success throughout this year, their academic career, and through life.

Fred Ipalook Elementary implemented a Cookies and Conversation activity during parent teacher conferences to gain input from the community on the future direction of our school. This input will be incorporated into our school improvement planning and drive our school wide decisions going forward.

## **Highlighted Students:**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade:**

#### **Kyland Lambrecht:**

Has made outstanding growth in all areas this school year. He has worked hard at increasing his reading fluency and comprehension skills. He is reading over 100 words per minute and can answer questions about a reading passage with complete sentences. Kyland loves to write stories in his journal and does so independently. Kayland is also a mathematician- adding and subtracting within 20, identifying patterns, and so much more. Kyland's success can be attributed to his hard work, excellent attendance, positive attitude and family support. Congratulations Kyland!

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

#### **Lillian Mathisen:**

Lillian is extremely eager to learn and has grown tremendously this year. She loves school and always tries her best. Lillian is always quick to pay attention, while making sure her friends stay on track. Lillian is great student to have in second grade, she makes her classroom a better place for all. Congratulations Lillian!

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:**

#### **Lelalee Oyagak:**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team would like to announce Lelalee Oyagak as the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade distinguished student. Lelalee displays all the characteristics of a model student. She goes above and beyond every task given to her. Lelalee made a tremendous amount of growth in her academics since August. She makes positive choices, shows concern for others, and is responsible for her learning. To top it off, she is honest, kind and a

team player. Lelalee is polite and enjoys playing outside with her peers and siblings. Congratulations Lelalee!

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

##### **Scott Contrades:**

Scot always gets his work completed and ignores everything around him until the task is complete. He will see things that needs doing and he gets it done. Partner him up with anyone and he will help that student complete the task with success. Scott is a student who questions without hesitation, gives his best in school and treats others with respect. Congratulations Scott!

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

##### **Annabel Kalayauk**

Annabel is a nice and thoughtful young lady. She is a hard-working student who deserves to be praised. She works diligently, once all information has been gathered and completes the task with success. She possesses the Inupiaq moral qualities that a good student should have. Aside from the characteristics listed above, she is a friend to all. Congratulations Annabel!

#### **Distinguished Certified Staff Member:**

##### **Alonda Singson**

Alonda has been teaching at Fred Ipalook for 26 years and has taught K3, K4, Kindergarten, and first grade. She was born and raised in the Copper River Valley in interior Alaska. She made Utiqiagvik her home which was her first teaching position out of college. She met her husband Eric, while working at Ipalook, where Alonda and Eric raised three girls. Alonda is a tremendous asset to Fred Ipalook Elementary and has an exceptional relationship with staff and parents. She volunteers when needed and is always willing to help.

Alonda's students admire and respect her and are excited to be in her classroom. Job well done Alonda!

**Distinguished Classified Staff Member:**

**Michael Elavgak II**

Michael was raised in Utqiagvik and first started his career with the school district as a senior working with OJT at Fred Ipalook Elementary in 2017. Since then, he has worked at CO2 maintenance and returned to Fred Ipalook Elementary in 2022. Michael enjoys watching movies, playing video games, and hanging out with friends. During the school year, Michael makes sure our educators are assisted with their needs within the classroom, and makes sure our building is safe, be it removing snow or preparing our facilities for students and community. Michael works during the summer to make sure our facilities are ready for the new year. We could not do without Michael; he is an asset to our school. Thank you, Michael, for a job well done!

Fred Ipalook Elementary will continue to follow the mission of our board and community. We will empower our students, we will remain culturally rooted, our students will strive to be bilingual, healthy, critical and creative thinkers. We will continue to be life-long learners.





hornet      forty      barnyard  
shipyard      army      forbid  
tardy      radar      remark

Directions: Choose two words from above and write each only in a sentence.

1. I do not like hornets!

2. I have forty pounds of cargo.









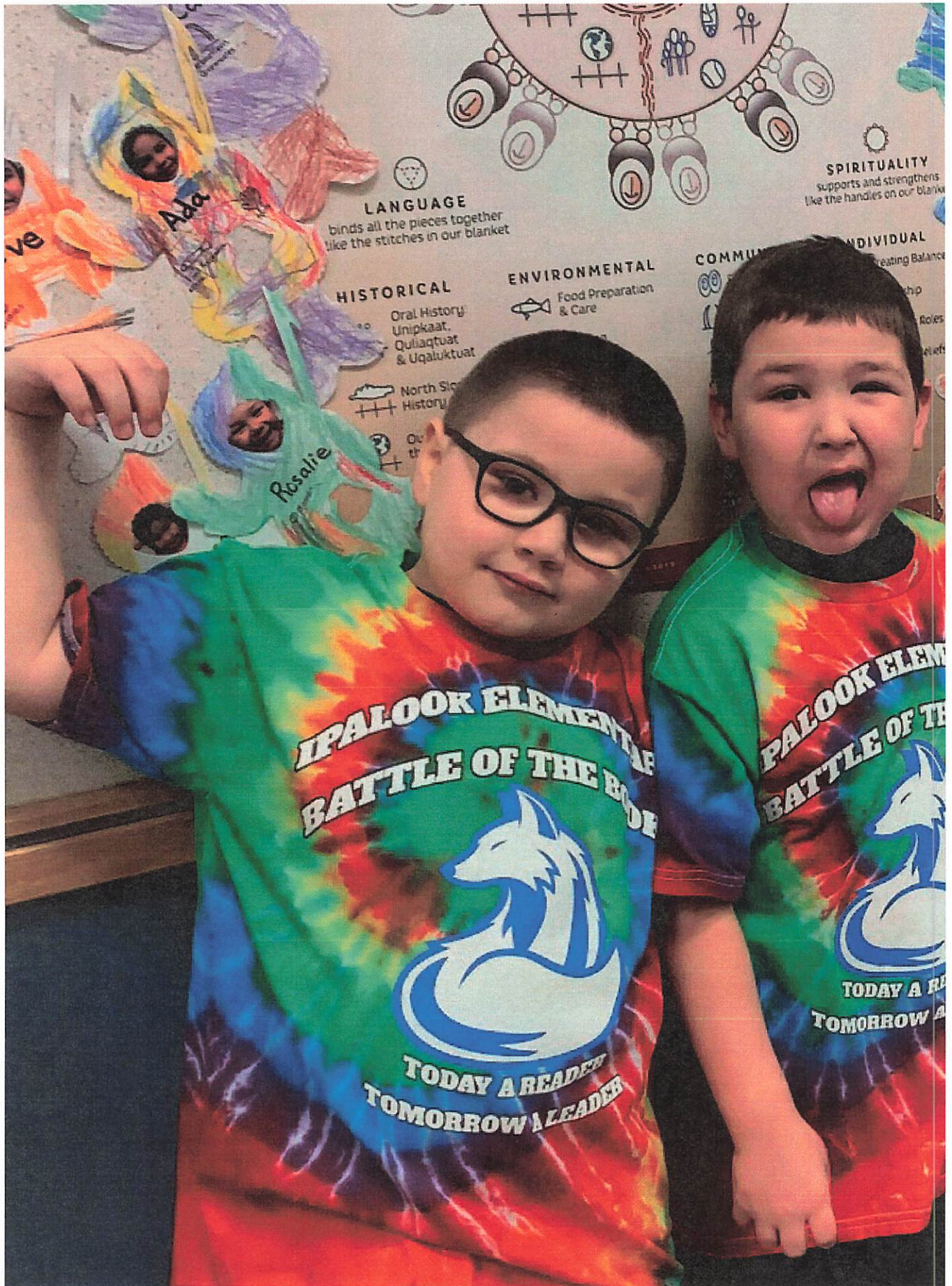












**LANGUAGE**  
binds all the pieces together  
like the stitches in our blanket

**SPIRITUALITY**  
supports and strengthens  
like the handles on our blanket

**HISTORICAL**  
Oral History  
Unipkaat,  
Quliaqtuat  
& Uqaluktuat

**ENVIRONMENTAL**  
Food Preparation  
& Care

**COMMUNITY INDIVIDUAL**  
Creating Balance

Rosalie

Ada

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BATTLE OF THE BOOK

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TODAY A READER  
TOMORROW A LEADER

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**Be the Cat**  
Three Stories About a Dog

**AM I YOURS?**  
My Intestines

**MISTINKY SUMMER**  
by S. BUG

Illustrated by Erica Silverman  
**Corgi Kate and Cocoa**  
Betsy Lewin