

Ulgunigmuit (Wainwright)

The **4th grade** class has been busy - during the month of March the students were responsible for morning announcements.

The opening mantra for the morning announcements are:

Ulgunigmuit demonstrate cooperation, responsibility, and respect for the Inupiaq values at all times in order to make positive contributions to our community.

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- the students took extra time to prepare for the PEAKS tests:
- The parts of the PEAK test are Reading, language arts, Mathematics, and science
- The science test is given to the 4th, 8th and 10th grades only.
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- We talk about social issues, and highlight specific Inupiaq values. Students look forward to this time as we discuss local issues and discuss why our school expectations are so important!

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Our class has a PBIS based morning meeting every morning.

PBIS is a “positive behavior interventions and supports” program which highlights positive behavior and attitude.

Students also earn points and prizes through an online program and immediate recognition through our weekly drawings.

Over half of our 4th grade class participated in Little Dribblers this year and we enjoyed hearing about their experience playing in Utqiagvik.

Near the end of 3rd quarter we began our Time and Ptarmigan unit and are continuing to enjoyed the story

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- Student leaders were chosen to organize and create a door mural of our Time and Ptarmigan story.
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- We are looking forward to spring whaling and each morning we discuss what is needed for the upcoming preparations!

5th grade

During daily academics, the students combine science with local art, we studied “state changes”, and are applying the things we are learning to daily life.

An example of state change is water to ice, water to steam, and it is always water.

The students visited the high school science classroom to see how they made a roller coaster, and we are starting to understand Newton’s Laws of motion. In addition, we are hoping to have a visit from the robotics class.

A huge accomplishment for us this year has been to learn to read independently for 30 minutes.

Because of the new found, love of reading we students want to read as soon as we get back to the classroom.

We are studying about whaling, we made paper-mache whales which are hanging in the foyer as you enter Alak school

6th grade activities

The mornings start off with our Daily Oral Language (DOL). There are 36 weeks of DOL and we are almost finished. We will review all of the information we have covered.

We will be finishing up Unit #5 in the Reach for Reading book. This unit covers civil rights.

We are currently working on lesson 106 in math. This lesson covers geometry.

During our OTTER time “Our time to enjoy reading” we finished the book called “Hatchet” and are now listening to a book on tape called “The Island of the Blue Dolphins”.

Students go to Inupiat class each day for 30 minutes and are becoming fluent with the language.

For social studies the students are working on “Countries of the World”.

Each student has picked a country and will fill out a report form describing that country.

Students also use the computer to find information on their chosen country.

Elementary Sped

The students are working very hard to complete their goals and objectives.

The students enjoy their mathematics where they work with tiles, adding columns of numbers with coins, Roman Numerals to make equal equations, and with pretzels to make geometric designs.

There are 7 students currently in the RTI and 9 students on the tutor list.

The class had a student which was participating in Future Educators of Alaska helping my students.

High School Science

The high school science students have been working to develop an understanding of science and how it connects with their everyday lives.

Students had the opportunity to watch an elder skin a fox and show everyone some of the ways of subsistence life.

There have been scientists who have volunteered to come and talk about their research in the field and how it impacts the lives of those in Wainwright.

We have done arctic sea ice units, arctic ecology units, climate change units and how all of these will impact everyday life.

One large project that the students worked on was designing and creating roller coasters. We invited younger classes in so the students could work together with the high school students, to understand the different forces that occur as the cars move along the track.

Administrative

Alak school has completed, (except for a few students that were not in attendance, the PEAK test.

The PEAK test is the new mandated state test which is computer based.

In addition to the testing, the student have had many visitors, which include the Ski Instructors for cross country skiing.

Little dribblers held a contest here at Alak School and also had 60 students travel to Barrow.

Scientists from Wildlife and Fish and Game.

One, of the most recent presented evidence as to why our Ice cap is melting at a faster rate than predicted.

Today we have our returning educators and SAC members interviewing possible new principals for this school – good luck in choosing the best.

This week-end we have the Spring Festival which honors the whaling crews and helps with their expenses.

At 4:00pm Friday the ski team will host a special thank you for the village with food and fruit.

We are waiting for the arrival of the whales and wish the crews the best.

Seniors to graduate: April 28, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Isaiah Agnasagga
Kelly Hopson
Abraham Kippi
Rosetta Nayakik
Kevin Negovanna
Clayton Panik
Anthony Sarren

NSBSD Board Member: Eva Kinneeveauk
Director of Iñupiaq: Jana Harcharek

Graduation Speaker: David Bauer

Student Award

Vera Negovanna, a 9th grade student at ALAK High School has received a ASRC Federal 2017 U.S. Space Camp Scholarship. She will travel, June 18th, to Huntsville, Alabama to attend the youth astronaut training program at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center located at One Tranquility Base. Trainees attend from countries all over the world. Vera, among other activities, will be involved in a simulated parachute water landing. She will also test her pilot skills in an F-18 Super Hornet tandem cockpit simulator.
Congratulations Vera, Wainwright is proud of you.