



**Nunamiut School
Highlighted School Report
February 2025**

Principal Robert (Bob) Ermold

As the new temporary administrator for Nunamiut School, I would like to take a moment to briefly introduce myself. I am a retired educator from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District where I served 26 years as a special education teacher, building level administrator and district office administrator. I now live in Juneau and do some part time substituting and I also work for the University of Alaska Southeast supervising student teachers working on their special education degree. I first came to Anaktuvuk Pass in December for two weeks to transition into this position and familiarize myself with Nunamiut School and NSBSD. After the Christmas break, I returned to AKP and began working full time to fill in for the principal vacancy and also to help the school navigate several significant challenges that I'll highlight later in this report.

Enrollment: 114

Pre-K3: 9	Pre-K4: 8	K: 13	1 st Grade: 7	2 nd Grade: 4
3 rd Grade: 10	4 th Grade: 10	5 th Grade: 10	6 th Grade: 4	7 th Grade: 11
8 th Grade: 6	9 th Grade: 3	10 th Grade: 7	11 th Grade: 9	12 th Grade: 3

Attendance: 75.90%

	<u>Nunamiut</u>
ECE3	49.02%
ECE4	72.09%
K	63.47%
1	70.59%
2	75.00%
3	76.47%
4	85.29%
5	74.68%
6	77.94%
7	82.06%
8	92.48%
9	75.82%
10	82.91%
11	85.84%
12	97.55%



Highlights:

- Partnership with North Slope Borough in overcoming water shortages to keep the school functional. AKP lost water service Dec 24th and has gradually been coming back online due to tireless efforts of Scott Danner and his awesome team with NSB.
- Stability in staffing – Overcame three long term vacancies, should be fully staffed by March.
- Student activities
 - Battle of the Books – 12 students participated in grades 3-5
 - Robotics – 11 students participated in grades 4-8
 - AFN – 2 students participated
 - NYO – 8 students participated led by Coach Becker
- Elder luncheon once a month to connect students with elders and to plan projects and activities.
- Repatriation of remains – Two students – Cameron Gordon and Cayden Morry, traveled to Washington DC with our local museum curator, to reclaim the remains of two individuals that have been housed in the Smithsonian Museum since 1947. The students were given a private tour of the museum and some of the storage rooms where the remains were housed. They learned the story behind when and where the remains were excavated, and the approximate time period from when these individuals lived in Anaktuvuk Pass (est. 1600-1700's). There are currently plans being made to re-bury these individuals this summer in the areas where they were found. The district is also planning to do a mini course for a small group of students in the district, to create a video documenting these events and the process of returning these individuals to their home land.
- Hosting Region Basketball and Prom (Feb 27th – March 1st) – A big thanks to the city of AKP for financial assistance in supporting us with prom decorations and also the NSB for purchasing the tournament t-shirts/hoodies for players and coaches.

Distinguished Students for the month of February

We are highlighting our basketball teams for the month of February. One student athlete is recognized each day.

Week 1 - Justin Gordon (8th), Calleigh Gordon (9th), Kailey Mekiana (9th),
James Nageak (9th), Nevaeh Gordon (9th).

Week 2 - George Bifelt (10th), Kevin Gordon (10th), Anna Nukapigak (10th),
Thomas Ahsoak (11th), and Elijah Burris (11th)

Week 3 - Alex Galloso (11th), Cameron Gordon (11th), Krista Hugo (11th),
Tyler Hugo (11th), and Eileen Panigeo (11th)

Week 4 - Asialuk Woods (11th), Justus Mulcahy (12th), Xavier Sheldon (12th), and
Coaches - Jessica Becker, Ashley Mekiana and Joseph Nukapigak.

Distinguished Staff for the month of February

Josh Morry-Mekiana and Joseph Nukapigak – These are our two nighttime custodians that have gone above and beyond in their duties to keep the school safe, clean, and functional. In addition to working their regular custodial shifts, they have worked additional shifts for all night fire watch during times of water shortage and have filled in for extra shifts in the kitchen and with the maintenance staff during the past month.

