



## Ipalook Elementary School



### Principal's Report for March 26, 2019

#### Presented by

**Principal David Jones and Asst. Principals Cris Goldy and Monica Grund**

**Attendance:** Current Enrollment-715. The February attendance rate is **86.67%**, up **3.53%**.

PreK3: 71	PreK4: 85	Kindergarten: 89	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: 85
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: 83	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: 99	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 104	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 99

#### Highlights

**SOTM:** We had another great Student of the Month assembly on Mar. 6. Students selected for this month are: Lacie Ahtuanguak, Veidalyn Richards, Cataleya Ramirez, Opie Su'esu'e, Ellis Thomas, Aaron Gogo, Bella Johnston, Caroline Ahsoak, Trenton Stein, Eden Tazruk-Simmonds, MacKenzie Nelson, Ma. Kristina Toledo, Patrick Rexford, Faith Fruen-Tivao, Elleak Leavitt, Daniel Esparza, Bill Brower, Averiana Toelau, BJ Ale, Mark Balanza, Otis Ahkivgak, Martha Lambrecht, Kauila Danner, Andrew Rexford, Jordan Panamarioff, Ethan Thorp Stine, Christeta Brower.

**Activities:** Junior Native Youth Olympics: We had 20 students who qualified to attend the JNYO games in Anchorage, and all 20 were able to go. Coach Jamie Harcharak, Assistant Coach Monica Lugo, and Ms. Goldy traveled with the team along with 4 other chaperones. Our students did very well. It is difficult to place in these Olympics, as each even for each grade level has 80 or more entrants. Most of our students were able to put up a good showing and win a number of matches before being eliminated. Two of our students did place and came home with medals! Aija Unatoa took 5<sup>th</sup> place in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Stick Pull, and Adreanna Miguel took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade 2 Foot High Kick. This is quite an achievement! All of our kids made us very proud, as we were told by multiple people how well-behaved and happy our kids are! We already knew that, but it will still be nice to hear from others when traveling.

**Achievement:** We have added the Imagine Learning Program to our curriculum. We are excited to get this program up and running because it targets Reading and Language, areas we have been lowest in based on all of our previous data. The language portion of the program will help our students develop the language around concepts and academic vocabulary that they need in order to do well in school and later in college. We spent our March 22<sup>nd</sup> in-service learning how to use the program effectively at each grade level. We will be trying the program out this spring and will be able to report on its impact at the end of this school year.

Our current programs have also been very successful. Attached is our Winter MAP data showing growth in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, from Fall to Winter comparisons between 17-18 and 18-19,

and our PEAKS Two Year Trend Data from 17-18. David will be presenting this data at our Highlighted Schools Presentation to the Board on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Challenges

**Technology:** We have had extra bandwidth this month to test out how much we need. However, this week when we had the most bandwidth, we still experienced problems with download speeds. Dr. Jones will continue his campaign to find ways to get more bandwidth so our students don't have to experience slow speeds and getting kicked off the internet due to overloads. He is also meeting with the IT Director and GCI weekly to discuss our ongoing issues.

**Cyberbullying:** We held a parent information meeting on cyber-bullying Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> to increase parent awareness and to provide information on what to look for and how to prevent this malicious and damaging form of bullying. We had a good meeting, with middle school and elementary principals, our School Resource Officers, and Joshua Stein from ASNA attending to provide information. Unfortunately, not many parents attended. We are seeking help from the community to come up with other ways or venues we can use to get out this important information. We hope to help parents protect their children and provide strategies for greater resilience for our students if they do become victims of cyber-bullying. The effects of cyber-bullying can be devastating, as the bullying is very public, with the possibility of everyone in the community and beyond having access to false stories and mean spirited attacks. We welcome any ideas on how to get the information out.

**Attendance:** Attendance is improving, thanks to help from NVB. We do still have a much lower monthly attendance rate than we would like to have. We are going to hold a school drive in April and May to reach 90% attendance in a month, with the prize of a school wide party for reaching the goal. More information to come!

## Upcoming

Events	Date
Student of the Month Assemblies	1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade April 3, 1:15, K April 5 11:40
Jessie LeBeau- Basketball Star/Bullying	April 2-3 (Specific times at each school TBA)
Ipalook Spring Carnival	April 12 6:00-8:30 PM
PEAKS and AIMSweb Testing	April 9-26
MAP Spring Benchmark	April 29-May 10
Star Testing 2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	May 6-16
End of Year Assembly/Last Day of School	May 17

## Fred Ipalook Elementary Peaks Two Year Tread 2017-2018

