



**Kali School
SAC Report
January 2026**

Principal Cindy Granatir

SAC Members

Perry Pikok, Seat 1
Calvin Lane, Seat 2
Apple Pikok, Seat 3

Martha Upicksoun, Seat 4
Kuoisik Curtis, Seat 5

Enrollment: 84

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

Attendance:

Staff:

Teachers: 12	Substitute Full-Time:
Counselor: 0	Substitute Part-Time:
Special Education: 1	M&O (Facilities/Custodial/Kitchen): 6
Para Professionals: 6	

Special Recognition:

Students recognized by their teachers for first semester:

2nd Grade

Alexandra Tukrook—Avoidance of conflict, sharing, compassion

Lincoln Pikok-Henry—A+ attitude and effort, sharing, kindness

5th Grade

Mabel Hank—Extra effort in her work, increasing classroom participation, growing confidence



6th grade

Lelalee Oyagak—handles challenging assignments and works hard in every task assigned to her. She shares her ideas clearly, loves writing about her family's hunting tradition and talks about it with respect and interest.

Arielle Lampe—consistently demonstrates knowledge and skills expected for this grade level. She consistently completes her tasks with accuracy and independence, and participates actively in classroom activities.

Staff

Terry Bilbrey—bus driver/acting plant manager

Mr. Bilbrey serves many roles at Kali School, is always pleasant. He ensures the students safely arrive at school and return home every day, transports nearly EVERY person to and from the airport, has been acting plant manager since before school started August 14, does maintenance/custodial work, helps in the student store, and has been an integral part of ensuring that the school operates as smoothly as possible for students. His sense of humor, work ethic, and leadership serve as a model. He frequently works seven days each week and does not complain.

All returning Kali certificated staff

Despite all the staffing shortages, constant last-minute changes that are part of life in the Arctic, and various challenges faced daily, they continually step up to fill in wherever needed and to contribute in a positive way wherever they can.

Strategic Plan Goal & Pedagogy Implementation:

Family & Community Collaboration

Goal 1: Prioritize and implement intentional and purposeful partnerships.

- Central office held a town hall meeting in November.
- ASNA has hosted a carnival, movie night, and guest speakers.
- Community counseling services have conducted outreach visits.
- UAF and Wildlife have ongoing partnerships with Kali and regularly work with our students/staff on permafrost and walrus studies.

Culturally Responsive Instruction

Goal 2: All students perform at or above grade level

Elementary students K-4th grade all had opportunities to practice their math skills by cooking with their teachers in the home ec room. The students made individual pizzas, blueberry pancakes, and waffles. The little chefs learned about food safety and nutrition as part of their activities.



Goal 3: All students are prepared for their pathway of choice post-high school

- Six middle school students attended ANSEP and returned with computers they built.
- Four students have attended Alaska Excel sessions.
- Two students completed their graduation requirements in December, one of whom is now working at school.
- Four juniors are applying to take dual credit courses.
- Many students have participated in CTE intensives offered through QLC, and they are eagerly waiting for more options to be announced.

Goal 4: Graduate bilingual students

All students ECE through 12th grade receive instruction in Inupiaq daily. Lola Tukrook provides Inupiaq instruction to ECE students and kindergarten through 2nd grades every day. Julie provides instruction for 3rd-12th grade. We also have five classified staff members who regularly interact with students in Inupiaq.

Student Social & Emotional Wellbeing

Goal 5: Facilitate & maintain culturally, emotionally, & physically safe learning environments

We are still in need of a school counselor. The school district's student services department is working to provide support for Kali.

Staff Support & Professional Development

Goal 6: Build and sustain a thriving workforce aligned with the mission of this District

Our Mission: Students who are empowered, culturally rooted, bilingual healthy, critical, creative, life-long learners.

- Officially have all teaching, admin assistant, and cook positions filled for this semester.
- So far, all certificated staff members will be returning 😊
- All K-5 teachers and the principal have completed LETRS courses for the AK Reads ACT.
- Returning teachers completed five-weeks of SIOP training.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 20-23	Susan Hope at Kali—sewing intensive and sewing circles
Jan 23-25	HS Basketball in Wainwright
Jan. 29-Feb. 1	MS and HS Basketball in Barrow
Feb. 6-7	Home basketball games
Feb. 7	Make-up workday
Feb. 10	Grades 7-12 send home progress reports
May 7	Graduation dinner (Class of 2026 and parents/guardians)
May 12	Graduation/Promotion at 6pm

