

Site Report – Igiugig – September 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Stephanie Canning, Head Teacher

Outstanding Activities and Events

Our school year started off strong with a visit from the EPA! Students and community members were excited about this, as it was truly a big event. This year we look forward to many great events and memories. Shown is the students and community members participating in a Yupik dance, shown to the EPA.



Personnel

We're starting our school year off strong with all certified teaching positions filled! Ms. Gabbie Cruz with K-2, myself 3-5, and Mr. Timothy Hammel secondary. We would like to sing high praises to Anthony Wasillie for stepping into our custodial/maintenance role. He has done an outstanding job getting our school ready for the beginning of the year! Ms. Betsy has joined us again as a classroom aide. She has been with the district for many years. We appreciate all the community members who have helped fill sub positions. Ida Nelson

has also returned to us as a cook, she too has been with the district for many years. We are currently working to fill our P.E. and Night Gym aide positions.

Standards-Based System/Curriculum Progress

Students will be working with REAP to learn about Alaska’s renewable energy and conduct some projects here in IGI. Students will also be working with IVC to participate in a cooperative extension focusing on berries, gardening, and traditional healing.

Technology Insights

StarLink is here and it is incredible! All students have devices at this moment.

Facility Update

Our sewer is currently being worked on to hopefully restore it back to its original glory. We are hopeful that this fix will allow us to keep the district basketball tournament here in IGI.

LSAC Activity

LSAC has not met for the 23/24 school year but will likely meet in the coming weeks.

Volunteer Report

We are so very thankful to have had the EPA visit our school on the very first day, alongside many community members. They put together an awesome spread for lunch. We are also grateful to have Karl Hill, AlexAnna Salmon, Jonathan Salmon, Jeff Bringhurst, Alicia Tinney, and many others for continuing to teach our students Yupik dancing on Fridays!

Professional Development

Our teachers attended in-service right before school started, filling our minds with new and improved ways to provide our students with the best education possible. Classified employees also attended trainings familiarizing themselves with the Alaska Reads Act. Ms. Gabbie is currently working with UAA to perform an audit on the culturally responsive certification program. Ms. Canning is in her internship and final stages of her master's in Administrative Education.

Pupil Attendance

Attendance has been strong, with almost 100% attendance!

Student and Staff Safety

No issues to report

Subsistence Calendar

We had a lengthy absence list for the first few days due to moose hunting and the state fair. Families were not used to starting school before Labor Day.

Other