

Nuiqsut Trapper School



North Slope Borough School District

School Highlight Report for February 4th

Current Enrollment : 164

Community Outreach Events

Over the course of first semester, we were blessed to have students in the building most of the time. Even though we were in yellow, we managed many split day events so that no one was left out. We started the year off with a fun run sponsored by Conocophillips and had a Halloween parade where our younger kids were able to show off the bags they decorated and our older kids were able to show off their entries for the duct tape costume contest sponsored by Oil Search. As we moved into the Christmas season, our teachers and staff delivered Gifts and cookies sponsored by the oil companies and corporations to the village children on the school bus.

Every Friday night since the beginning of the school year, we have hosted a one hour call in / zoom time. Flyers are up all over town with the information and we welcome any community member to participate. We have not had much success with this and I am looking to change the date and time as well as going in a different direction to possibly have student guests on the call to engage the community more.

School Events

The yellow to red, red to yellow, transitions have been better than we could have hoped for. All parties worked together to ensure that schedules were shared, and all the decisions we made were always with the best interests of the students always at the heart of our final plans. We were able to have parent conferences, award ceremonies and a few parent university events face to face. Everyday our students come to school ready to learn and hopeful that we will soon transition to a full time school schedule.

As a staff, we have focused our professional development on social emotional learning and how we can change the culture of our school to increase connections with our students. We are focusing on trauma informed practices that help address the unique issues that our students deal with in their lives. By changing the way we teach and connect with our students, we are hoping that our students will become more engaged in their lessons and increase their overall ability.

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Our School Improvement Grant was finally approved and we are working hard to implement the line items in our grant. We have multiple intervention components that we are looking forward to implementing with our students. We are also undertaking a project of reaching out to the community to create and install a mural and a Hall of Elders. Family engagement nights are also in the works to help bring our community into the school so we can work together to help our children be successful. Our hope for these nights is that we are able to bring the community into the school and have them leave with ideas and actual make and take it projects they can immediately use at home.

Celebrations

At the close of 1st semester, four seniors and one night school student have completed graduation requirements. We also have six of our seven seniors on track to graduate with the possibility of seven out of seven if the last senior works to complete some grade recovery courses. We also have one junior who has worked hard and will graduate an entire year early. We are super proud of these students hard work and will continue to support them till the end of the year.

Looking Forward

We continue to look for new and creative ways to reach our students in this hybrid atmosphere. We are hoping with the decreased cases in Barrow that we will be able to move to full time school very soon. This will allow us to help our students catch up on the skills they may have missed this year due to COVID.