



HIGHLIGHTED SCHOOL REPORT

**Kali School
Point Lay, AK**

**October 2023
Highlighted School Report**

Principal Cindy Granatir

Enrollment & Attendance:

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

Attendance for the month of September was 89.23% (3.56% higher than August) for K-12th Grade and 90.64% for K3-K4 (6.88% higher than August).

Highlights:

Student Activities:

- All students have designated library time by grade level in their schedule(s), so all students have the ability to check out books and complete research for classes with the supervision of their teachers.
- Four students qualified for Cross Country State and will be traveling to Anchorage October 5-7. Coach Jonathan Rodriguez and Chaperone Lillian Itta will be accompanying Amber Neakok, Spencer Itta, Zereah Henry, and Harris Henry to the State meet.
- Parent Teacher Conferences were held at the end of September. Attendance was greatly improved this year, and a special shout out goes to Mrs. Bilbrey's class for 100% participation. All students in her class had at least one parent or guardian attend. The students in that class received a popcorn party for their efforts.
- Volleyball has started. The schedule is attached. First home volleyball games in two years are happening!
- Beginning of the Year Assessments have been concluded. Tutoring is set to begin as soon as the plan is approved. Tier I and Tier II reading and math interventions are in place.

Staffing:

- All teaching positions at Kali are filled.
- There is a math and a reading interventionist on staff this year, and they have already seen progress with the students.
- Shop classes are up and running. Students are working on projects, learning career skills, and are doing amazingly well.

Coaching/Advising Added Duty Contracts

- Battle of the Books—Leonisas Dacoylo advisor
- Student Council—Marlina Naingue
- Senior Class—Binelda Bilbrey
- Middle School Volleyball—Shemaine Bambarger
- Middle School vs HS Volleyball Game October 4th

Staff Training

- Suicide Prevention Training Provided by ASNA on Sept. 20th.

- AED Training Provided August 22nd also by ASNA
- Four staff members received Unlicensed Medication Training provided by Dept. of Education and the State of Alaska
- Lifeguards
 - Two staff members went to Barrow for training/certification provided by Ilisagvik College.
 - Schedules for swim times/days will be finalized and posted
- Cultural Inservice--Thanks to Julie, Lola, Jim, Carmalita, and Kellen

In the morning, Mrs. Julie Itta presented information about the history, culture, and government of Point Lay and the local area.

In the afternoon, teachers boated across, toured the old village site, and saw the walruses and other local animals. More history was shared, and teachers experienced part of the day on the land.

Afterwards, everyone shared a meal of tuttu soup and rolls prepared by Carmalita, Kellen, and Lola.

Many thanks to Julie, Lola, Jim, Carmalita, and Kellen for all of their time, knowledge, expertise, and assistance

Distinguished Students, Staff and Volunteers:

Students:

Makayla Hank (preschool)--Makayla is a leader in her class. She understands and follows the social rules of class, and she works to remind her peers in a positive, friendly way to be kind and respectful to each other. She consistently demonstrates the Inupiat values and is a role model for her classmates.

John Pikok, Jr (senior)--John is a leader on the basketball court, no question, but he is also an emerging cultural leader. When asked, he will share what he knows in just the right doses. Whether it is scrimshaw, hunting, traditional foods, or the reasoning behind NYO games, John can humbly share with those who are willing to learn. Recently, he was out until 2am hunting, so he could bring in a tuttu and continue to learn from Ilisaurri how to tan the hide traditionally.

Staff:

Classified: Jason Baker is the acting plant manager overseeing Maintenance and Operations at Kali School while still tending to the Maintenance III duties and filling in for the head cook who is out for a family emergency. Mr. Baker works tirelessly, consistently demonstrates an impeccable work ethic, and maintains high standards for not only his department, but he influences everyone around him positively. In addition to the countless hours he puts in at work, he is a leader in the community, always willing to help because it is the right thing to do.

Classified: Jeremy Lane is a young man who graduated from Kali in 2022. He is currently working as a para with the preschool students and Ilisaurri Lola Tukrook. He is doing a fabulous job and has indicated that he would like to change his major and become a teacher. In addition to stepping into a leadership role in the class and learning how to manage a class while he is working, he volunteers his time to help outside of the school day in the shop, in the gym, tutoring, and just being a good role model.

Certificated: Becky Long has worked at Kali School for fifteen years and continues to grow in the profession, always looking for quality professional development opportunities to increase her skill set. Becky recently transitioned from the upper elementary classroom to the reading specialist/interventionist position, and has made great progress with the students. Ms. Long puts in countless hours in her contributions to the school and the district, often working twelve plus hours in a day. With her as the site testing coordinator, we were able to increase our participation rate in beginning of the year assessments and completed testing before the window closed.

Kali Teachers: Julie Itta with daughter Fiona, Jonathan Rodriguez, Jay Marsate, Benjamin Olson, Leo Morbos, Marlina Naingue, Binelda Bilbrey, and Principal Cindy Granatir.

Culture Camp 2023



After boating across, teachers toured the old village site, learned about the local history and traditions of Point Lay, and the migration patterns of the walrus.

Community Member Jame Tazruk served as one of the boat drivers, a tour guide, and local historian.

Ilisaurri Julie Itta provided the instruction and history for the Culture Camp. →





Above: Senior John Pikok brought in a tuttu that he caught, and Ilisaurri Julie Itta taught him how to clean and tan the skin traditionally.



Top Left: Zereah Henry
Bottom Left: Vivian Aveoganna
Bottom Right: Charlie Stalker



Ilisagvik College - Nestor Martinez reading to 3rd/4th Grade during a school visit