

HAROLD KAVEOLOOK SCHOOL

North Slope Borough School District



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It has been a challenging year and a half since our school burned down. This has been compounded by working through a pandemic. The interim school is a very adequate and nice space, but it has not come without issues. On two separate occasions school had to be closed due to electrical issues. The backup generator is currently not functioning and we have identified several leaks in the roof. Whenever something breaks down, we fear having to shut the school down as we have limited resources to make repairs. That being said, our students truly love to be able to come to school and I am pretty sure that Kaktovik has had more students in school in person throughout the pandemic than any other school on the slope. There is talk about progress being made on the new building, and we are awaiting confirmation of the first site visit to access the burn site, pilings, etc. which will allow us to move forward with design. Everything we have heard is that the new building will be built in stages with the gymnasium being completed early in the project. We have also been working with the school district, the city of Kaktovik, and the North Slope Borough to build an outdoor basketball court for the students and community in the meantime.

Having SAC meetings has been another challenge during the pandemic. It seems every time a meeting is scheduled, it has to be canceled due to someone quarantining or being sick. We were able to reorganize and now have a new president after many years. Thank you to Alicia Solomon for filling this role for many years, and congratulations to Noreen Kaleak for taking the helm. Riannon Akootchook accepted the role of vice president, Alicia Solomon as secretary, and Clara Sittichinili and Emir DeBose are SAC members. Thanks to each of you for your service to the students, staff, and the school.

Our students recently returned from Utqiagvik where the mixed-six volleyball tournament took place. As you are all aware, this turned into an extended stay, with having to quarantine, after an athlete tested positive. Thank you to everyone that made this challenging time manageable to the students and chaperones. The Harold Kaveolook Rams brought home the sportsmanship award, which we are extremely proud of. In addition, Marcus Gallagher and Natasha Gordon were awarded all tourney. Earlier this spring, our students also competed in Battle of the Books and Lego Robotics.

As the school year nears the end, we look forward to getting some of our students outside for mini-culture camps, where they will spend the day out

participating in activities. A big congratulations to Charles Brower, our only graduate this year.