



**Trapper School
Highlighted School Report
January 2026**

Principal Joslyn Pierce

Distinguished Students

Janice Lampe, 5th Grade

Janice has shown remarkable growth in her academics and behavior this year. She shows grit, determination, and dedication in everything she does at school. Janice greets every staff member with a hug and a smile each day. She takes great joy and pride in her school work.



Noah Hopson, 11th Grade

In the classroom, Noah consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and a dedication to learning. He demonstrates leadership in the classroom, in sports, and in clubs by supporting and encouraging his classmates to do their best. He shows kindness, respect, and responsibility. Noah is best known on our campus for his respectful, encouraging, and optimistic attitude. Noah overcomes challenges with positivity and humor.



Seth Leavitt, Kindergarten

Seth is known for being a great friend to all. He goes out of his way to help his peers when they are sad or hurt. In the classroom, he is described as “kind”, “helpful,” and an “excellent listener”. During lessons, he is the first to answer questions and to volunteer to help his teacher. Seth has made tremendous growth this year!



Ms. Jovelyn's 2nd Grade Class

These amazing students help each and every day with announcements in English and Inupiaq. It takes tremendous courage to stand before your peers and speak. The exceptional leadership demonstrated by this group of students is a powerful confidence-building exercise for our young leaders and quite an inspiration to witness! This practical application of language immersion is one way we celebrate Inupiaq heritage here at Trapper School.



Distinguished Staff

Michelle Ipalook, Secondary ILT – Certified Staff

Michelle is new to her role as our secondary Inupiaq Language Teacher this year. In her time here at Trapper School, she has worked hard to build strong relationships with students and holds them to high expectations in her classroom. Michelle serves as a resource to other teachers in the building. She has a high level of knowledge and is always willing to answer questions and provide support and guidance. She is deeply committed to preserving and strengthening the Inupiaq language and culture through her teaching. Michelle's passion for student learning and collaboration has made her a valuable asset to our school.

Lottie Cabinboy, Cook – Classified Staff

Our cafeteria ladies are AMAZING!!! Not only are they serving nutritious food, but it tastes good too!!!!

Lottie is new to the cook position this year, and is such a joy to have on campus. She greets every student and staff member by name and even remembers students' likes/dislikes when it comes to school lunch. Lottie is a hard worker who puts a lot of love into her cooking. Her positive attitude and dedication have made a meaningful impact on our school community.

Students and returning teachers talk about the improvement in the quality and variety of the hot meals served. The new team has moved away from heat-and-serve processed items toward "scratch-cooked" meals where possible. Every day, lunch is plated with care, making healthy food look appetizing to students, adults, and our elders.



**Enrollment: 142**

Pre-K3: 7	Pre-K4: 5	Kinder: 5	1st Grade: 10	2nd Grade: 9
3rd Grade: 8	4th Grade: 9	5th Grade: 11	6th Grade: 10	7th Grade: 12
8th Grade: 12	9th Grade: 14	10th Grade: 11	11th Grade: 12	12 th Grade: 4

Attendance:

Our attendance has shown great improvement this year. As a school, we maintained over 80% attendance for five weeks straight! We would like to recognize our middle school students who, as a group, have an attendance rate of over 85%! Special shoutout to 7th Grade student Brandi Sovalik, who has not missed a single day of school this year!

**Highlights:**

We have had so many things to celebrate at Trapper School this year! We have a great community of teachers and learners who show up, work hard, and try their best every day!

Sewing with Susan Hope

Our high school students greatly enjoyed sewing with cultural expert Susan Hope. Students were able to work on a variety of projects, including beaver mittens, atikluks, and mukluks. She will be back in February to make Ayuktaqs.





Volleyball

Volleyball season is always a highlight at Trapper School. We enjoyed hosting teams from Kaktovik, Atkasuk, and Anaktuvuk Pass. We are so proud of our Trappers for placing second in the regional tournament!



Eben Hopson Day Celebration

We had so much fun celebrating Inuit culture and the life and legacy of Eben Hopson with our students and community members on November 6th. We hosted a community potluck where parents and community members brought a variety of goodies (moose hamburgers, tuttu soup, maktak, etc.) to share. We displayed student work around the gym and invited students to read essays, poems, and speeches they had been working on in class. Students and community members participated in a variety of activities including games, trivia, arts, and crafts.





Christmas Program

The Trapper School Christmas program is a highlight each year. Each grade level worked hard preparing dances, poems, and songs in Inupiat and English. Thanks to our partnerships with Santos and ConocoPhillips we enjoyed food, gifts, and fellowship. Even jolly old Saint Nick made an appearance.



Upcoming Events:

Basketball Season

Santos Basketball Camp

CTE Welding Intensive

