

## Nunamiut Highlighted school for NSBSD meeting 5/1/17

We have had a good year at Nunamiut School with lots of activities for all students, staff and of course, the community. The students have really responded to school consistency and the staff have developed a mutually respectful relationship with the students. With a strong returning group of employees and students we are looking forward to a great school year next year.

### **Some of this year's highlights are as follows:**

1. Our early childhood program brought lots of parents to our school for our evening playgroup sessions. Ms. Gifford has always stressed the importance of reading to your kids at home.
2. Student Council has been a great success this year in helping with the climate of the school. Pep rallies, spirit days, movie nights, and prize drawings at morning meetings kept the kids interested in school. Thanks to Petro Star, we sent 3 students and a chaperone to Chicago for the national student council conference. The main responsibility of the student council was the operation of the student store as well as helping the city with community feeds and festivals.
3. Nunamiut sent 4 runners to the state cross-country championships.
4. Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams qualified for the state basketball tournament after winning the North Slope regional championships in Kaktovik. Without legitimate experience from the season schedule, it was hard for the players to adjust to the atmosphere of the big dance.
5. Our robotics team won first in the team event at the state competition.
6. Skiku just got done with a program that had all students skiing for 2 weeks.
7. Vocational-ed classes were scheduled this year which brought wood shop, an agriculture class, home-ec, and a music class which peaked students interest in something outside of basic curriculum.
8. This spring we are wrapping up our year with a science fair, a spring carnival, and a new event named Spring Fling.
9. Our Library is an exciting time opening 4 nights a week/ 3hours a night and is open year-round. Typically, 20 to 30 kids take advantage of the facility and the w
10. Our staff holds Homework club to augment instruction 3 days a week after school.
11. Our mixed 6 volleyball team lost a close match in the finals to Pt. Hope in the championship match.
12. Our NYO team is headed to Anchorage this week for the state competition.

13. Our staff has done a great job offering programs to the students through our extra duty contracts allotment. Karate, astronomy, Battle of the Books and the Science Fair have all been great successes.
14. The staff has volunteered many hours for the community for programs we like to call the 3 "s" swimming, skiing, and skating. Many man hours have been logged through these volunteer programs.
15. Our Agriculture class joined forces with community member Rainy Hopson and planted starts for her Hoop Tunnel. The process was documented by a film group who is promoting Agriculture in the Arctic with other communities.
16. Spring fling was quite a hit rewarding students with perfect attendance around the weeks of state testing. Students rode snow machines 15 miles to Ben Creek for sledding, snowboarding, skiing and tug of wars. A cookout over a fire was a hit with the support of Healthy Futures and Ilisagvik college.
17. Of course, graduation is occurring with 5 seniors graduating.

The school has been a place where students have enjoyed their experience with a good mix of education and quality leisure time activities. Nunamiut School has developed a positive school climate of which we are all very proud of.