

Nunamiut News

Nunamiut School of Anaktuvuk Pass
Home of the Amaguqs

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Back to School—Finally!



After a 2 ½ -week Winter Break and two weeks of schooling at home, the students returned to Nunamiut School on Jan. 19 (Group A) and Jan. 21 (Group B). There may have been a few holdouts, but most of us were glad to be back!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues, Thurs, Feb. 9,11 English/Iñupiaq Spelling Bee

Mon. Feb. 15 District Inservice.
No school for students

December's Graduates

Nunamiut School's student enrollment dropped by two after the first semester, but it was for a good reason. We congratulate our two newest alumni, Winnie Morry and Dean Sheldon, who graduated in December. We wish them both luck in the "Real World."

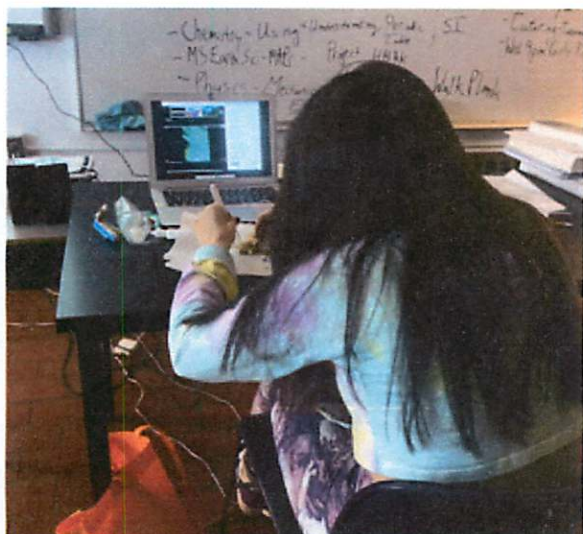


New Banners in the Gym

Last spring, the championship banners that adorn the heights of the gym were rearranged to make room for future championships. During break, four new banners that were won last year were added to the display.



Girls Rock Club

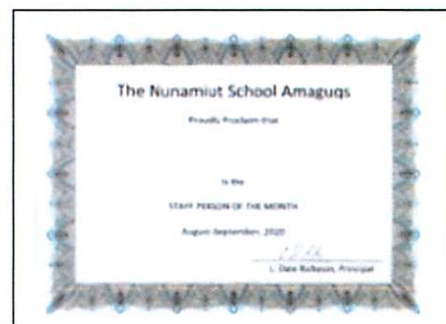


All Nunamiut Amaguq girls in grades 6-12 are invited to join Girls Rock! This newest club that the school is offering is run by Ms. Polly Bass and meets on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Polly explained that in the picture to the left, Tamera Morry is gold mining and handling the reclamation process. She was able to excavate 25 chocolate chips which represented the gold that was valued at more than \$1000 per ounce. Most of that will go back into her business expenses.

Student/Staff of the Month



PreK-2nd Grades: Titus Hopson
3rd - 5th Grades: Kailey Mekiana
6th - 8th Grades: Jeremiah Ticket
9th-12th Grades: Arianna Hart
Staff: Julie Morry



Iñupiaq Word of the Week



Amaguq Intramural League

Nunamiut School will begin to offer intramural sports at the beginning of February. The activities will be run by Coach Cooke and other staff members who want to volunteer to work with the students. Thirteen different sports will be offered, each for one week, through the month of April. Teams will sign up in the Wolf Commons on Mondays for the sport of the week. Regular games will be played on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays with Thursdays and Fridays being tournament days. In addition to these activities for the older students, those in K – 5th grade will be invited to enjoy a fun hour on Fridays and Saturdays. Check the following calendar for more information.

Students who participate must meet academic standards for extracurricular activities. If they are enrolled in a physical education class, they must participate in the class on the days of the activities. The games are closed to spectators. The Student Store will be open from 5:00-6:00 Monday through Friday.

Schedule of Games (subject to change)

Feb. 1-5: Ultimate Frisbee
 Feb. 8-12: Noodleball
 Feb. 15-19: Soccer
 Feb. 22-26: Capture the Flag
 Mar. 1-5: Softball
 Mar 8-12: Broom ball
 Mar. 15-19: Flag Football
 Mar. 12-26: Hockey
 Mar. 19-Apr. 2: Badminton
 Apr. 5-9: Volleyball
 Apr. 12-16: Handball
 Apr. 19-23: Basketball
 Apr. 26-30: Dodgeball

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Monday: 4 p.m.: Ski Club
 Monday: 5 p.m.: 6-12 gr. Intramurals
 Tuesday: 5 p.m.: K-2 games
 Tuesday: 6 p.m.: 3-5 games
 Wednesday: 4 p.m.: Girls Rock Club
 Wednesday: 5 p.m.: 6-12 Intramurals
 Thursday: 5 p.m.: K-2 games
 Thursday: 6 p.m.: 3-5 games
 Friday: 5 p.m.: 6-12 Intramurals
 Saturday: 12 noon: Boy Scouts
 Saturday: 1 p.m.: 3-5 grades
 Saturday: 2 p.m.: K-2 games
 Saturday: 3 p.m.: Robotics 6-8



Battle of the Books

This year's Battle of the Books was a battle in many ways. With 21 students, (grades 3-5) this year, (up from 7) a year ago, and 24 books to read, you would think that this year would be a piece of cake, right?!? Now throw in a virus called Corona, and THAT, changed everything. Two groups of students, Group A and Group B, getting together to read two days a week as a team in a school setting. Throw in Thanksgiving break, Christmas vacation, Code Red (kids stay home, no face-to-face class time), and numerous days not in school, parent-teacher conferences, in-services, and the list goes on and on, where kids again, were not reading together as a team.

Well, these 21 kids BATTLED and I am proud of them all!

Fifth graders: Rashawn Stone, Neveah Gordon, Jaret Smith Mekiana, Howard Ahgook Attungana, and Donnie Anderson

Fourth graders: Justin Gordon, James Nageak, Paul Hugo, Patrick Smith Mekiana, Kailey Mekiana, and Gilbert Mekiana

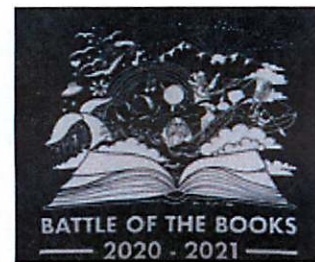
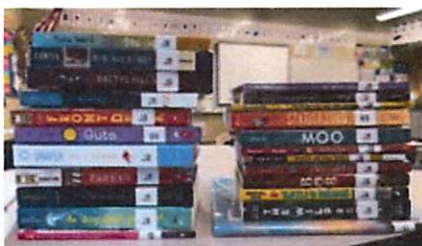
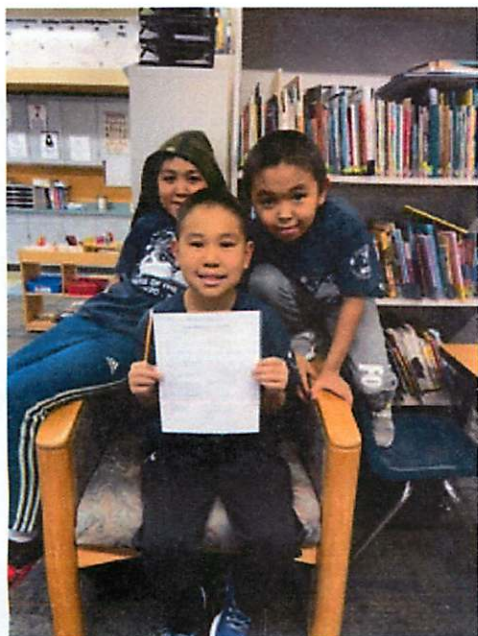
Third graders: Melanie Gordon, MJ Morry, Phillip Ahgook, Destiny Gordon, Sarah Edwards, Darci Anderson, Kaelyn, Jesse Gordon, Peter Morry, and Grace Ahgook.

They never gave up and never complained as they read: *Bee the Change*, *Dying to Meet You*, *The Water Horse*, *The Wild Robot*, *Turtles in Paradise*, *Bob*, *A Boy called BAT*, *March of the Mini Beasts*, *EllRay Jakes is NOT a Chicken!*, *Moo*, *Stargazing*, *Douggy*, *Sled Dog Hero*, *Amal Unbound*, *Bud, not Buddy*, *Dactyl Hill Squad*, *Enginerds*, *Front Desk*, *Guts*, *Out of My Mind*, *Parker Inheritance*, *Screaming Staircase*, *Skeleton Tree*, *Thing about Jellyfish* and *What's is the Women Rights Movement?* That's over 5,031 pages to read.

These books took the students on adventures from Maine to Florida, to Australia, to Scotland and places in between. We laughed out LOUD, and, shed a few TEARS, as we read. AND, learned some, too. Results are in! THIRD PLACE!!!! Congratulation to ALL participants!

I would like to thank the parents, the students, NSBSD, Erin H., Paula K., Bill, Julie, Matt and Dale for your support in Battle of the Books, (BOB). Quyanaqpak!

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." Fredrick Douglass



2nd Quarter Honor Students

Superintendent Honor Roll (3.76-4.0 GPA)

Seniors

Winfred Morry
Dean Sheldon

Sixth Grade

Rashawn Stone

Fifth Grade

Jaret Smith Mekiana

High Honors Roll (3.50-3.75 GPA)

Juniors

Jerry Ahgook

Freshmen

William Hugo

Eighth Grade

Justus Mulcahy
Jeremiah Ticket

Seventh Grade

Alex Galloso
Ethan Stone

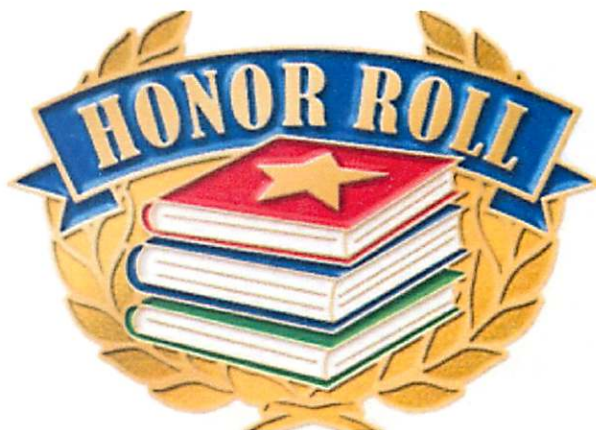
Sixth Grade

Kevin Gordon
Anna Nukapigak

Fifth Grade

Nevaeh Gordon

Placement on the Honor Roll is based on both grades and attendance.



Honor Roll (3.00-3.49 GPA)

Juniors

Michael Lampe

Sophomores

Rebecca Mekiana

Seventh Grade

Krista Hugo
Tyler Hugo

Sixth Grade

Eunique Mekiana
George Bifelt
David Mekiana

Robotics Club

According to Wikipedia, the goal of robotics is to design a machine that can help people. I wonder if these guys are designing a machine that will help them by doing their homework for them. The Robotics Club members include Jeremiah Ticket, Rashawn Stone, Alex Galoso, Ethan Stone, Tyler Hugo, and Jaret Smith Mekiana (not pictured). They meet on Saturday afternoons under the guidance of Ms. Polly Bass. Any interested 5th -8th grader is invited to join in the fun next Saturday at 3:00 p.m.



New Staff Members



Does that face on the left look familiar? That might be because you just saw it a few pages back in the story about our recent graduates. It didn't take Dean Sheldon very long to become a contributing member of society by applying for and getting a job at his old alma mater. Deano will work as a paraprofessional and with the maintenance department, helping out by using his many talents wherever they are needed. Welcome to the other side of



the desk Deano! Nunamiut School welcomes you back almost as soon as it bid you farewell.

Our other new staff member is George Albert. He also works with the maintenance crew and helps Brandon out in the kitchen. Welcome to the team, George!

Student Council (STUCO)

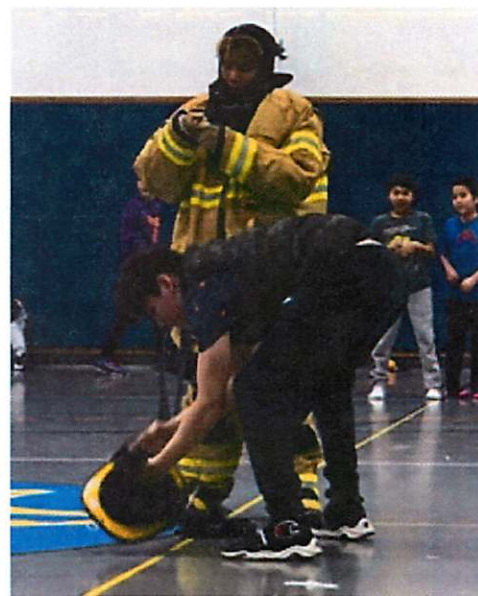
STUCO like most things have had limited contact due to this pandemic the world is navigating. We met on January 27, 2021 to discuss the following: Pep Rallies, organizing a spirit week, leading the pledge in the morning (in both Iñupiaq and English), reading the morning announcements when our intercom gets fixed, helping and collecting homework from peers.

Another topic of discussion was mental health and how do students cope with the pandemic school year.



Back Row: Ethan, Arianna, Kayla, Jeremiah, Rashawn, Danny; Front row: Alex, George

Christmas Games



As always, the Christmas Games provided fun for all ages, all genders, and all interests. (Pictures are taken from Facebook since the newsletter photographers were unable to attend.)



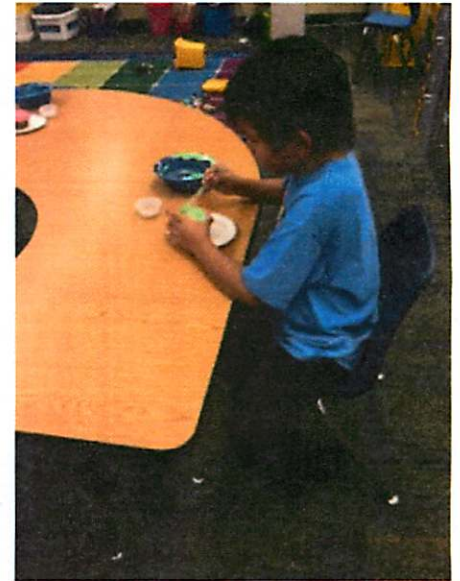
Classroom Happenings



Mackenzie and Titus learn the Iñupiaq names of colors by fishing for colorful fish.



When the work is done, it's time to play.



Ms. Susan's class made cupcakes and frosted them. They shared one with someone else and got to eat one themselves. Gabe is working hard on his.



Roller blading fun in Ms. Coach's P.E. class.



Justus and Herrick crush a can using air pressure.



Alex wanted to be in the newsletter again, so here he is!

Many thanks to Ms. Teresa and Ms. Polly for the many photos they submitted.



Ms. Sarah's 3-yr-olds working on the big number 18.



Jan. 28 was a cold, dark day for a fire drill, but we're tough enough to handle it!!



Preparing for MAP testing