



Alak School
Wainwright, AK
Highlighted School Report

Presently, we are in our 8th full week of school, there are 167 students enrolled. There are 85 female students and 82 male students.

All but one teaching position is filled by permanent and long-term substitute teachers. 7th grade students receive Elevate Online learning each day in all classes.

The local in-service day for staff will be on Friday, October 7, 2022. Students do not come to school on that day.

Open House was postponed due to severe weather and will be held on Tuesday, October 11 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Parents will be provided a spaghetti dinner and Superintendent Vadiveloo will speak via ZOOM invitation.

SAC Elections were held on Oct 4, 2022 and Seat 2 Stella Anasogak led over Joseph Ahmaogak by 28 votes. Janet Carson won Seat 5.

Paul Opeaha and Kendall Ekak placed in the top 7 cross country positions, Paul was number one in the Region and will travel to Bartlett High School to compete in State 1A Cross Country Championships.

Alak School's Distinguished Persons for 2022 are:

Distinguished Students:

K – 3rd Grade: Martin Opeaha-Oktollik

Grades 4 – 8: Alfred Aveoganna

Grades 9 – 12: Raquel Ahmaogak- Nayakik and Alex Panik

Distinguished Staff:

Classified Employee - Jane Sielak

Certified Employee - Kathy Bodfish

Distinguished Volunteer:

Volunteer - Tiana Bodfish

Distinguished Staff at Ałak School:

Jane Sielak

Jane Sielak has been employed by the North Slope Borough School District since 1993. Jane has dedicated her personal and professional career to serving the families and students of Ałak School.

Jane is an outstanding para-professional! She has many qualities about her that shine through. Jane is always willing to help wherever it's needed. Every day that she is in Ałak School, Jane makes a lot of work decisions on her own. Teachers and staff appreciate the self-initiative Jane demonstrates.

Jane's personality brightens Ałak School on a daily basis. Her humor, an Iñupiaq quality, makes our work environment fun to work in. She enjoys making people laugh at Ałak School. Jane is part of the backbone that holds Ałak School together.

Thank you Jane Sielak for your service from the Ałak School Staff!

Kathy Aalaak Bodfish

Iļisauri Aalaak made a professional decision many years ago to transfer from being a para-professional to becoming a certified Iñupiaq Iļisauri, and Ałak School has greatly benefited from that move.

Iļisauri Aalaak has made every effort to learn as much as she can in order to provide the best Iñupiaq education for our students. When our students enter her classroom, Iļisauri Aalaak expects the best from the students. Her expectations reflect the Iñupiaq Values, and as a result, the students are learning to understand and speak Iñupiaq phrases.

Iļisauri Aalaak teaches through example. Her passion for teaching the Ułguniq dialect is priceless. Our students have learned how to sing many songs, which have brought the community to tears during performances. Ałak School and the community of Wainwright are very fortunate to have Iļisauri Aalaak in our school!

Thank you Iļisauri Aalaak from Ałak School Staff!

Distinguished Volunteer at Ałak School:

Tiana Bodfish

Tiana Bodfish has made it her goal to be the best volunteer she can be at Ałak School. Tiana shows up every day before 8 a.m. and helps in all the classrooms and common areas. She has been a positive influence on our students, and has been a tremendous help since the opening of school.

Tiana has her daily routine that she follows on a daily basis. Tiana makes sure that all attendance slips and lunch counts are turned in every morning. She sits and works with students who need support. Tiana assists teachers as well. When she sees something that needs to be corrected, she steps in like a true leader.

Tiana enjoys doing the Morning Dance with the students, staff, and morning visitors. She enjoys participating in events with the students. Tiana is our one of our greatest volunteers of all time!

Thank you Tiana Bodfish from Ałak School Staff!

October 13, 2022 Board of Education Meeting

Distinguished Elementary Student Grade K – 4

Martin Okpeaha-Oktollik

Martin has excelled this year in school with good citizenship, academic success and overall love of learning. He is self-motivated to complete his seat work. He listens attentively during direct instruction. He plays cooperatively with all students in his class. He is a joy to have in class and helps motivate other students to answer questions and do their work.

Distinguished Elementary Student Grades 4 – 8

Alfred Aveoganna

Alfred Aveoganna is a polite, respectful and all-around great 6th grade student. He stays calm regardless of the situation or what is going on around him. He helps to keep others calm and behave appropriately when in the classroom. He also helps others without prompting. Alfred always has a smile to share with others, and talks to others with kind words and always willing to try hard to learn. Finally, he has a generous spirit and will share with other students to make sure they have what they need in the classroom.

Distinguished Middle and High School Students Grades 9 – 12

Raquel Ahmaogak-Nayakik

Raquel Ahmaogak-Nayakik is known by many staff and students as one of the most kind and gentle upperclassman students at Alak school. She is a great student-athlete, peer and leader in the school. She motivates students in and out of the classroom and is a great singer. She is also one of several OJT students working in the community to gain job related skills. She will be a great leader and subsistence hunter in the community of Olgunig in the future.

Alex Panik

Alex Panik is a 10th grade school leader and well-liked by his peers. He is one of a handful of students in the building who has a perfect attendance record this semester. Academically, his grades also reflect outstanding performance in the classroom and he is seeking to meet honor roll criteria after the end of the first quarter. Finally, he wants to play basketball for the first time this year. Alex is the kind of student teachers often talk about as an example of a leader in the making.