

School Highlight Report

April 7, 2022

Nuiqsut Trapper School

Good afternoon from Nuiqsut Trapper.

Wow I cannot believe that we are in April already.

Trapper School started this semester off rocky with RED status due to over 50 cases in the village. However, by Feb 14th, we were back to green and have been there since.

In February, we were so happy to have students back in school. We not only focused on academics but were also able to start basketball practice and open the gym at night for the community. We completed Map testing and started to prepare to host regionals and prom for all 1A schools.

What an amazing time we had with regionals and Prom. All villages were represented and the community support was instrumental in pulling it all off. Students enjoyed being with their friends and family members from across the slope and they all represented their respective villages with positive attitudes and responsible actions. Prom was amazing, even the adults had a good time. Students ate, danced, played games and even pitched in for the clean-up. I would definitely say A Great Time was had by All.

Green has allowed our students to not only participate in the academic side of school but also start enjoying the activities side. Students have participated in basketball, little dribblers, night rec, art club, Alaska EXCEL, and most recently our seniors have traveled to Barrow for a career fair. We are looking forward to seeing what else we can add before the end of the year.

In April, we will focus on learning and meeting every student where they are. We are encouraging students to

We look forward to our End of year programs where we will be graduating 4 seniors and juniors, promoting 15 - 8th graders and 11 kindergarteners.

Distinguished student, staff, and volunteer:

ECE3-5th would like to recognize Vera Ipalook. Vera is an accomplished fifth grader. She has a strong work ethic and excels in both math class and English language arts. Often in a quiet voice she comes up with the answer to daily oral language grammar editing questions before anyone else. Vera inspires others in her class to stay focused. She sets an example by completing her assigned tasks in a timely manner. She is fun-loving and supportive of her classmates. She gets along well with everyone.

Grades 6-12 would like to recognize Sam Pausanna. Sam is a constant force of positivity throughout the entire school. Sam can always be counted on to have a smile and a hello throughout the entire day. Sam works hard to keep his grades up so he can participate in programs such as EXCEL Alaska and GEOFORCE. Sam is also a member of the volleyball team and always exhibits the qualities that make an exemplary student athlete. His kindness and can do spirit are model for others to follow.

I would like to personally thank Nellie Kaigelak as our distinguished volunteer. In the weeks leading up to regionals and prom, Nellie made herself available day and night to help get everything on track for this multi village event. She organized other volunteers to help clean, create, decorate, and supervise over the course of the prep and implementation.