

Home of the Arctic Fox



Ipalook Elementary Highlight Report
January 2026



Leadership Team



Betty Diana
Principal



Kathleen Fisher
Assistant Principal



1st Grade Distinguished Student



Josephine Pikok



Josy is a first-grade student in Ms. Isolde's class. Josie is a student whose excellent attendance, strong sense of responsibility, and impressive academic growth set her apart. She is always prepared and ready to learn each day, which is reflective of her enthusiasm for learning. Her love of learning extends beyond the school day, as she frequently requests additional work to practice at home and proudly share her progress with her family. Josie has demonstrated significant academic growth in both mathematics and literacy. Her progress reflects her consistent effort, positive attitude, and commitment to learning.



2nd Grade Distinguished Student



Breelyn Broome

Breelyn is a member of Ms. Villahermosa's second grade class. Breelyn is a remarkable student whose excellent attendance and strong academic growth reflect her dedication and perseverance. As a new member of our school community, she faced the challenges of transition with quiet strength, building positive relationships and finding her place in the classroom. Her kindness, gentle spirit, and thoughtful interactions with peers contribute greatly to our classroom environment.





5th Grade Distinguished Student



Marlow Aveoganna



Marlow is a fifth-grade student in Ms. Aeriale's class. He is a hard-working, kind-hearted, resilient young man who is thriving this school year. Marlow is passionate about Iñupiaq culture, especially subsistence hunting. It is a joy to watch his face light up as he engages in culturally-responsive instruction. Marlow exceeds the district goal with 95.35% attendance. His growth on the NWEA MAP reflects his commitment to academic excellence. We are so proud to have Marlow as a part of our Room A112 learning community! He has a bright future ahead of him as there is no challenge he fails to strive to overcome.



Distinguished Staff Certified



Jamie Patkotak and **Donna Westdahl** have been selected as our **Distinguished Certified Staff** this semester. These outstanding educators serve as our **Kindergarten Immersion teachers** and have demonstrated exceptional dedication to our students and program.

When it appeared that **OUR** 1st Grade Immersion class was at risk of being closed and students would have to be separated, Ms. Patkotak and Ms. Westdahl voluntarily stepped up and agreed to combine the 1st Grade Immersion students with their Kindergarten class. Their willingness to take on this additional responsibility ensured continuity for our immersion program and allowed students to remain together in a supportive, language-rich environment.

We are deeply grateful for their flexibility, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to our students and school community.





Distinguished Staff Classified



Eve Negovanna, Immersion Paraprofessional, has been a valued member of the Ipalook team for 1½ years. During this time, she has consistently demonstrated determination, dedication, and a strong commitment to our Immersion program. Eve actively supports both students and teachers in the classroom, providing language and cultural reinforcement, academic support, and a calm, caring presence. Her reliability, willingness to help wherever needed, and genuine care for students contribute greatly to a positive and supportive learning environment. Eve's work plays an important role in strengthening our Immersion program and fostering student success.



Attendance

Attendance has been 80% or above in several of our grade levels. Our goal is still 90% and we are making gains toward our goal.

Grade	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total % 1 st sem.
K	76.89%	80.37%	79.27%	75.29%	70.15%	76.39%
1 st	78.32%	86.66%	86.74%	83.76%	83.26%	83.75%
2 nd	77.64%	84.58%	83.55%	80.11%	89.51%	80.08%
3 rd	81.09%	86.40%	87.69%	84.29%	84.76%	84.85%
4 th	82.21%	86.80%	87.50%	86.39%	81.48%	84.87%
5 th	86.12%	87.90%	87.89%	87.98%	84.90%	87.06%



School Improvement

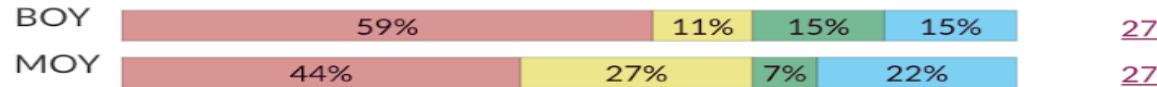
Fred Ipalook Elementary is now designated as Universal Support, which means the school is meeting state accountability expectations and no student group is performing at a level that requires additional state intervention. The school will continue its regular improvement planning, but no extra state-mandated requirements or oversight are needed at this time.



Academics

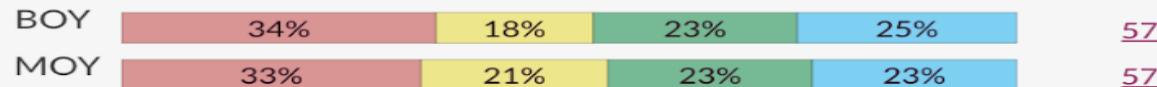
Grade K

Composite Score



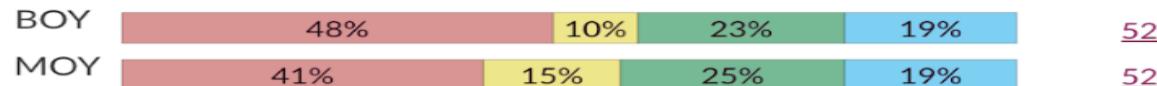
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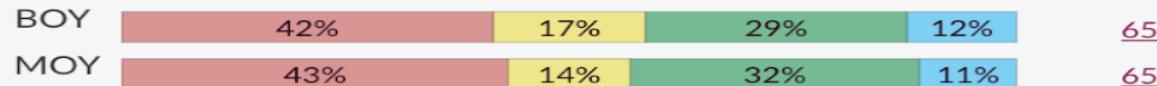
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Grade 3

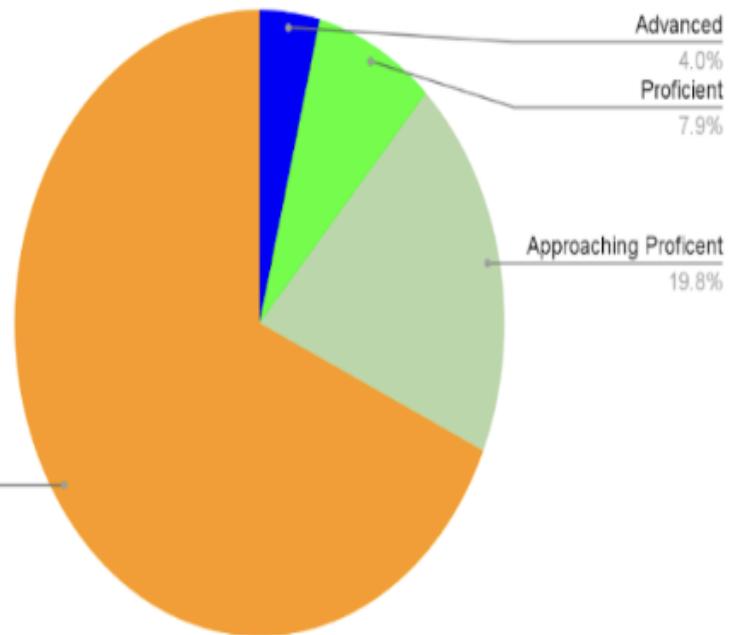
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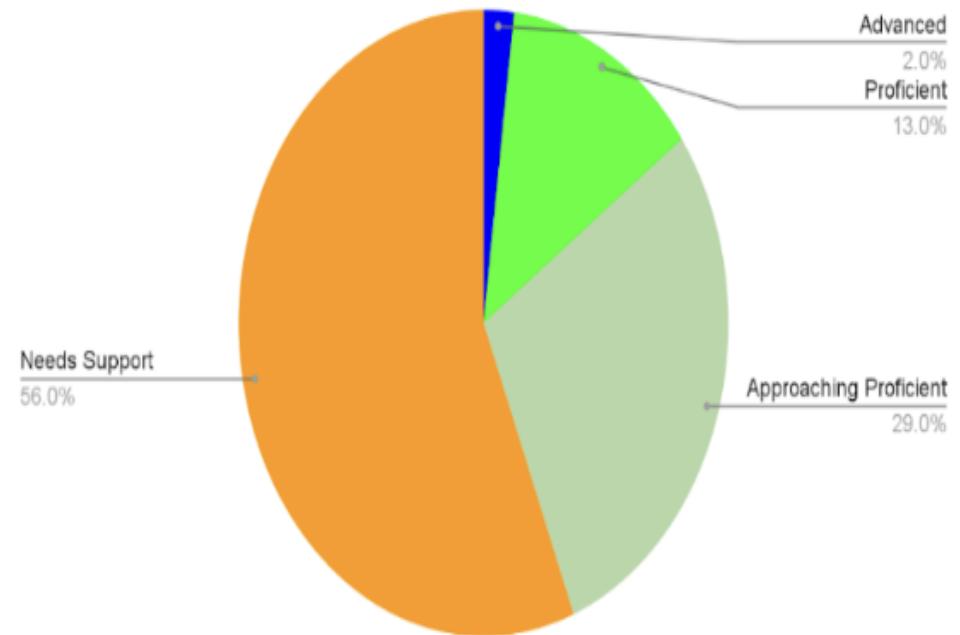


Academics Reading

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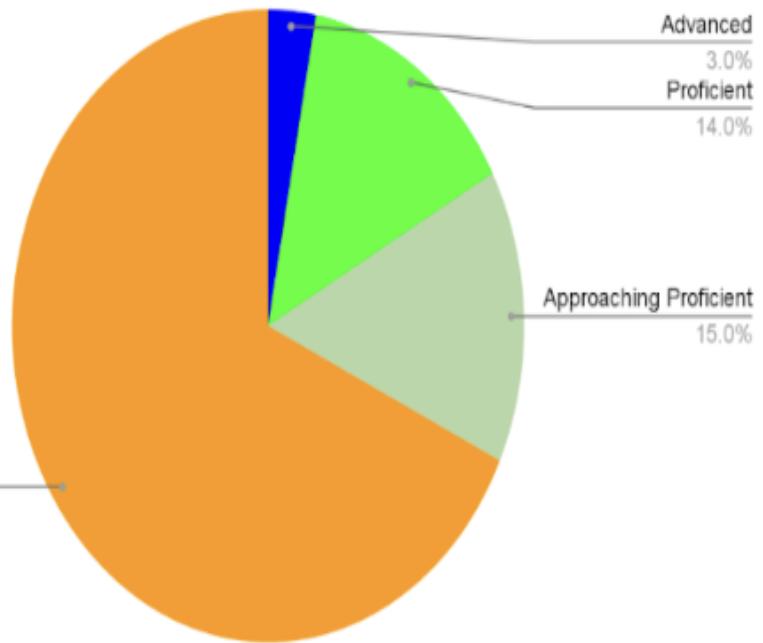
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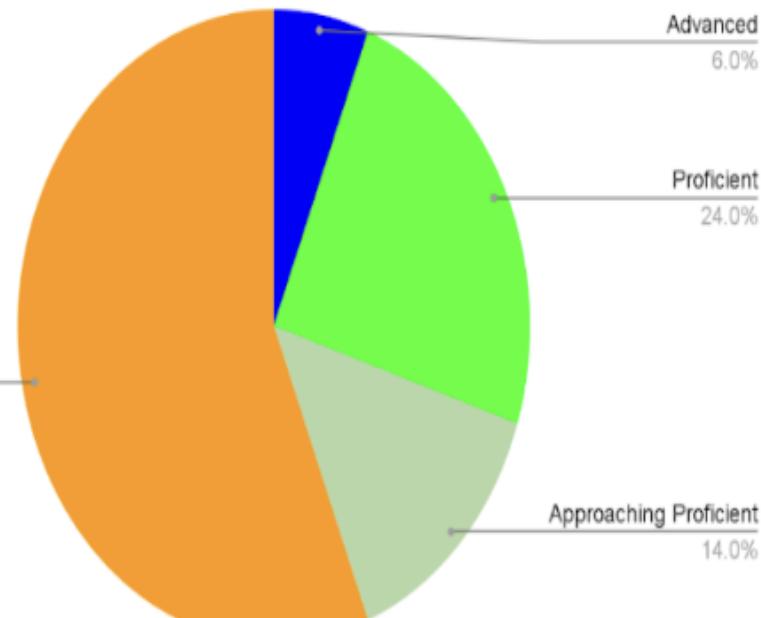


Academics Math

IPK AK STAR MATH 2024



IPK AK STAR MATH 2025





Current Events

- Jan 6-23 NWEA Map Testing
- Jan 12: All afterschool activities resume
- Jan 17: Robotic Competition @HMS



Upcoming Events

- Jan. 19: District PD
- Jan. 19: CSAC meeting
- Jan. 29: Family Night
- Jan. 30: NAEP testing (4th Grade Only)



2025 Photo Collage





Back to School

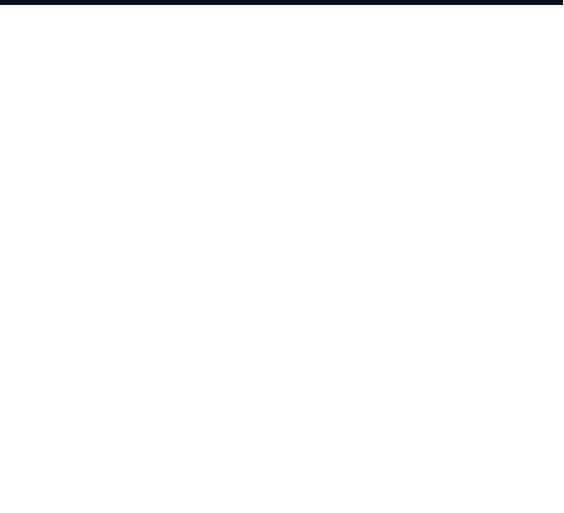




Field Trip on the Tundra



1st Family Night





Halloween



Inuit Day



Cultural Family Night



Christmas Program

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Questions or Comments

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