



**Ałak School  
Highlighted School Report  
January 2024**

**Principal Jenny Capps**

**Distinguished Students**

Thomas Ayeoganna, Kindergarten

Thomas started kindergarten this year with an open book for success. He came into kindergarten with a willingness and determination to learn and an infectious smile that would brighten any teacher's day.

Thomas was mostly non-verbal pointing and yelling for things he needed. He is now speaking sentences and absorbs every word and new vocabulary he can. He is making tremendous leaps in pre-reading skills, math and social skills.

Thomas also has a very empathetic and kind heart wanting to help anyone that seems distressed or hurt. Just watching him grow in emotional, academic and social skills has brought me to tears on many occasions. He loves to learn. Teacher Anna Mekki





I am selecting *Cadie Anna Ekak "Tikiyuq"* because she's been consistent since the first day she's been in my class. She is a reserved type, yet she knows how to express herself. She is performing above grade level and is always eager to learn. She does her assignments in a timely manner and puts maximum effort in everything she does. She has a great attitude towards learning, accepts feedback and works on her errors, takes time to review, and ensures her understanding by participating and asking questions.

She always tries to help others, is kind, and gets along well with other students in the class. She is respectful of adults and peers. It is a pleasure to have her in class and very deserving to be recognized!



Kaley Hopson 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Kaley has shown tremendous improvement overall in completing her classwork. I've watched Kaley progressively increase her confidence in completing the assignments and giving it her best. Even if she is unsure, she still tries her best, getting the answers correct! Way to go Kaley!





Qannik Aveoganna 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

This is my second year with Qannik and while he is still a playful kid 😊, his maturity is shining through when it comes to completing his classwork. Every day that Qannik is present for class, he completes his work, staying on task without the need for redirection. Thank You Qannik



### **Distinguished Staff**

Scott Mentel, 9th-12th Special Education Teacher

Scott began his teaching career in New Jersey in 1985. With almost 40 years experience, he wanted a change and to experience something different which brought him to Wainwright, Alaska and the North Slope Borough School District. He has worked in many capacities in education including general education, special education, and administration.

Scott comes everyday with a positive attitude and a happy disposition. He celebrates our students both academically and culturally. He is the first one to say, “How can I help?” and the last one to leave an event because he is making sure nothing else needs to be done. When he is not working with students, he loves to fish, cook, and learn about the Inupiat culture. Everyone loves Mr. Mentel!





Cindy Ahmaogak, Secretary

Cindy graduated from Alak School in 2002. She started working here in 2015 as a librarian for 4 hours a day. She then moved to a paraprofessional position and then to her current position as our secretary.

I cannot begin to express my deepest gratitude for all of her hard work, dedication, and unwavering support. She has been an invaluable part of our team, and I cannot imagine the office running smoothly without her. She comes every morning with a smile and a heart of service, jumping in and doing whatever needs to be done without complaint. Her support has made a significant impact on my ability to succeed in my role this year.





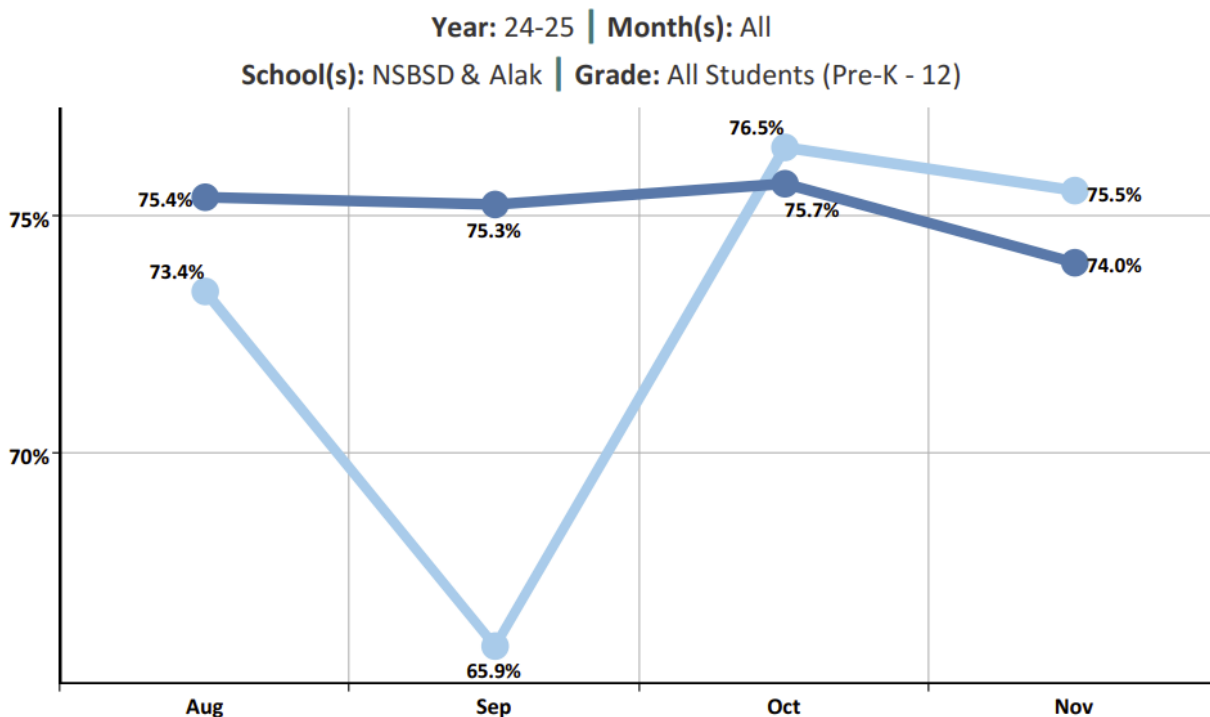


**Enrollment: 134**

PK 3/4: 9	Kinder: 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: 9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: 7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: 10
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 8	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 8	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 12	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 9	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 11
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**Attendance:**

**Our attendance increased to above the district for the months of October and November.**



**Highlights:**

Teachers have attended professional development on curriculum, lesson planning, safety, and parent communication. We have established a Campus Leadership Team building positive behavior incentives and support for our students and school improvement plans. Our Good Character board has been a big hit this year.

Susan Hope, Iñupiaq Fine Arts Program Facilitator for NSBSD, visited our school September 30 - October 4, 2024. She facilitated the Cultural Fine Arts .25 Elective Course offering with high school students, as well as, night classes for the community. Students sewed Atikluk’s and Atigiits. Our students were so excited to work with Susan.

Wilson Ekak, our village seamstress also has worked with our students on sewing and now is a Cultural Arts Village Teacher who instructs 3 hours a day with our Cultural Arts program.

Sylvia Moran has come on board as our new CTE teacher and she has done an amazing job getting students involved in sewing and Culinary Arts.





# “Year at a Glance”



## Learning Abroad

Four of our students attended CTE Intensive classes in Welding at the QLC in Barrow.



Ben Tagarook (on left)



Emily Ungudruk



David Jr. Gunderson



Tyler Akpik





# Halloween Fun!!!!







# 9 Week Awards



**IVALU Awards**



**Most Improved**

**Science**



**High Honors**



**Perfect Attendance**

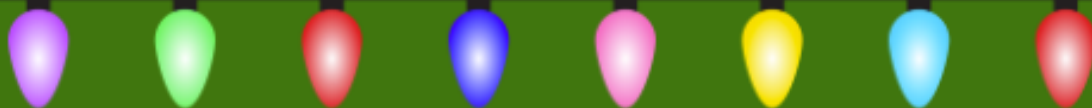




# Christmas Program







# Toys For Tots





# Working Together is FUN!!!



**We earned a Slushi!**

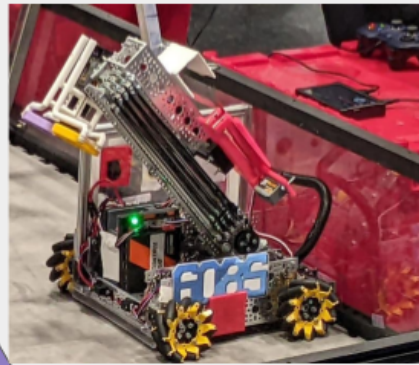
**Husky Time!**







## Robotics





**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Basketball Season**

**January 10-12: NYO Competition**

**February 10-14: Kivgiq**

**March 11-14: State Basketball Tournament**

**April 30th: Graduation**

