

Distinguished Eagles

Elementary - Desmond Aveoganna: (Inupiaq value: Cooperation)
Mr. Lloyd, Desmond's Kindergarten teacher said this: "Desmond is a student that works hard and is interested in learning and growing as a learner. He doesn't shy away from a challenge and he takes great pride in his growth as a reader and a mathematician. Desmond began the year as a Kindergarten student knowing that he would be learning to read. He was excited, he wanted to be a reader! He comes to school almost every day and works very hard to grow as a learner. The very first time Desmond was able to read a short story, he proudly shouted 'I am a reader!' He was very proud of this accomplishment. Desmond loves to read stories from his reading book and our library to anyone who will listen. Just stop by our class and he will read to and with you. Desmond is successful because he refuses to give up!"

Desmond struggled with numbers and math a bit at the beginning of the year. This challenge did not stop Desmond and he just kept working hard and can now add, subtract, skip count and identify numbers! He did not give up, he just worked harder to get smarter.

Not only is Desmond a great student, he is a very fine young man. He has gained many friends and engages in all the activities in both our class PE time but also during our Night Rec program. Desmond is a great friend, if you need help, Desmond is the first one to volunteer his time or resources. If you get hurt, Desmond is the first to ask, "Are you okay?" Desmond is also a very happy and joyful little human. He smiles as he enters our room and smiles when it is time to go home. He is always ready to volunteer to say a prayer or recite the pledge in our morning meeting as he loves to show what he knows. We love Desmond in our class and he will accomplish great things in his life. I am proud to be a part of Desmond's education and look forward to watching him continue to learn and grow. Way to go Desmond!

Middle School - Tuigan Nungasak: (Inpuiaq value: Sharing) Tuigan is a quiet leader with an inquisitive mind and high attention to detail. She attends school every day and is very respectful with everyone in our school. She is a good role model and goes out of her way to take care of the little ones. Her sense of humor and positive attitude are infectious. Tuigan is humble, loving, family-centered, caring, and wise and will be a rising star in high school.

Tuigan works hard in class and is very thoughtful and detailed with her assignments. Her teacher Ellen Adlam said "I have enjoyed watching her blossom in the short time that I have spent with her and know that she will accomplish great things as a leader in her class in the upcoming high school years."

High School - Caitlyn Kippi: (Inupiaq value: Humility) Caitlin has great grades, 100% attendance, and is starting to emerge to advocate for high schoolers at the SAC and student government level. She may come across as very self-reserved, but when she has something to say, it carries great weight. Caitlin has a loving and caring spirit. She is reliable, dependable, and just shows up.

Teacher Alma, Caitlyn high school teacher said: "Caitlyn is interested and eager to learn especially after having a class where she reviewed her mistakes and she's trying to figure out the correct answer. In short, she is focused on and committed to a given task."

Staff - Amanda Brower: (Inpuiaq value: Compassion) As dependable as you can get. School can't run without her. Straight shot to heaven. Prom and regionals happened because of Amanda. Intuitive, keen insight when working with children and knowing what the community would want on every turn. Building Leadership Team member. Amanda is always willing to help out in any aspect of our students' education. She greets every child with a smile and personally addresses each and is a positive influence in their lives. She is kind, loving and wants the very best for

each of our students. She is approachable and eager to help whatever the favor is asked for, especially assisting students in our school. Amanda volunteers on our Building Leadership Team, which helps solve problems of today and helps plan for successes next year.

Teacher - Carla Alindada: (Inpuiaq value: Spirituality) Carla in her first year has made a most positive impression in our school and community. She has earned the respect of students - which can be hard to do - by running a tight ship where kids know what to expect and therefore can deliver. Her classroom is a warm, loud, caring environment where work gets done. We are excited to have Carla return as a teacher next year. Carla volunteers on our Building Leadership Team, which helps solve problems of today and helps plan for successes next year.

Volunteer - Brian Kippi: (Inpuiaq value: Family Kinship) When asked to help, Brian shows up early and stays late. He'll say he's just bored but we know that people like Brian are exactly who we need in our school to make it run smoothly. He has volunteered at events and in the kitchen, he is the person who stayed up all night to supervise visiting teams whenever traveling to Meade River School. He has no problem going the extra mile; it's what you come to expect from Bubba. Bubba is like an uncle to every one of our students. He makes sure each student receives what they need. He works in our kitchen and makes sure our students are eating and his attention to detail makes sure each meal is tasteful and looks delightful.