

Nunamiut News

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Happy Valentines' Day!



From bottom point moving clockwise: River Rigney, Xavier John, Kaiyas Morry, Titus Hopson, Patty Williams, Bella Wagner, Daisy Bifelt, Soraya Ahgook, Faith Mekiana, Corey Galloso, Jace Kakinya-Williams, Peyton Picotte, Allie Aishanna

Even though Valentines' Day was on a Sunday, this year, there was plenty of affection flowing through the hallways of Nunamiut School the week before that auspicious date. Above, the Pre3, K, 1st and 2nd graders (from Group B) give us a showing of their affection from the bottom of their heart (and the sides and the top!). Thank you, Ms. Sarah and Coach Cook for organizing the kids! 1

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Mar. 16-18 Science Fair

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Amaguq Intramurals Champions!



The Corndogs: Ethan Stone, Alex Galloso, Anna Nukapigak, Eunique Mekiana, and Tyler Hugo

On Friday, Feb. 5, the championship game of the Ultimate Frisbee intramurals was played in Nunamiut Gymnasium between The Corndogs and Jake from State Farm. The game was far more suspenseful than the Super Bowl game played two days later with the Corndogs breaking a tie in the final seconds to take the championship with a final score of 14-13. The winning team, identified to the left, defeated the teammates of Jake from State Farm who consisted of Rashawn Stone, Justus Mulcahy, Jeremiah Ticket, and Ava Morry. Congratulations to all who participated in the fun-filled evenings!

During the next week, the athletes really used their noodles, practicing the game of noodleball. The championship game was played on Friday, Feb. 12. The winning team consisted of the players to the right. Their opponents were Alex Galloso, Ethan Stone, Eunique Mekiana, Anna Nukapigak, and Dorothy Hopson-Ahgook.



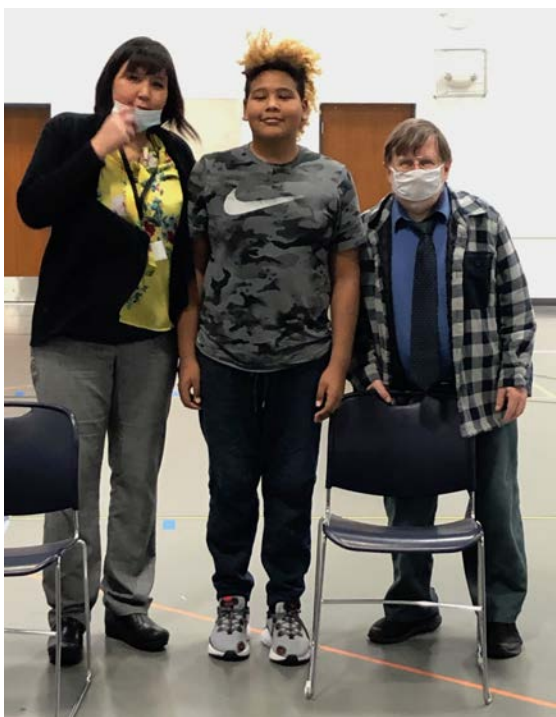
Tyler Hugo, Rashawn Stone, Justus Mulcahy, Jaret Smith Mekiana, and Ellen Morry (not pictured)

During the third week of intramurals, the focus was on soccer. The Friday night champions that week was the team called the Noodles. The opposing team was made up of Jaret Smith Mekiana, Eunique Mekiana, Kayla Hugo, Ethan Stone, and Jeremiah Ticket.



The Noodles: Alex Galloso, Anna Nukapigak, Justus Mulcahy, Rashawn Stone

English/Iñupiaq Spelling Bees



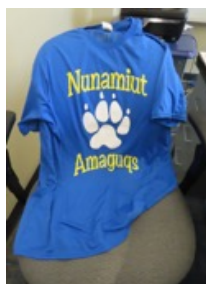
The middle school winner, Rashawn Stone, advanced to the district round and competed against Hopson Middle School's Anissa Houston on February 18. Nice representation, Rashawn!

Have you heard the buzz? The 2021 Nunamiut Spelling Bees were held on Feb. 9 and 11 in the gym. Ms. Lillian Stone and Mr. Dale Richesin were the moderators of the event. All student from grades 1-12 were invited to join in the orthographical fun. The winners were:

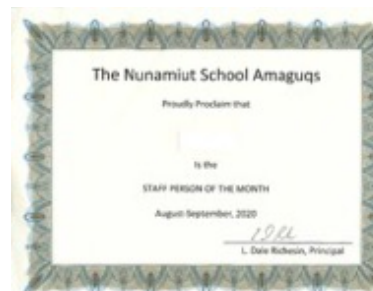
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| 1 st -2 nd Grades: Iñupiaq
Corey Galloso, Gr. 2 | English
Corey Galloso, Gr. 2 |
| 3 rd -5 th Grades: Iñupiaq
Paul Hugo, Gr. 4
Jaret Smith-Mekiana, Gr. 4 | English
Paul Hugo, Gr. 4
Jaret Smith-Mekiana, Gr. 5 |
| 6 th -8 th Grades: Iñupiaq
Rashawn Stone, Gr. 6 | English
Rashawn Stone, Gr. 6 |
| 9 th -12 th Grades: Iñupiaq
William Hugo, Gr. 9
Danny Morry, Gr. 10 | English
Michael Ahgook, Gr. 9
Danny Morry, Gr. 10 |

Teachers
Ms. Lillian Stone

Student/Staff of the Month



PreK-2nd Grades: Peyton Picotte
3rd - 5th Grades: Jaret Smith Mekiana
6th - 8th Grades: Tyler Hugo
9th-12th Grades: Tamera Morry
Staff: Candis Cook



Iñupiaq Word of the Week



Messages of Hope

Thirty-four Nunamiut students took the opportunity to show their artistic side when they entered the Messages of Hope Contest, sponsored by the NSBSD Suicide Prevention Program. Each entrant created a poster that expressed his/her own personal symbol of hope. The artwork was judged by the school staff. The winning designs will be used on calendars, flyers, newsletters, and other printed materials of the program. The winning artists will be awarded ipads. The artwork is on display in the Wolf Commons.

The teachers will judge the artwork and choose the winners. They will be announced next month.



Tutoring Available

On Mondays and Thursdays, tutoring is being offered from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to make up some time that has been missed due to our abbreviated COVID schedule. Teachers who are available to help include Brandi Bowles, Candis "Coach" Cook, Donald "Coach" Torres, Polly Bass, Teresa Vossler, and Ned McGreavy.

If reading or math is your concern, the school is offering Sylvan tutoring for grades 5-10. Jalen Sheldon and Bradyn Gordon were chosen to be trained in the program. If you're concerned about your child's reading or math, talk to Mr. Dale to see if there is any more space available in the program.



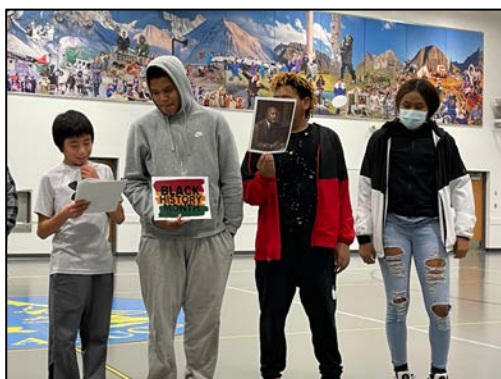
Student Council Recognizes Influential Black Americans

STUCO has been busy during February. Each day they have featured a black historical figure during our morning sessions in the gym with the whole school. STUCO members hold a picture of the historical figure, while another member holds up a colorful sign to signify Black History Month. Finally, another member will read the Black Historical Figure's accomplishment during his/her time period. Student Council members take turns in their roles to present to the school. The Black historical figures that were featured are: Absalom Boston, Bessie Coleman, Ruby Bridges, Matthew Henson, Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks, Booker T. Washington, Barack Obama, Gwendolyn Brooks, Maya Angelou, Harriet Tubman, Fredrick Douglass, WEB DuBois and Kamala Harris. Finally, you may have noticed the colors; Red, Gold, and Green to represent Black History Month. Red, stands for "blood", Black stands for "Shared Identity", Gold stands for "Sun and Prosperity", Green stands for "Mother Nature".

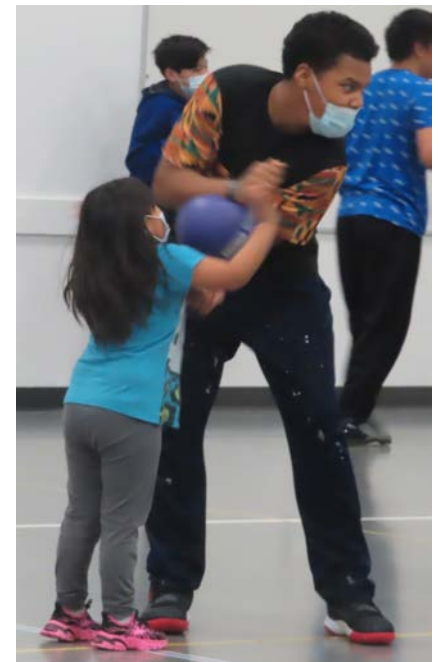
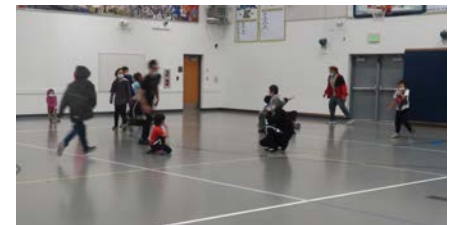
Our student council students also lead the school in saying the pledge in Iñupiaq and in English every morning.

In our STUCO suggestion box, students have requested the following events to take place in school: roller rama, movie night, help elders, garage sale, swimming and lock in, practice cheers and spirit week. We look forward to these activities once our school turns GREEN!

We all look forward to getting back to a normal school setting, but in the meantime, our SPIRITS are HIGH!



Advisory Meeting/Pep Rally



In an attempt to provide an opportunity for students to get answers and support for non-academic issues, as well as to increase the school's fun factor, Nunamiut School is experimenting with adding a monthly advisory time to the schedule. The first one took place for Group A on February 23, and for Group B on February 26, in the shape of a pep rally and team activities. Before beginning the competitions, each team composed a team cheer. The Whales, The Bears, The Seals, and The Caribou competed in a form of tag called Down, a relay requiring students to pass a ball back and forth using only their knees, a basketball knock-out game, and a Tug-o-war. The teams competed in the areas of Team Spirit and Success/Fail. Congratulations to the winners:





New Staff Members

It's so good to see Jana Esmailka's friendly face around the school again! Jana used to work with the maintenance department, but after having been gone for a couple of quarters, she has returned to work in the special education department as a paraprofessional.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Don't
forget:



March 17:
5:00-7:00

March 18:
3:00-5:00

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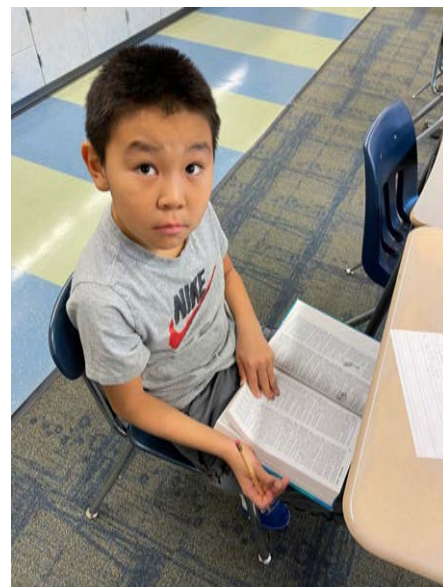
The students in grades 3-12 have been busy showing off how smart they are by finishing up their winter quarter MAPS testing. This quarter, the participation rate was 99%! The younger students were taking the AIMSWEB tests in math and literacy at the same time. Now that we've finished those tests, our bilingual students are busy showing off their English skills by taking the reading, listening, writing, and speaking parts of the WIDA test. April will bring us the biggie, the PEAKS tests. It is important that the students are wide awake and well-fed when taking these tests, so it's never too early to start instilling those good habits in them. Good luck test-takers! And don't forget, when in doubt, pick C (just kidding!)



Classroom Happenings



Ms. Coach gets a workout during P. E. class.



Practicing dictionary skills in Coach Torres's room.



The 4-yr-olds are learning about the skunky letter s.



The 3-year-olds on their hot rods.



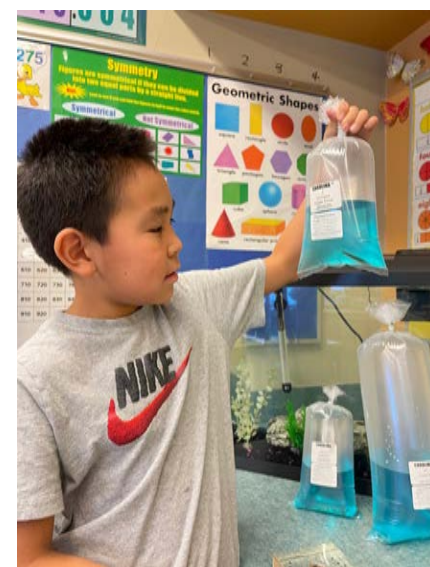
Kindergarteners are focusing their brain-power on the letter g.



Patty was helping Bella fix her roof.



The 1st and 2nd graders learn about crocodiles during Media Time.



Phillip welcomes the new fish into Coach Torres's 3rd grade aquarium.