



**EAGLE
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SHUNGNAK SCHOOL NEWS

First Quarter

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Special points of interest:

- Listen for "Caught Being Good" and weekly report on VHF Friday mornings
- Student of the Month Category for October: *Cooperation*
- Report Card Conferences: Oct. 20th @ 2:30
- Volleyball @ Shungnak: October 21st
- Next Inupiaq Day: October 28th
- Halloween Carnival Scheduled for October 29th
- Next ASC Meeting: November 1st

BACK TO SCHOOL!

We are so excited to have all the students back in school! This year we are setting goals and making plans for student achievement. You will hear a lot about the QSM this year. What is that??? Please keep reading and PLEASE ask a student or teacher about the QSM anytime. The QSM is about working together to help students find success in school, and after they graduate. This year we will be asking for community input and participation in our decision making processes. If we work together, our students will see, and feel, our shared commitment to their futures!

Parental Involvement: Let's Work Together for our Children's Futures!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT SCHOOL

You can get involved by:

- Attending school functions
- Coming to the school and volunteering in the classroom
- Getting to know your children's teachers
- Attending report card conferences
- Attending and participating in ASC meetings and School-Community planning meetings
- Asking children to talk about what they are learning at school and about QSM

PARENT INVOLVEMENT AT HOME

You can also support the school at home by making sure your children:

- Go to bed by 9:30 on school nights
- Eat healthy foods
- Know that you value education and the school
- Know that you support all school staff members
- Do their homework at a regularly scheduled time every day
- Come to school on time every day

WHAT WE WILL DO AT SCHOOL

- Keep you informed of your child's academic and personal/ social progress
- Invite you to attend school meetings and events
- Have high expectations for student achievement
- Celebrate student success

Do you have more ideas? Please share them at the next ASC or Community Meeting!

What Jen's Class Has Been Doing!

Our class has been working on a community service fish rack project. It is not for the school, or for those who built it, it is for a community member. If you want a fish rack or have another project in mind let us know, we want to help you. For our fish rack, the perimeter is 12' by 12' with a pole at each corner. We cut the corner poles to 8' 4" and the middle poles to 9' 4" tall. There is also a pole in between each corner. It has been one month and we are about halfway through the whole project. The things we have left to do are: put the post up onto the poles in the front, back, and middle, add the roof, put the tarp on the top, place some poles inside the fish rack, and we should be done. We also checked net, cut, and hung fish down at the beach many days in September while working on the fish rack. We want to thank those community members who have let us help them and who have taught us new skills: Polly, Caroyln, Bertha, Mildred, and Edna.

We are serving the community in other ways as well. We work in Pete's class with

The Gingerbread Village Project. Brandon Woods and Eugene Lee worked on the stairs down to the beach so it will be easier for elders to walk down. Leroy Douglas, Charlie Custer, and Brandon Woods cut willows by the stairs so the snow won't drift over the stairs so much. They also cut will-



ows by the dog lot across from the church so the snow won't drift over the road like last year.

One of Jen's goals is to have more art. We learned about Vincent van Gogh; we researched about him on the Internet and in books. We have learned how to tell what kind of mood he is in when he paints his self-portrait; we learned when he got famous, what happened in his life and a lot of interesting facts about him. Here are some interesting facts: he became famous 100 years after his death; he shot himself and died two days later; he was 37 yrs old when he died; he cut his earlobe off after he



argued with his friend Paul G. Then we learned about what kind of brush strokes he used in his paintings. Some of his brush-strokes are: swirls, dots, matchstick lines, smooth broad stroke lines, and cross-hatching.

Now that we have learned about Vincent van Gogh, we are working on making our own self-portraits. When we make our self-portraits we think of our mood before we choose the colors we are going to use. If you put a dark color you show that you are stressed, if you put a light color you are happy. We are using van Gogh's techniques to show people our mood, instead of telling how we feel with words.

What's next? Two of our students, Lulu Foxglove and June Commack, are going to start tutoring younger students in reading twice a week. We are hoping to plan a Community Coffee House starting in November. If it works out, we hope to see you there.

Sinaana Lee

COMMUNITY MEETING- SEPTEMBER 20th

We had great turnout for our community Meeting on the 20th! Thank you to everyone who came up to get involved! And... thank you for all the delicious food. We talked about plans for restructuring our school according to the QSM model. This means we will be working on developing a shared vision and leadership at all levels. We are also implementing a standards-based design. Students will work on standards



and must demonstrate proficiency to advance to the next level. In this system, students will know exactly what they need to do as they work towards graduation. We have also set several goals by developing school improvement plans. We look at test scores and determine the academic areas we are most in need of improving. This year our focus areas are: Measurement, Reading Comprehension, and Revision. Another part of the QSM is continuous im-

provement. We know we can always do better! We will be working with you, the community, to help us keep improving. Please attend community meetings to give your input. Additionally, you are always welcome to come to the school and talk to Megan, or the staff about your ideas for school improvement. We know there is a lot of work to be done at our school, but if we work together we can make a difference!



Shungnak School Community Meeting

STUDENT ACTIVITIES UPDATES:

Wrestling

10-21- @ Kiana
11-4- @ Noorvik



Volleyball

10-21- Ambler @ Shungnak
11-4- @ Deering
11-18- @ Ambler
12-2- @ Kivalina



Eligibility

Students, remember you must maintain your eligibility!

COME TO SCHOOL with a POSITIVE ATTITUDE! It's time to show your **Eagle Pride!** **GET INVOLVED and GET ACTIVE!!**

STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

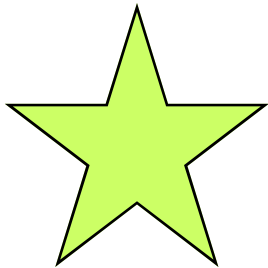
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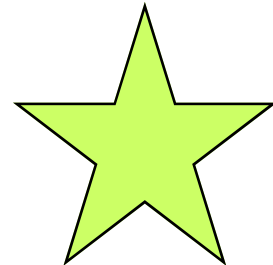
Jim's Class



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Jen's Class



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Shungnak School Vision:

We will provide a quality education to all students with grounding in the history, culture, and values of the upper Kobuk and an emphasis on high academic standards.

WE ARE ALL TEACHERS: Parents, community members, students, and school teachers. This poem is for all of us!

Teachers

Teachers are special friends
Who help us understand
And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see,
And become a better person
With each discovery.

Teachers are special guides

Who show us ways in which to grow

So we can all decide

How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong,
To lead us so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.

Teachers help us learn to make our world

A better, wiser place.

Anonymous

Inupiaq Day- September 30th

