



## Ipalook Elementary School



### Principal's Report for August 30, 2018

Presented by

Principal David Jones and Asst. Principals Cris Goldy and Monica Grund

**Attendance:** Current Enrollment- 687

PreK3: 62.

PreK4: 83

Kindergarten: 90

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 81

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 78

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 95

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 99

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 98

### Highlights

**Welcome to New Staff:** We are very pleased to welcome Monica Grund as our new Assistant Principal. She is already making a tremendous difference to have the addition administrative support! We have also welcomed new teachers: , Brett Stevens, 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Jamie Phan, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; Maria “Con” Baile, 1<sup>st</sup> grade; Laura “Misty” Brown, Kindergarten; Twila Chayalkun; Barbara Van Flein and Dena Blake, Special Education; and Dr. Charles Carlson, Counselor. New positions for returning teachers are Katrina Matumeak, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; and Rachel Panamarioff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.

**Great Start:** We have had a very good start to the year. Our busses are running smoothly with all 8 in use, opening days have gone well, and our students are settling into their new grades and classes. Our Open House on the 23<sup>rd</sup> was well attended- we had tables for 8 community organizations and had a fun scavenger hunt to make sure everyone got around to see all of their child’s teachers and programs.

**PEAKs Scores:** Our PEAKS data verified the great academic gains we saw reflected in our MAP and program data last spring. Ipalook even surpassed the state average for math! See the attached summary report for more details. We have seen the first steps from last year’s new program implementation, and we know we will have even greater gains this year across all areas. Our students are amazing learners!

### Challenges

**Technology:** We have had some technology challenges related to the number of devices and internet connectivity available to our school. The technology department is working with us on this to resolve the issue.

**ECE Teacher:** We have one ECE positions to fill. Right now a temporary sub is teaching the class. The district wants this class to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Immersion classroom, so we are searching for a fluent Inupiaq speaker who can step into this class.

**Parking Area for Drop Off and Pick Up:** We are working with our School Resource officer to establish expectations for cars in the parking lot when dropping off or picking up students. This is to ensure the safety of our children and prevent any accidents. We had children walking to and from waiting vehicles while cars are coming and going around them. With our numbers and the unpredictability of children, this has become an area of concern. We are providing maps to parents designating marked drop off and pick up areas, as well as procedures designed to eliminate risk to our children. The area is marked with signs and cones, and a safety guard is stationed in the front to help slow cars down and stop them when children need to cross. With help and cooperation from parents will help to create a safer environment for children.

## Upcoming

<b>Events</b>	<b>Date</b>
Open House	August 23
AIMSweb Testing	Now – End of August
Star Testing	August 16 - 24
DIAL	August – Sept. 23
MAP Testing	Sept 4-14
K Development Profile	Sept. 17 – Oct. 26