

Meade River School
Distinguished Students, Staff and Volunteers
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Meade River Staff has decided to highlight a distinguished student from the primary level, PreK3-1st Grade, one student from elementary levels, 2-6, and one each from middle and high school. However, the school will highlight a student of the week. They have their picture hung up in the entryway of the school and announced to the school. The students' names are brought to the beginning of the staff PLC and the choices are discussed and then voted on.

Distinguished Certified Staff Member: Rod Lloyd

Rod Lloyd is identified by the entire staff as an asset to our learning community. This vote was not a raise of the hands to come to consensus, this comes unsaid. The transition and opening of a new school year without an administrator at Meade River School could not have happened without Rod's professionalism to step up to the plate, his knowledge of students, staff, community and systems in place. His name was provided to the newly hired principal, Yvette Cross. Rod made himself available to any questions about school related information, instruction, housing, staff, introduction to the village of Atqasuk, systems in place; Rod even met the 1900 charter and help unloaded Yvette's personal household and even unpacked her freeze and chill items.

Rod has been an employee of the NSBSD for 21 years. He first taught in Utqiagvik and transferred to Atqasuk 11 years ago with his wife Patti Lloyd. He is currently teaching Kindergarten and First Grade. His commitment to the students and community shows through his professionalism and enthusiasm in school and when speaking to our youth and adults outside his primary classroom. He has gained and earned the respect of many students and community members of Atqasuk. Rod goes above and beyond his teaching contract and duty time. He contributes to our students because he wants to, not be compensated.

Distinguished High School Student: Lily Ungarook

Junior, Lily Ungarook, is off to a marvelous start at Meade River School this year. Taking a full load of required courses, she is on track to timely graduate, with a solid GPA. Lily provides a calm yet assertive voice in the classroom, where it is clear her peers look to her for direction. She is gracious with her teachers, hard-working, and kind to classmates. Lily is the type of student who makes teaching a true joy.

Distinguished intermediate student: Jared Bodfish

Jared is a very quiet sixth grader who is one of those students that listens to everything and loves to learn. He is a team player, a good friend, leader in the classroom, responsible, respectful and cooperative to all.

Distinguished primary Student: Mason Panik Bordeaux

Mason exemplifies what we want to see in a kind and caring student. He radiates the Iñupiat value of compassion. He helps other students to be their best by being the very best he can be. He is always the first student to jump in and help a friend in need. Mason is truly an outstanding student. We love you Mason!

Distinguished Volunteer: Angeline Kanayurak

Angeline "Angie" Kanayurak volunteered her time and knowledge to speak to the Meade River School staff at their Cultural In-service day. She captivated the staff with stories of her childhood and how she has seen Atqasuk develop over her life span. Her storytelling carried over into the kitchen where she demonstrated how to pluck geese, cut caribou and make "Eskimo" donuts. She is a revered artist and would like to share her talents with the school.