

HAROLD KAVEOLOOK SCHOOL

North Slope Borough School District



April 5, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Easter, everyone! I hope you enjoyed your time yesterday with family or at the city. I would like to thank everyone that participated in Parent-Teacher Conferences last week. We had a wonderful turn out! If you were not able to attend, please contact the school or your student's teacher directly to schedule a make-up. Thank you to Marie for working with parents to get a schedule compiled. Thank you to Buggy for the delicious treats that were provided each night.

The School Advisory Council met last Monday and reorganized. Noreen Kaleak is now the SAC President, Riannon Akoothook is the Vice-President, Alicia Solomon is the Secretary, and Clara Sittichinli and Emir DeBose are members. The SAC looked at the proposed 2021-22 academic calendar and chose to move the start and end dates. They proposed a start date of August 19 and an end date of May 20. The calendar will go before the NSBSD School Board at their next meeting. Once it has been adopted, we will distribute a copy to each household. Thank you to the SAC members for their dedication and hard work. We will try to have one more meeting before the end of the school year. Please stay tuned for information regarding the specific date and time.

There will be a High School Spring 2021 Mix-Six Volleyball season for the NSBSD! In order to have the required number of girls, the 8th grade will be eligible to participate. Practice will begin on Monday, April 5 at 6. Practice will take place each weeknight. Students that need credit-recovery to be eligible to travel are encouraged to stay from 4-5 to get work completed. There are two travel opportunities scheduled. On April 16-17, 7 team members and a male and female chaperone will travel to Wainwright. Regionals will be held the following weekend in Utqiagvik on April 23-24. There is a possibility that students may be able to travel a day or two early to practice in a gym. As travel decisions and details are made, I will pass that information along.

Currently, the maintenance department has two open positions for a cook's helper and a custodian. If anyone is interested in either of these positions, the application can be found online. To apply please go to nsbsd.org. and scroll down below the banner to where you see the District News and Links headings. Then click on Classified Jobs in the column on the right side of the screen. From there, click on the Locations tab on the left side of the screen and choose Harold Kaveolook School from the drop-down menu. If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact LeRoy Stigen at 640-5800 or stop by the school. We do have a computer available on which you can complete the application.

The HKS Student Council Leadership Team is organizing a spring carnival. It was scheduled for April 17 from 12-6, but due to the upcoming volleyball travel, they are going to be amending the date. Please stay tuned for more information as decisions are made.

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The students of HKS will be taking the annual state tests this year. The PEAKS (Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools) will be administered at HKS the week of April 12-16. Students in grades 3-9 will be completing testing in the academic areas of reading, writing, and math. Students in grades 5, 8, and 10 will take a science assessment as well. Testing will be spread out over the whole week to ensure that students are able to do their best and not get tired or overwhelmed. As testing draws nearer, please keep in mind a couple things that you can do to help your student. 1. Help your student get a good night sleep each night by getting them to bed early and taking away devices if necessary. 2. Food powers the brain, so getting a good breakfast is essential. Please help students get to school early enough to eat one of Bugsy's delicious breakfasts or ensure that students are eating at home before they come to school. 3. Testing will be done in the mornings, so please help your student get to school on time. Being late will result in them having to do make-up testing later in the week. 4. Encourage them to do their best. The state and district look very closely at the test results to see how our students compare to students across the country. We want to get an accurate snapshot of our students' abilities.

If you have any concerns about COVID or the school's actions during the pandemic, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or speak to one of the representatives on the HKS COVID-19 Response Team.

Alicia Solomon- SAC President/Parent
Carolyn Kulukhon- SAC Member/Parent
Leroy Stigen- Plant Manager
Randy Linderbaum- M&O Staff
Mary Catherine Rexford- Health Aide/Parent
Amanda Kaleak- Mayor- City of Kaktovik/Parent
Nathan Gordon, Jr.- KIC Board Member/Parent
Brandi Going- Classified Staff/Parent

Kim Kaleak- Parent
Lorrie Scoles- HKS Counselor
Michael Lancaster- HKS Teacher
Norma Gordon- Clinic Staff/Parent
Nora Jane Burns- School Board Member
Shantel Linderbaum- HKS Food Service
Rita Fischer-Akootchook- Transportation
Edward Rexford, Sr.- NVK President

Please be safe and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at school 640-5800 or by cell at 907-440-7030.

Sincerely,

Todd Washburn, Principal

Mondays- Girl Scouts @ 6 and 7
Tuesdays/Fridays- LEGO Robotics @4:30-6
Monday, Thursday/Friday- Student Store @5-7
April 10- Teacher In-Service

April 12-16- PEAKS Testing
April 16-17- Volleyball @ AIN
April 23-24- Volleyball Regionals @ UTQ