

# HAROLD KAVEOLOOK SCHOOL

## North Slope Borough School District



February 15, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Valentine's Day. Happy President's Day as well. As you already know, there is school today. The district-wide teacher in-service that was scheduled for today has been moved to Wednesday, February 17. The in-service has now been changed to a work day. Regardless, there will be no school on Wednesday, February 17, for students. There will be no meals either. I hope all the students have a relaxing day off.

I would like to take some time to recognize the distinguished students and staff for the 2020-21 academic year. These individuals were honored at the school board meeting last Wednesday. Congratulations to Simon Brower, Mya Aishanna, and Paul Kayotuk for being named the HKS distinguished students. These students were selected because of their dedication to their school work and for their kindness and compassion to their classmates and teachers. Great job! Keep up the good work! Thank you to the parents and community for helping to shape these young individuals into the wonderful people that they are! I would also like to extend a congratulations to Randy Linderbaum, who was named one of the distinguished staff members. Randy's dedication to the school and the students goes above and beyond! He took charge of maintaining and actively watched the generator when we were off village power. He is always willing to run to the airport to get freight even on nights and weekends. He is a benefit to the school and we are very lucky to have him as part of the staff. Thank you, Randy, for your hard work and dependability! Finally, congratulations to Sandra Diaz-Cross, HKS's special education teacher. Sandra is an excellent teacher who cares deeply about her students. She fights to ensure that they are getting everything they need to be successful. Even though she retired last year, she came back this year as a long-term substitute because we were not able to fill her position. We are so grateful for her and will surely miss her after this academic year. Thank you, Sandra, for your hard work and dedication.

Last Tuesday, February 8, the School Advisory Council met. During the meeting, we swore in new member Noreen Kaleak. Thank you, Noreen, for your willingness to join this important council and for the wisdom and experience that you will bring. The council discussed many important agenda items, including next year's academic calendar. At this time, it appears that there will be a unified calendar. The district has asked the SAC to identify their choice for starting date. They were given 2 options, August 12 or August 19. The SAC voted unanimously to put forth August 19 as their preferred starting date. They are actively working on filling in the rest of the calendar. If you have any ideas or input, please do not hesitate to reach out to Alicia Solomon, who is the SAC president, or myself.

Most of the teachers were able to get their second COVID-19 vaccination on Sunday. As of right now we are still planning on holding regular after-school activities for the week, but please bear with us as we do not know how people will respond to the vaccine. If people are not feeling well, we may have to cancel or modify some of the events. Please stay tuned to Kaktovik Announcements and Harold Kaveolook School Facebook pages for updates.

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The Middle School LEGO Robotics team will continue meeting every Tuesday and Friday from 4:30-6:00.

The Student Store will be opening on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 5-7. Students will post on the Kaktovik Announcements and Harold Kaveolook School Facebook Pages. Individuals can comment their orders or PM the students. Orders can be picked up in the school lobby.

There will not be movie nights this week. Thank you to the Student Council/Leadership Class for hosting Aladdin last Friday and Saturday. The turnout was excellent and I am sure everyone had a good time.

Girl Scouts Troop #318 will continue to meet at the school on Monday evenings from 6-7 for kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 7-8 for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

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. Please note that Ann has a new cell phone number- 907-412-0729- Please update your contacts. After March 7, she will no longer have access to her old number.

Sincerely,

Todd Washburn, Principal

Mondays- Girl Scouts @ 6 and 7  
Tuesdays/Fridays- LEGO Robotics @4:30-6

Monday, Thursday/Friday- Student Store @5-7  
February 17- Teacher Work Day- NO SCHOOL