

# HAROLD KAVEOLOOK SCHOOL

## North Slope Borough School District



March 15, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have now entered the last quarter of the 2020-21 academic year. There are currently 9 weeks of school remaining for students and staff. Teachers are required to have grades finalized by Wednesday, March 17, but the last day for students to turn in work was Friday, March 12.

I hope that everyone remembered to set their clocks forward one hour this weekend.

**There will be no school on Friday, March 19 due to a teacher in-service.** Please note that there will be school on March 26. This had previously been listed as a vacation day, but is a snow make-up day from earlier in the year.

Parent-teacher conferences will occur on Tuesday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 24. Report cards will be distributed at conferences. Marie will be contacting parents shortly to put a schedule together. Thank you, Marie, for your excellent help with this important task.

We will be having a guest in the building this week. Mr. Nathan Freeman will be joining us from Utqiagvik as the district's educational technologist. He will be working with teachers on some of the new technology that is available in the school including a new engraver, a 3D printer, and some Sphero robots. To alleviate your concerns, please know that Mr. Freeman has been vaccinated and is not a COVID concern.

To celebrate the North Slope School District's love of reading, we will be participating in Read Across the Slope from March 15-March 19. Each day will have a dress-up theme- please see the schedule below. Each classroom is also asked to decorate their door with the cover of the class's favorite book. I look forward to seeing the creativity and spirit as we celebrate together with the other villages! Please note that students do not actually have school on Friday but can show their school spirit at home.

Date	Theme	Dress-Up
Monday, March 15	Curl up with a good book!	Pajama Day
Tuesday, March 16	Wacky Tacky Tuesday	Mismatched Crazy Day
Wednesday, March 17	Irish I had more time to READ!	Green Day
Thursday, March 18	Book Look	Dress like your favorite book character
Friday, March 19	Spirit Day	School Colors

All of the school photos have been taken. Thank you so very much to Katie for her hard work setting up, taking, and preparing the photos for families. What a wonderful way to show your dedication and compassion to the students and families of Kaktovik! I really appreciate your efforts with this important annual tradition and I am sure that parents and families feel similarly. If your student was not available for either their class's scheduled date or the make-up day, please contact Katie to schedule a private session.

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Currently, the Association of Alaska School Boards is collecting information and opinions on the School Climate and Connectedness of HKS. Students have had the opportunity to complete the survey in school, but we would like to hear from parents and community members as well. The more people that complete the survey, the more accurate the data. Everyone is encouraged and allowed to complete it. It takes about 10 minutes. Please go to <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb/360040family>. The last day to complete the survey is March 26.

The Student Store will continue to be open 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.

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

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. More information will be provided as the date gets nearer.

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, her old number is no longer active.

Sincerely,  
Todd Washburn, Principal

Mondays- Girl Scouts @ 6 and 7  
Tuesdays/Fridays- LEGO Robotics @4:30-6  
Monday, Thursday/Friday- Student Store @5-7  
March 15-19- Read Across the Slope  
March 19- No School- Teacher In-Service

March 23 & 24- Parent/Teacher Conferences  
March 26- SCHOOL  
March 26- Last Day for SCC Survey  
April 10- Teacher In-Service  
April 12-16- PEAKS