

# HAROLD KAVEOLOOK SCHOOL

## North Slope Borough School District



November 2, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As most of you are aware, we have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Kaktovik, so as per the COVID-19 Response Team mandates, Harold Kaveolook School has moved to RED. At this time, only essential employees (teachers and maintenance) will be in the building. They will be required to wear masks and social distance. During this time, the custodial crew will be deep cleaning the building in anticipation of students' return. All instruction will be distance delivered until the community test results come back. If there are additional cases, we will continue in the RED for the foreseeable future. If there are no additional cases, the COVID-19 Response Team will meet and determine the protocol for reopening school and moving back to GREEN or YELLOW. My thoughts and prayers are with the individual and with our community. Kaktovik and Harold Kaveolook School have had quite a lot to deal with during 2020, but we will get through this together, just like we did with the fire. Please stay safe and know that we are doing our very best to continue educating your children.

There will be meal deliveries made daily for all students. Breakfast will begin to be delivered around 8:30 and lunch around 11:45. Elder lunches will continue to be delivered by the senior van.

Distance education will take place for the duration that HKS is on RED. Packets will be distributed on Monday, November 2. Information regarding collection will be forthcoming. Please stay tuned to Kaktovik Announcements and Harold Kaveolook School's Facebook pages for updates.

In order to continue learning and earning credits, high school students will receive their computers and will be required to participate in Zoom classes. If internet is not present in the household, students can call in to classes via phone. Teachers will be distributing a schedule to help students and parents know when they are required to be logged in to classes. Students- you are responsible for your computer. Please take good care of them. If they are damaged, you will not be given a new computer for the duration of the school year. These belong to the district and need to be returned in the same condition that they were given to you. Please, only school work should be done on the computers.

Friday, November 6 is Inuit Day. There will be no school- including distance delivery- on Friday. There will not be meal deliveries either. Similarly, next Wednesday, November 11 is a district-wide teacher in-service. There will be no school or meals.

Thank you so very much to all of the parents/guardians/family members that attended Parent-Teacher Conferences last week. We had outstanding numbers attend and even 100% on Wednesday! Thank you very much to the students and teachers who worked so hard getting ready for the conferences. Thank you also to Marie for the fun incentives and for working with the parents to make the schedule. Thank you to Buggy for the delicious cake. Thank you to our maintenance staff for keeping the school clean and getting it ready each and every day. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school or your student(s)' teachers.

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We will be postponing the SAC meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 until we see the results of the community testing. I will reevaluate once that information has been received. Please watch the Kaktovik Announcements and Harold Kaveolook School Facebook pages for updates.

I know that there were a number of disappointed students and adults on Saturday when we were forced to postpone the annual Halloween Carnival. Again, once the community test results have been received, we will reevaluate the situation and try to get a date scheduled. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Thank you to the Student Council and Ms. Lorrie for all the hard work you have put in to planning the carnival. I look forward to being able to hold it.

All after-school activities will be canceled for the time-being. This will include Battle of the Books practices, Girl Scouts, and Exercise Night.

Tuesday, November 3 is election day across the nation and North Slope Borough. There is a run-off election for one of the NSB School Board seats, as well as state representatives, and the President of the United States. I encourage you to get out and vote.

Please check out the new school website at <https://kaveolook.nsbbsd.org/>. We will work hard to keep it updated with important information and dates. All of the weekly letters are added as well.

All district travel has been suspended until further notice. The technology department and district librarian were scheduled to come to Kaktovik to complete some projects. These have been put on hold until our COVID status changes.

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 or by cell at 907-440-7030 or 435-491-0417.

Sincerely,  
Todd Washburn, Principal

November 6- NO SCHOOL- Inupiat Day

November 11- NO SCHOOL- District-Wide Teacher In-Service/ Veteran's Day

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