

HAROLD KAVEOLOOK SCHOOL

North Slope Borough School District



November 30, 2020



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you very much to the community of Kaktovik for the delicious feast on Thursday. It is wonderful to gather together and celebrate all of the positive things in our lives.

I am very excited to write that we have resumed in-person school today, Monday, November 30. Meals will be served as well. The generator seems to be working properly since the new parts were installed. The sewer is still an issue and we have not yet received all of the parts needed to fix it, but we are able to hold school. Our maintenance department has figured out a way to manually pump the sewage from the building to the holding tanks. They will continue doing this until the circuit board comes and is able to be installed. Thank you very much to LeRoy, Randy, Don, Richmond, and Kayu for all your hard work over the last couple of weeks getting the power restored and now the sewer and water. Thank you to Buggy and Linda in the kitchen as well. Until the sewer has been completely fixed, we will be limited to just the bathrooms and water fountain in and by the main office area. The water to all the other bathrooms and water fountains has been shut off.

As you know, the original issue with the power was that one of the three transformers went down. We have been able to locate a new transformer and that is scheduled to arrive in Kaktovik over the Christmas vacation. The plan is for the NSB linemen and electricians to install the new transformer and get the school back on regular power so that when we return in January, everything is back to normal. The generator will then only be used as a back-up power source. I will keep you posted as more information and a definitive timeline becomes available.

I would like to thank the students, parents, teachers, staff, family members, and community for your continued patience and flexibility as we move through this year. Between COVID and issues with the new building, we have asked a lot of you. I appreciate each and every one of you and am so glad that we have made it through this last hurdle together. We will continue to work together and take each issue as they arise.

All after school events should resume on their normal schedule this week. This includes Battle of the Books practices. Please see the chart below for grades, days, and times.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Grades- 5:30-6:30		6 th , 7 th , and 8 th Grades- 5:00-6:00 High School- 7:00-8:30	

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A note about after Christmas Vacation: The winter break/Christmas vacation will begin on Thursday, December 17 and end on Sunday, January 3. There will be a district-wide teacher in-service on Monday, January 4. School will officially resume on Tuesday, January 5. In order for travelers to properly quarantine if they leave over the break, the district has decided that all schools will practice remote learning for the first two weeks. Therefore, from Tuesday, January 5 through Friday, January 15, all students will be doing remote learning from home. There is a district-wide teacher in-service on Monday, January 18 and we will resume in-person school on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 if we are still on the GREEN safety level. Teachers are required to have all of their packet materials ready before leaving for Christmas vacation. A couple teachers have decided not to travel out this holiday and they will help distribute and collect student work during the remote learning time. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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 or 435-491-0417.

Sincerely,

Todd Washburn, Principal

Mondays- Girl Scouts @ 6 and 7 @ Presbyterian Church
December 16- Last Day of School before Christmas
December 17-January 3- Winter/Christmas Break
January 4- Teacher In-Service- NO SCHOOL
January 5-15- District-Wide Remote Learning
January 17- Teacher In-Service- NO SCHOOL