



# IGYARARMIUT QALLEMCIIIT

## February

2nd - Mary Hostetter  
7th - MacKenzie Nickoli  
14th - George Wilson, Sr.  
26th - Tess Hostetter

## March

3rd - Martha Crow  
10th - Lydia Olympic  
21st - Jon Salmon  
24th - Terek Anelon  
26th - Jeff Bringham  
28th - Lukas Zackar



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## Winter time is here!

This year 2017 has been busy, cold, and full of activities! In January I had the opportunity attend a class taught by Mike Davis and Wanda Fulton and traveled to Juneau for the Fisheries and Legislative Process along with 9 other students. I had the chance to meet with our Governor Bill Walker, Lt. Governor Byron Mallot, Speaker Representative Bryce Edgmon and other numerous Senators and Representatives in Juneau. Many thanks to all of you who gave your time to speak to us and answered a lot of our questions that we had and good luck on figuring out the budget for Alaska.

Onwards to this past month in Igiugig, our language program has been progressing well and Apapi has a great up date for you. A huge congratulation to our Battle Bookers this year and she also has an update for you in the Library section. The students have been busy as well with basketball and voting; go read and see what updates they have for you as well. Following that is Alicia's little report about letting your kids play outside help raises vitamin D and and helps with overall health of your children. The next time you see Halay and Jiles Turningheart please congratulate them on being the chosen Citizens of the year award for 2016! Qu yana for all of your hard work and dedication to Igiugig. Congratulations to Tate Gooden for being chosen for the Dreamstarter Teacher.

Please look for your favorite people and the Announcements. [1 of 12](#)

# WANGKUTA QANRIARAIT NANVARPARMIUT YUGESTUN

Cama'i Igyararmiut. Kristuussaq Yuurtuq! (Christ is Born!)  
Allrakuqegtaarmek Piamci (Happy New Year to All).



Dallia leading in Yupik Slavi  
Singing

Our Yup'ik language program enjoyed gathering at Dallia Andrew's twice a week to practice our Slavi songs in Yugestun. We learned how to sing 3 songs: "Thy Birth Oh Christ", "A Virgin Today Gives Birth", and "Star of the East". Each apprentice learned the three Yup'ik verses, and most also learned how to sing "Atavut" or "The Lord's Prayer." Lastly, we were introduced to the "Thank You" song but need to practice it more. On January 7, we slaved house to house, alternating in Yup'ik and Slavonic and remembering our elders in reverence; it was joyous to hear our indigenous language, feasting, and celebrating the birth of Christ together.

After Slavi festivities, we welcomed language mentor Evelyn Yanez, Cautekaq, back to Igiugig for one month to conduct quarterly evaluations of apprentices. She assisted in teaching elementary, piipit unglu (baby language nest), and community classes. In the evenings, she translated a host of elementary aged books from English to Yup'ik, and typed up our oldest Russian Orthodox Church songs. It was wonderful to have her, and she was happy with the progress we've made as a community.

We have been practicing Yuraq every Friday, and gathering as time allows to practice group Master-Apprentice. A few vocabulary words the elementary have focused on this month are winter gear: uyaqurrilitaq (scarf), paallaguaq (fur hat), aliimatek (mittens), ullirtaq (coat), uqurrsuk (hat), and sap'akiq (boots). "Allu'kek sap'akiigken! Alluku ullirtaten! (Put on your shoes, put on your coat). Yuulukek sap'akiigken, yuuluku ullirtaten! (Take them off).



Ullirtaq



Uyaqurrillitaq



Paallaguaq



Aliimatek



Sup'akiq



Uqurrsuk

## Wangkuta Qanriarait Nanvarparmiut Yugestun



Kaviaq



Ikamraq



Neryuumiitellruunga



Cukauq



Utertuq

The community classes have focused on kaviaq (fox), cukauq (fast), utertuq (return), tekitsuq (arrive), ikamraq (dogsled). They are expanding on making longer sentences with older vocabulary such as "neryuumiitellruunga" (I didn't want to eat). And working with new post bases such as: "Piitaq-qaa tekiteellruuq tengaurcuutekun?" "Qang'a, Piitaq tekiciiquq unuaqu." (Piitaq arrived by airplane? No, Piitaq will arrive tomorrow).

Our twins are nearing nine months and can already say "Mama" "Dada". I am waiting for the moment to hear "Waqaa," or "Kenkamken," my most spoken phrases to them (Hello, I love you). I am feeling the pressure to learn faster and speak more to counteract the English they are engulfed in. If you know any Yup'ik at all, please speak to Igiugig babies in our language so that they can pick it up as a first language. This is the ultimate goal of our program. Qu yana for sharing this journey with us!



Luke and Addison



Teagan and Chaske





The cycle begins in the summer when the librarian orders all of the Battle Books for the different grade levels – our tribal library can afford to do so through the funding we receive from the State of Alaska public library assistance and from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences. Our students are encouraged to read throughout the summer, as part of the reading club.

Most students have read their books before school officially starts. Then, once the excitement of “Back to School” has settled, each team assembles, and then “vies” for their coach of choice. Coaches arrive at school each Friday afternoon to read, quiz, and prep their team. This year, we were notified that battles were moved up nearly a month from their scheduled time. That meant, time for cram study!

On January 30, our first battler, a lone Kindergartner with a team name of “Yaqulek” (duck) versus Newhalen and Kokhanok. Erika Salmon-Anelon had to conquer her fears of speaking over video teleconference to win the LPSD championship by 1 question.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Avery Nelson and Jem Gooden, a.k.a. “The Awesome Possum Foxes”, coached by Tanya Salmon, were up next. A community crowd gathered, and were amused with the teamwork and nervously cute body language. In between questions, Jem would hop on the bookshelf and peer out the window to see if their mascot, the fox, was watching. They battled to win a first round. They battled to win a second round. They entered a third round of battles! They took turns answering questions. Sometimes they

answered title and author in unison. But by the final question in the third round, after grueling HOURS of battling, they simply wanted to be done. They struggled to get the very last answer out, making them the undefeated district champions, with a perfect score.



Yaqulek with her victory cookie



The Awesome Possum Foxes: Avery & Jem



Next it was 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade – Shealayla Nelson, Jonathan Alvarez, and Dannika Wassillie, coached by Christina Salmon-Bringhurst. Following a swarm of first placers, the team felt the heat to perform. Round 1, they won. Round 2 they won – making another set of LPSP champions.



5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade – “Team Awesomeness” –comprised of Aiden Wassillie, Ella and Walt Gooden, and Keilan Wassillie, alternate, were coached by Miss Stacey Edmonson. She had a bag of mini-M&Ms to dole out after each correct answer. They were the highest scorers of Round 1, which led them to Round 2, and they also walked away with first place.



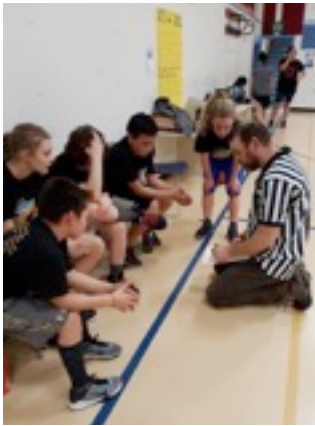
Our highschoolers – Dolly Ann Zharoff and Simeon Zackar did not have a coach, but these self-directed battlers displayed excellent team work and placed second in the district. Moderator/teacher Tate Gooden had a hidden surprise, delicatessen caribou jerky to entice them across the finish line.



Last but not least, Kiara Nelson, coached by Ida Nelson, battled on February 10. All by herself, she beat Chignik Lake and Chignik Bay and will also be advancing to State of Alaska competitions. As she told her mom: “I came, I read, I battled. And I won!” We are incredibly proud of the students, teachers, and parents! For those going on to the State competition, Read – Study – Prepare!



# MAKURYAK



## Larval league

By Kaylee Hill

This year the intermediates started larval league basketball practice on January sixteenth. So far we have come up with five plays, Tun-Tu, Iowa, Nova, Box, and Motion. I won't give any more info away because that would be like giving away our playbook.

We have practices every day a week unless our coach, Mr. Gooden is busy with other important things. In practice we do things like running, ball handling, shooting, and practicing plays. On February sixteenth we will be having a scrimmage at the school against the high school students.

## Nondalton Basketball Jamboree 2017

The basketball jamboree was exceptionally fun, exciting, and competitive.

By Taty Zackar



Dolly, Fewnia, & Sim playing against Nondalton

You can tell that many of the basketball players were having a good time playing ball and catching up with friends from around the district. The players who made All-Tourney were Alexia, Makayla, Shaylin, Justine, Fewnia, Dolly, Dakota, Nathan, Dom, David, Sim, and Clarence. The citizenship award went to Anna, Severin, and Dolly. Our next meet is on February 20<sup>th</sup> at Chignik Lake.



Mr. Fisher Awarding the Citizenship Award to Anna, Severin, & Dolly.



The students who made All-Tourney

# MAKURYAK

By Ella Gooden

## Who Voted?

On Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, the intermediate and high school the students of Igiugig school voted for or against Mr. Gooden to continue being the high school teacher. Mr. Gooden got the idea from the Sudbury School and other democratic schools where students direct their learning. We all filled out a ballot slip. The reason Mr. Gooden did this is because he "wants the students to take control of their lives and education, and understand the principles of democracy." He also wanted us to stand up for our individual rights as students and citizens of this country and understand that schools are supposed to serve students. He also mentioned that Thomas Jefferson was running a plantation at 12 years old and that David Farragut was midshipmen at age 9.

We handed our slips in and Mr. Gooden tallied the votes. Seven students voted "yes," one voted "no." It was an anonymous vote so no names will be mentioned, but Mr. Tate Gooden will continue teaching at Igiugig school. He said, that he will not be making Igiugig great again, because it is already great just like our country.

## Let your kids play outside!

By Alicia Zackar

There are many benefits of letting your kids play outside for long periods of time. First it gives you (the parent/babysitter) some free time. Second its very good for them! Spending time outside raises levels of vitamin D, helping protect children from future bone problems, heart disease, diabetes and other health issues. Nature makes you nicer, and makes kids value community and brings closer relationships. The sun makes anybody happier, and playing outside makes kids have a longer attention span. Studies also show that green outdoor settings appear to reduce ADHD symptoms in children. Fresh air makes everyone sleep better! Negative ions can help make you have a better mood. So, send your kids outside!



*2016 Citizen of the Year award!  
Congratulations Jiles and Kalay  
Turningheart!*

# Dreamstarter Teacher

Tate Gooden was selected as a Dreamstarter Teacher by the Running Strong for American Indian Youth organization. He is one of twenty-four Dreamstarters chosen from a nationwide pool of teachers serving Native American/Alaska Native students. The Dreamstarter program is part of Running Strong's five-year effort to support Native youth's dreams for their communities through a variety of grants.

A grant of \$1,000 will be given to Igiugig School to support the project of constructing a No-see-um

Agricultural Research Center. This greenhouse will enable students to experience growing, processing, and selling food as part of their curriculum. The project is just one example of the exceptional teaching approach Tate and AJ are implementing in Igiugig. It will also support the village's ongoing agricultural pursuits. In response to being selected for the Dreamstarter Grant, Tate says, "I am grateful to be associated with Billy Mills and to have been awarded the Dreamstarter Grant. I was fortunate, a number of year ago, to meet Billy Mills and here him talk. He is an inspiration to all Americans. It is my hope to bring to our students of Igiugig the very qualities that Mr. Mills brings to the world: passion, dedication, empathy, self sufficiency, identity and true power."

Billy Mills is the national spokesman and co-founder of Running Strong for American Indian Youth. He is an inspiration to Native youth and all Americans as an Olympic gold medalist, the only person from the Western hemisphere to win the 10,000 meter race. His Olympic victory in 1964 was one of the greatest upsets in history, in what has been considered the greatest race of all time. A member of the Oglala Lakota tribe, Billy was born in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, where he focuses his charity work to help others live their dreams.

In his announcement about the Dreamstarter Teachers, Billy Mills writes:

"Teachers and educators who inspire Native youth have chosen a sacred path. These days, we need creative, strong teachers for our youth more than ever. I'm proud to support their success through Dreamstarter Teacher."

Visit [indianyouth.org](http://indianyouth.org) to learn more about the Dreamstarter program and selected teachers.







Taty, Alicia, Sharolynn, Ida & Simeon after they jumped in the lake to ring in 2017.



Mav, Olivia, Erika, Aiden, Luke, Jon & Danni at Aiden's Birthday party.



Sherry, Mav, Jem, Ruth, Olivia, Shea holding Teagan, Jon, Danni, & June at Mackenzie's 6th Birthday party.



Elementary Yup'ik: Ruth, Erika, Danni, Jon, & Shea being read to by Evelyn Yanez in Yupik.



Sandy, Randy and Davy enjoying Valentines Day dinner at the school.



Mav opening his sled with his Dada Terek from god parents.





Middle school on formal day: Aiden, Ella, Kiara, Kaylee, Keilan, & Walt.



Primaries receiving their Osmo iPad Apps for primary math.



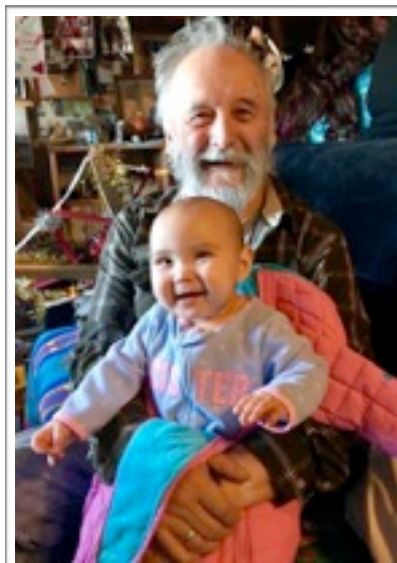
Danni, Aiden, Karl, Stacy, & Tia enjoying a winter picnic.



Kevin, Alex, Randy & Karl at the annual Meeting in December.



Jeff enjoying the fire.



Youngest girl Addison with the Oldest Man George.



Annie ice fishing on the Kvichak. 10 of 12



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in IGIUGIG We:

- Keep Your Dogs Tied Up or on a leash.
- Turn Off Lights when leaving a public building
- Recycle: #1 to #7 plastics, aluminum, cans, glass, tin cans. We also separate batteries and e-waste.
- Do Not Park in front of the hanger or the white trash trailer.
- We compost! Bring it to the greenhouse, please no dairy or meat products.
- Contribute to the newsletter! Send photos, news, important events to Ida @ [igiugignewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:igiugignewsletter@gmail.com)
- Love our village? Join Igiugig Village Info Zone on Facebook if you haven't already.

## Library Hours

**Monday - Friday: 4:00PM to 6:00PM**

**Saturday: 2:00PM to 4:00PM**

## Igiugig General Store

Hours: Monday - Saturday

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Newly relocated to the white house near the Zackar's house. Call 907.533.3069 to open or if you have

## Important Dates!

February 4th: CPR Training.

February 10th: Staff Meeting.

February 12th: Scavenger Hunt!

February 13th: School Vacation.

February 15th: Council Meeting.

February 20th: Basketball Team goes to Chignik Lake.

February 21st: Borough Meeting.

February 22nd - 24th: Dr. Norris comes to Igiugig.

February 24th: School Vacation!

February 24th: Clara Grefon with BBNC

March 7th: Igiugig School Talent Show

March 9th -12th: Kokhanok Carnival

March 13th: School Vacation

March 27th: School Vacation

This is a reminder that all vehicles are to stay off the runway. We had someone run over a light and not confess to it, this has caused our runway to be shutdown and only planes are allowed on and authorized personnel.

## Clinic News

The Igiugig after-hours emergency number is **907.533.6020.**

If there is *no health aide in the village*, please call the Nilavena Clinic at 907.571.1818 or 907.571.7111 for after-hours emergencies.

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Front Page Photo Credit: Sheryl Wassillie: Sunset on Lake Iliamna at the barge landing

Back Page Photo Credit: Terek Anelon: Karl towing a super cub to Igiugig with the sunset in the back.

**Igiugig Tribal Council Newsletter**