



Birthdays

March

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

April

14th - Renae Zackar
 18th - Halay Turning
 Heart
 27th - Randy Alvarez
 30th - Teagan Wassillie
 1st Birthday



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Spring!

Spring time is here but we live in Alaska and that means people are traveling, hunting, fishing, & and enjoying the great outdoors! Its spring time and everyone is getting their spring time tan on! For this month Apapi has an update about the work that been going on with the Yup'ik Language and working with Dallia and Alice on Kepnerciq and working on new post bases with the high school students. Following her article you can read about the update in the Library on our State Battle Bookers and how well they did! In the last month if you noticed a few new faces in the village, no, you're not seeing things, and the lodges are not here yet, but you'll notice some new faces; meet Lorraine and Erik! If you see them please welcome them. I also would like to wish Halay and Jiles best of luck on your new adventure in your life and we will miss you here in Igiugig!

Aj is encouraging you to help make a difference and I'll have you read what she has to say about that in her article and lets help her make a difference. Following her article you can read up on Jem's poem about the Fox and the Primaries wrote a poem about Snow. Next to it you can read about Taty's drive to Kokhanok. Walt wrote a wonderful poem about his Kokhanok Carnival experience which is followed up by Coach Alicia's update on the Chignik Lake Districts. That is followed by people "out to play" photos of your favorite people and Announcements. Enjoy your spring and be safe out there, always leave someone with a travel plan and pack a little extra for that "just in case" moment.

WANGKUTA QANRIARAIT NANVARPARMIUT YUGESTUN

Kepnerciq 2017



Dallia and Alice at the school demonstrating cutting a caribou leg up

Waqaa Igyararmiut! Kepnerciq – the month/time of cutting, began with a Master-Apprentice lesson at school on cutting a caribou leg. Our list of “survival phrases” was handed out to the students so they have an idea of how to stay in immersion when interacting with elders. Then elders Dallia and Alice showed how to cut meat and what you could use different parts for. Here is an example of Master-Apprentice immersion dialogue:

(pointing to knife): “tauna cauga”? – what is that? Elder “una nussik”. Repeat x 5, ask others what it is to practice perfecting pronunciation. (pointing to a different knife): “tauna cauga”? Elder: “una uluaq”. Piyugtuten-qaa uluaq wall’ nussik?

Do you want a knife or an uluaq?

(touching caribou leg): “una cauga”? – what is this? Elder “tauna tuntum iruq” – that is a leg belonging to a caribou.

I also brought along dry meat to compare with the raw meat. Without using any English, we ask what each is called: Kenirtalleq (dried thing) wall’ Qass’aq (raw). Dallia builds on this simple vocabulary by telling us all in Yugestun the different things that can be eaten raw like caribou, moose, whitefish...but “takuqaq qassaryaunaku” – you don’t ever eat brown bear meat raw.

As Dallia is cutting, I ask her “Caliyet?” which is in the survival phrase list meaning, “What are you doing”. “Kep’urua” – “I am cutting it.” She converses back, “Kep’luku”, “you cut it.” In this simple manner we can retain and repeat a few simple concepts. An audio/video recorder is brought along to capture the whole session. The short term goal is to pick up new vocabulary around a certain activity, in this case, butchering meat. In the long-term fluency goal, we will keep revisiting our audio/video tape to continue learning all that was said during the session.

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Yup'ik community class also focused on learning suffixes: -(s)ta, -vik, .ssun/+cuun and solving equations such as:

-(s)ta "one who is"		
Pissur-	=	to hunt
Pissurta	=	hunter
Cali-	=	to work
Calista	=	worker
Igar-	=	to write
Igarta	=	writer

We also introduced postbases ngqerr/ngite (to have and to have not) and reinforced that learning with "Manaq" or "Go Fish". Kanvviitangqertuten-qaa? (Do you have candy?) Qang'a Kanvviitaitua, manaq (No, I do not have candy, go fish).

With Apprentices we have done initial lesson-planning for the remainder of the school year. Elementary and community classes will continue until April 27th. The next theme to be introduced will be Up'nerkami, Springtime. Our Yuraq Group performed at the 52nd Annual Kokhanok Carnival and it was well-received. We are now practicing to learn: Tarvarnauramken, or the Blessing Song. Community classes are still Monday – Thursday 12:40 – 1:10 and yuraq is every Friday at the same time so come join! Qu yana for your continued participation in our program!



Simeon reading to Olivia

BOOK OFF!

By Alicia Zackar

Reading is dreaming with open eyes. Why read? Reading is fun and good for you of course! Reading is good for you in many ways. Including, stress reduction, memory improvement, and improved focus and concentration. Stress is horrible, reading makes you slip away and lose yourself, if it is a good book. Relaxing is the main reason bookworms love to read, reading transports them to another realm. Reading helps with memory improvement because you have to remember an assortment of characters and their nuances. In five minutes, the average person will go from checking their email, checking Facebook, texting, and trying to interact with people. This type of behavior causes stress levels to rise and lowers productivity, but when you read a book all of your attention is focused on the story. Again, it is like transporting yourself to another dimension! Reading for twenty minutes before work will greatly improve your focus at work or school! Reading to children is very good! It exercises their brains, as well as the person reading to them. Reading develops a child's empathy, imagination, vocabulary, concentration, and language. Reading to children also builds and improves relationships with them. So, reading, for any age, is amazing!

Book Off Started On March 17th and will end After World Book day on April 24th!

Read! Read! Read!

Categories of the age groups are:

- 0-5
- 6-10
- 11-20
- 21-200

Prizes will be given to most books read and most pages read for each category! this book off will end the day after World Book Day! April 24! Turn books and pages into me, and tell me something about the book! Hope you have fun!



Keilan, Aiden, Walt, & Ella Igiugig's 5th-6th Graders getting ready to Battle at the State level.



Kiara thinking real hard about her question and she got it right!

Congratulations! To our very own State Battle of the Bookers!

Kiara's battle was on March 1st and she took 18th place and tied with Yukon Koyukuk! Very well done Kiara for battling on her own against 26th other school districts! The 5th/6th grade battle took place on March 2nd and they took 13th place tied with Kuspuk and they were up against 34 other school districts! Good job both teams and coaches! Congratulations!



Hi, my name is Lorraine and I am a CHA-P and Erik, my husband, is working as part of the Maintenance team here in Igiugig. We live in Anchorage, and we'll be coming back throughout the summer and I will work at the clinic and Erik will continue to work at the village council doing maintenance. Erik and I love to fish, hunt and camp and we are looking forward to spending the summer here outside of Anchorage.

I am originally from Akutan, Alaska, just outside of Dutch Harbor, born and raised, I have 5 children, 3 in Anchorage, one in San Diego, and Washington. I've been a health aide now for 16 years and I very much enjoy it. I love traveling to new places and help their community as their health aide.

My husband Erik is from Tuntituliak, Alaska but grew up in Soldotna; his family is in Anchorage. He enjoys traveling with me to new communities with being able to work when he can and meeting new people too.

Thank you Igiugig for welcoming us with open arms, we are very happy to be here and look forward to working with you all this summer and maybe through next winter.

Lorraine and Erik

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

By AJ Gooden

On January 18, 2017, in his State of the State address, Governor Bill Walker introduced Alaska's Education Challenge and invited all Alaskans to participate. He said, "We must do a better job of preparing our youth for the challenges of the future. To meet this challenge, we need to rethink our entire system of public education. Alaskans must be at the heart of this effort."

A public survey asking for input opened on February 1 and closed on February 28. Igiugig Intermediate students participated in the survey, providing six of the 1,382 responses received by the State. For a subject so important to families and communities across the state, the initial survey response was much too small. If the Governor expects to improve Alaska's approach to education with the support of its parents and community members, he will need a lot more help and input from us.

What kind of school experience do you want for your child? Do you ever feel frustrated with school policy or practices? Do you wish things could be done differently but feel you are not qualified to make suggestions? Do you think, 'This is the way it's always been done. If it was good enough for me, it's good enough for my kids'? Have you ever wondered why we do school the way we do?

The current public school system was purposefully designed to work like a factory, churning out standardized citizens, as efficiently as possible, who are proficient in basic skills, ready to take orders and to never question the authority of the system. Most of us graduated from this system, and have been taught to believe that since professional teachers are experts in the field of education, they and the school must know best. As a parent and teacher, I can tell you that is simply not true. The public school system, by its very nature, undermines parents' belief in their own knowledge and authority when it comes to their children. As a parent, you have an understanding of your child that no amount of training or certificates can ever replace. Nor does this factory model take your child's individuality and interests into account...it is only interested in efficient production. But our children are not machines. What they know and who they are doesn't boil down to a score on a standardized test at the end of the year. But that is all this system cares about. What do you care about? This is not the only system of schooling in the world! There are other ways of doing things! You know your children. What is best for them? Now's the time to let your voice be heard.

Think back to your school days...what do you wish had been different? What did you like? What would have helped you to get more out of your time in school? Don't be afraid to suggest ideas that make sense to you but seem unconventional. We're talking about making changes to a system that was designed for a completely different time and place and was adopted 170 years ago from a country that no longer even exists (Prussia). It's definitely time to make changes that make sense for our time and place! If you're not sure what changes to suggest, ask your children and other students what would motivate them and improve their learning experience. As it is, our children spend an average of 1,188 hours each year in school, for a total of 14,256 hours by the time they graduate. A system truly meant for them ought to seriously consider their ideas and yours. Now is the time to speak.

Your next opportunity to share ideas will be on a second survey, expected to be posted any day now on the following website: gov.alaska.gov/administration-focus/alaskas-education-challenge/. You will be able to rank the responses from the first survey, influencing the topics which will be considered by five powerful committees. Please participate in the second survey.

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Make a difference for your Children

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We are being invited by elected officials to make sure our schools are what we want them to be. That's not an opportunity that comes along every day. Let's show them that we really care by participating in the process. Let's advocate for our children.

Alaskans are also invited to write letters directly to the Commissioner of Education, Dr. Michael Johnson, at the following address:

Office of the Commissioner
801 West 10th Street, Suite 200
P.O. Box 110500
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500

MAKURYAK

The Fox

by Jem Gooden

The red fox likes the black birdseeds
The fox likes to sit on the box
It mocks other foxes
When it cocks its head up, it smells
food in the air
It locks its eyes when it sees me

Snow

by the Primaries

Fluffy as a pillow
Bouncy like the soft Northern Lights
Slippery like slime
Like crawling into my freezer and
shutting the door
Blows in your face like a million tiny ice
needles



Driving to Kokhanok was awesome!
It has been five years since I've traveled
on the ice. We took about 3 hours driving
there and 2 hours driving back on snow
machines and four wheelers. I got to drive
a snow machine all the way to Kokhanok
and back. About 28 of the 39 people, who
went from Igiugig to Kokhanok for the
52nd winter carnival, drove on the ice.
There was a couple of rough patches
along the way but it was still fun.



By Walt Gooden

It's off to Kokhanok we go
 On an array of Hondas and a snow-go
 We skid over a vast sheet of ice
 Hoping the weather will be nice
 As we zoom over pressure cracks
 It jars all of our backs
 Just when Big Mountain's off in the distance
 We all start to need assistance
 The snow-go just broke down
 An hour out of that Kokhanok town
 Then Greg Zackar saved the day
 He fixed the snow-go and drove with us the rest
 of the way
 I rode the rest of the way in the Zackar's freight
 sled
 Which was like riding in a pokey, bouncing bed
 At last we got to the village, warm-hearted,
 And that's when the fun started
 The day started with basketball games
 And I know most of the players' names
 Then we went and ate lunch at the old school
 The cheeseburgers were so good they made me
 drool
 Back at the gym, the band had started setting up
 And I bought a rootbeer float which was in a large
 cup
 Then I got a pretzel and before I knew it I was
 Drowning in an endless sea
 Of gluttony
 And in the sea
 Was a lot of candy
 And around each bend was pretzels smothered
 in cheese
 And I keep on saying, "More, please!"
 And now it's time to dance
 Lots of boys are going to take a chance
 And ask a girl

If she wants to twirl
 But I did not care,
 I went to find some gummy bears
 Then people started playing with a balloon
 Which was lit up like the moon
 Aiden started playing really rough
 I think he was trying to act tough
 But I did not care
 Cause I had found my gummy bears
 I too began to play with the balloon
 Which was lit up like the moon
 So we played till midnight
 And I got into a fight
 Over the balloon
 A.k.a. the mini-moon
 Man, that girl could pack a punch
 If it had been in my stomach I would have lost my
 lunch
 At last we went to bed
 And carnival dreams filled my head!



Basketball Districts in Chignik Lake

By Alicia Zackar



Fewnia and Simeon bring the ball down the court

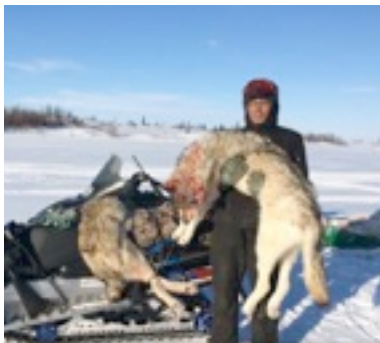
The basketball meet was in Chignik Lake this year and it was so much fun to watch our team play their hearts out. Dolly, Taty, Fewnia, and Sim were on the team this year and we're teamed up with other high school students from different schools, like William from Kokhanok, Severin from Port Heiden, and Dakota from Chignik Bay. My voice was hoarse when we got home, because the championship game was intense, which sadly we were not in, but it was still awesome anyways. The No-see-ums got third place, Chignik Lake Wolves got second, and the Chignik Bay Eagles/ Perryville Eagles/Chignik Lagoon Bears got first. My voice is hoarse because of all the cheering we did for

Chignik Bay and cheering for the Wolves as well. We all had a lot of fun at Districts in Chignik Lake and it was a lot more laid-back than the 2-day tournament in Nondalton and we were able to visit more and interacted with the other teams more. Quyan Chignik Lake for hosting the ball games this year. It was amazing!



Dolly taking a shot!

Out to play!



Gregory with his wolf



Out by Nonvinak Lake



Luke & Addi



Jeff, Stacy E, & Danni



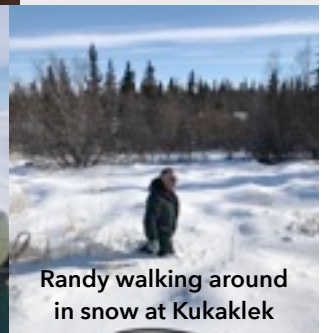
Fewnia, Taty, Davy, & Alicia enjoying a picnic



Ida & Shea driving to Kokhanok



Zackars driving to Kokhanok



Randy walking around in snow at Kukaklek



The Banquet at Kokhanok Carnival



Shea, Danni, Avery and MacKenzie getting towed to open gym



It's a Pirate party! @ Jiles birthday party: Jeff, Tate, Halay, Tanya , AlexAnna, Karl, Stacy, Christina, & Jiles



Tony, Teagan, Loretta, and Sister at the valentines day dinner



Gramma Maria with her grandkids in Kokhanok: Mavrik, Kylen, Scout, & Atlas



Dallia visiting with elders from Koliganek



Karl teaching students how to skin a fox with Tate, Shea, Jem, and Jon



Kaleb playing basketball during regionals in Anchorage against Unalaska.



Igiugig's future: Mav, Erika, Avery, Addi, Danni, Chaske, Keil, Luke, Kiara, Teagan, & Olivia



Julie with Sue, Maryann, Marina in Anchorage at ANMC



Makuryak Dancers waiting to perform



Teagan meeting her Uncle Terrence for the first time



Jeff with Luke and Addi

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
- 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

Hours are subject to change.

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.

Igiugig General Store

Hours: Monday - Saturday

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

It is located at the white house near the Zackar's house. Call 907.533.3069 to open or if you have any questions.

Important Dates!

March 27th- No school

April 3rd to the 14th - Testing @ the School

April 7th to the 9th: Family Camp at Port Alsworth

April 10th to 14th— AA meet at Newhalen

April 14th to the 24th—Arizona Trip

April 16th—Easter

April 22nd: Earth Day

May 1st: No school

May 1st to 5th—(tentative) Goose camp

May 8th—Inservice

May 9th: Dolly's Graduation

Clinic News

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

If there is *no heath 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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Back Page Photo Credit: Tatyana Zackar: a stopping point on the Lake driving to Kokhanok Carnival

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