

Meet the Teacher



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Welcome to Kindergarten! This is my second year at Chief Paul Memorial School and third year in teaching. Previously, I was a Pre-K teacher in NY. I am very excited for this school year and to teach your children!

We hope to make the transition into kindergarten smooth, but exciting for your child. We will keep you updated as academic expectations change throughout the year. This year will be a little different, but we hope to make things fun and safe!

Distance Learners:

Cohort A pickup for meals and packets is on Mondays. Cohort B pickup is Thursday. Each week you will receive a letter with expectations for each packet.

Class Rules:

****Our most important rule to keep everyone safe this year is to wear a mask at all times****

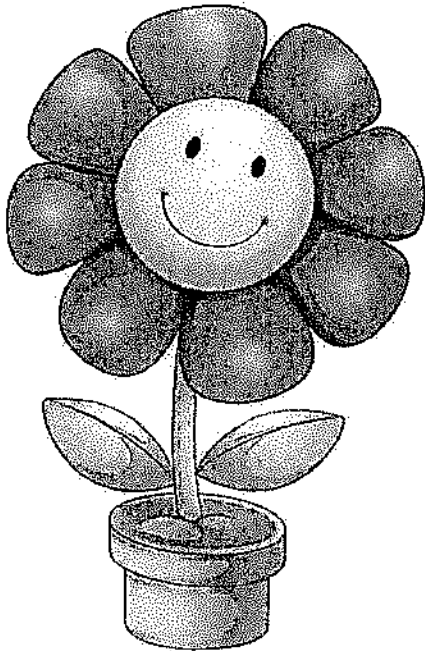
1. Keep hands, feet, body parts to yourself
2. Raise hand quietly to ask or answer
3. Push in chair and keep workspace clean
4. Complete class and homework on time

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Waqaa,

My name is Delsey Amik. I am the Yup'ik Dual Language teacher for Kindergarten and First grade. I will be teaching your child(ren) Science and Social studies, also they will learn to count, know their colors, alphabets, shapes, vocabulary, all in Yugtun. I am excited to teach this year and hope we all have a safe and wonderful year!

Quyana,
Delsey Amik



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Kristine Keilwitz
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Dear 2nd Graders and Families,

Welcome to the 2nd Grade! ^{2/13} My name is Ms. Keilwitz and I will be your English teacher this year. This is my second year here in Kipnuk and my first full year of teaching. I am from Longview, Washington, which is in the southwest corner of the state about two hours south of Seattle. I have two daughters, one son and one grandson. When I first came to Kipnuk I did not know what to expect and was a little scared. What I found here was a kind community and wonderful students, parents, and coworkers to work with. While it is hard to be away from my family I know that Kipnuk is where I belong and am looking forward to this next school year.

This school year will be different from what we have done in the past. Covid19 has changed our world and my first priority is to keep you students' safe. We have reduced class size and divided students into two different groups to help accomplish this. Students are also required to wear masks and practice social distancing by staying six feet apart in the classroom. These procedures may be difficult for our students but are necessary to keep them safe and in school.

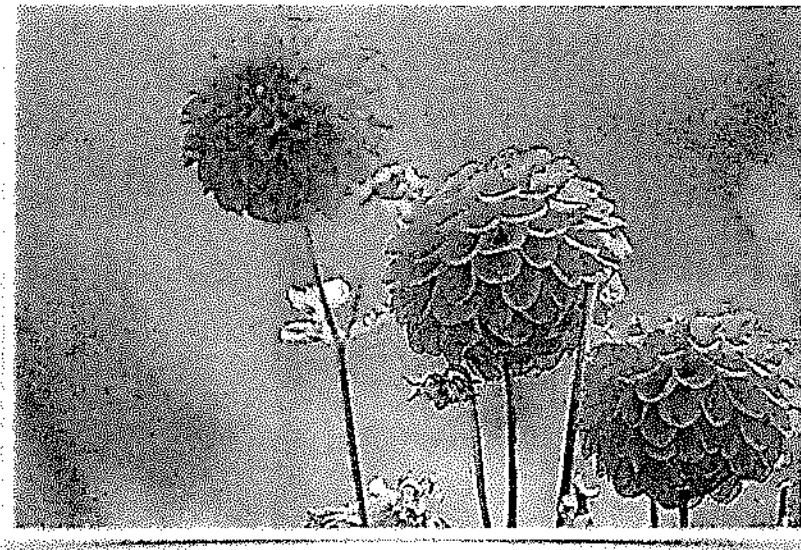
To make this school year successful it is going to take teamwork, we need to work together. There are several ways you can help. It is my hope that students will read every night for ten minutes. If your student does not have access to books at home please let me know so I can help get them some. I will also be assigning distance learning packets, Cohort A will get there's on Tuesday and Cohort B on Friday. These packets will need to be completed and returned the on Monday for Cohort A and Thursday for Cohort B.

Another way we can ensure that your student is successful in school this year is by ensuring that students know and meet our classroom expectations which are: Be Kind, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. In the first week of school we will take the time to discuss what these expectations mean and will be creating a classroom behavior contract to help remind us of these expectations.

I am very thankful for the chance to work with your students and am excited to get to know them. If there is anything you think I need to know or if you have any questions please feel free to contact me here at the school. I know that working together we can make this a great school year and I am looking forward to the chance of getting to know you all more.

Work hard, learn lots and have fun.
Ms. Keilwitz





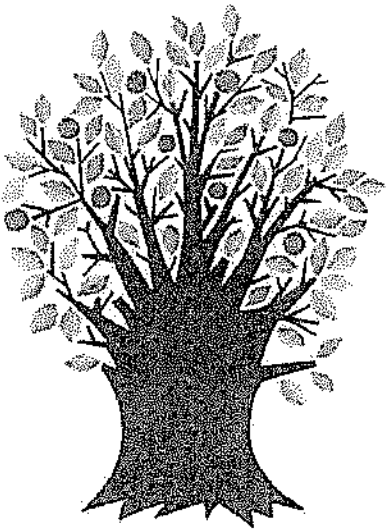
Yugtun Dual Language

2nd and 3rd Grade

Waqaa!

Hello my name is Tamara Anaver and I will be teaching 2nd and 3rd Grade DLE in Yugtun in the 2020-2021 school year.

The students will learn the Yuuyaraq pledge and other subjects like Social Studies, Science and Language Arts from our new Yup'ik curriculum and learn the alphabet and numbers in Yup'ik. I am looking forward to teaching your children in our Yup'ik language! Quyana!



Dear Families:

Hello! My name is Brandon Inman and I am happy to have your children in my class!

I have spent most of my life in Missouri. I attended college at Culver-Stockton College and majored in Elementary Education. I received my Master Degree from SUNY Buffalo in New York. I am currently working on a post graduate certificate in educational technology and information literacy. I am certified to teach elementary (1-6), Social Sciences (5-9), and Special Education (K-12). I have certificates in Missouri, Delaware, Maine, and Alaska.

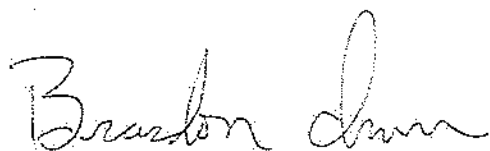
This will be my seventh year teaching and due to the COVID-19 situation, it will be the most challenging by far. I taught in Missouri for two years and then taught in an international school in China for four years. I love learning about different cultures and really embracing different ways of life. Although I am from the United States, this is my first time being in Alaska and I am looking forward to all that it has to offer.

When I was young, my family did not have a lot of money. We moved around a lot and lived in state funded housing while my step dad shifted from job to job. While going through this, my teachers were always there to help me and my little brother out. One year, my stepdad became really ill and had to be hospitalized for three weeks. My first grade teacher offered her home to my brother and I. I always knew that I wanted to be a teacher and make a change in the lives of children.

I cannot wait to meet your families and get to know you better. While this is a challenging time all across the world, I am confident that your children can grow both socially and academically this year. The saying, "It takes a village to raise a child" is so true and I have never seen people working together as much as this village. Together we can all make this year successful in spite of the extenuating circumstances.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at the school or by email at brandon_inman@lksd.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandon Inman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Brandon Inman

CHIEF PAUL MEMORIAL SCHOOL

2020-2021 School Year

4th Grade Ms. McRae

Dear Parents:

My name is Ms. McRae and I will be your child's 4th-grade teacher and I am delighted to have your child in my class this year. I am looking forward to a very successful year and I know you are too. I have high expectations for your child and I will do all that I can to help your child achieve those expectations.

You can help. I will be expecting all work assigned in class to be completed. Of course, all children do not work at the same pace. Some children will get their work done in class and some will not. Whether or not your child gets his or her work done in class has no effect on their grade. If your child does not complete an assignment in class, he or she will be required to complete it at home. The way you can help is to ask your child every school day if schoolwork needs to be done, and if so, make sure your child completes the assignment.

In addition, I will be assigning projects in various subjects throughout the school year. Your help and support will not only make your child more successful in school this year but will instill good study habits that will last a lifetime.

Finally, I want you to know that one of my most important goals this year is to keep the lines of communication open with you. I am available every day to talk with you between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 907 896-2826 or deborah_mcr@k12.ak.us if you have any questions or concerns during the year.

Sincerely,



Deborah McRae

Dear Families,

Hello! My name is Mr. Dennison and I am the new 5th grade teacher in Kipuk. I am so excited to be teaching your kids all sorts of things this year.

I'm originally from Chicago, where I grew up with many of my relatives. I come from a large Jewish family that spans all across the world. I have cousins in London, Israel and almost all of the 50 states, except Alaska! I happen to love the cold so I'm excited to experience what a winter in Alaska is like.

If you have not already heard or seen, I am a big fan of music. I play trumpet, guitar and ukulele and love to teach music as well! I like to incorporate music into my classroom and all the learning that we do. I love to talk and share music with everyone that I meet. This might be by playing music together, listening to music, or just talking about it.

I am new teacher and just recently graduated from Indiana University with a degree in elementary education. Although I may be new to teaching and Kipuk, I have many previous teaching experiences. Most notable is when I taught in the Navajo Nation to a school of Navajo students. While there, I learned about their culture and how to teach Native students. I even learned how to cook traditional foods like frybread, blue mush, and steam-corn stew! I hope to use this previous experience to ground me as I learn how Yupik culture is similar and different.

This year is going to be wild and different for so many reasons and I'd like to say that I'm here to work together and make this year as successful as possible. Weather I get to see your kids at school or work with them at a distance, I can't wait to work together with you in order to help your students learn!

If you ever would like to reach out to me email me at david_dennison@lksd.org or call the school and ask for Mr. Dennison

Sincerely,

David Dennison

August, 2020

Dear Middle School Student & Parent,

Welcome back!!! We are so happy to be back. We are all looking forward to starting this school year with our middle school group. This year will look very different. It is our hope that we will work together towards a fun and productive year of learning.

As you all know, COVID 19 has changed our everyday lives and how we function in public places. Unfortunately, it has dramatically affected how schools across the country function. You will see many changes in school. Every change that has been made was made with the intent to protect students, families and school staff from possible infection. We ask that both students and families take these extra steps and procedures seriously, for your own sake and the sake of others.

All students will have their temperatures taken with a contactless thermometer when arriving to school. Students who have a temperature will immediately be sent home. Students will be required to wear a face mask at all times, with the exception of lunchtime. Lunch and breakfast and lunch will be served in the classroom. Water fountains will be shut down and students will be given water bottles to use throughout the day.

This year, all middle school classes will be divided into two cohorts. Group A will meet on Mondays and Tuesdays and take work home which must be completed and returned by that following Monday. Group B will meet on Thursdays and Fridays. They will, take work home which will have to be brought back completed for the following week. It is absolutely essential that all homework and work materials be brought back to school on assigned days. This work will play a major role in calculating your grades.

Both cohorts will complete the same work on the same level. Class attendance on your assigned days is extremely important. Your teachers need you here when you are supposed to be here! Your homework must be completed and handed in when it should be here! These two factors are incredibly important for your success.

Distance learning will change as time progresses. All students who opt for distance learning will, for now, be required to complete packets at home. Packets will have to be completed **fully and accurately** in order to receive a passing grade. Help will be offered by teachers via email and phone.

We will work tirelessly to help students be as successful as they can be, but we need your help in doing that. We need all students to be committed as well. That means a commitment to student attendance and completing and handing in homework assignments. Just as in March, all students will have teacher contact information available to them. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to reach out to us for help with materials whenever needed.

Let's work together to make this year productive and exciting.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONTRACT

As a parent/guardian, I will:

- • Notify my child's school of any travel my family has done outside of the village.
- • Make sure that my child is in good health every day, before I bring them to school.
- • Make sure that my child understands the importance of social distancing.
- • Show respect and support for my child, the teachers, and the school.
- • Support the school's discipline policy.
- • Provide a quiet, well-lit place for study and supervise homework.
- • Help my child understand the importance of wearing his/her mask in public.

As a student, I will:

- • Wear my mask throughout the day.
- • Practice social distancing.
- • Show respect for myself, my school, and other people.
- • Obey classroom rules and be kind and helpful to my classmates.
- • Show respect for property by not stealing or vandalizing.
- • Come to school prepared with my homework and my supplies.
- • Not be afraid of making mistakes.
- • Spend at least 15 minutes each day studying or reading at home.
- • Talk with my parents each day about my school activities.

As a teacher, I will:

- • Wear my mask and practice social distancing.
- • Show respect for each child and for his or her family.
- • Provide a safe and comfortable environment that's conducive to learning.
- • Help each child grow to his or her fullest potential.
- • Provide necessary assistance to parents so they can help with assignments.
- • Enforce school and classroom rules fairly and consistently.
- • Supply students and parents with clear evaluations of progress and achievement.
- • Use special activities in the classroom to make learning enjoyable.
- • Demonstrate professional behavior and a positive attitude.

Now, hand in hand, we will *work together* to carry out this contract.

_____ Parent signature/date

_____ Student signature/date

_____ Teacher signature/date

Mr. Pike
6th-8th Grade Social Science/Science
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Cell Phone: (907)545-8346

Welcome to a new year!

Hello! My name is Mr. Pike and I am the new 6th-8th grade Social Science/Science teacher at Chief Paul Memorial School. I am writing to you today so that I might welcome you and your children into a new school year. I held back with my welcome letter so that I might get to meet your children and understand them a little better. This is my first year as a teacher at this school and it would not feel as authentic if I did not meet the kids first. After the first couple of days with them I can undoubtedly say that I am extremely excited to be working with your kids.

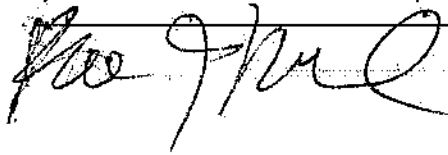
I want you, as the parents, to know me a little better as well. I am from Illinois and Oklahoma. I just graduated college this last spring and thus began my teaching career this year. I come from a decent size immediate family. This is the first time in my life where I have made a journey to an environment like this one and I can say that I am enjoying it more everyday.

As a teacher to your children I am hoping to work side by side with you. My door is always open to either parents and guardians. This is going to be an odd year considering the fact that we are midst a global pandemic, but I am convinced that we will make it work for the kids. I will be leaving my personal cell phone with the kids for their off days of school so they can reach me about school work. However, I will also be leaving it with you so that you may call me with any questions. Wednesdays will be the best time to reach me, however, I am available after school hours as well.

I look forward to working with everyone this year and I am excited to start the new school year off with everyone.

To the Student and Parents

Our CPMS math classes will take you from basic math to the door step of the wide world of mathematics. The lessons encircle the content of four math operations and go beyond from the topics of arithmetic to the crucial topics of geometry, measurement, Algebra, integers, scale, and graph reading. Word problems will include part from local history and real world problems. We are showing you that learning to solve the math problems day by day is the secret to success. With honest effort, you will experience success and true learning which will stay with you and serve you well all your life.



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Parents,

Despite COVID -19, We are looking forward to another exciting year with you student! In an effort to keep you better informed, below are the classroom policies and procedures for your student. We have reviewed these expectations as a class and your student has acknowledged that he or she will work hard to meet these expectations. We want to ensure a safe and healthy classroom environment in order for learning to continue in these difficult times.

Meet the high school teachers:

I (Allen Hutson) teach high school science. From an early age, I enjoyed being outside in the woods with nature which drove my desire to learn more about the natural world which motivated me to get my B.S. in biological sciences. I chose education because I had great teachers in school that created a passion in me for learning so I earned my Masters degree in secondary education which allowed me to combine what I love. I have continued my career in Kipnuk because I love learning about the Yup'ik culture, and the community has been and continues to be great place to live.

My (Corbin Gieck) purpose in teaching is to improve the education and futures of Alaskan kids. I got into teaching to help those from my home state, and to increase literacy levels so we can close the gap between Alaska and the lower 48. In addition, I enjoy helping others to learn and be successful in their adult lives.

I (Marcus Geissler) became a teacher because I love mathematics and I wanted to pass that onto others. Teaching is a way of sharing mathematics with others. I especially enjoy algebra and geometry at the high school level. I enjoy high school students and their energy in the classroom as well.

I (Travis Fernandez) chose to become an educator because of how important teachers were in my life. Teachers gave me confidence, knowledge, and the determination to achieve greater things in life. Like them, I wanted to have the same impact on someone's life. It is an amazing feeling when I can help a student or athlete achieve their goals. And being a part of that brings me immense joy. I am here to watch and help my students and your children become the best versions of themselves.

I (Nicholas Kositzke) became an educator because I loved history when I was in high school, and because I think that there's so much value in understanding the world around us. We can learn a lot from the past, and I really enjoy helping students experience those lessons in the classroom.

I (Andyn Gunlik) am very excited to take on the role of the new Yup'ik teacher for grades 6-12th. Although, this is my first year and first time teaching, I'm looking forward to getting to know students and hope that my teaching methods and experiences will influence them to continue to speak our language for years to come. I strongly believe that we can keep our language alive by continuing to help and remind each other of our way of life.

Classroom Rules

- Be where you need to be.
- Follow directions the first time they are given.
- Use appropriate language.
- Personal space stays personal.
- Stay on task
- Gum is not allowed on campus.

Consequences for breaking classroom rules

- 1st offense- Teacher gives student a verbal warning.
- 2nd offense- Teacher contacts parent/guardian.
- 3rd offense- Student becomes ineligible for any special event held at school.
- 4th offense- Student is referred to administration.

- **Cell phones are not allowed in the classrooms, hallways, or restrooms.**
 - Student must give the teacher his/her phone to be turned into administration.
 - 1st offense- student meets with administration at the end of the day.
 - 2nd offense- parent/guardian must meet with administration.
 - 3rd offense- student loses phone privileges at school.

*Lunch and breakfast will be in the classrooms, cell phones are allowed **ONLY** during those times.

Please take the time to discuss the information above with your student and be sure to encourage him or her to take responsibility for his/her education throughout the school year. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns; please feel free to call 896-5011 or stop by the school to discuss them. Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with you and your student to further his/her knowledge and character this year!

Sincerely,

Allen Hutson
Corbin Gieck
Travis Fernandez
Marcus Geissler
Nicholas Kositzke
Andyn Gunlik

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Waqaa! My name is Travis Fernandez and I am excited to be a team member of the Chief Paul Memorial School teaching staff! At the beginning of the 18-19 school year, I came on board as a student teacher for the special education department. In January of 2019, I was hired by LKSD as the 6-12 special education teacher for Kuinerrarmiut Elitnaurviat in Quinhagak for the remainder of the school year. At the end of the year, I had the opportunity to transfer back to Kipnuk as the 6-12 special education teacher and this is now my second year in the position. I consider the village of Kipnuk my home here in Alaska and I am grateful to be back.



While I am not teaching special education, I will also be teaching some general education classes, such as study skills.

This school year is going to look very different from years before but I believe we are taking the necessary precautions in order to have a safe school year. I am committed to teaching your children to the best of my abilities despite these hardships. Together, with hard work, I believe we can make this year great.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 907-896-2011 or at travis_fernandez@lkzd.org.

Quyana for welcoming me into your community and allowing me to teach your children.