

# Akiuk Memorial School

August 2017

The Transition from Summer to the Start of School



This month's Hallway Theme focuses on the transition from the summer to the school year. Please help us continue the conversation at home and the community.

**How are your activities different in the summer vs. during the school year?**

**What safe choices do you need to make to be successful in the summer? Are those choices different during the school year?**

**How can you help others to be healthy during the school year as well?**

**Come visit the school to see the thoughts of our students—the future leaders of Kasigluk**



## SET YOUR CALENDARS

### MONDAY

4:10 STUDENT GOVERNMENT (7-12)  
4:10 ROBOTICS FLLJR (1-3)

### TUESDAY

4:10 SENIORS PLANNING (12)  
4:10 JR HIGH SPEECH (6-8)  
4:10 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS (K-2)

### WEDNESDAY

4:10 GRIZZEMBLA PLANNING (4-6)  
4:10 ROBOTICS FLLJR (1-3)

### THURSDAY

4:10 STUDENT GOVERNMENT (7-12)  
4:10 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS (K-2)

### FRIDAY

1:00 TEACHERS STAFF MEETING

### Daily Practices

### Monday-Thursday

**4:30 CROSS COUNTRY  
(4-12)**

**5:30 MIXED SIX  
VOLLEYBALL (9-12)  
((BEGINNING SEPT 6TH))**

**6:30 NYO (4-12)  
((BEGINNING SEPT 13TH))**

### SCHOOL CLOSURE

AKIUK MEMORIAL SCHOOL WILL BE  
**CLOSED FROM SATURDAY SEPT 2ND  
UNTIL MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH.**  
TEACHERS WILL BE ATTENDING THE  
ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE  
TRAININGS.

### ALAXSXA/ALASKA

### LIVE PERFORMANCE

**SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 7:30 PM  
IN AKULA ELITNAURVIK'S GYM**

### 2ND ANNUAL FANNIE BRINK BERRY PICKING ADVENTURE

**FRIDAY SEPT 1ST AT 2:00  
(EVERYONE IS INVITED)  
COME TO THE SCHOOL DOCK**





## Weekly Notes from Akiuk Memorial School

Our Superintendent, Daniel Walker, has tasked all Principals with sending notes to him on Thursday each week. These notes (about our week) are then shared with the LKSD School Board. Here are some excerpts:

Aug 17: After the districtwide VTC on Monday, Akiuk Memorial School had a stellar site inservice day reviewing common goals, school expectations, and the various aspects of our complicated schedule. We have three new staff members joining us this year. One familiar face, Nikki Auhl, formerly of Akula Elitnaurvik, joined our ranks. We have a new, straight out of college, 5-12th grade social studies teacher Gina Antonioli-Schmit. And Rita Berlin accepted our position as a long-term sub in the K-1.

It's never easy being the new kid on campus but taking time on Tuesday to work on a collaborative and cooperative professional development game (led by teacher, Natalie Cowley) along with completing the agenda in a cloze format allowed for the experienced and the inexperienced to shine.

Following suit on our first day Thursday, we welcomed eight new students into our building and many teachers were inspired to play collaborative, cooperative, and communicatively challenging games with them as well. Monday we'll welcome (at least) nine more new students with our first day of PreSchool begins.

Thursday also brought our first day of school without electricity. I ended up having 2/3rds of my morning shower in the pitch black darkness before having my phone light up the bathroom with my X-Files ring tone (creepy!) and a request from my cook to bring up food from storage because everything she had planned needed to be cooked.

Aug 24: Our enrollment held steady this week at 110 students. It's an all too familiar feeling to start the school year off with 20 students more than we were funded for. An unexpected

growing pain this year is that we're blowing through our school food resources faster than usual and our frozen food order, which we don't place ourselves, was only about 2/3rds of what it usually is.

Another way in which we stumbled over our enrollment changes is that the team to complete sports physicals expected to have 40 students to see here with us. As it turns out we had 74 students looking to have a physical completed.

But no matter how big we may be feeling on any given day, we've not given up on our small school spirit. This week we've had a tight group of five graduating seniors and another seven staff members putting in countless hours of time outside of their contract to help these students find challenging but appropriate dual credit college classes. From entrance exams to University Major explanations and discussions, we've been working collectively to give students every opportunity possible to explore their post graduation goals. Everything from working to pilot four different courses to filling another hopeful graduate's schedule down to the specific half-semester-quarters worth of content we can rest easy (if we rest, when we rest.) knowing we've given our future leaders the best education we can here at Akiuk Memorial School.

**From your ASB: Hello Akiuk Memorial School parents, students, and family members! Welcome back to school!**

As you can see, there are more new students here and we are very happy to have them! Welcome to Akiuk Memorial School! Please make them feel welcome. Remember students to treat others as you would like to be treated. Be friendly to everyone. Do your work on time and listen to the staff. Be good role models to the young ones. Remember they are looking up to you! Parents talk to your children about accepting everyone for who they are. It would help a lot. Extended family of the student, you can talk to them too about how to treat others. You are just as important. Have a great year and make Akiuk School look great!

**Our first ASB meeting will commence on Monday Sept 11th at 5:00PM.**

**Come on by with question or comments on how to make this year our best one yet!**

**When to Visit? What to See?**  
**Here at Akiuk Memorial School**

- Our Grizzpresso Coffee Shop is back up and running! Swing by the student store between 8:00-8:30 to order a hand-crafted and delectably flavored latte, mocha, or hot chocolate beverage today. Drinks will be ready at 10:30.

- Alternating Wednesdays (Yugtun) from 10:30-11:00 and Thursdays (English) from 1:30-2:00 join the entire student body in the gym for our weekly Grizzembly! Students and staff of all ages come together to play cooperative games in a safe environment.

- Walk our hall to see this month's Hallway theme. The annual focus is "How do you care for yourself so you can care for others?" For Aug 15-Sept 15 the more detailed theme is: How do you prepare yourself for the transition from the summer to the school year? Swing by after Sept 15 for the next healthy and encouraging exploration.





**Akiuk Memorial School LKSD**  
**Welcome back FALL 2017**

My name is Daniel Charles, known to many as Fr. Daniel. This is my second year teaching Pre-schoolers. We are limited to 10 students for now since our classroom is not very big to hold more than 10 students. I look forward to the Fresh start for the New and Returning students.

I will be focusing on the kids learning the Yugtun and English Alphabets. I encourage parents to also help in your child's learning at home too. Any ideas are welcome and I invite parents to come and watch your kids at least a few times if you have not come in. I can tell you, the year goes by fast.

We hope that your child has a wonderful year in school.

Good luck and hope to see Pre-K parents visiting the classroom

Daniel

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1stgrade-anek-llu . Qu yana taivkaraqluki mikelnguci maavet  
Akiukamun.**



**8:30-8:45 Morning Activities (LOD)**

**Brush/Pledge/Name Chart/Calender(LOD)**

**8:45-9:30 Science(Yup'ik)**

**9:30-9:45 Social Studies(Yup'ik)**

**9:45-10:00 Gym**

**10:00-11:30 Every Math (English with Nicole Auhl)**

**11:30-12:00 Lunch**

**12:00-1:30**

**Yup'ik Language Arts(Reading and Writing)-Allison(Rita)**

**English Language Arts(Reading and Writing)-Nicole Auhl**

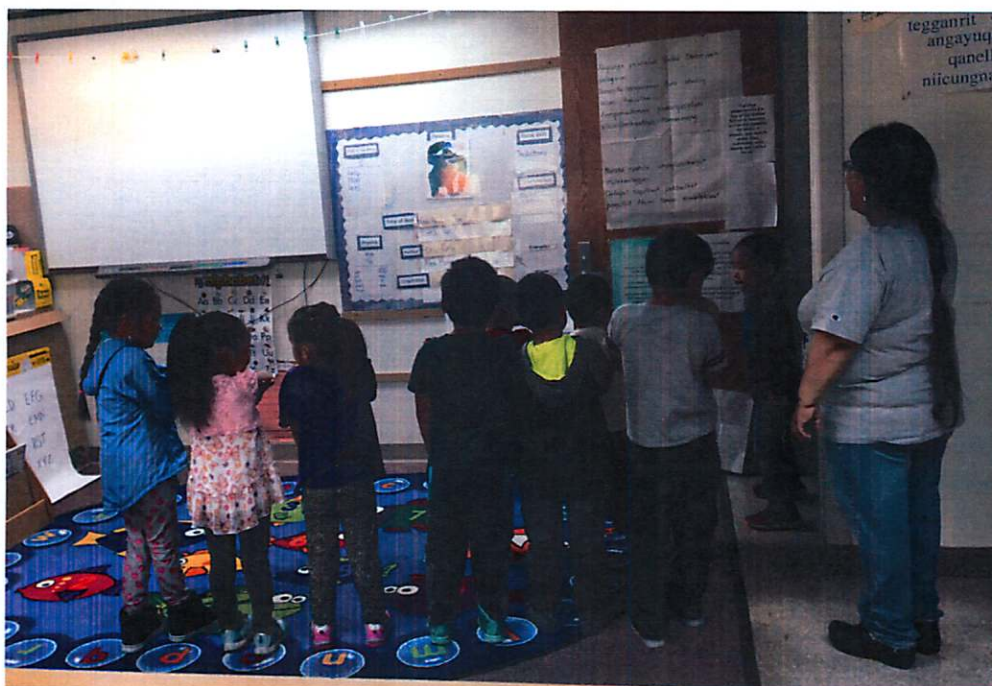
**1:30-2:00 Continue Social Studies**

**2:00-2:15 Gym**

**2:15-2:45 Bilingual Learning Center**

**2:45-3:00 Health/Kinder Dismissal(LOD)**

**3:00-3:30 1st Grade Catch up Dismissal**





# August 2017

## Back to



This summer I was very busy trying to visit people. I was glad to see my friends and family before coming back to Kasigluk; I missed being in Alaska!



## A new year and a new school

8:30-10:00 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
math  
10:00-11:30 k/1<sup>st</sup> math  
12:00-1:30 k/1 Language Arts  
1:30-2:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Language Arts  
2:30-3:30 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Language Arts

As many of you know, I have moved over to Akiuk from Akula this past year. I am excited to be working with the school and staff here, and so glad to still be a part of the Kasigluk community that I love so much.

I will be working in Alison and AnnMarie's classrooms with the students (on Math and English Language arts) this year, and I am looking forward to teaching your children.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask! I am happy to have you stop by the classroom at any time. Thank you so much for all that you do!

## Homework:

All grades will be getting reading logs weekly; in addition, here are some homework goals I am aiming for this year:

### First grade:

Spelling homework on Mondays.

### Second grade:

-Spelling homework on Mondays.

-Math homework once or twice a week.

### Third grade:

-Spelling homework on Mondays.

-Math homework two to four times a



# AKIUK MEMORIAL



## Waqaa! Welcome Back to School!!!

Quyana to parents for sending your kids to school on time since the 1st day of school. This is our 2nd & 3rd grade students along with teachers Ann Marie Tinker, Nicole Auhl and 1-1 Aide Marcella Charles. This year we have a total of 12 students (eight 2nd Graders and four 3rd Graders). Included in this newsletter is a photo of our wonderful students, our class schedule along with a sample weekly home reading logs your child will be bringing home daily. Students are required to read a book in the language of the day: Mon, Wed, Fri (Yugtun); Tues & Thurs (English). Parents, please help your child fill this out. They will have to write a short summary of what they read and your initials. As you all know, our classroom is a Gomez & Gomez Dual Language Model. You can help your child label things at home in both languages. Green for Yugtun words and Blue for English words. Over the school year, we hope to see you come by, visit and help out in our classroom. We will be more than happy to have you. Lets have a great year!!!!

### 2017-2018 Ann Marie's 2nd & 3rd Schedule

8:30-10:00	K/1 Science & SS w Rita
10:00-10:15	Gym
10:15-10:45	Morning Activities & BLC's in LOD
10:45-11:30	Step-Up Health in LOD
11:30-12:00	Lunch
12:00-12:45	Yugtun Science
12:45-1:30	Yugtun Social Studies
1:30-2:30-	3rd Grade Yugtun LA
2:30-3:30-	2nd Grade Yugtun LA
3:30-3:45	Gym or Continue BLC/BRC in LOD for 3rd grade

### Home Reading Log/Utrutellrenka Naqerkat

Name/Atren:		
Week of.../Matum nittilini:		
Pekyun	Kalikam _____ Atre _____ Comek naqilthut? Qallitun piliutut? _____ _____ _____	Naqillerpet takta... _____ Angayum atre _____
	Title _____ Summary _____ _____ _____	Reading minutes _____ Parent signature _____
Pingayrin	Kalikam _____ Atre _____ Comek naqilthut? Qallitun piliutut? _____ _____ _____	Naqillerpet takta... _____ Angayum atre _____
	Title _____ Summary _____ _____ _____	Reading minutes _____ Parent signature _____
Tallimirin	Kalikam _____ Atre _____ Comek naqilthut? Qallitun piliutut? _____ _____ _____	Naqillerpet takta... _____ Angayum atre _____
	Title _____ Summary _____ _____ _____	Reading minutes _____ Parent signature _____

Total minutes reading (must be at least 2 hrs or 120 minutes) \_\_\_\_\_



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

Welcome back to school. After a busy summer of playing and subsistence hunting and gathering, students are back into our classroom to learn. Quyuana for waking up your child(ren) in the early morning to get them in school on time. As you will see in the schedule, the times have been changed and music has been added. Students are excited about music, which is taught by Pete Schneider.

The things you could let your child(ren) do at home:

Review double plus 1 addition such as  $6+5$ ,  $7+8$ ,  $8+9$ ,  $6+7$ . This is for automaticity, so students can answer these without counting fingers. Make sure your child(ren) read and write in their reading log. Let your child(ren) complete their homework.



### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule:

8:30-9:30	Language Arts Yugtun
9:30-11:00	Math (Everyday Math)
11:00-11:15	Social Studies
11:45-12:15	Lunch
12:15-12:30	Cont. Social Studies
12:30-1:30	Language Arts English
1:30-2:15	Science
2:15-2:23	Read aloud
2:23-2:45	Music
2:45-3:00	Gym
3:00-3:30	Bilingual Research Centers
3:30-3:45	Health

### Classroom rules:

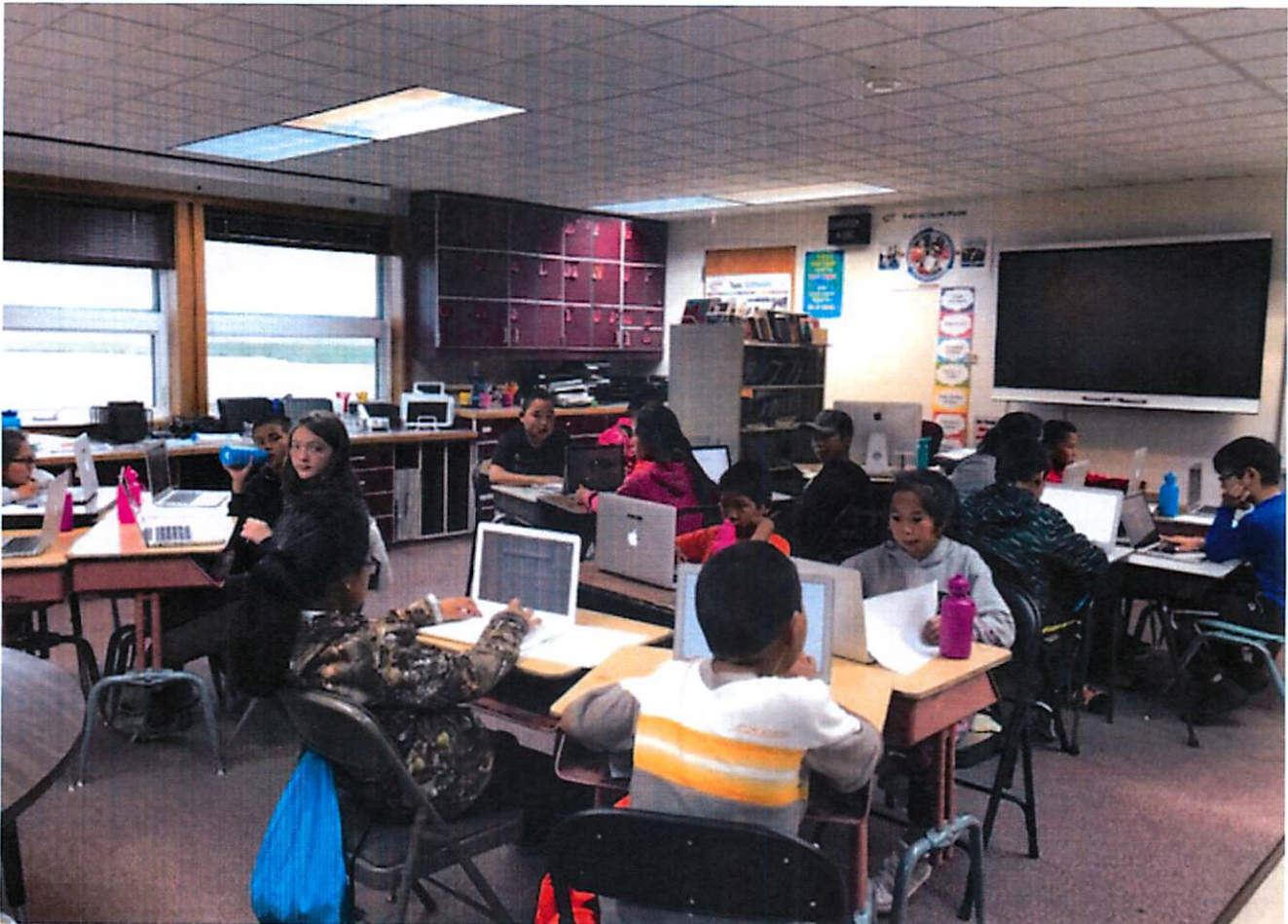
- \* Keep hands and feet to self
- \* Listen and follow directions
- \* Be kind to others
- \* Be on task with your partner, group, or when working alone

Students also have class expectations for partner and group work that are displayed in the classroom.



# YUUYARAQ

**Welcome back to school 5th and 6th graders**



Hi my name is Vincent Waska Jr., yugtun Paukaq, I am originally from Newtok. I moved here in Kasigluk in 2009. I have been working here in Akiuk Memorial School, the home of the Grizzly. It has been a blessing to work with the kids. This year I am going to work with 5 and 6 graders, teaching Yuuyaraq class. Fun to learn new things every year.



# NATALIE'S CLASS

Alice: This is impossible. Mad Hatter: Only if you believe it is. -Alice in Wonderland

## Schedule

- 1st period: 5th/6th grade Math
- 2nd period: 5th/6th grade Science
- 3rd period: 7th/8th grade Physical Science
- 5th period: Read 180
- 6th period: Health
- 7th period: Cosmetology

## Read 180

We are back into the swing of things at school, and that means students are starting to bring home homework. Please encourage your students to persist at doing their homework. By reading and writing every night we are helping students increase their comprehension skills and helping them to better prepared for their high school course work. Encourage students to talk about their reading and ask them questions.



## Welcome back

I am excited to be back for my sixth year at Akiuk. This year is giving me the opportunity to teach some classes I haven't taught before. This year I am excited to be teaching Junior High Physical Science. We will be studying our physical world, chemistry, and forces. I am ecstatic that I get to share my love for Cosmetology with some of our high school students. This semester, we will be focusing on haircutting for both men and women and hairstyling. I look forward to working with all of our students to develop a growth mindset and to realize that with persistence they can do anything they put their mind to. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, 477-2366.





# Yuuyaraq

Welcome back to the new school year!

Each year, we grow older, wiser and smarter through life's education. Through education come changes that affect our daily lives. And through changes, come positive affects and adverse affects. Some changes affect us for life and some for a little while. But we keep pushing forward to help our kids thrive and succeed in finishing their education, so they will have the ability and skills to live a prosperous life and become devoted members of the community.

Parents, without your support, our school would not be able to continue successfully. It is you who are your childrens' first teacher. YOU are part of our educational community. Please continue to support your children's effort's to succeed in life. You, as a community are raising that child to succeed through your unselfish support. Qu yana, Mom and Dad!



We are living Yuuyaraq all day!



We are learning daily!



We look ahead to the future.

"Train up a child in a way he should go: and he will not depart from it." - Proverbs 22:6



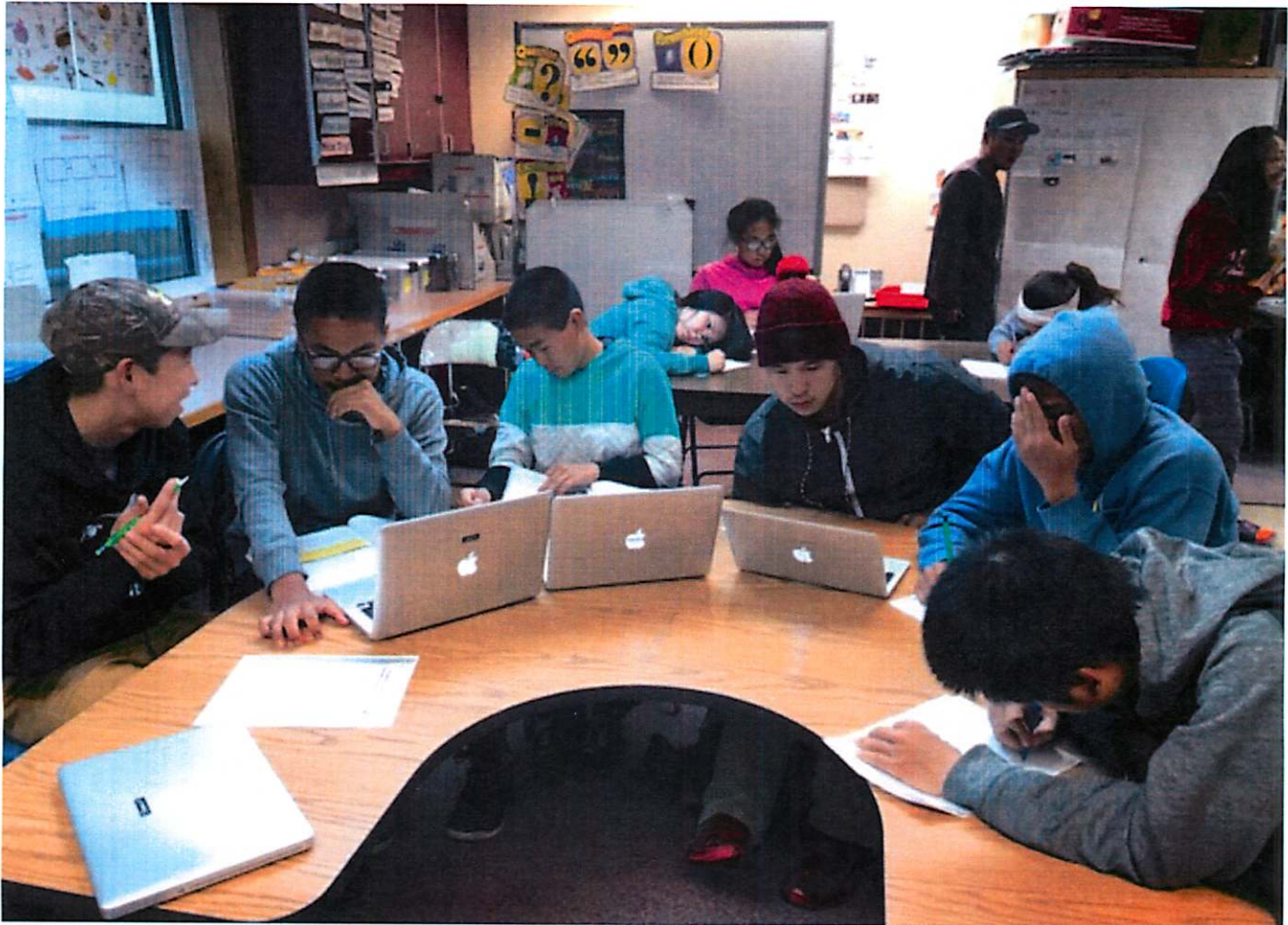
# WELCOME



My name is Karla Andrews. I have worked here in Akiuk Memorial School for over 15 years. I have held various jobs within the school over the years. I enjoy my work and the people I work with. I enjoy working with the students that I have worked with, and am working with. I am happy to be working with a group/various of kids throughout this school year. I am also a Grizzembly Coordinator Assistant with one of the teachers here . What is Grizzembly? It is a time where the whole school goes into the gym and do Season/Holiday Oriented games/relay races. We very much encourage the communication between our older kids with our younger kids. We also practice our Language of the Day rule. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays we speak our Yupik Language , Tuesdays, and Thursdays we speak English to explain the task of the day. I hope to see parents in one of our Grizzemblies;) Quyana!!!!



# Back to School



## WELCOME BACK

This year we will be learning about Consumer Life Skills (CLS), Read180 (reading and writing), Math, American History with Gina, Science with Natalie, Yuuyaraq with Howard and Vince. Also, I will be teaching elective Art course. We started with Color Wheel, but there will be many other engaging and challenging areas. Parents please fill welcome to come to my classroom at any time!

AS we are welcoming each other to the beginning of the new school year we are happy to be back and start fresh! Parents should encourage their kids to go to bed before 10pm at the most so we don't struggle to stay awake!



# WELCOME BACK

AUGUST 2017

GINA ANTONIOLI-SCHMIT

## AN EXCITING START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

As a new member of the teaching staff this year, I am so excited for this new school year. In just the few days of school, I am thoroughly impressed with the wonderful students here at Akiuk Memorial. I am looking forward to working with each of them in the field of Social Studies.

Before flying to Kasigluk, I had never been to Alaska before. I was born, raised, and got my education in Montana. This summer I was able to travel to see California's national parks for the first time. When I was in Montana, I stayed busy hiking with my mom and sisters, cooking with my dad, and fly-fishing with my grandfather.

I am very excited to be in Akiuk and appreciate the welcome I have received.



### CLASSES I AM TEACHING

GEOGRAPHY

JUNIOR HIGH US HISTORY

HIGH SCHOOL US HISTORY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

I am also assisting with VTC Biology and Coaching Cross Country

### SOCIAL STUDIES

#### FOR ALL MY CLASSES:

As you may have read on the syllabus that was given to each of my students, my classes focus on developing the skills needed in social studies. Primarily, students reading and writing is emphasized. Homework is given about once a week but is always assigned a week before it is due to encourage students to complete it around their schedules. If there are any questions or if you want to check in on how your child is doing in my class, please contact me through email or phone.

Thanks, Gina



# Escape [to] the Classroom

## 2017-2018 is No Match for Us



**Welcome Back to Akiuk, Room 146,**  
where students are awesome and witches are defeated!

First of all, I am not the witch. :)

Three of my classes started the first day of school with an “Escape Classroom” activity, in which students worked in teams to solve puzzles and find clues to help them “escape” our classroom before the clock ran out. I hope they had as much fun as I did! Students worked fervently together, stretching their brains through problem-solving to decode the clues that

would let them beat the clock and the witch (a character in the game). The winning teams (= all of them) all took selfies at the end of the game. Check out their smiling faces (on the next page, too). Those were definitely the best part of the Escape Classroom and the first day of school for me!



**LA I (9TH GRADE)**

1st period: 8:30-9:25



**LA II (10TH GRADE)**

2nd period: 9:28-10:23



**DIGITAL COMPOSITION**

3rd period: 10:26-11:23



**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

4th/6th period:  
11:26-12:10, 2:25-2:55





5/6/7/8 LA

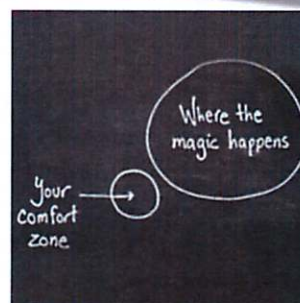
5th period block:  
12:40-2:20CODING AND VIDEO  
GAME DESIGN

7th period: 2:58-3:58



## Ready for theMagic?

I'm challenged and a little out of my comfort zone (but excited) to be teaching two new classes this year! I hope that 2017-2018 brings new challenges to our students, also—ones that push them to grow beyond what's comfortable and into LEARNING, CHANGE, and EXCELLENCE. I hope and pray that each of us Grizzlies will bravely PERSIST through our challenges and ENCOURAGE the people around us to do the same. Let's bring on the magic this year!



## Three Ways to Help at Home:

1

### HELP KIDS GO TO BED

Tired kids have a hard time learning, and this time of year we need some extra help to make the adjustment to the school schedule.

2

### ASK ABOUT HOMEWORK

My students don't get homework every night, but when I give homework, it's important to me (and for their learning) that they do it!

3

### REMINDE THEM THEY CAN DO HARD THINGS!

When kids struggle or fail, it's a great way for them to learn! I hope our kids can become GOOD at failure, and by that I mean LEARNING from their mistakes and NOT GIVING UP!



## Music at Akiuk Memorial School



I turn into this guy when my class is jamming out on their ukuleles.

This is our 3rd year offering music classes at Akiuk. My schedule this year:

10:26-11:23 Band 2

1:25-2:20 Music Theory

2:23-2:45 Elementary Music in Annie's Classroom

2:58-3:58 Band 1

We are off to a good start and having fun in my music classes. The Band 1 class will begin with ukuleles, and we will also cover guitar and classic band instruments like trumpet and trombone. The kids all have a good attitude and are working hard and having fun. There are a few kids in there who have had band before, and they have been patient with their new classmates, and often help them learn how to play new chords. They are already playing 9 different chords and learning quickly. The band 2 class is starting with guitar, electric guitar, bass, possibly drums, and also band instruments. They are learning more challenging chords and strum patterns on guitar, and we will be trying new band instruments and songs this year as well. **The best thing you can do to help your child in my class is encourage them to practice at home.** Just two or three 10-minute practices per week will make all the difference in their skills and will probably get them an A in the class.

The music theory class has been a lot of fun for me because my two senior students are so motivated and interested in the subject. They are learning all about the "math and science of music," like how to read and write musical notation (notes, rests, rhythms, etc), understanding concepts like intervals, different types of chords and chord progressions, major and minor scales and keys and their corresponding key signatures, harmony, etc.

**Parents are always welcome to come watch (and even participate in!) my classes.**