

Mangilaluk School

Newsletter



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ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance is important to your child's success in school. Students should try to be in school every day. If you know your child is going to miss school, please let us know so we can get work prepared for them in their absence.

Students should arrive at school between 8:35AM and 8:45AM and 12:55PM and 1:05PM every day.

As part of our attendance plan, each teacher will be calling home in to introduce themselves and encourage ALL students to be in school.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

All High School students need to complete 25 hours of volunteer hours for graduation. If you have a volunteer opportunity that our students could help out with please let us know. We will advertise it and help our students meet this graduation requirement.

PARENT HANDBOOK

The parent handbook contains valuable information about the school year. Copies were sent home the first week of school.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Parents if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call and talk to your child's teachers or to the administration. We want to make sure that your child is enjoying their time here and that they feel safe in the process. Our school has an open door policy.

LOST AND FOUND

Through the year many items get lost or misplaced. If we find any items we will place them in the lost and found. Please call to let us know if you lost any items. Unclaimed items will be donated to Sister Faye in December and the end of June.

TUKTOYAKTUK DEA

The TDEA will announce when they have upcoming meetings. We invite all parents to join as we work together to provide input and support the students at Mangilaluk School.

The next regular board meeting for the TDEA is December 11th, 2023 at 5:15PM.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for help at the school. If you are able to volunteer your time for special events please let us know. We could use help in many areas. (Ex- Reading with students, cultural experts, etc.)

INDOOR SHOES

Students should have a pair of indoor shoes for use in classrooms and a pair of outdoor shoes. All outside shoes should be taken off in the foyer. It is a good idea to write your child's name on the shoes.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Students are offered prepackaged breakfast each morning as they arrive in their classrooms. Financial support and donations to keep this program going is greatly appreciated.

FIRE DRILLS/LOCKDOWN DRILLS

Staff and students will practice these throughout the year. Students are reminded to wear proper footwear at all times in case we need to evacuate the building.

PICTURES AND VIDEOS

At times, staff may take pictures of students engaged in various activities. If parents DO NOT want their child's photo to be published within the school, local newspaper or school website, they are asked to contact the school.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Due to the school renovations the library is operating remotely. To view the online catalogue of available materials please visit:

<https://nwte.sirsidynix.net/uhybin/cgisirsi/?p=s:rpme4PvFM3/PUB-HQ/X/6o/118o/x>

To request or return library materials please call the Library Assistant, Jordan Walker at 867-620-2508 or the Librarian, Audrey Walker at 867-678-5481.

NUT-FREE

Due to the allergies of some of the students, Mangilaluk School is a nut-free school. Please respect the health needs of others and refrain from bringing nut products for snacks.

PARENT TOOLKITS

Parent Toolkits can be found on the BDEC website. They provide ideas on what parents can do to help their children succeed in school. If you would like a printed copy of this tool kit, please stop by the office.

HEALTHY LIVING INITIATIVE

This school year our aim is to make sure that students bring water to school each day. Due to ongoing construction at Mangilaluk School, water fountains are discontinued at our school. While we wait for the water fill stations to be installed, we encourage parents to send students to school with a water bottle labelled with your child's name. We would like parents and the community to work with the Mangilaluk School Team to make sure students are not bringing unhealthy snacks to school such as slushies/combos, energy drinks, chips, pop, candy, and so on. If students bring these items to school then they will be asked to discard these items. Thank you for your ongoing support.

STUDENT LOCKERS

Due to renovations and construction, lockers will not be used by our students this school year. Students are encouraged bring their items to class and take all their items when they leave. Students are encouraged to bring a book bag to keep their items in.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Due to ongoing construction, the gym will not be accessible for Active After School program at the start of the school year. Active After School Programs will start up once the gym is open. Announcements will be made on our Mangilaluk School Facebook Page to inform the community once these programs start.

COMMUNICATION

We want to keep parents and guardians informed about what is happening at the school. In addition to monthly newsletters, parents can also join the Mangilaluk School Facebook group.

Please let us know how we might help you receive information and announcements about events at the school.

INUVALUKTUN WORDS OF THE MONTH

Qanuq sila? How is the weather?

Nakuuvialuktuq: The weather is very good.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

The staff of Mangilaluk School are always available to provide students with extra help with their studies after school from 4PM to 5PM. Students will need to call or make an appointment with their teachers beforehand.

VISITOR POLICY

If you are coming to the school for any reason, please be sure to sign in at the office so that we can help direct you.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to call in to make an appointment to meet with any school staff in person.

CONCERNS OR ISSUES

If you have any issues or concerns related to the school, please make sure you give us a call to inform us about it. Safety of students and staff is our main priority and if we know about an issue in advance, we can promptly act on it.

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to have the monthly newsletter e-mailed to you each month, please contact the school with your e-mail address and we would kindly send you a copy.

CULTURAL INTEGRATION

The staff at Mangilaluk School are working very hard to integrate the Inuvialuit culture within the school system, specifically the language component. We encourage the parents, elders, and students to help the integration of the use of the language on a daily basis. Quyanainni!

LOOSE DOGS

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of loose dogs roaming around the school yard. Many of our students are afraid to come to school because of them. Please try to support our school by keeping your dogs tied up.

CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATIONS

As you are already aware, Mangilaluk School is undergoing some renovations. These renovations will be taking place all year. We have been working with the construction team to ensure that there is minimum interruption to their children's learning.

As renovations take place within the main area of the school, our classrooms will transition into temporary classrooms until the new classrooms are built.

As there are a number of sites near the school that are fenced off, we want to encourage students and members of the public to stay out of these fenced zones due to safety concerns.

If there are any big changes dealing with the school, we will be sure to let the public know on our Facebook Page.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

Due to construction and renovations, our regular gym classes will be on hold until the gym is officially open. We have replaced our regular physical education program with a wellness/movement break. Outdoor movement breaks will take place weather permitting. We are asking that parents send their children to school with appropriate clothing for outside each day. We will let parents know when the gym is ready for use.

CAUGHT BEING GOOD INITIATIVE

Mangilaluk School is please to bring back the Caught Being Good Initiative. This initiative is set up to recognized students who go above and beyond to make good choices and good decisions. We will be recognizing our Caught Being Good recipient for Nov. during our Attendance Recognition on Dec. 6th in the afternoon.

SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

In order to make sure that our school is clean and disinfected each day, our school daily schedule as changed from last year.

SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE:

8:35AM – 8:45 AM	Students Arrive to School and go to their classroom
8:45 AM	Classes Start
11:55 AM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH
12:55 AM – 1:00 PM	Students Arrive to School
1:05 PM	Classes Start
3:35 PM	School Dismissal

BUS DAILY SCHEDULE

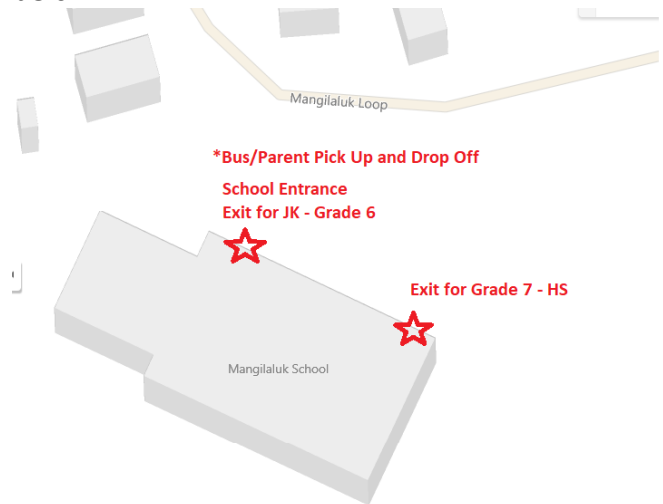
This year are fortunate to continue our bussing service for Mangilaluk School. Please ensure that you give at a 5 minute grace period for the bus driver as they may be a little late at times depending on the weather and traffic. The schedule is as follows:

DAILY BUS SCHEDULE:

8:25 AM	Pick Up Reindeer Point Students for School
8:35-8:40 AM	Pick Up Students from RCMP and Point to go to school
11:55 AM	Pick up Students from Mangilaluk School to go to the <u>Point Only</u>
12:55 PM	Pick Up students from <u>Point Only</u> to go to the school
3:35 PM	Pick up Students from Mangilaluk School to go to the <u>Point</u> and <u>Reindeer Point</u>

EXIT AND ENTRANCE

As we are dealing with construction and renovations at Mangilaluk School, we will be following a directional flow for our building. Staff and students will be using the front doors to enter the building in the morning and at lunchtime. Staff and students will be exiting out specific doors designated for their grade level. Students in JK – Grade 6 will be exiting the school through the main doors while Grade 7 – HS will be exiting the back doors on the playground side for lunch and after school dismissal. The bus will be picking up and dropping off students at the front of the school. Please see the route below:



ATVS AND MOTOR VEHICLES

For the safety of our students and staff, this is a friendly reminder that ATVs and any form of motor vehicles are not permitted in the playground at any time.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

December is a beautiful month for good weather. We will be doing a lot of outdoor activities for the first few months of school to help students connect with the land and embed the cultural values in their learning. Some activities will include sliding, nature walks, and ice safety.

We will be sure to let parents know about these outdoor excursions as they come up. We want parents and guardians to ensure that their child is dressed appropriately for these outdoor events.

RECESS

We are fortunate at Mangilaluk School to offer supervised recess that all children are expected to take part in. We do not have enough supervisors at the school to monitor students staying in for recess due to being unwell. If your child is well enough to attend school, then your child is well enough to be outside for recess. If a student is unwell, they are encouraged to stay home and rest.

AWARDS RECOGNITION

Due to construction and ongoing renovations, we will be recognizing students with honours and perfect attendance awards along with other achievements in each classroom. These classroom awards will take place on Wednesday, December 6th in the afternoon. At this time, we will recognize the achievements from the month of November. We will post videos and pictures on our Facebook Page so that parents/guardians can see them.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC NOTICE

For the safety of our students, please make sure you follow the rules of the road when picking up your children. Traffic has become a huge concern at lunch time and after school each day with vehicles picking up students and leaving all over the place. Please help us by working together to make sure our children are protected and safe as they leave the building at high traffic times.

Our high school students are supervising in the front parking area at lunchtime and after school to ensure that students are crossing the road safely. These students are working towards earning high school credits towards graduation.

In addition, always remember to never pass the bus when it is driving or parked.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Mangilaluk School is pleased to announce that we have a full time child youth counsellor working at our school. Her name is Renee Doucet. If you want your child to speak with Renee regarding your child's social or emotional issues, please contact the school and we can set up a time for your child to see Renee.

ATTENDANCE – TUK DEA

The staff and TDEA recognize that attendance is a major concern. TDEA and MS will be working together to come up with a plan to target the attendance issue. We will be bringing this information forward to the community once we establish and have the plan finalized. We appreciate parents working with the school to ensure their children are here each day.

A MESSAGE FROM MS. CARPENTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

Christmas Season is fast approaching – Qitchikvikmi Quvaisuklusi. Quyanainni for showing interest in your child/grandchild's Inuvialuktun learning. Quyanainni to the families who are speaking Inuvialuktun in the home, in public and to each other. I continue to see a positive difference in the children who converse with their parents/grandparents in Inuvialuktun. Please continue to encourage your children to speak Inuvialuktun.

Quyanainni

Ms. Holly Carpenter

SUDOKU

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Student's last day of school will be Friday December 15th. They will return to classes on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024. Enjoy your holidays.

ELECTRONICS POLICY

Over the past two years, electronics have become a major issue at Mangilaluk School. It has come to the point where it has become a major distraction for our students to focus and learn the essential outcomes to be successful in their classes.

To ensure that student's get the most of their instructional time we be continuing to promote our electronics policy where students will not be allowed to use or have electronics present during their instructional time. If students choose to bring their electronics to class they will be asked to put them away. Failure to follow this rule can result in consequences. We are asking parents/guardians to help support this decision so that students can get the most of their instructional time and to keep them focused on classroom work. Thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The school is very fortunate to have a good working relationship with many community organizations and groups. There will be times when the school will need assistance from different community leaders to come to the school to talk with our youth and provide our students with a safe and caring environment. We appreciate working together in our interagency meetings to keep everyone up today in our organizations.

READING IS IMPORTANT

Over the Christmas Holidays, we encourage you to read to your child(ren) on a daily basis. While reading, ask questions about the items you are reading to build comprehension. Reading over the holiday will allow easy transition back to school in January.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

The staff at MS have volunteered their time to offer clubs to students to keep them engaged and entertained. These clubs are open to students of all ages.

Tuesdays: Student Council meets at 3:45 pm in Michele's classroom

Thursdays: The Board Games Club meets at 3:45 pm in Max's classroom

Fridays: The GSA meets at lunch in Michele's classroom and the Anime Club meets at 3:45 pm in Michele's classroom

There are more exciting clubs to come. We will keep you posted.

VAPES (E-CIGARETTES)

Over the past year or so, the school has been having issues with students using e-cigarettes (vapes) in the school washroom and on school grounds during the instructional hours. Students getting caught using these devices will warrant a suspension. Please talk with your child(ren) about the harmful effects of using these devices. Thank you for your cooperation in working with the school to help students with healthier choices.

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

The staff of Mangilaluk School would like to wish the students, parents/guardians, elders, and community members a safe and joyous Christmas. Please be safe, take time for yourself, and spend well needed time with family and friends. We hope to see you all in the New Year!

MANGILALUK SCHOOL CULTURAL

CHRISTMAS NIGHT 2023

On December 13th, 2023 Mangilaluk School will be hosting a night of Cultural Christmas activities from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Some of the activities will include Drum Dancing, Igloo Cookie Decorating, Ornament Decorating, Inuvialuktun Christmas Cards, etc. Light snacks will be served and there will be some door prize draws.

This event is open to all community members. All children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Additional information regarding this event will be sent home with students on Monday December 11th, 2023.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

To embrace the spirit of Christmas, our school will be hosting Christmas Spirit Week from Dec 11 – 15. Each day will focus on a Christmas related theme. Each day will be as follows:

Monday:	Red and Green Day
Tuesday:	Whoville Hair Day
Wednesday:	Holiday Headwear
Thursday:	PJ Day
Friday:	Christmas Sweater Day

MANGILALUK SCHOOL CHRISTMAS

CONCERT 2023

With the school gym still under renovations is not accessible at this point, unfortunately Mangilaluk School will not be holding a school Christmas Concert this year. The school explored options for holding the concert at another site but the logistics did not make this possible.

As an alternate, Mangilaluk School will be holding a Christmas Cultural Event of the night of Wednesday, December 13th, 2023.

MDI

The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire completed by children in Grade 4 and Grade 7. It asks them how they think and feel about their experiences both inside and outside of school. Both the Grade 4 questionnaire and the Grade 7 questionnaire include questions related to the five areas of development that are strongly linked to well-being, health and academic achievement.

The information from this assessment is collected anonymously. Parents can opt to exclude their student from the assessment. If you do not want your child to take part in this assessment, please notify the office before December 15th, 2023.

KINDNESS, RESPECT, & COURTESY

It is important that in our families, school, friendships and community that we acknowledge one another with kindness, respect and courtesy.

These are reflected to others by how we act, the words we say to each other and our considerate and kind responses to those who are not from our community.

In our school we acknowledge and support our students to show kindness, respect and courtesy to all - inside and outside of our school. We know that families support and teach their children with these values in the home.

When children hear this messaging from their teachers and parents it supports them in learning the importance of these attributes and makes them strong members of their Community.

Let us all support being KIND, RESPECTFUL & COURTEOUS to each other.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The *Thank You for Making a Difference* (TYFMAD) campaign is in its 27th year in 2024. This long-running program's goal is to provide students with an opportunity to send their teachers messages of appreciation. Those messages get delivered to the educator written about during NWT Education Week (last full week of January).

Please see the nomination form attached to this newsletter. You can also find the form on the following site:

<https://nwttta.nt.ca/tyfmad>. If you wish to get a form, please contact the school to make arrangements. All forms need to be submitted to the office or online by January 26th, 2024.

MANGILALUK SCHOOL – STUDENT COUNCIL

We are pleased to announce that Mangilaluk School has a Student Council again! We haven't had one since 2019. This year's Student Council was voted in by election by students from grades 7 to 12. Our Council executive members are: Jones Elias, Chair; Miley Wolki, Vice Chair; Chase Nogasak, Secretary and Peter Selamio, Treasurer. Our representative to the Hamlet Council meetings is Izaak Cockney and our representative to the DEA meetings is Natalie Avik. Other regular members include Waylon Elias and Kiara Cockney.

So far they have worked on ideas that include a Halloween Banner, Christmas Dance, Mission Statement and a Yearbook! There are many other ideas coming forward. Congratulations to our new Student Council members for 2023-24. Keep up the good work!

MANGILALUK SCHOOL – TEEN DANCE

The MS Student Council will be hosting a teen dance on Friday, December 1 from 7PM – 10PM at Kitti Hall. This dance is open to students from ages 6 – 18. There is a \$5 entry fee. There will be prizes, spot dances, games, and food.

We would like to thank the Mayor and Council along with the Recreation Department for the use of Kitti Hall at this time.

Christmas Word Scramble

Can you unscramble these words to find the hidden word?

sehlig

lagne

nosw

teer

corasi



mamaqeeek.co.uk



Attention: NWT Students (JK-Grade 12)

Are there educators in your school you'd like to say *thank you to?*

Who?
Where do they work?
How do they make a difference?
Tell us about them!

Thank You

for making a difference!



Students
School Prize

WIN PRIZES

Educators
School Prize
Grand Prizes

STUDENT INFO

What is your name: _____

How old are you? _____ What grade are you in? _____

What school do you go to? _____

Submit Online

nwta.nt.ca

or

Submit in School

DEADLINE JANUARY 26, 2024

EDUCATOR INFO


How has this educator made a difference in your life?

Educator's name: _____

What grade did they teach you in? _____

What school does your teacher work at? _____

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK	Red/Green Day	Whoville Hair Day	Christmas Hat Day MS Cultural Christmas Night 5PM – 7PM	PJ Day	Christmas Sweater Day	Christmas Break Begins for Students
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
No School	No School	No School	No School	No School	No School	No School
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No School		Boxing Day	No School	No School	No School	No School
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