

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 January 8th, 2024 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/60/1180/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

Once the gym officially opens, MS will be hosting an Active After School Program for different age groups throughout the week. 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

It is cold = alappaa

Winter = ukiuq

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

Once the gym is officially open, we will be doing our regular gym classes. 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 December. during our Attendance Recognition on January 8th 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

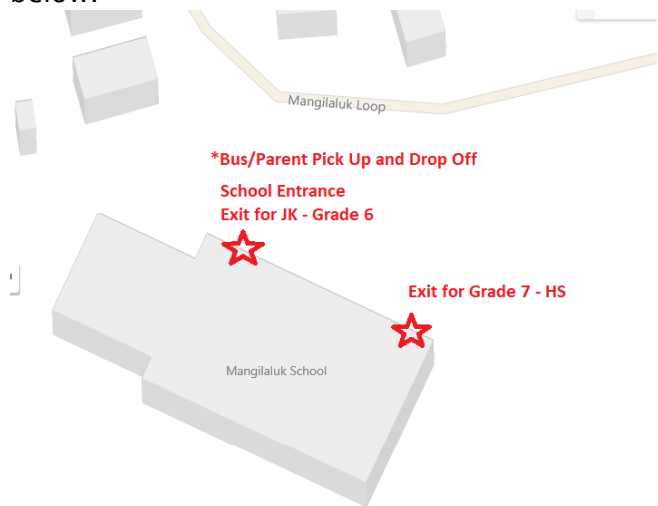
This year are fortunate to continue our bussing service for Mangilaluk School. Please ensure that you give at a 5 minute grace period for the bus driver as they may be a little late at times depending on the weather and traffic. The schedule is as follows:

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

January is the start of a New Year, which starts with welcoming back the sun. We will do a lot of outdoor activities in the upcoming months to help students connect with the land and embed the cultural values in their learning. Some activities will include sliding, nature walks, ice safety, igloo building, and dog mushing.

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 Monday, January 8th in the afternoon. At this time, we will recognize the achievements from the month of December. 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 student 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.

MESSAGE FROM MRS. CARPENTER

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Here's wishing you all had a blessed Christmas and to a joyous New Year. We have had some few days of good weather, the sun is returning as well. I know the students will be happy to be back in school. The students are excited and ready to continue to learn Inuvialuktun, thank you to Family.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Holly Carpenter

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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.

TEACHERS ARE LEARNING

There will be no school for students on Friday afternoon, January 19th and Monday, January 29th. Teacher will be learning through professional learning opportunities.

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.

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.

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 as soon as possible. The questionnaire will be administered between January 15th and March 15th.

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://nwtta.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.

Moving forward, the student council will be working on activities to help keep students engaged and entertained throughout the school year. There are many other ideas coming forward. Congratulations to our new Student Council members for 2023-24. Keep up the good work!

HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER CHANGE

Students in Grades 10-12 will start Semester 2 on February 6th. We will have registration on February 1st and February 2nd for all High School Students. A schedule of sign up times will be posted closer to this date.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS

Students in Grades 10-12 will have exams during January 23rd – January 26th. An exam schedule will be posted closer to these dates. We ask for parents support in ensuring that their students are well rested and arrive at school on time.

Students taking ELA 30-2 will be writing diploma exams at the following times:

ELA 30-2 Part A (9AM – 12PM) – Jan 10

ELA 30-2 Part B (9AM – 12PM) – Jan 23

WISDOM FEST

For the second year, BDDEC has implemented that all schools take part in Wisdom Fest and create projects to display at our school based Wisdom Fest at the school level. Wisdom Fest will be taking the place of our Learning/Science Fair that we host each year.

In preparation for the BDDEC Wisdom Fest, Mangilaluk School will be hosting a School Wisdom Fest on the afternoon of Friday, February 2nd from 1:30PM to 3:30PM. Students are encouraged to select any passion project to showcase their knowledge. Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 will be participating in whole class inquiries. Grades 4-HS will create individual projects and they will be eligible to qualify for Inuvik's regional Wisdom Fest, February 23rd. Judges, community members and families will be invited into Mangilaluk School to view student projects and presentations. Stay tuned for more information, we hope to see you all there!

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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