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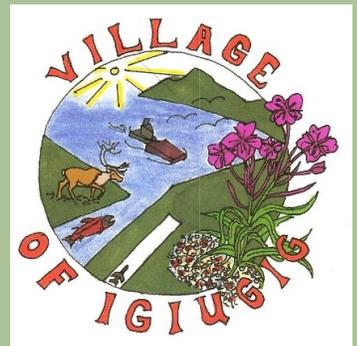
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Snowless Winter

By Ida Nelson

Despite not having much snow this winter we still found the ability to have some fun! If I can remember correctly I saw maybe two snow machine tracks separate times of the year on our roads and that was it.

Just because we had a lack of snow this winter does not mean we have not been busy. Apapi has been busy with growing twins and leading the way with Unglu classes in school, you can read about her progress in her article and check out the cisslat. Makuryak students have been busy too this last month with traveling to Perryville, Simeon has a snip about that trip. The last few months if you notice a new face at the school, believe me you are not seeing things. Ella has written a wonderful piece about their new teacher Miss Stacey. Skinning, stretching, and roasting? What do those three have in common? How about squirrel camp? Ella has written an excellent piece on it too. Stacy has an update on IGAP and some diagrams on how all of our soda cans get recycled. Following the IGAP article is an article written by Tanya about the Traditional Healer & Wild Pant Expert, Meda Schleifman, you will learn salve can solve anything. Following that article, you can find your favorite people and announcements. Spring is early, go out enjoy the sunshine and longer days!



March Birthdays:

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

Wangkuta Qanriarait Yugestun

By Apapigainaq



Waqaa Igyararmiut! In the past month, we have been running four levels of classes: 6 apprentices in UAF ANL401 course, community classes, intermediate classes, and Unglu – our headstart program. I appreciate the level of effort I am seeing from our apprentices, all of the community, and especially the dedication of our elders and language mentor Evelyn. The teachers continue to do an outstanding job reinforcing Yup'ik throughout the school day with the students.

In community classes we learned introductions and “Camiunguyit?”

Where are you from?

“Igyararmiunguunga,” I am

from Igiugig. We covered

“Ilanka” – my family, practiced

talking in 1st, 2nd, and

3rd person, and then were introduced to two post-

bases (-yug) and (-qatar-) so that we can make longer

sentences such as “Neryugtua,” I want to eat and

“Caqatarcit?” What are you going to do?

“Maqiqatartuten-qaa?” You are going to take a

steambath? I am very proud of our community for



Jem making his Raven mask



Unglu being taught in the classroom

dancing at the Kokhanok Carnival, and introducing the dancers and songs in Yup'ik. We have made some immeasurable progress!

A special activity we worked on was developing the Quarruuk Quliraq (story) as told by Mary Olympic and transcribed by Evelyn Yanez into a teaching tool to highlight Yup'ik demonstratives. “A demonstrative indicates an entity by its spatial or temporal relationship to the speaker.” We learned how the Yupiit traditionally learned to locate themselves on the land, and how it is reinforced through story. From this, the elementary and intermediaries worked on illustrations to turn it into a book for our library. They also practiced and did a short community performance of the “Tulukaruk” or Raven song with simple masks we made in class.

In Unglu, headstart, we introduced several feelings: happy, sad, sleepy, hungry, and some games: lirutaaq Taqukaq (The Bear is Hiding), Apapi Qanertuq (Apapi Says). Our activities involve repetition and fine motor skills (cutting paper, coloring). We also learned body parts and the “head, shoulders, knees, and toes” song in Yugestun. We are very excited to begin Easter activities.

Quyana for all of the effort and enthusiasm, and especially the patience in our new program.

Kepnerciq

Camiunguyit? Igyararmiunguunga! Caqatarcit?



Agayuneq	Pekyun	Aipirin	Pingayirin	Cetamirin	Tallimirin	Maqineq
		1	2	3	4	5
				Martha Crow Anutiiq		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		New Iraluq		Lydia Olympic Anutiiq		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Savings Time Begins				St. Patrick's Day		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Spring Equinox Up'nerkaq	Jon Salmon Anutiiq		Iraluq Muirtuq	Terek Anelon & Spirit Angasan's Anutiiq		Jeff Bringham Anutiiq
27	28	29	30	31		
Easter Sunday	Seward's Day Lukas Zackar Anutiiq			IVC Time Sheets Due!		

Makuryak

Perryville Districts

By Simeon Zackar

In Perryville we had districts for basketball. We won our first game against Kokhanok. We won our second game against Perryville but it was very hard. Some people got hurt and some fouled out. Our next game we played Perryville, sadly we lost. We got 2nd place in district we also go the Sportsmanship award. The all tourney went to Doll, Tia, Fewn, and Kaleb on our team. Fewnia won the 3-point contest. Thanks to coach Terek Anelon we did great. Next year we will be great!



Right: No-See-Ums exploring Perryville
Left: No-See-Ums in Perryville



The New Teacher

By Ella Gooden

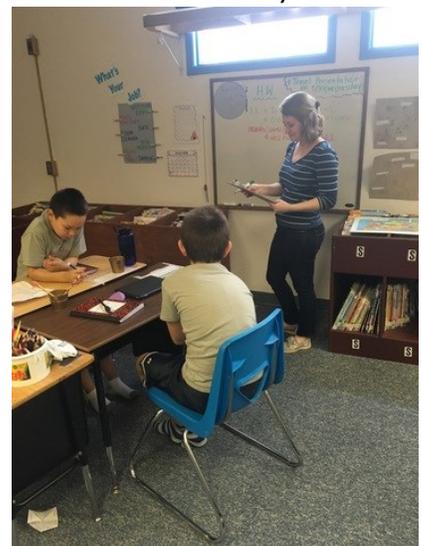


Miss Stacey Edmondson

This year a third teacher came to Igiugig Alaska to teach 3rd to 5th grade.

Miss. Stacey Edmondson is from Lancaster Pennsylvania. She went to college and played volleyball at Kutztown University for 4 years. She is a special ED teacher who specializes in teaching math and social studies.

In one month we have already accomplished 10 standards in math. Some of the big projects we've been doing in social studies include making a big history timeline of the 20th century. We put 18 important events that happened between 1900 to 1999. We also made our own personal timelines and put some events that happened around the time when we were



Teaching her class in the library

born.

We've also discussed the trade routes during the colonial period and we played a game where a few students were the colonies and two students were England, we learned that England pretty much controlled the trading. And right now we are learning about the slave trade and writing essays in the point of view of a slave, slave trader, or a plantation owner.

We are so glad that Miss. Edmondson is our teacher!!!

Makuryak

Squirrel Camp

By Ella Gooden



Jem holding the squirrel

When school started up again we found out that there was a squirrel living in the shed. It was making an awful mess and pooping everywhere. Mr. Gooden told the elementary kids that they should go out there and dispatch it. So they went out and tried everything there was to try. After a while Mr. Gooden went out with a

twenty-two because it was obvious that they wouldn't be able to kill it. He did the squirrel in. You all know Jem very well and of course it was his idea to skin the squirrel, keep the pelt and then roast the meat over a fire. This whole idea started "Squirrel Camp." So Kaleb showed the elementary kids how to skin the squirrel. When the day came all the elementary kids went out to roast the squirrel. After it was done Mr. Gooden came around and gave out pieces of squirrel meat to everyone who desired to taste it. Shea, Chariessa, and Vera were all eager for seconds. Miss. Stacey said it tasted like chicken.



Elementary kids roasting the squirrel over the fire

THE TRIP

By Taty Zackar

Students of Igiugig are planning a trip to Arizona next spring. Our plan is to depart Igiugig in late April 2017, arrive in Anchorage, and board a plane going to Phoenix, Arizona that night. We would arrive around 6 am, get rental vans and stay the night in Phoenix. Next plan is to go to the Grand Canyon and camp a couple of nights. Then drive to a Hopi and Navajo school and stay there for two nights. Drive down to south Arizona and camp at a few spots also, drive to Tucson and stay there a couple nights. Return to Phoenix and depart on the night of May 12th. That's a summary of what we are planning for this trip. We are still organizing everything and finding what the cost would be to do all of this. We are trying to get some cultural exchanges with some of the schools on the reservations. I will give you an update when we know more.

Kokhanok Carnival

By Keilan Wassillie

Jeff, my mom, my sister Danni and I all went to Kokhanok Carnival this year. We had so much fun. Danni and I both ran the foot races. I came in 1st and Danni came in a close second. We stayed with Miss Kylie and Jeremy, they had cool hermit crabs I could hold, they fed us yummy food and made sure we were comfortable. Miss Stacey stayed there with us too. We went to the dances every single night and had tons of fun. We played Eskimo Bingo and won button drawings. We performed our Yupik Dance for the talent show. I was the only boy dancing in front, I was so nervous! I think our team did really well. I played all day long with all my cousins, Rayden, Ian, Gunnar, and Dylan. We had lots of fun, Shae played with us too. I was super tired when it was time to come home. Joel flew us home and it was super cool. We saw 5 swans where Jeff is going to go camping. I hope we get to go again next year.

IGAP NEWS

By Stacy Hill

After returning from our wonderful trip to New Zealand we found that our village had been hit by a winter wind storm. We are now tackling the task of cleaning up all the windblown trash and repairing damage from the aftermath. Our interns are working diligently to get our village back to its beautiful self.

The recycling of aluminum has reached over 800 pounds shipped to Anchorage since May. (this equates to approx. 25,600 cans!) Thank you for bringing in your used cans.

Here are a few benefits of recycling:

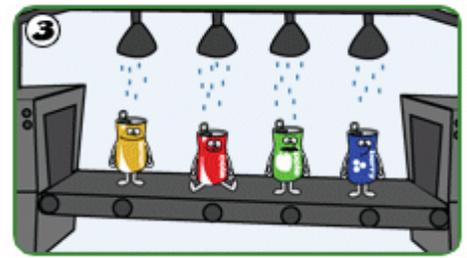
- reduces the amount of waste sent to our landfill and incinerators
- conserves natural resources
- prevents pollution
- saves energy
- reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- helps sustain the environment for future generations



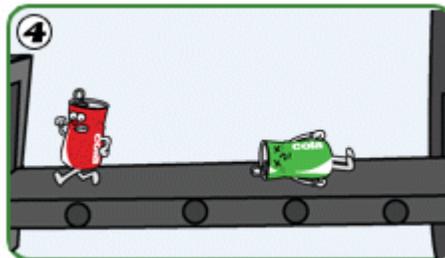
1 The consumer throws aluminum cans and foil into a recycle bin.



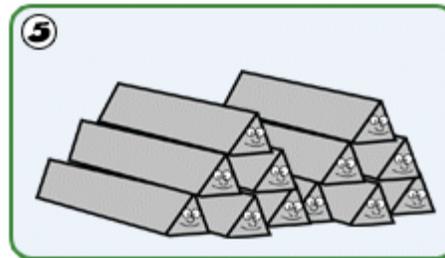
2 The aluminum is then collected and taken to a treatment plant.



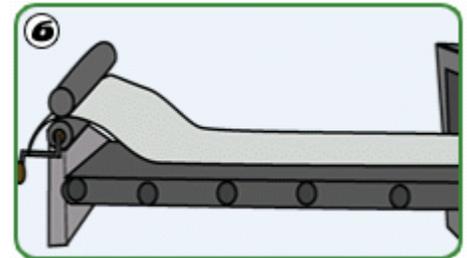
3 In the treatment plant the aluminum is sorted and cleaned ready for reprocessing.



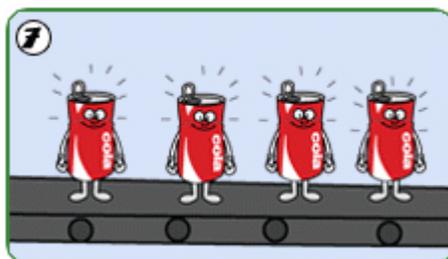
4 It then goes through a re-melt process and turns into molten aluminum, this removes the coatings and inks that may be present on the aluminum.



5 The aluminum is then made into large blocks called ingots. Each ingot contains about 1.6 million drinks cans.



6 The ingots are sent to mills where they are rolled out, this gives the aluminium greater flexibility and strength.



7 This is then made into aluminum products such as cans, chocolate wrapping and ready meal packaging.



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Library

Traditional Healer & Wild Plant Expert

By Tanya Salmon



On March 9th, Meda Schleifman, Traditional Healer & Alaska Wild Plant Expert, began teaching a workshop on Indigenous Plants. As students, ranging from 5th grade-adults, settled in the High School classroom, Meda fired up her computer and began her presentation, only to be interrupted by a student using the ancient crank-style sharper. "Oh that ones too loud, I need the electric," the student said, only to disrupt the class, AGAIN, with the electric one. After everyone quit giggling over the interruptions, one adult piped in, "Bet it feels like you're teaching a bunch of high school students!" Class resumed with only a few more interruptions, yet much more laughter than is expected for an evening class after a full workday.

That first evening, we watched a presentation that her friend has been working on for many years regarding the after effects of oil spills on people and the environment. Afterwards, Meda talked about the importance of finding/using wild plants as medicine and food, the culture values, what we can predict from our plants, respecting the land around us, brief history of Native health before the introduction of Western food, etc. Her presentation, which covered a broad range, kept everyone interested & full of questions & new ideas.

When we were done, we migrated to the elementary class where dried herbs in Ziploc bags filled a table. Everyone went around examining the dried chythlook, mint, lavender, devils club, rose buds, Labrador tea, cottonwood buds, and yarrow. Our mail was running a week behind schedule & our class materials never arrived, so Meda had to improvise & grab what she could before coming to Igiugig, so thankfully there was enough supplies to go around. We made satchels filled with rice and herbs to use as hot pads. Afterwards, we mixed witch hazel with the herb of our choice. While everyone filled their satchels or made their witch hazel concoctions, Meda went into detail on plants/herbs and their healing properties, ways they are preserved, best time to find them, etc. The evening ended with everyone holding their satchels up to their noses & a newfound interest in plants.

The next day, Meda met with the school students & adults & everyone took a walk looking at different plants, different ways they can be harvested, healing properties, etc. The kids enthusiastically ran around collecting different plants for teas or poultices. After learning grass was a great insulator, one chilled student grabbed a few handfuls of

Traditional Healer & Wild Plant Expert

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Betsy and Tanya helping Meda making Salve

grass & stuffed it her jacket hoping it would warm her up. Everyone gathered cottonwood buds & met at the school where they found cups of hot cocoa & tea waiting for them.

The lunch tables were drug out & covered in hot plates, mason jars, oils, bees wax, & dried & fresh plants. Olive oil was dumped into one pot & chythlook, Labrador tea, yarrow, & cottonwood bud oil (aged six years for potency) was tossed in & left at a low heat as to "not burn the plants & kill their healing properties." While the beeswax melted & the oil bubbled, everyone grabbed books about plants & looked up the different types that we were using for our potion. Once everything

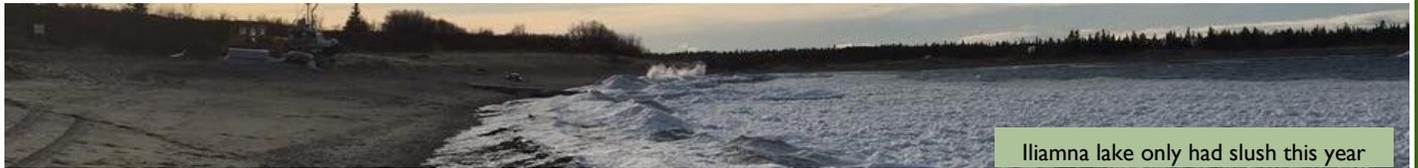
was ready, our ingredients were dumped into a blender & pulsed into a cream. At one point, we were all leaning over watching the lotion churning when an air bubble burped up a bubble of lotion. Everyone gave a little shout & ran leaving only one casualty...the lady pregnant with twins ended with a lotion splattered face.

After the lotion was finished, salve was made out of the remaining ingredients. Each student received a mason jar of lotion & salve. Enough salve was created so that every household in Igiugig was able to receive one, as well as every elder. The salve can be used on cuts, burns, eczema, dry skin, anything. Salves can Solve ANYTHING

Meda will be coming back June 2nd to do more plant/root gathering. We are eagerly waiting for her return. Everyone who took the class had a great time & felt that they got more out of it than just "plants." If you would like to learn more about the local plants, the library has quite a collection of Alaska Wild Life Plant books, come & check them out!



Testing out the Salve that they made



Iliamna lake only had slush this year



Sheryl shooting at Kokhanok Carnival



Dolly and her sister Mackenzie



Joel piloting Dolly, Fewnia, and Tia to Kokhanok



Dillon, Shea, and Danni getting ready to race



Dolly meeting with Senator Lisa Murkowski



Taty and Sharolyn out mudding



Alice visiting in Nondolton holding Dallas



Iliamna Lake without any ice



Sisters forever: Maria, Sherry, Ida and Eileen



Keil and Walt



Igiugig dancing during the Kokhanok Carnival talent show



Mike & Dallia enjoying Kokhanok Carnival



Teachers AJ & Tate enjoying spring snow



Ruth and Olivia celebrating Easter



Tanya and Avery

Announcements

Clinic News

The Igiugig Emergency On-Call # is:
907-533-6020.

Public Health Nurse Judy Hollander will be here March 29-30 if any kiddos need vaccination updates, especially Varicella (chicken pox) which can't be kept in villages due to their short shelf life. Christina Price will be leaving on March 25th and will return April 26th.

If you have an emergency you can call the Nilav-ena Emergency On-Call PA phone at 907-444-

4588 for the Physicians Assistant on duty.

Igiugig General Store
Hours: Monday to Saturday
3:00 PM to 5 PM *

*Newly relocated to the white house near the Zackar's house-call 907-533-3069 to open or for questions

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 hangar or the white trash trailer.
- ⇒ Do Not Litter, we confront those that do, and we pick up trash that we see.
- ⇒ We Compost! Bring it to the greenhouse, please no dairy or meat products.
- ⇒ Contribute to the Newsletter! Send photos, news, important events to Ida: nelsonida2901@gmail.com
- ⇒ Love Our Village! Join Igiugig Village Info Zone on Facebook if you haven't already.

Winter Library Hours

Monday– Friday:

3:00pm to 5:00pm

Saturday:

12:00pm to 2:00pm

The village council is accepting donations for the Dan Salmon Memorial Fund, if you'd like to donate you can find the form online at <http://www.igiugig.com/forms-publications>

Important Dates:

March 1st to the 4th Kids in Perryville for Basketball districts

March 11th to the 14th

Kokhanok 51st Carnival

March 13th: Spring forward

Quya na! To everyone that donates and supports our school! Without your support none of our activities, trip, and supplies would be possible. Thank you again for your continued support and love for our students. *Success doesn't happen over night. It*

happens day by day with forward progress both large and small.

~ unknown

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