

Alaska!



Unloading the plane in the village.



Arriving in Bethel via Alaska Airlines jet.



Two thirds of the United States coastline is in Alaska.



Winter view of village airstrip.



Flying over Napaskiak in late summer.



Flying to Goodnews Bay



We have some of the best sunrises and sunsets you will ever see in your lifetime!

The Living Conditions



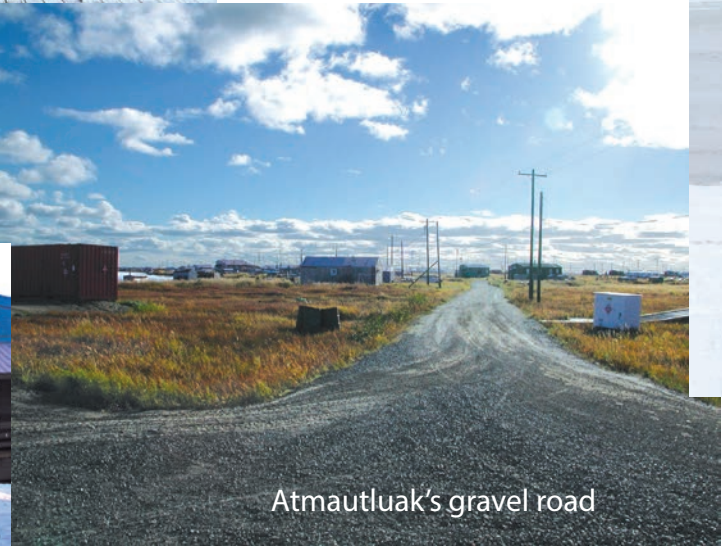
Atmautluak teacher housing



Hauling water using a snow mobile with a sled.



The lovely "honey bucket" above, gets emptied into the sewage dumpsters at left.



Atmautluak's gravel road



Transportation to school



Girls are picking tundra cotton.



New school in Kongiganak.



Somewhere over the rainbow is a great place to work!



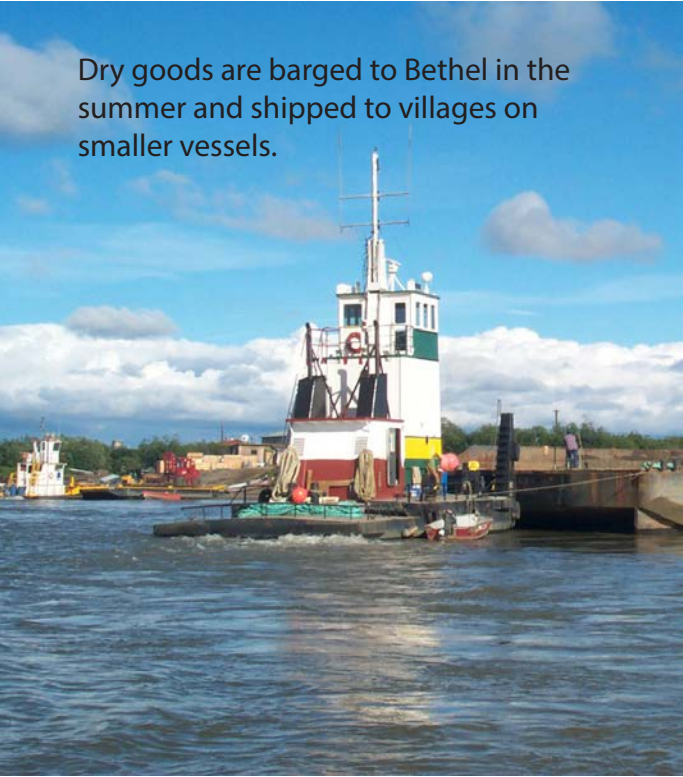
Teacher housing in Napakiak.



More teacher housing in Napakiak.



Teacher housing in Kipnuk



Dry goods are barged to Bethel in the summer and shipped to villages on smaller vessels.



Akula playground with teacher housing in background.



Picking cotton grass.

The Lifestyle



Picking tundra blueberries.



Dried salmon fish strips are a favorite food throughout the year.

Caribou and moose provide meat throughout the winter.



Subsistence fishing on the Kuskokwim River



Ravens are seen year-round and are a subject of Yup'ik folklore.



On the coast, seals are hunted for food and clothing.



Roots are gathered for food.



Traditional ways are preserved by keeping the indigenous language alive.



Ice Fishing for smelt



A "throwing party" celebrates one's first catch.



Beach grass is gathered for making baskets



An elder's handcrafted seal and beaver fur slippers



The Schools



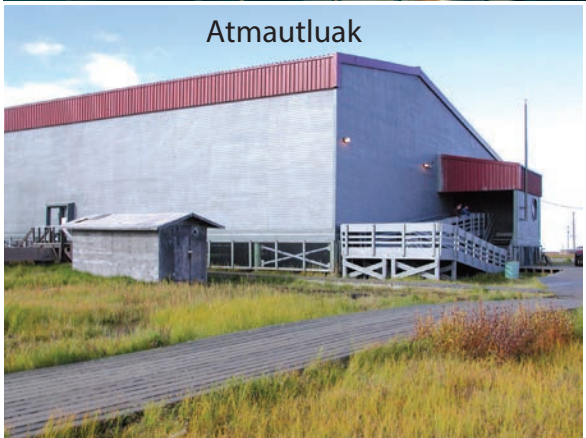
Students use Apple computers in their classes for assignments.



This place is the heart of the community, whether it be basketball, NYO, a feast, basketball, volleyball, Native dancing or basketball.



The typical village school gym is smaller than a regular gym. The kitchen is connected to the gym, where meals are served.



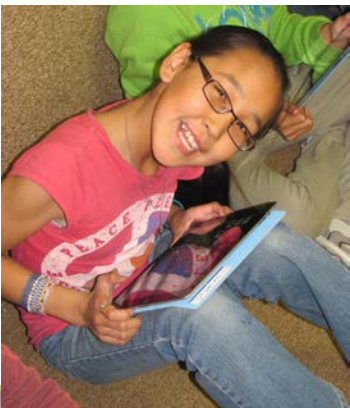
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Teachers have access to Smartboards and Apple TVs.



Muskox are found near the coast and in the hallway at Mekoryuk's school.



Schools are supplied with Apple computers, laptops, and iPads for student use. Teachers are issued laptops.



The Library is stocked!



All schools have indoor plumbing!



Above: Preparing for Robotics Competition.



Native Youth Olympics, referred to as NYO, is a sports event with athletic competition for students.



The Village



The mail arrives.



Getting around the village on the boardwalk.



Atmautluak National Guard HQ.

Above: The post office in Toksook Bay.
Below: The inside & outside of the Kwethluk post office.



The ice moves out of the mighty Kuskokwim River in the spring time.



Village stores usually have a limited selection and not much fresh produce.



Flood levels



Russian Orthodox Church in Napaskiak



It's a real adventure!

The Big City Village



School buses transport students.



The Yup'ik immersion school is named Ayaprun Elitnaurvik. Student in grades K-6 attend this school.



Bethel has shoppotunities for groceries including fresh produce, drygoods, clothing, hardware, lumber, auto parts and camp gear.



Many gardeners grow their own vegetables



Mikelnguut Elitnaurviat is where grades K-2 kids go to school.



Mikelnguut Elitnaurviat (ME School) classroom is brightly outfitted.



Gladys Jung Elementary School playground



The Bethel Family Clinic and Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation offer medical services.



Bethel Regional High School is attended by junior high grades 7-8 and high school grades 9-12 students.



Bethel has several restaurants for seated dining and call-out delivery.



The Post Office in Bethel



The Cultural Center houses a library and museum, and hosts large meetings and events.



Bethel has many religious denominations.