

Literacy Migrant Education Night

Manokotak, AK — December 15, 2023



On December 15, 2023, Manokotak “Nunaniq” School hosted its first Migrant Education Night for the community. Mary Lillie (Special Education Teacher) checked families in at the front table to help us keep an accurate attendance list. There was an assortment of light refreshments for the families to munch on while they decorated their holiday-themed picture frames. Michael Robbins (2nd/3rd Grade Teacher) helped the children to select a picture frame and some holiday stickers while Katelyn Otani (Head Start/Pre-K Teacher) captured and printed family photos to place into the picture frames. After initial introductions, the group split up to either attend a Read Aloud session hosted by Amber Parks (Kindergarten Teacher) or Tutoring/Homework Assistance hosted by Diane Knott (Social Studies Teacher). Chloe Suckow (English Teacher) helped students check out a book of their choosing from our Migrant Education Library. The final activity of the night was hosted by Carlos Rivera Vargas (4th/5th Grade Teacher). He held a Sight Word Bingo Tournament where winners got to select from an assortment of literacy-themed prizes. During this time, Katelyn and Kristin Gamechuk (Head Start/Pre-K Teacher) helped to measure students for their life jackets. At the end of the night, anyone who didn't receive a prize during bingo was able to come and select a prize to take home with them to enjoy. At the sign-in table, we had a sheet of paper asking for family input on what they would like to see at our next Migrant Education Night. As families left, they told us they had a great time at our event and were glad they came.



One issue that we ran into while planning this event was invitation distribution. Carlos and Katelyn addressed and distributed invitations to all Migrant Families via the oldest student in the school. However, it came to our attention that not all of the invitations made it into the hands of their parents or guardians, and therefore the adults were unaware of the event until it was announced on the school's Facebook page. In the future, we plan to distribute paper invitations the same and then follow up with an email or phone to the parents or guardians to ensure that they are aware of the upcoming event.