

## 'Chief" Ivan Blunka School

**Gene Anderson, Principal** 

We have many great things happening at our school this year and we look forward to even greater things in the near future. We await two very exciting events to come in the near future: moving into new teacher housing and the opening and use of the brand new school.

## **After School Programs**

We continue toward making progress in our academic areas through the use of the many and varied programs to help students reach proficient and advanced levels on the state testing. We utilize 3 after school study halls, assistance from the Boys and Girls Club, elder mentors and various computer programs to assist us in this endeavor. We also feel that moving into the new school will have a great impact on the learning process since the atmosphere will be new and refreshing.

## **Athletics**

Our athletic programs in grades 6 through 10 continue to help our students keep up with their studies. Our students really look forward to athletic competition and they know they must maintain good grades in order for them to participate. Our high school volleyball team has had a very successful year by winning the 1st place trophy at the Naknek tournament as well as the vast majority of their matches. This was the fourth straight year that we have taken first place at this tournament. Our high school wrestlers are having a successful year as well. We participated in the ACS wrestling tournament in Anchorage and two of our wrestlers placed: Nick Petla took 4th place in

the 140 pound division and Bradley Bond placed 5th in the 145 pound division. Our team also won 1st place in the small school category that is made up of all schools with an enrollment of 80 or less students.

## **Quyana Dinner**

Every year Chief Ivan Blunka School hosts a quyana dinner for the community to thank them for all the support they provide for our school. This year we had the dinner on Tuesday, November 25 and many community members, students and teachers spent an hour together in good fellowship. We want to thank our community for all they do to support our school. Each school our community raises about \$75,000 to help support our programs here at school.



Children in the PAT program doing an activity at Thanksgiving time.