



“Iṇugutiq Kamaksriigatikun” at Kotzebue

The Northwest Arctic School District, serving the NANA Region's public schools, hosted an educational festival in Kotzebue August 22 through 24. “Iṇugutiq Kamaksriigatikun” or “Growing Up With Respect” focused on national issues facing rural school districts and provided orientation for new and current staff members on the culture and lifestyle of the area, a history of the Eskimo, new curriculum awareness and involvement. Featured participants included Noel Epstein, education editor of the Washington Post; Margaret Bovinger, president of the National School Board Association; Dr. David Grossman, of the Stanford University Program on International and Cross Cultural Education; Dr. Alan Abeson, of the National Council for Exceptional Children; and Jerry Ward, deputy director of the Office of Civil Rights. The conference was not all work, however. On Wednesday evening, August 23, participants were entertained by the Mardrigal Singers of Anchorage (shown above), directed by Dewey Ehling, in the gymnasium of the Kotzebue Community School.

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