



Moose Hunting 2014

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Paimuit

Relevant Education

To be relevant is to be closely related, or connected in some matter. On the other hand, the definition of education is the process of receiving or giving systematic instruction, usually in school or in a university. So, relevant education is to have relevance to something, like our Yup'ik culture and learning about it, or being educated on our Yup'ik ways of life and traditions.

Relevant education is very important culturally because, we as the next generation need to learn the responsibilities of being an Alaskan Native. In order to pass traditions and values down to the next generation, new generations need to interact and participate in cultural activities. Activities include moose hunting, how to hunt and butcher a moose, and to also prepare and take care of the meat the right way. Not only moose hunting but also being out in the wilderness with other animals and getting an experience of actually being out there for a certain amount of days.

Socially, relevant education is important. For the students who go on the relevant education trips that the school sponsors us, we are instructed how to do things from our boat captains and elders. They teach us that sharing is important, and also all the things we value. Giving meat, most importantly to our elders and also to the community is something we have learned to develop as a good society.

Learning is also very important to relevant education. It is good to go out and be in the country but what you learn and take home from is what is most important. Academics in the country is what we learn about how to shoot a gun and the safety features that come along with it. It's where to aim to kill a moose and the best place to shoot it so that you don't ruin the meat. It's how to butcher and put the moose meat away, clean and the proper way. You not only how to hunt moose, you learn how to pitch a tent, you learn about the hunting grounds, and get a learning experience of being out in the country.

Relevant education in our school is important, culturally, socially and academically. We as Alaska Natives deserve to learn the importance of living an Alaska Native lifestyle. The school gives us a great opportunity to do so. All the spheres of influence are important to know and understand.

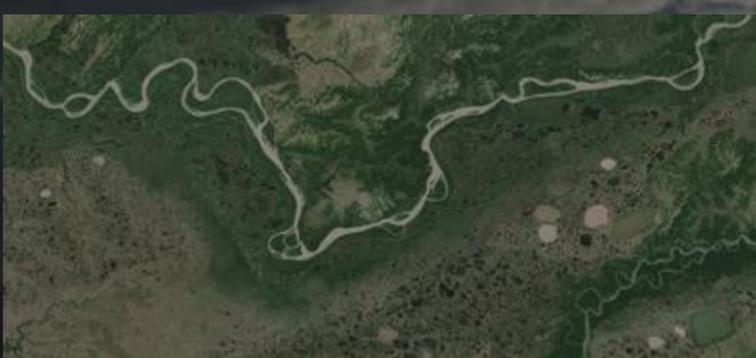
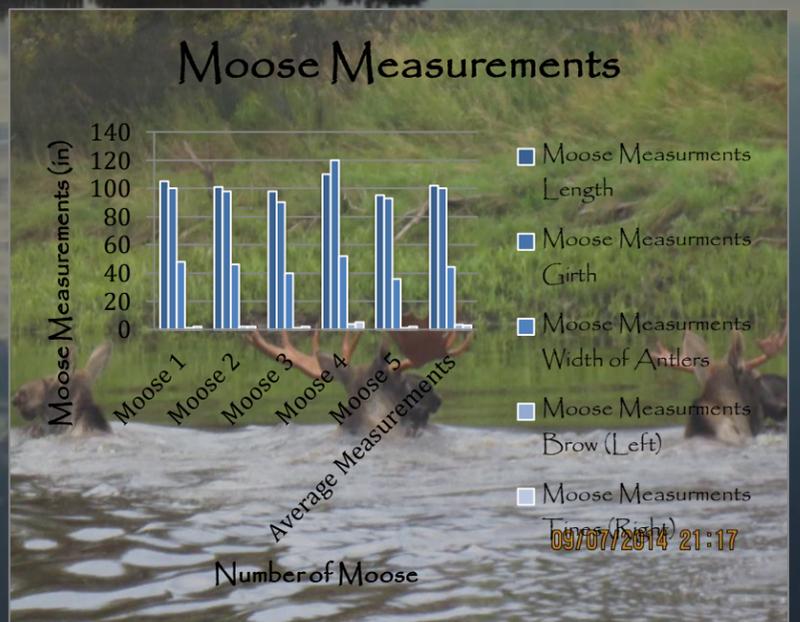
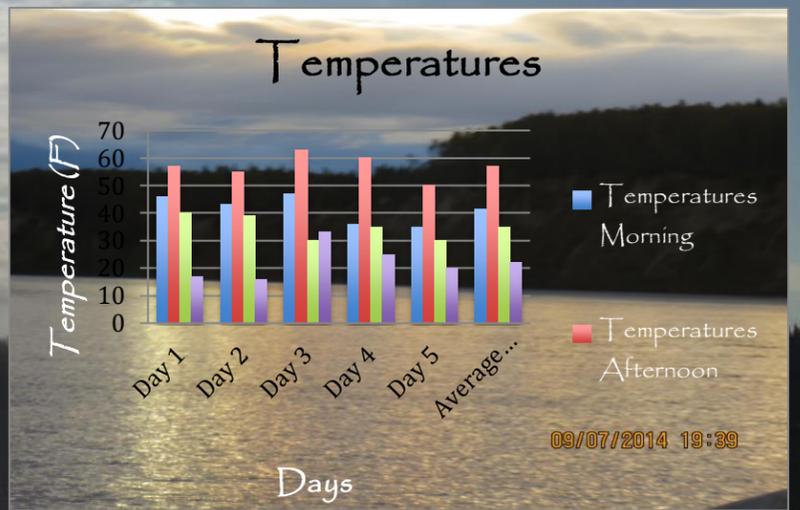
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The eligible students of Andraefski High School went on a moose-hunting trip for five days to Paimuit. Energy is the property of matter and radiation that is manifest as a capacity to perform work. Matter is everything that we can see, touch and feel. Humans use energy all the time. We use energy by making motions, exercising, and simply just breathing. We get energy by eating food, which is matter. But where does food come from? We get our food from the land and over time started getting our food from the stores. The students that went on the trip actually caught some matter. Moose is matter full of energy! Energy comes from matter. When you eat something, it then goes through your digestive system. Matter cannot be created or destroyed, but transformed into a different substance. The matter that we take in is then transformed into us, as part of our body, or turns into our waste.



Above is a simple map that shows the Paimuit River. I did not go on the trip so I could not say exactly where camp and moose caught are located.



Here to the top are two graphs. The furthest to the top is a graph about the temperatures for each of the five days in Paimuit for morning, afternoon and evening. The graph also shows the temperature changes. The second graph closest to the right is about moose measurements, measuring length, girth, width of the antlers and how many spikes there were on each side of the antler.

