Klondike. Iditarod. Kodiak. Kenai. Juneau. Anchorage. Yukon. Denali. Takotna. Anouk. Our team names all originate from Alaska. But, why?

Our school mascot is the husky: a brave and dedicated sled-dog. These dogs are well known in arctic regions, such as Alaska, but can be found just about anywhere these days!

In the North, they have been used as helpful companions, pulling sleds through frozen, desolate lands, and transporting people and goods from place to place.

Huskies are especially famous for participating in dog sled racing, now a mostly recreational sport. The most competitive of these races, the Iditarod, is known as "The Last Great Race on Earth."

The Iditarod was not always just a race. It is now a celebrated event, honoring the contributions huskies made during a terrible epidemic in 1925. Diphtheria, a life-threatening infectious disease caused by bacteria, invaded Nome, Alaska. The only way to save the people of Nome and stop the outbreak was to carry a serum, or vaccine, via dog sled from 674 miles away. The journey required the efforts of 20 mushers and about 150 sled dogs, and took about 5 and a half days. The Iditarod honors the sacrifices made during that journey, and the accomplishments of all who participated.