# **COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN**

# in the Anchorage School District

The year before kindergarten is important in helping your child feel ready and confident in starting school. The resources below can support your family during this transition.

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### **February: Visit Our Schools**

Check out what educational options are available in ASD at www.asdk12.org/research and visit schools! Virtual school information sessions will be offered in late February/early March. See Visit Our Schools Month at www.asdk12.org/visit.



#### March: Decide on Your Child's School

Parents interested in having their child attend their neighborhood school do not need to sign up until school registration, held during the last week of July. Parents interested in having their child attend a school or program other than the neighborhood school must complete an online lottery application. Go to the ASD Online Lottery System at www.asdk12.org/lottery.



## **April:** Attend Kindergarten Round-Up at Schools

ASD will host Kindergarten Round-Up events for families in the spring. Learn about school routines, expectations, curriculum, and how to support your child during the transition to school. Check the ASD website in late March for specific dates and times for the ASD Kindergarten Round-Up events at www.asdk12.org/kindergartenroundup.



## May – June: Explore Kindergarten Resources

Visit your child's school playground over the summer so he/she becomes familiar with the school site. Check out fun summer programs and activities in Anchorage for children at www.asdk12.org/summerfun. Think about what would be best for your child and family as you make this transition. Download our Kindergarten Summer Transition Packet at www.asdk12.org/transition.



# July - August: Get Ready for School

Visit the Welcome to ASD page at www.asdk12.org/welcome for current information on enrolment, registration, school start times, bus routes, and important school updates. Families can also download the ASD mobile app to stay up-to-date at www.asdk12.org/mobileapp. After enrollment, look for information on Fall Kindergarten Orientation at www.asdk12.org/kindergartenroundup#Orientation.









