

Sand Lake Lions Roar

April 2023



A letter from the Principal

Dear Sand Lake Families,

I'm sure we are all crossing our fingers and hoping the Spring snow has ended. We have a while to go before the snow is gone and we're able to safely walk around, until then please continue to watch for icy patches on roads and sidewalks.

AK STAR testing started this week for students in 3rd thru 6th grade. Tests for individual grade levels have been scheduled for the next several weeks, and teachers will be reminding families of specific days for testing. As a reminder, a good night's rest and a full breakfast go a long way in helping all of our students during these testing days.

The next time you visit the school, you might see some new posters around the school. The Anchorage School District will be rolling out a new program called STOPit. This program empowers students to anonymously report online harassment, bullying, alcohol or drug use, depression, campus violence, school vandalism, or to help friends in need. The report goes directly to school administrators or counselors. STOPit is completely anonymous to help protect the reporter. If you would like more information about STOPit, please visit the following website, <https://www.asdk12.org/stopit>.

As we move closer to the end of the school year, please remind your children we are not there yet, and now is not the time to stop working. Before the end of the year, we still have assignments to introduce, various assessments to complete, and other work to be done. Let's finish the year doing our best!

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone about being safe while coming to school and going home. With less snow on the ground, it's very tempting to take shortcuts through neighborhoods, and when crossing the street. We have a crossing guard that will assist those that need to cross the street at the intersection of Jewel Lake and Strawberry, and it's important that students cross the street with the assistance of the crossing guard. Please remind your children about walking through this area, and waiting for the crossing guard to signal when it is safe to cross.

Sincerely,

Linson Thompson
Principal, Sand Lake

A promotional poster for the STOPit app. It features a young girl with brown hair, wearing a blue t-shirt and a red superhero mask and cape, striking a heroic pose against a clear blue sky. The text 'BE THE HERO YOU WERE BORN TO BE!' is prominently displayed in white. Below this, a smaller line of text states: 'With STOPit, you have the power to protect yourself and others from harmful, inappropriate, or unsafe behavior.' In the bottom left corner, the 'STOPit SOLUTIONS' logo is shown next to the website 'stopitsolutions.com'. In the bottom right, there are two QR codes for downloading the app, with labels for 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'. A small Creative Commons BY-NC-SA license icon is in the bottom right corner.

BE THE HERO
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Congratulations to Mrs. Brown for being recognized as an outstanding teacher by her students. Northern Smiles Orthodontics presented Mrs. Brown a nice gift basket, and her class also get a pizza party! I'd like to thank Mrs. Brown for all that she does for her students.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/6 Online Lottery Closes
- 4/10 Dealine to purchase Yearbooks
- 4/12 - 4/14 Ganbare Nihongo Camp Registration
- 4/14 Lottery Notifications Sent to Parents
- 4/15 TNk Spring Art Auction
- 4/24 Online Registration opens for returning students
- 4/28 Cherry Blossom Festival

Sand Lake Times ~ Student Newspaper

March edition of the Sand Lake Times Student Newspaper

Kindergarten Round-Up

Is your child starting kindergarten in the
Anchorage School District in the 2023-24 school year?

Join us!

- Learn how to help prepare your child for kindergarten
- Activities to do at home to support kindergarten readiness
- Enrollment information and requirements
- Activities for children

Friday, April 14, 2023
Wendler Middle School
6-7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 28, 2023
Hanshew Middle School
6-7:30 p.m.





TOMO NO KAI



Spring Art Auction

at the

The Lakefront Hotel

4800 Spenard Road

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

6:00 PM-9:30 PM

**Tickets can be purchased at
www.tomonokai.org**

We are still in need of the following:

- Bottles of Wine-
- Gift Cards (Denominations \$25-\$100)-
- Other miscellaneous art, services, and items for the live/silent auctions-

Please contact us via email or text to arrange for pick up/drop off

info@tomonokai.org

907-250-2464

907-317-8994

ASD JAPANESE IMMERSION
Cherry Blossom
Festival

at Mears Middle School

FRIDAY, APRIL 28
5:30-8:00 PM

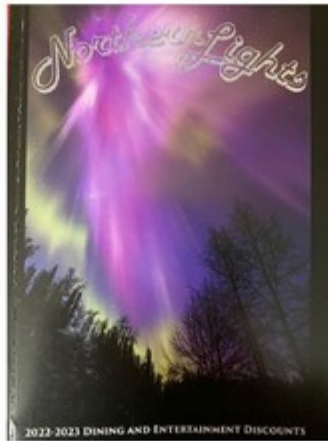
*Admission \$3 per person
4 and under free*

Join us for an evening of family fun

K-12 STUDENT SONGS
TAIKO DRUMMING
CRAFTS/GAMES
FOOD FOR PURCHASE

OPEN TO K-12
ALL ASD STUDENTS/FAMILIES
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND





Enjoy Alaska even more with a Northern Lights Coupon Book.

TNK is selling 2022-2023 Northern Lights Dining and Entertainment Guide for \$55.

These books feature discounts such as their famous buy one, get one free trips on the Alaska Railroad and discounts [at](#) your favorite coffee spots and eateries and even better buying one supports Japanese Immersion Students.

Make check payable to TomoNoKai

Contact Noelle at 907-242-1510 via text to purchase a book.



Chains of Caring 2023

Your school can help care for Alaska's kids!

How can you help?

- ▶ Beginning April 2023, create paper chain links and sell them for 25¢ to raise money for The Children's Hospital at Providence.
- ▶ Link together to make a chain to display at your school.
- ▶ Bring a five-foot section of your school's chain to the linking ceremony at Providence Alaska Medical Center May 2023. Exact time, location and directions will be provided when you RSVP.

All funds raised help Alaska's kids and families receiving care at Providence Alaska Children's Hospital.

For more information and to RSVP contact Laura Morgan at 907-531-4158 or laura.morgan.3@providence.org.



Anchorage School District
**Neighborhood
Preschool Programs**

**Apply
Online Now!**

asdk12.org/preschool/gened



Program Details

- Children must be 4-years-old on or before September 1st of the current school year
- Families must live in the school zone of where the program is located (exceptions apply)
- Visit asdk12.org/preschool/gened to review eligibility and selection information
- Children attend 4 hours per day, Monday through Friday and follow the ASD school year calendar



Benefits for Children

- Comprehensive program with focus on all areas of development: social and emotional, physical, language, cognitive, math, and literacy
- School readiness including social emotional skills, increased self-confidence, and positive relationships with others
- Family engagement including home visiting

ASD Preschool
907-742-4140
asdpreschool@asdk12.org





Anchorage School District
**Head Start Collaborative
Preschool Programs**

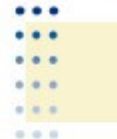
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Program Details

- ASD and Kids' Corps, Inc. (KCI) collaborative programming
- Children must be 4-years-old on or before September 1st of the current school year
- Families must meet income eligibility requirements for Head Start
- Visit asdk12.org/preschool/gened to review eligibility and selection information
- Children attend 4 hours per day, Monday through Friday and follow the ASD school year calendar



Benefits for Children

- Comprehensive program with focus on all areas of development: social and emotional, physical, language, cognitive, math, and literacy
- School readiness including social emotional skills, increased self-confidence, and positive relationships with others
- Family engagement including home visiting
- Family support services through KCI Head Start



Kids' Corps, Inc. Head Start
907-272-0133
kci.alaska.org

ASD Preschool
907-742-4140
asdpreschool@asdk12.org



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Educating All Students for Success in Life



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King Tech Preschool Program

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Program Details

- High schoolers in the King Tech Early Childhood program spend time in the preschool classroom working with children under teacher supervision
- Children must be 4-years-old on or before September 1st of the current school year
- Visit asdk12.org/preschool/gened to review eligibility and selection information
- Children attend 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and follow the ASD school year calendar
- Program fee: \$500 per semester



Benefits for Children

- Comprehensive program with focus on all areas of development: social and emotional, physical, language, cognitive, math, and literacy
- School readiness including social emotional skills, increased self-confidence, and positive relationships with others
- Family engagement including home visiting

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ASD
Preschool





Anchorage School District

Migrant Education Preschool Programs

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Program Details

- Children must be 4-years-old on or before September 1st of the current school year
- Families must meet income eligibility requirements through the State of Alaska for Migrant Education Services
- Visit asdk12.org/preschool/gened to review eligibility and selection information
- Children attend 4 hours per day, Monday through Friday and follow the ASD school year calendar



Benefits for Children

- Comprehensive program with focus on all areas of development: social and emotional, physical, language, cognitive, math, and literacy
- School readiness including social emotional skills, increased self-confidence, and positive relationships with others
- Family engagement including home visiting
- Family resources through ASD Migrant Department

ASD Migrant Education
907-742-4275

migrant_office@asdk12.org

ASD Preschool
907-742-4140

asdpreschool@asdk12.org





Alaska Rush Soccer Club

- Recreational Soccer – Noon or Evening Sessions 5:00pm or 6:30pm M/W or T/Th – 2 locations
- Pre-Competitive – 7v7 – Children Born 2016-2014 (U7/U8/U9)
- Competitive – 9v9 – Children Born 2013/2012 (U10/U11)
- Competitive – 11v11 – Children Born 2011-2006 (U12-U19)

Summer Soccer Camp Offerings

- Alaska Rush Soccer Camps – ½ day / full day 6–15 years olds
- Coerver NW Soccer Team Camps – M-F 2 hours per day 10 hours total
- Challenger Sports International Soccer Camps – Tykes 3-5 years old / ½ day 6-14 years old and full day options 8-14 years old
- College Identification Camp

Visit <http://alaskarush.com/> to register or for more information about program offerings and summer camps or contact Johnny Turner, Alaska Rush Soccer Club Youth Director of Coaching jturner@alaskarush.com or (907) 223-0612

Payment Plan Options / Financial Aid (Scholarships) Available

The Anchorage School District does not endorse these materials or the viewpoints expressed in them.

JA BIZ Kids Weekly Summer Camp K-12

June ~ Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:30pm



Report Your Student
Absences Via Email or
QParentConnect

<mailto:sandlakeattendance@asdk12.org>



News from the Nurse

✉ sandlakenurse@asdk12.org

☎ 907-742-9261

🌐 asdk12.org/domain/4528



🔗 Sand Lake Elementary ...

www.asdk12.org

Sand Lake has a vibrant neighborhood program and is home to the Japanese Immersion Program.





TOMO NO KAI



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