

AQUARIAN NEWSLETTER



Day of Play

Aquarian is excited to announce that we will be participating in the Global Day of Play on February 11th. This will take the place of our exploration day this quarter.

The goal of the Global Day of Play is to restore unstructured play to this generation of children. Children have busy days learning at school and participate in a variety of after-school activities. It is rare these days for them to spend time in completely free-choice, self-directed, technology-free play.

The schedule will be similar to an Exploration Day. There will be a two-and-a-half hour block in the morning and a two-hour block in the afternoon within their wings (office hall, library hall, rainbow hall, and gym hall) playing. They will be free to roam between the four classrooms in their wings. Students will also have the choice to spend their time outside. We have divided the morning and afternoon into one-hour segments so that 3rd-6th will be outside together and k-2/3 multiage will be outside together, similar to recess. Students may also choose to spend part of their day in the gym and art rooms. There will be a supervised sign-in-and-out chart in each wing so that all students' whereabouts are known. Lunch and recess will resume as normal that day. TAs will work a full day and Sra. Lisa, Ms. Sharon, Ms. Julie, and Ms. Cam will each be assigned to a wing for extra coverage. Children can bring anything to share, except electronics of course. Toys, books, puzzles, games, dolls, legos, cardboard boxes for forts are all welcome! Teachers will be discussing expectations and goals for the Day of Play in classrooms. Please read more about the Day of Play at globalschoolplayday.com

Up Coming Events

- 1/13-2/28 ASA
- 1/27 APC Meeting 5:45
- 1/30 District Battle of the Books
- 1/30 Science Fair
- 1/30 No Math Class Rotations
- 1/31 100th Day of School- Dress like you're 100!
- 2/3 PTO Meeting 5:30
- 2/6 Spelling Bee 10am
- 2/7 Jump Rope for heart 6:15-8:00
- 2/11 Day of Play
- 2/12 Half Day Release at 12:20/ Conferences
- 2/13 No School/ Conferences
- 2/14 Inservice
- 2/17 Presidents' Day/ No School
- 2/21 PTO Movie Night 6:30PM
- 2/24 JA for a Day
- 3/6 Inservice
- 3/9-3/13 Spring Break

Playground

- In order to keep students safe, we are going to start requiring helmets for students that would like to sled.
- We are also no longer allowing any metal sleds.
- Please leave all buckets and shovels at home.



Hundreds Day!

We will celebrate the 100th day of school on Friday, January 31st by dressing like we are 100!

Pick, Click, Give

It's PFD and Pick. Click. Give. time! As you are applying for your 2020 PFD, please think about donating to Aquarian Charter School PTO. Its tax deductible, and supports our students!

Lunchroom

We will be starting a pack in/ pack out policy. Students will be bringing their trash from lunch home, excluding things that would make a mess in their lunchbox.

This will allow parents to see exactly what their children have eaten and hopefully reduce waist.





AQUARIAN CHILDcare summer camp

Aquarian CHILDcare Program summer camp!!

Aquarian Child Care Program is excited to announce our first Summer Camp! Six fun-filled sessions will be offered from May to August 2020. Each session runs for 2-weeks and costs \$350 per child. Register for all six, or pick and choose sessions.

Camp hours: Monday-Friday from
7 am to 6 pm

Location: Aquarian Charter School

Don't miss this summer fun!
Registration opens January 27th,
2020!

**For more information and
enrollment email or call ADRIAN**

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(907) 301-4673

We want your feedback!

The climate survey for families will be open Monday, January 20th through March 31st.

This survey gives us important information to measure what's working, how we've improved, and what we can focus on next. I want 100% of our families to complete this survey!

Please go to surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb or <https://goo.gl/Enqoi2> to take the survey.

You must enter the following code:

aquarianfamily

Please take the time to submit the survey- your feedback is valuable!



Kids' Heart Challenge

We are raising money for the American Heart Association.

Our event will be held on Friday, February 7th, 6:15pm-8:00pm in the gym. We are encouraging all students to register online for this event.

As of this past week, 90 students had signed up online to participate! They have raised a total of \$5,825 Our goal this year is to match what we raised in 2018...\$16,512.

We are looking forward to seeing most of you on February 7th for this special event! Please see Mr. Pugh, if you have any questions.

Anchorage School District 2-Year School Bond

www.asdk12.org/2020bond

Key Components

\$82,833,000

2-Year Bond

(If passed, no 2021 Bond)

2020 Bond is

**\$29.1 million
less than**

amount being retired.

Estimated cost to
taxpayers

**\$6.85
per \$100,000**

of assessed
property valuation
(accounts for \$111.9 million
debt retirement)

Vote by mail before April 7

Ballots must be
postmarked by Election
Day or returned to a secure
drop box or accessible
vote center by 8 p.m.

Ballots will be mailed
on March 17.

For questions about voting,
call the Voter Hotline at
907-243-VOTE (8683)

If the 2020 Bond passes, ASD will not propose a bond in 2021.

During those two years, ASD will retire \$111.9 million in bond debt, \$29.1 million less than this year's bond. This 2-year bond will provide greater safety, security, and efficiency for 16 schools across the Anchorage Municipality.

Earthquake Recovery Projects \$26,926,000

- ◆ Bartlett High
- ◆ Bear Valley Elementary
- ◆ Central Middle
- ◆ Chugiak Elementary
- ◆ Chugiak High
- ◆ Dimond High
- ◆ Eagle River High
- ◆ East High
- ◆ Fire Lake Elementary
- ◆ King Tech High
- ◆ Mirror Lake Middle
- ◆ Whaley

Earthquake Recovery and Educational Improvement Projects \$42,510,000

Eagle River Elementary – \$3,210,000

Educational improvements include kitchen modifications, new flooring, new LED lighting and control systems, electrical outlets, intercom, sound system, security system, and visual display boards. These improvements will be completed concurrently with previously funded earthquake repairs, seismic improvements, and roof replacement.

Gruening Middle School – \$39,300,000

Earthquake recovery and educational improvements to include damage repairs, seismic improvements, and roof replacement, as well as security, efficiency, mechanical/electrical, and environmental upgrades. Improvements will increase Gruening's lifespan by 25-30 years.

Capital Improvement and Design Projects \$10,146,000

Inlet View Elementary School Replacement Design – \$3,346,000

Design funding to replace a 63-year-old building in order to meet student population demand and current educational needs, while enhancing safety and security.

Aquarian Charter School Capital Improvements – \$6,800,000

Essential repairs and safety upgrades, as well as functional and energy efficiency improvements for an ASD-owned school, enabling its continued use by an exceptional academic program.

Planning and Design for 2022 Capital Improvement Projects \$3,251,000



Vocabulary Word of the Week

Ambiance

**The definition of ambiance is the mood,
character, tone, or atmosphere of an
environment.**

Example:

We strive to create an ambiance of love and kindness wherever we are.