

AQUARIAN NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We have had such a great three weeks. Thank you for sharing your children with us. We truly have the best school in the district!

Kicks for Kids

As always, we are participating in the Kicks for Kids program. We are focusing on tennis shoes, sports shoes, water boots, and winter boots. If anyone has any of these, and they are no longer in need of them, just bring them down to the gym and put them in the big blue buckets.

Carnival and Other Needs

- Mrs. Cam is looking for 4' to 5' kiddie pools.
- Mrs. Stacy needs a few bags of balloons blown up. See Mrs. Brittany, if you'd be willing to take them home to blow up by Friday.
- 6th grade needs clean 2 liter bottles with lids for a science unit.
- We still need volunteers. Click on the box above to see how you can help.

UP COMING EVENTS:

- 9/9 PTO Meeting 5:30
- 9/16 APC Meeting 5:45
- 9/14 Fall Carnival 3-6
- 10/11 Picture Retakes
- 10/22 Exploration Day
- 10/23 Half Day 12:20 Dismissal- Conferences
- 10/24 -No School- Inservice/ Conferences
- 10/25 No School
- 11/11 Inservice/ No School



Walk to School Day

This year's event will take place on October 2, 2019. This national event promotes health and safe routes for walking to school.

ASD's Mobile App

Downloading the ASD Mobile app is a great way to get the information you need in the palm of your hand. Our free app is available to anyone in our community who wants to stay connected. ASD parents/guardians and students have access to additional features within the app. <https://www.asdk12.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=7930>

Cell Phone Free Zone

The new ordinance passed by the Anchorage Assembly makes it unlawful to talk on a mobile communication device while driving within an active school zone or on school grounds. For more information view the ASD fact sheet at <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/14596>



FastBridge Testing Information

Dianne Orr, Director K-12 Teaching and Learning, and Laura Nevada, Lead Instructional Coach, at Anchorage School District (ASD), will present on ASD's new K-2 universal screener, FastBridge, which replaces AIMSweb, and will be implemented this fall. Learn how FastBridge will better identify struggling readers and inform RTI instruction. FastBridge also includes sections which can help identify students who possibly show characteristics of Dyslexia. Learn what this means and what to look for. Presentation at Decoding Dyslexia-AK's September 10th meeting, BP Energy Center (1014 Energy Court), 6-8pm.



2019 IDA Alaska Conference

Raising Reading Rates for All

Friday, November 1 & Saturday, November 2
Alaska Pacific University, Atwood Center

**Improve reading outcomes & support struggling readers.
Educators, parents, decision makers & community members.**

13-hour conference - Friday, Nov 1, 4:00pm-8:00pm and Sat, November 2, 8:30am-5:30pm

Educator Track is for all educators teaching (or responsible for) reading instruction K-6. Focus will be on foundational knowledge in the Science of Reading, reading profiles, identification of struggling readers, dyslexia, and an introduction to teaching Tier 1 phonological awareness in the general classroom. Cost is \$100. (UAA credit option available at event only-additional \$99)

Parent Track will cover foundational knowledge, identification, support, and advocacy for struggling readers of all ages. Cost is \$50 for individual or \$75 for two family members.

National Presenters:

Dr. Pamela M. Kastner, Literacy Statewide Lead, Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network

Dr. Maria S. Murray, CEO & President, The Reading League

Registration open!

Please visit the IDA Alaska website at www.ak.dyslexiaida.org/events/ for more information and registration. Questions: info@ak-dyslexia.org