Spring Intensives 2020
Polaris K-12 School
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Intensives are a wonderful opportunity to learn with other teachers and students. They will take the place of our regular classes from Monday, May 4th through Friday, May 15th. Please read through this catalog and register your child for intensives on Parent Connect between March 17th and March 22nd. All registrations received in this window will be given equal consideration. Because there are a limited number of spaces in each class, it’s necessary to fill out 3 separate choices. Intensive confirmations for elementary students will be available on Parent Connect on March 28.

Some of the Intensives cost money, but we don’t want that to dissuade you from choosing. Our school works hard to raise scholarship money for students who might need assistance paying for Intensives. Let your family group teacher know at registration time if you are in need. Scholarship applications are due Friday, April 3rd by 8:30 AM in the office.

Here’s a list of the Elementary Intensives offered and their grade level range.

I.C.E. Imagine, Create, Explore K-1
STEAM Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics 2-5
A Trip to Australia K-2
Eric Carle K-5
Mud to Masterpieces: Ceramics 3-5
Adventure Activities 1-5
Dirt + Plants + YOU = Garden K-12
Dungeons and Dragons 3-8

If you are interested in taking an Intensive that is not in your grade level range, you may write a letter to the Intensive teacher explaining why you want to take that particular one and why you feel you are qualified. If there is room in the class, the teacher will work with you and your family to accommodate your needs. You should also write down other choices in your grade level, as many classes do fill up.

Once students are placed in their intensive you can pay online at https://parentconnect.asdk12.org/default.aspx. Fees should be paid by Friday, April 10th.
I.C.E - I.C.E. Baby

If you like to Imagine – Create - Explore then this play-based learning intensive might be for you. We will fill our days using our imaginations with dramatic play and Reader’s Theater, creating projects using various types of materials, and exploring new games and activities. There will be free time for building, exploring and creating each day and we will be spending a part of each day outdoors.

Grades – K-1
Fee - $5
Teacher - Marie

STEAM

STEAM is science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. If you love solving problems, doing hands-on projects, creating, and working with others, this is the intensive for you! Join Mike and Jenna as we integrate science, technology, engineering, math and art to create, build, and explore.

Teachers: Mike and Jenna
Grades: 2-5
Cost: $20.00
A Trip to Australia
Teacher: Sarah
Cost: $20.00
Grades: K-2

Join us down under in the Trip to Australia intensive to learn all about this beautiful country and the amazing animals that live there. We will discover unique wild life, see different Australian landmarks, and even get to try some popular Australian kid’s food. Be prepared for arts, crafts, cooking, and nonfiction animal projects! Hope to see you there!

Eric Carle Intensive with Mrs. Keana

Come to Keana’s class to read books by the famous Eric Carle! We will be creating art, inspired by the painting process of this loved author/illustrator, daily. For two weeks we will study: the biography of Eric Carle, painting processes used in Eric’s art studio, learning the collage process, writing stories and creating a collaborative piece of art with Mrs. Keana!

This will be a messy intensive so please come to school with appropriate clothing that you do not mind getting paint or glue on.

Grades-K/5
Fee- $30
Volunteers are welcome!
Mud to Masterpieces: Ceramics
2020
Do you have a desire to transform clay from the earth to functional pieces you can eat off of? Do you want to experience the feel of the Potter’s Wheel? Then this is the intensive for you! Come and join Kelly and discover the art of ceramics! Together we will sculpt, slab, throw, coil, and pinch a variety of clay projects that will become functional art in your home!

Intensive for Grades 3-5
Cost of this intensive: $40.00
Teacher: Kelly Hebert

Dirt + Plants + YOU = Garden
Teachers: Sophie and Jess
Grades: K-12
$Fee: $20

Do you love getting your hands dirty and playing in the garden? Would you like to see what your two hands can help grow? Join Jess and Sophie in this amazing K-12 experience! We will be revitalizing our Polaris habitat garden and preparing this natural space for learning and to thrive in the Alaskan summer growing season. Take time to experience the master gardeners at the Alaska Botanical Gardens, watch as tiny seeds become thriving plants, and experience the joy of getting your hands dirty.
Adventure Activities Survey
Biking, hiking, and swimming – Corey is looking for active second through fifth grade students, and their parents, who would like to come participate in building life skills through physical activities around the Anchorage Bowl.

This intensive is active and field trip heavy. Students that request this intensive should have parents/family willing to participate on field trips. Students must be able to ride a bike without training wheels and have a mind for adventure and doing challenging physical activities. Students will also need appropriate safety equipment and gear/clothing for outdoor activities.

Parental involvement is vital to the success of this intensive. See you on the trail!

Adventurist Arika & Corey

Grades: 1-5
Cost: $40
Delve deep into ancient caverns in search of lost cities. Protect small villages from ravages and local bandits. Investigate the rumors of marauding giants. Track a dragon back to its lair in search of a great horde of gold!

If you are interested in creating a character and using your wits to role-play, you are invited to join the Dungeons and Dragons intensive. In this intensive we will be creating worlds, rolling up characters and writing the backstories of each. You will have the chance to become something beyond yourself and use your imagination to unleash the power of a world that lies within.

This intensive will be academic heavy in the content areas of reading, writing, and math. Please be prepared to put your academic skills to work as we investigate the world you can create with your own imagination.

Grades: 3-8
Teachers: Tia and Jeff
Fee: $25