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Northern Lights ABC School **TIGER TRACKS**

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NLABC Science Olympiad Team Wins 1st Place!!

Congratulations to our Middle School winners led by **Coach Carole McKee**. Coach McKee received the “Outstanding Coach” award!

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March
Character
Building
Blocks:
Humility
&
Self-Control

Celebrate 40 Years of NLABC!

Friday, March 29 @ 6:30 pm

Choir Performance
Guest Speakers
Photo Displays



FEBRUARY T.I.G.E.R. READING CLUB UPDATE

- In FEBRUARY, students and staff read 485,367 pages!
- **288 readers met the monthly goal!**
- ****Monthly contests are announced on the Tiger Reading Board along with our progress toward meeting the annual goal of 5-million pages. After February pages were counted, 892,474 pages remain to meet the 5-million-page goal.**
- **Mrs. Pugh's 2nd graders had the highest percentage of students reading to goal. Mrs. Duff's 5th graders were the highest read-to-goal intermediate class.**
- **Mrs. Pugh read the most staff pages in February – 1,600 pages.**

-GRADE LEVEL TROPHY WINNERS

KINDER - Mrs. Montes

1st GRADE - Mrs. King

2nd GRADE - Mrs. Pugh

3rd GRADE - Mrs. Barnett

4th GRADE - Ms. Basinger & Mr. Rath

5th GRADE - Mrs. Duff

6th GRADE - Mr. Walsh

- **January** was a **DOUBLE-GOAL** reading month. Zion Merrill read to double goal and won a Kindle Fire.
- **March** is a **DOUBLE-GOAL** month, and a reading fundraiser.



*Interpretation for non-emoji speakers: Your generous donations help support PTA funded educational materials and enrichment activities such as Feast, field day, field trips, classroom display technology, 6th grade camp, K-8 science, and MUCH more!



NLABC Science Olympiad



Congratulations to Coach Carole McKee, who led her team to Science Olympiad 1st place, Alaska!



Congratulations to the NLABC Alumni Team (High School) for placing 4th at the competition on Saturday.



The Alaska 1st place Northern Lights ABC Science Olympiad Team needs your support to travel to New York!

On March 9, 2019, our Northern Lights ABC Science Olympiad Team took first place for the state of Alaska. This is the first time this has happened in our school's history! For those of you wondering what Science Olympiad is, it is a national organization that promotes excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, also known as STEM. Science Olympiad holds tournaments at the state and national levels. For taking first place on the state level, the Northern Lights ABC Science Olympiad Team is going to Cornell University, which is located in Ithaca, New York. This next-level competition doesn't come cheap however. We need your help to raise \$30,000 dollars so our team of seventeen students who have put in countless hours to get us to where we are now can compete again. Please watch for upcoming fundraising that will help our team to travel to the next competition. Alternatively, you can donate directly in the NLABC office, or by writing a check to Northern Lights PTA marked "Science Olympiad" in the memo.

NLABC News



Congratulations to the students in Mrs Duff's class who entered the Daughters of the Revolution's Junior American Citizen Contests. This year's theme was "50th Anniversary of the Lunar Landing."

Four students won at the chapter level, and of these, two were recognized at the state level, which is wonderful!

Gavin Lommel: Poem, 1st Place for the Chapter and 1st Place for Alaska

Jenna Pendley: Short Story, 1st Place for the Chapter and Honorable Mention for Alaska

Jacob Novero: Poster, 1st Place for the Chapter

Aubrey Forth: Stamp, 1st Place for the Chapter

Gavin's poem will now be competing for the regional prize against the winners in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and Montana.

Mr. Shasby's 7th Grade Service Learning class organized a one-month shoe drive. The entire school participated to help others in our community, and together NLABC collected 250 pairs of shoes! The shoes will be given directly to students in Alaska.



Thank you to all our NLABC families for the donations! Also, a special thanks to Ms. Frackman's class who had the most in grades 4-6, and Ms. King's class in grades K-3. The shoes are much needed, so there will be another opportunity to donate next year.



Congratulations to the winners of the Box Top contest. Mrs. King's 1st graders and Mrs. Duff's 5th graders will enjoy a popcorn party.

Box Tops coupons can be found on many products, and help our PTA provide many extras for Northern Lights. Please continue to clip coupons. Thank you Mrs. Henderson for managing the Box Top drive!



Student Council News:

Thank you for your help with raising money for the **Buddy Bench**! We raised \$360 with our hats and nail polish fundraiser. The money will purchase the materials needed for the bench, and it will be an important part of our playground. The Buddy Bench is part of an **Eagle Scout Project** by former NLABC student, **Kyle Fredenhagen**.

Science Fair 2019



The 2019 Science Fair is nearly in the books. Thank you families, staff, and volunteers for all your support of our student scientists!

This year we had several UAA professors who asked not to be left off the volunteer list next year, and a STEM ambassador from BP who has already marked his calendar for early February. Over half the judges were repeat volunteers with most of the new ones asking to come back next year.

The talent and expectations of our students make this judging experience truly enjoyable. We issued 127 blue ribbons, 41 red ribbons and 39 white ribbons. The looks of pride and accomplishment I get to witness on the students faces when they rock their interviews is priceless.

225 students registered for the NLABC fair, but only 1/2 of these registrants did completed projects as part of an assignment. The rest participated for the love of science and challenge!

Thank you again for all your help!!

Kim Griffith, NLABC Science Fair Coordinator

Science Fair 2019



PAWS FOR THE IDITAROD!

For the 7th year in a row, Gail and Walt Phillips shared their extensive knowledge of the Iditarod with students at NLABC. The Phillips, as part of "The Old Iditarod Gang," worked to bring the Iditarod Race back as the iconic sports event it is today. They co-authored and published *The Iditarod: The First Ten Years* (© 2014), a copy of which was gifted to the NLABC library and is available for check out.



Gail & Walt Phillips in
Miss Basinger's 4th
Grade Class



A promotional poster for the Alaska Heart Run. The top half features a stylized map of Alaska with a heart shape in the center, set against a background of red and white brushstrokes. The text "Alaska is why we run" is prominently displayed, with "Alaska" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, "is why" in a smaller, cursive font, and "we run" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the event name "ALASKA HEART RUN" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by the date "SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019" and the location "ALASKA AIRLINES CENTER". The bottom right section of the poster is a dark grey box containing event details: "TIMED RUN: 9:30AM", "UNTIMED RUN/WALK: 10AM", the title "RUN WITH HEART", a paragraph about the purpose of the run, a call to action "We can't make a difference without you. Join us.", the website "ALASKAHEARTRUN.ORG", and three social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).

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ALASKA HEART RUN

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019
ALASKA AIRLINES CENTER

TIMED RUN: 9:30AM
UNTIMED RUN/WALK: 10AM

RUN WITH HEART

By participating in the Alaska Heart Run, you are not only taking strides to prevent heart disease and stroke, you are also funding lifesaving science that saves lives. Run for yourself. Run for a survivor or in memory of a loved one.

We can't make a difference without you.
Join us.

ALASKAHEARTRUN.ORG

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Saturday, April 20, 2019

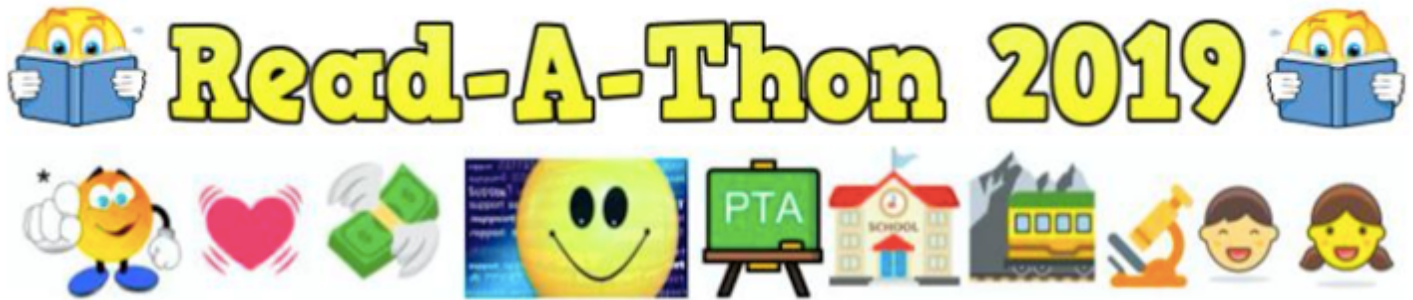
School: Northern Lights ABC

Team Name: Northern Lights ABC Tigers

Discount Code: RUNABC for our school discount

Register Online @ www.ALASKAHEARTRUN.ORG

No paper registrations this year!!



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The PTA March Read-A-Thon coincides with **T.I.G.E.R. Reading's Double Goal** month. You can find [Tiger Reading](#) logs and information under the "library" tab on the NLABC homepage. The complete [Read-A-Thon Packet is available here.](#)

NLABC VOLUNTEERS



I have enjoyed the last couple of years of being a PTA board member, and now it is time for someone else to assume the Volunteer Coordinator role for the NLABC PTA! This 2-year commitment involves maintaining the online volunteer sign up page, recruiting event coordinators, communicating about volunteer opportunities, and plugging volunteers in to jobs! I am looking forward to helping YOU become comfortable in this job- I will work alongside you until you are comfortable flying solo. Benefits? I'm so glad you asked! There are quite a few- getting to know students, parents, teachers, and staff at our great school is definitely one of the biggest benefits of this job. Thank you for considering, please reach out with any questions. There are also other roles available; PTA Secretary, and Communication Secretary.

Sign up here: <http://vols.pt/TigerTeam>

Kelly Pendley

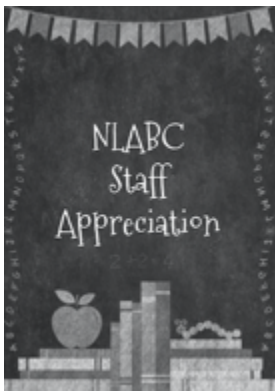
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Needed: PTA Officers and Members – Join us at our next meeting on April 9th, @ 3pm to find out how important membership and leadership in the PTA are to our school, or Visit <http://vols.pt/TigerTeam> to sign up!



A volunteer or group is needed to arrange the final **T.I.G.E.R. Reading** assembly of the year so Ms. Wallace can pay the consequences of not reading more pages than our students this year (5,000,000!!). Traditionally this is a fun experience for Ms. Wallace and our T.I.G.E.R. readers, and has been celebrated by sending Ms. Wallace to a stormy Hawaii Beach, helping her to "Walk the Plank," Kiss a Lobster (and a pig), become an Ice Cream Sundae, and more. **Your great ideas can make this the best Miss Wallace / T.I.G.E.R. Reading celebration ever!** Please contact [Ms. Collins](#) for information or to volunteer.



It's that time of the year when we parents get to show our gratitude and appreciation for the teachers and staff at NLABC! There are so many things teachers and staff facilitate and do throughout the year (In addition to the day-to-day teaching, administration, and clean-up, there is Science Club, extra recess, Battle of the Books, Tiger Reading, Family Fun Night, Science Olympiad, PTA, Basketball, Volleyball, Cross Country Running, this list goes on and on!). The PTA coordinates, but we **NEED YOUR HELP** to show our staff and teachers that we appreciate them! There are so many things you could do to help- it can be as easy as dropping off a fruit tray one morning, or as involved as monetarily sponsoring or hosting a catered lunch! We need desserts, cases of drinks, people to pick up food! Please help us make our teachers and staff feel appreciated at NLABC. Sign up to help @ <http://vols.pt/TigerTeam>

Please also consider writing a note of appreciation to your child's teacher or a staff member that has made an impact on your child or family this year.

"We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures." - Thornton Wilder

Thanks in advance! As always, feel free to contact me so I can help you plug in!
 Kelly Pendley
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Sign up for Field Day @ <http://vols.pt/TigerTeam>

Needed: School Store (Fridays)