

# TIGER TRACKS

## Northern Lights ABC School Newsletter



### CHARACTER BUILDING BLOCKS

**Friendship**

**Respect**

**Perseverance**

**Patriotism Generosity**

**Compassion**

**Tolerance**

**Courage Honesty**

**Self-Discipline**

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October 9, 2020

Dear NLABC Families,

It is hard to believe that we are nearly finished with first quarter. I thank you for choosing to stay with NLABC during this unprecedented time. Your child's teacher should have sent you information regarding conferences this year. As we are not in school, we will not have the scheduled ½ day conferences. Teachers will be having conferences on October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> as needed and office hours will not be occurring on these days.

Conferences are a great way to connect with your child's teacher, discuss your child's strengths, areas of concern, and to talk about study habits.

There will not be school on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> as those are scheduled in-service days.

Dr. Bishop will be making an announcement regarding the return to school on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We, here at NLABC, are developing plans on how this will look when students do return. Once that happens, I will be hosting a parent meeting via Zoom to share our plan with you and to answer questions.

Please enjoy the beautiful fall that we are experiencing in Anchorage this year. Personally, I enjoy seeing the changing colors and feeling the brisk cooler air. Stay healthy!

As always, if you have any questions, please email me at [duff\\_tammy@asdk12.org](mailto:duff_tammy@asdk12.org).

Partners in Education,

Tammy Duff  
Principal

## NLABC School Calendar

10/14/20 - Flu Shot Clinic at NLABC 10am - 1:00 pm  
10/15/20 - End of 1st Quarter  
10/15/20 - Great Alaska ShakeOut  
10/16/20 - **NO SCHOOL** Teacher Inservice  
10/16/20 - Deadline for Fur Rondy Button Contest  
10/21/20 - **Primary Material Pick Up 9am - 3pm**  
Full Day of School  
10/22/20 - Full Day of School  
10/23/20 - **NO SCHOOL** - Professional Development Day  
10/26/20 thru 10/30 - Red Ribbon Week  
10/29/20 - Middle School Academic Assembly 8:45-9:30am  
10/30/20 - Primary Academic Assembly 8:45-9:30am  
- Intermediate Academic Assembly 9:45-10:30am  
11/03/20 - Election Day - **NO SCHOOL**  
11/11/20 - **NO SCHOOL**

**See what upcoming events are  
happening at our school.  
Watch the school calendar!**



## **T.I.G.E.R. READING CLUB UPDATE**

**September 2020**

**Special thanks to all participants who entered names Lastname, Firstname !!!**

**September 2020 total student pages read: 272,250**

**LESS staff pages read of 30,658**

**Pages left to 4.5-million-page-goal: 3,742,297**

**Readers who met the September pages-read goal: 160!!!**

**-PRIMARY CLASS TROPHY K-3 WINNER: Highest Percentage Meeting Goal**

**Mrs. Barnett**

**-INTERMEDIATE CLASS TROPHY 4-6 WINNER:**

**3-Way Tie: Mrs. Hughes, Ms. Frackman, Mrs. Voelker**

**-GRADE LEVEL TROPHY WINNERS:**

**KINDER - Mrs. Kelly PM**

**1<sup>st</sup> GRADE - Mrs. Gionet**

**2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE - Mrs. Pugh**

**3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE - Mrs. Barnett**

**4<sup>th</sup> GRADE - Ms. Basinger**

**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE - Mrs. Hughes**

**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE - Ms. Frackman & Mrs. Voelker**

**STAFF PRIZE WINNER FOR THE MOST PAGES PERSONALLY READ in September '20 Ms. Kelly in the library with 5,169**

**October** pages-read will be due between **November 1st and 5th**. You will find the link, along with lots of information about T.I.G.E.R. Reading on the [Tiger Reading Club Page](#).



## NLABC Battle of the Books

***Battle of the Books*** is a statewide Alaskan reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Alaska Association of School Librarians. The goals of the program are to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, broaden reading interests, increase comprehension, and promote academic excellence.

**Official Bookmarks, games, and book trailers** can be found at the Alaska Battle of the Books home @ <http://www.akla.org/akasl/bb/bbhome.html> and ASD information, including the **official summaries for 3rd / 4th, 5th / 6th, and M.S.** can be found @ [bit.ly/anchorageBOB](http://bit.ly/anchorageBOB) .

**Official ASD Book Summaries** provide an excellent opportunity for students and parents to discuss which books are right for your family together. You can find them @ [bit.ly/anchorageBOB](http://bit.ly/anchorageBOB)

Electronic and audio books are available through SORA, the ASD e-Library. Students can find links to these sites in their [Clever](#) portals along with SORA directions. Many e- and audiobooks are also available with (most) students' ASD Library codes from the *Anchorage Public Library* and the *Alaska Digital Library*. Contact Ms. Collins for additional information, or start at the [Library Links page](#). Print books are available for 3rd - 8th grade from the NLABC library via [Curbside Pickup](#).

### **3rd / 4th Informational Meeting**

Mrs. Kaas and Mrs. Heinrich will hold a Zoom Battle of the Books informational meeting on **October 27 at 2:30**. All third and fourth grade students are invited to attend. Following is the Zoom link to join us:

Topic: 3/4 BOB Informational Meeting  
Time: Oct 27, 2020 02:30 PM Alaska

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/8277379071> Meeting ID: 827 737 9071

Passcode: 34Battle

One tap mobile

+12532158782,,8277379071# US (Tacoma)

+13462487799,,8277379071# US (Houston)

We hope to see you there!

**5th / 6th Grade Coach Conway and M.S. Coach Coffman** encourage all potential participants to download the official bookmarks and memorize the title/author sets, as these are the answers to every question :) Please also download the summaries, and choose which books to read first, then get started reading! Participants will want to become experts on the books to compete. ***Meetings for 5th/6th and M.S. will begin in November, and will be announced in Tiger Tracks.***



## Lottery Information

Do you have a sibling entering Kindergarten next school year? Please remember to enter your child in the online lottery process! The lottery opens January 1<sup>st</sup>. **Siblings are not automatically entered,** but are entered into the lottery process manually. Do not forget to notate your student/sibling that is already enrolled in Northern Lights ABC.

You may access the online lottery through your current ASD student's Zangle Parent Connect account. Children are eligible to go through the lottery if they will be 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the year that they will start kindergarten.

**The deadline for submitting a lottery application online for the 2021/22 school year closes during the last couple weeks of March. You can find more information about the lottery at**

<https://www.asdk12.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=3302>



## Northern Lights Library

Wishing for those good old fashioned library days? You know the ones...a relaxing read aloud followed by time to browse the shelves and talk with your friends to find out what they are reading???

While the pandemic has made life challenging, Ms. Collins and Ms. Kelly would like to help you restore some of those times to your schedule. **Join us each Wednesday for a read-aloud time.** **K-2nd** topics will change each week, and are accompanied by a storyboard with suggestions for further reading and an activity. **3rd/4th and 5th/6th** graders hear a chapter each week from a Battle of the Books title. **6th - 8th** (6th have choices!) hear a survival story from *Accidental Adventures: Alaska True Tales of Ordinary People Facing Danger in the Wilderness* by Chris Lundgren. This is an adult book in which Ms. Collins' grown children hold the all important (to her) final chapter and nearly die while kayaking in Prince William Sound. Each week is a new chapter, and all are excellent true stories of survival in our beautiful home state. These 4 half-hour read-aloud periods are primarily focused on tuning out our stressful lives and enjoying the time with a great story. Links to the read aloud zoom sessions are available in each students' Clever Portal on the Library Page.



### Read-Aloud Schedule:

**K-2nd: 9:15-9:45**

**3rd / 4th**

**10:00-10:30**

**5th / 6th 10:45-11:15**

**6th - 8th**

**11:30**

**-12:00**

Northern Lights Library

**CURBSIDE  
PICK-UP**



[Curbside How-to](#): Rather get your own library PRINT book and spend some time OFF the computer? Use the [book request form](#), place holds, or just [email Ms. Collins](#) and request some great books from our library (including the Battle of the Books titles). [Browse](#) the shelves for specific titles or let us pick some great ones for the readers in your house!



# NLABC Staff



Hi, I am Tiffany Voelker and I teach 6th grade here at NLABC. This is my 14th year teaching with ASD. I have taught every grade except Kindergarten and fifth grade. I have lived in Alaska all my life. I love the outdoors and love our Alaska summers. My favorite place to go is Hawaii! I love the beach and ocean. I have two little boys. Liam is 3 and Jase is 1. They both keep me super busy. We are always going on adventures together as a family.



Hello Northern Lights Family. My name is Miriam Easton. I have been an Art Teacher in Anchorage, Alaska since 1999. In 2001, I began teaching at Northern Lights ABC. I was even Miss Basinger's art teacher. I attended grade school in Alabama. I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Art and Physical Education from the University of Montevallo, in Alabama. After college, I decided to pre-retire and move to Vail, Colorado. After three winter seasons, I was ready to teach, explore and start another chapter in my life.

Mr. Easton and I moved to Dillingham, Alaska. We worked in the sport and commercial fishing industry, along with education and coastal resource service. We eventually made it to Anchorage after three fishing seasons. We have two daughters, Anna (20) and Eva (17). We also have four critters (2 dogs, 1 kitten and 1 leopard gecko).

As an artist, I like to work in many different mediums (painting, clay, beading, drawing, calligraphy...etc.). I love to try new techniques. Outside of art and spending time with my family, I have so many different hobbies. I like to travel (well, not anymore...ha ha) road trip, play tennis, camp, fish, garden, read, walk, play volleyball, try different foods, enjoy different teas, paddle board, collect and gather firewood, spend time with friends, find little fascinating things in nature and help others.



## 2020 Fur Rondy BOOSTER BUTTON CONTEST

### Official Rules

- The Fur Rondy Booster Button Contest is open to all Anchorage elementary school students (Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Artwork must be original and the work of one student only. Artwork must be in a circle that is 2 - 2.5 inches in diameter
- Artwork should reflect the Fur Rondy Festival, with special attention to the 85th Anniversary celebration this year. Students should focus on one main topic or idea in their artwork
- Entries may be on this entry form or on 8.5" X 11" white paper. Entries may be done in crayon, pencil, felt pens, paint (watercolor, tempera), computer paint or draw software
- The words "I support Fur Rondy" and "Anchorage, Alaska" along with the current year and mention of the 83rd Anniversary are the only words that should appear on the drawing
- Please do not use copyrighted characters such as Mickey Mouse, Pokemon, Beanie Babies, etc.
- A merchandise committee of the Fur Rondy Board of Directors will judge all entries and select the winner. The decision of the judges is final
- The winner will receive / win a pizza party for their class, the opportunity to ride in Rondy's Grand Parade on Saturday, February 29, 2020 and public recognition for their design
- All entries must be delivered to the Rondy office by 5pm, Thursday, October 17, 2019. Rondy is located at 400 D Street in downtown Anchorage

### Artist Release Form/Agreement

- I understand that the design described below will become the sole and exclusive property of Greater Anchorage, Inc., for perpetuity. I relinquish all rights and claims to any future use of this design and understand that my design submission will not be returned to me
- It is understood that Greater Anchorage, Inc., will have the right to make changes to this design in order to meet manufacturing and marketing needs
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Artist Name (please print or type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Artist Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (parent or legal guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed (parent or legal Guardian)

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[www.furrondy.net](http://www.furrondy.net)



Attention Elementary Students!

## ***Fur Rondy Invites You to Design the 2020 Booster Button***

The snow hasn't fallen, but it's time to start thinking about the Fur Rondy. This year marks the 85th Anniversary of what has become Alaska's Premier Winter Festival. We are extending a special invitation to all Anchorage elementary students to submit their designs for the 2020 Rondy Booster Button. The winner will receive a pizza party for their class and the opportunity to ride in the Rondy Grand Parade on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020!

To enter, fill in your name, address, phone number and school information below. Draw your entry in the space below. Once completed, please drop it off or mail to Fur Rondy Headquarters, 400 D Street, Suite 110; Anchorage, Alaska 99501. **Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at the Fur Rondy Headquarters at 400 D. Street, Suite 110. Call 907-274-1177 if you need any further information.**

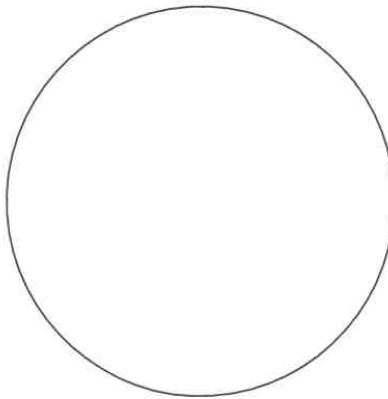
Please be sure to read and sign the back of this form! Good Luck!

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



*\*All designs submitted become the exclusive property of Greater Anchorage, Inc. The winning artist's parents must sign as artist release form. No artwork will be returned. All entries must be original designs. See Official Rules for details.*

**www.furrondy.net**

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## Nurse's Note



# NLABC FLU Clinic

### FREE FLU Shots for the Community

Parent/guardian consent form is required for all students age 17 and under

#### **(Northern Lights ABC School)**

2424 E Dowling Rd,  
Anchorage AK 99507

**Date: October 14th**

**Time: 10am - 1pm.**

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!!!**

Brought to you by the ASD Healthcare Services Department in  
conjunction with the Anchorage Public Health Department





## RED RIBBON WEEK



October 26-30

MONDAY

Sock It to Drugs - Wear your favorite socks outside your pants so we can see them.



TUESDAY

Tuesday: Use Your Head; Don't Do Drugs: Wear your crazy hat to school.



WEDNESDAY

Wednesday: We are RED-y to Make a Difference: Wear RED to school.



THURSDAY

Thursday: Too Smart to Start – NERD DAY! Wear your nerd apparel.



FRIDAY

Friday: Our School Chooses to Be Drug Free – Wear your NLABC apparel or school colors (orange and black).





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OF BOX TOPS IS HERE!**



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Support NLABC PTA by joining at :  
<https://nlabc.memberhub.com/join/ny3j74>

# On-Line Learning

On-Line Classroom behavior to remind kids: [Zoom Etiquette](#)

Best Practices for Parents: [Help Your Child Learn](#)

Parents/Student Tech Help: [ASD Technology HelpDesk](#) or call 907-742-4357

Family link Resource to everything! [ASD Family Resources Website](#)

## ASD COMMUNICATION

**Note: Always check your email and text messages**

**Anchorage School District:** [ASD Homepage](#)

**Northern Lights ABC School:** [NLABC Homepage](#)

**Northern Lights ABC Facebook:** [NLABC Official Facebook](#)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Meals during closure for students are available:

[ASD Student Nutrition](#)

# Great Alaska ShakeOut



## COVID-19 LINKS

### Trusted Official Websites to stay informed about COVID-19:

CDC [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

WHO [World Health Organization](#)

DHSS [State Department of Health and Social Services](#)

ANCHORAGE. [Municipality of Anchorage](#)



# Character Building Blocks



## Friendship

Respect    Perseverance

Patriotism    Generosity

Compassion    Tolerance

Courage    Honesty

Self-Discipline    Humility

Self-Confidence    Work

Independence    Helpfulness

Sportsmanship    Loyalty

October 2020

RESPECT - Esteem, Courtesy, Revere, Honor  
RESPONSIBILITY - Duty, Reliability, Trustworthiness



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