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#### Dear NLABC Families,

As the month of February draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some exciting news and updates.

All students will begin eating lunches in the cafeteria on February 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have an allergy table for those students who have nut allergies or other food allergies that need to be separated.

Students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take the NAEP test on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ends on March 4<sup>th</sup> as it is a grading day for the teachers. Spring break will begin March 7-11 with 4<sup>th</sup> quarter beginning on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> is a read-in day where students may wear pajamas to school. Students must wear pajama pants (no shorts or nightgowns), no tank tops, and appropriate footwear must be always worn. Please do not send slippers to school. This is our first time doing a pajama day at NLABC and we are excited to try something new.

Our academic awards will be held in the MPR on Friday, March 18, 2022. The intermediate awards will be held at 8:30am and primary will begin at 9:30 am. We are proud to invite our parents to join us for our academic awards. Please look for a notification from your teacher.

Our snow has been melting rapidly with the warmer temperatures which means puddles on the playground! Please make sure your student has the appropriate gear to play outside. Snow pants, boots, hats, gloves, and a coat are required for most of our students.

I have been working with our maintenance department to remove more of the snow from our parking lot. Some has been removed. Thank you for your patience as we will hopefully get more removed soon.

Have a wonderful spring break!

Tammy Duff Principal

# Dates to Remember

3/1/22-	NAEP Testing in Library for 8th grade
3/1/22-	Digital Tiger Reading Logs (due by the end of the school day $3/3/22$ )
3/2/22-	NAEP Testing in Library for 4th grade
3/3/22-	PJ Day, Read-In Day
3/3/22-	Jazzy popcorn will be sent home
3/3/22-	Honor Choir, Band & Orchestra Concert at West 7-8pm
3/4/22-	End of 3rd Quarter, No School
3/4/22-	Migrant Ed Literacy Event 5-8pm
3/7/22-3/11/22-	Spring Break, No School
3/14/22-	Deadline for Yearbook Orders
3/17/22-	Q3 Academic Awards Assembly Middle School 8:30am
3/18/22-	MS Spirit Day- Superhero Theme
3/18/22-	Q3 Academic Awards Assembly Intermediate 8:30am
3/18/22-	Q3 Academic Awards Assembly Primary 9:30am



See what upcoming events are happening at our school. Watch the school calender! <u>https://www.asdk12.org/Page/90</u>

### School Nurse News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Covid Testing**: We offer covid testing @ NLABC for symptomatic students and their families. You can click on the link below to get your child registered for covid testing if needed. <u>https://beechtree.rymedi.com/#/registration-form?irbuuid=bdfc13af-f77b-4778-b666-feaa965a1360</u>

Select "I don't have a QR code". If you have a QR code, you do not have to register.

**Masking**: Per Dr. Bishop's email sent out to parents on 2/18, masking will be OPTIONAL for students and staff. This districtwide change will be implemented on 2/28. Families will be updated if any other changes are made.

Let me know if you have any questions. Stay safe and healthy!

Nurse Ngozi

### **BIRTHDAY TREATS REMINDER**

Any treats brought to school must be store bought.

We may not have any homemade treats in the classrooms.

Thank you!

### **Science Fair Update**

We will not be having a science fair or exhibition this year, but students may still compete at the state level if they want. See the link below:

https://alaskasciencefair.org/students/elementary-project-information/



### **Return to School Options** For Anyone with COVID-19 Symptoms or a Positive COVID-19 Test Result:

If you test positive, stay home for 5 days after your first symptom or positive test, whichever is earlier. After 5 days, you may return to school when you have not had a fever in 24 hours without fever reducing medicine, as long as your other symptoms are improving.

If you test negative, you may return to school once you have not had a fever in 24 hours without fever reducing medicine as long as your other symptoms are improving.

If you do not get a test, stay home for 5 days. You may return after 5 days if you have not had a fever in 24 hours without fever reducing medicine as long as your other symptoms are improving.

If your healthcare provider determines your symptoms are from something else, you may return to school with a note from your provider as long as you have not had a fever In 24 hours without fever reducing medicine and your other symptoms are improving.

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### **Music News**

#### K-5

Students are making progress as we move towards 4th quarter. 5th grade is working on a fun and challenging piece, "Rhythmic Mallets." 4th grade is working on the round "Scotland's Burning" on voice and instruments. 2nd grade is beginning the song and game "Button You Must Wander," and 1st grade is working on a song about a Wolf! Kindergarten is learning to add instruments to the song "Apple Tree," all our NLABC musicians are doing a great job!

#### Choir

Choir students are finishing their Purple Belt in Choir Karate and prepping for our upcoming events. Unfortunately, the South Area Choir Festival was canceled; however, we're looking forward to our two remaining concert events later this semester!

- 1. ASD Middle School Choir Festival: Thursday, April 21st, report @ 6 pm for 7 pm concert. Location: Bartlett High School. 7th/8th grade.
- 2. NLABC Spring Concert: Wednesday, May 4th, an afternoon show and an evening show from 6-8 pm. 6th-8th grade.



If you have questions, you can reach me at <u>congdon\_darinda@asdk12.org</u>

And you can always find more information on our NLABC music website at <u>https://sites.google.com/asdk12.net/nlabcmusic</u>



Dear NLABC Families,

Every year a survey is offered to families to provide feedback to how our school is doing. The data is collected and shared with me. I look at the feedback and share it with our staff to see the areas that we are successful in and areas that need improvement. We set our school goals from the feedback we receive. We strive to do better always.

I realize that the last two years have been stressful with the pandemic and some things were out of our control, but your feedback is crucial to how we can best improve our services to you, our families at NLABC.

I'd appreciate your time and comments in this anonymous survey. The survey window closes March 25<sup>th.</sup>

Here is the link for the family portion of the SCCS-Family survey. <u>https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb/asdfamily</u>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any questions or concerns at <u>duff\_tammy@asdk12.org</u>.

Tammy Duff Principal

Dear Parents of Sixth Graders,

This is the time of year we start preparing for the **2022-2023** school year. It's also the time of year that we suggest you start thinking about where you plan to send your child for middle school. There are several options available to you and we encourage you to begin discussions now to make the best decision for your student and your family.

All our middle school students take the following subjects: Language Arts/Reading, Math 7/Pre-Algebra/ Algebra, Science/Biology, Social Studies, Physical Education, Art, and Health. Elective courses are Music (Band, Orchestra or Choir) and Foreign Language (Spanish). Electives will also be offered.

Our Middle School Teachers are available to answer any questions you may have about Middle School at NLABC, please see their email addresses below.

Heather CoffmanCoffmanheather@asdk12.orgChris CullingsCullingschris@asdk12.orgIan DicksonDicksonian@asdk12.orgShannon LeeLeeShannon@asdk12.org

You also have the option of sending your student to your neighborhood middle school. If this is the direction you wish to pursue, you are responsible for contacting that school for registration information. Your neighborhood middle school is based on your resident address.

Additional options include lottering into, or applying for a zone exception at, a middle school that is not your neighborhood middle school. If you decide one of these options is the best choice for your student, we suggest you have a plan in place should he/she not be accepted at that school. You must contact these other schools for their registration information. The lottery and zone exemption process is now done online. Please see the ASD or NLABC website for further information and links to the online application system. Lottery and zone exemption applications *must be submitted online by 5pm, March17, 2022.* The next Anchorage School District lottery will be held **March 18, 2022.** 

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely,

Tammy Duff, Principal

# Reminders

### **Lottery Reminder (Sibling Preference)**

The ASD Lottery closes March 17, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year. Please remember that you must still enter the lottery for your student to be considered for sibling preference.

### **Tiger Reading Volunteer Needed**



We are looking for a volunteer to help out with our Tiger Reading program! If you are interested, please email <u>nlabctigerreading@gmail.com</u>.

### Volunteers

All volunteers are required to fill out a volunteer aplication and waiver form, and must wait for district approval prior to volunteering in the school. Thank you for your willingness to help out at our school! Here is a link to the forms: <u>https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18673</u>

### **Next School Year Plans**

If your child will not be returning to NLABC next year, please let us know. This helps the office and our teachers to plan for the new school year. Our number is 907-742-7500. Thank you!

### We Need Noon Duties

We have immediate openings for noon duties at NLABC. You would work for approximately 2 hours a day with the students in the lunch room and outside. The hours are 10:50am-12:50 pm. If you can only help for a couple of days a week, we would appreciate it!

Unfortunately, you cannot bring younger children with you for the position. You can apply at <u>www.asdk12.org</u> and it is job # 9807 – Service Area Temporaries.





### LIBRARY NEWS

During the past weeks, half of the library was converted into the Scholastic Book Fair Store! We lost a day due to school closure, but LOTS of students and families stopped by on Thursday during Parent Teacher Conferences. The fair remained open during the afternoons the following week to help make up for the missed day. Thank you to everyone who took the time to do a little shopping and support our school and library.



Students have continued to explore the themes and ideas of our NLABC character building blocks through writing projects and read alouds. The projects and stories focused on Courage, Tolerance, Honesty, and Loyalty. Here are the titles of some of the books we've been reading and the characteristics they explore:

K - The Magic Pot - honesty 1st - Junie B Jones Cheater Pants - honesty 2nd - The Hundred Dresses - tolerance and courage 3rd/4th - Garlic and the Vampire, Katie the Catsitter, or Treasure in the Lake 5th - Homework Machine - honesty, loyalty, courage The sixth graders have been working hard on writing fables with a moral that teaches one of those characteristics. My plan is to put them together in a digital collection that everyone can read online. They're turning out great! The students have so many creative ideas, and we're excited to share them when they're finished.

7th graders began a unit on programming. Mr. Dickson and I decided to use Scratch. It is a visual programming language for coding video games developed by MIT. The students have been enjoying it, and they created two of their own games from "scratch".

If you have any questions about lost or overdue books, T.I.G.E.R. reading, or what your child has been learning about during library, feel free to reach me at <u>pierce andrew@asdk12.org</u>.

Happy Reading, Mr. Pierce



### **DISMISSAL AND TRAFFIC UPDATES & REMINDERS**

Dear NLABC Families,

We have made a change to our pick-up process that began on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. I understand the frustration in the pick-up process. With 610 students to be dismissed within a 20-minute window, people are in a hurry and aggravations occur. I am seeing and hearing about this daily from parents, staff, and the neighborhood across the street.

I have worked with our school resource officers, APD, and the Elementary Education department and we will have a staggered dismissal time that will look like this:

All kindergarten students and siblings will be dismissed at 2:35pm. Kindergarten students who do not have siblings will get picked up in the front of the school. We will continue to use Laurel Street for those kindergarteners with siblings.

Please know that if you are here early (up to an hour) to pick up your student, we will release them early. We have so many parents arriving early and waiting to pick up their students that it blocks the entrances to our school on both Dowling and Laurel Street. Please do not arrive early to pick up your child if it is not needed.

Double parking, cutting off other cars, and having students try to cross at other locations other than the crosswalk is a safety concern and cannot continue.

I appreciate your help with this and hope this will cut down on the parking lot/dismissal woes. In addition, please remember that if you are in the drop-off lanes in the morning, your child is expected to be prepared to leave the vehicle in a timely manner to line up outside with their class. If you want your child to stay in your car, then please park your car so other vehicles can drop off their students.

If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>duff\_tammy@asdk12.org</u>.

This is a safety concern for all. All students need to be picked up by 3:15. Our office closes at 3:30pm. Thank you in advance for your help.

Partners in Education, Tammy Duff Principal

When dropping off or picking up your student(s), please pull all the way forward to help the traffic flow. Thank you!



- Friday, March 18 ~ Superhero Theme
- Friday. April 22 ~ Home Room Wars

On each spirit day, homerooms with 100% participation will earn a ticket to be entered to win a pizza party after the April 22 spirit day. The winning homeroom teacher will also receive a \$50 gift card to their choice of Kaladi Brothers or Amazon. The more tickets earned, the greater your homeroom chances are to WIN!

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, Homeroom Wars will take place. The judges will be considering theme, participation involvement, creativity, ambiance, and enthusiasm, to decide on the winning Homeroom class. The winning homeroom, will not only have bragging rights, but will also win a pizza party & rootbeer floats, as well as the homeroom teacher will win a \$50 gift card to Amazon!

> \* Dates & Themes subject to changes \* \*\*SPONSORED BY YOUR NLABC PTA\*\*

The Rogers Park PTA presents

# Camp Super(lative)

### biggest, kindest, toughest, cleanest, weirdest

Join Rogers Park teachers Mr. Elbow, Ms. Lavy and Mrs. Stone for 1, 2 or 3 days of Olympic-sized fun during Spring Break!

### Tuesday, Wednesday &/or Thursday (March 8-10) Full Day -- 8:30-4:30

Half-Day -- 8:30-1:00 or 12:00-4:30

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Email questions to stone\_sarah@asdk12.org or elbow\_benjamin@asdk12.org More info and sign up: <u>shorturl.at/uzDL7</u>

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#### 2022- February 28



### RECESS DRESS CODE

Per ASD policy students are expected to attend recess until -10 degrees below zero. This will include wind chills. Snow Pants are required for soccer, football and the sledding hill. Students who do not have proper gear will go to study hall.

	Below Freezing (32 degrees)- Required unless otherwise stated	Snow on the Ground-Required unless otherwise stated
Grades K-4	Warm Coat, Hat or Hood, Gloves	Warm Coat, Hat or Hood, Gloves, Snowpants, Boots
Grades 5-6	Warm Coat, Hat or Hood, Gloves	Warm Coat, Hat or Hood, Gloves, Boots. Snow Pants are encouraged.
Grades 7-8	Coat	Encouraged are a Warm Coat, Hat or Hood, Gloves, Boots and Snow Pants.









# Register for Girl Scout Summer Camp!

Our camps are committed to creating a community that helps campers unlock their potential and discover the world while developing life skills. In our safe and supportive environment, girls become active participants in the learning process as counselors guide them in not only having fun, but understanding the importance of how and what they are doing.

Our travel camps and camps in Chugiak, Wasilla, and Juneau are open to ALL girls, regardless of whether they are current Girl Scout members. We offer day camps and resident camps with all the classic camp activities, such as canoeing, arts and crafts, and exploring the outdoors, as well as sessions focused on STEM, water, hiking, and more.

Camp Catalog available at: girlscoutsalaska.org/camps

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### Alaska RUSH Soccer Club

Driven by purpose and passion, committed to achieving excellence.

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MOST EXPERIENCED COACHES IN ALASKA GIRLS: T/TH Trainings BOYS: M/W Trainings COED REC: Both T/TH & M/W Options

- · Recreational Soccer (2-7 years old)
- Pre-Comp Development Program (6-10 years old)
- Competitive Program (11-18 years old)

### Come test drive our program free of charge before making a financial commitment and meet our coaching staff! Scholarships Available

Please contact Johnny Turner, Alaska Rush Youth Director of Coaching 907.223.0612 / jturner@alaskarush.com / www.alaskarush.com

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### HELP NLABC EARN MONEY, JUST BY DOING WHAT YOU ALREADY DO!

SHOP ON AMAZON, JUST LINK YOUR ACCOUNT TO OUR SCHOOL & AMAZON GIVES BACK 0.5% ON YOUR ELIGIBLE PURCHASES TO OUR SCHOOL!



SCHOOL!



AMAZON APP

- 1. Get the Amazon App either in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android.
- 2. Open App & login to your existing Amazon account or register for a new account.
- 3. Simply tap on "AmazonSmile" within the Programs & Features menu or Settings and follow the on-screen instructions.
- 4. Under "Pick your own charitable organization" search for Northern Lights Elementary ABC PTA.
- 5. Remember to renew your Amazon Smile twice a year when prompted by Amazon.



# NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC SCHOOL



# ALREADY HAVE FRED MEYER REWARDS?

LOG-IN TO YOUR FRED MEYER ACCOUNT & SEARCH FOR NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC PTA OR TYPE IN KN926 TO LINK YOUR ACCOUNT & START EARNING MONEY FOR NLABC TODAY

NOT A FRED MEYER REWARD MEMBER YET?

Sign Up

SIGN UP & START SAVING MONEY WHILE SUPPORTING NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC SCHOOL

#### MUNI.ORG/ASSEMBLY

#### AO NO. 2019 51(S), AS AMENDEI

### NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES FACTSHEET\*



A new ordinance (law) passed by the Anchorage Assembly on June 20, 2019 makes it unlawful for a driver of any vehicle to talk on a mobile communication device while driving a vehicle within an active school zone or on school grounds, unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

#### 1 PURPOSE OF THE LAW

- Student safety is extremely important.
- Distracted driving is dangerous.
- Talking on a cell phone or mobile communication device is distracted driving and jeopardizes student safety in designated school zones.

#### 2 TERMS USED IN THE NEW LAW



A mobile communication device is a cellular phone, smart phone, personal data assistant, wireless tablet, computer, or any similar device used for voice or visual communication.

An active school zone is a school zone with signage between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and where the maximum speed is 25 miles per hour or less on the streets permanently or due to a temporary speed reduction indicated by flashing school zone lights.



A hands-free device is a phone with speaker capability, an attachment, or other piece of equipment that allows the use of the device without either of the operator's hands.

#### **3 THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS IN THE LAW**

- A vehicle is **stopped** OR a mobile communication device is used with a **hands-free device**.
- A mobile communication device is **used to dial 911** and make an emergency call.
- An operator of an **authorized emergency vehicle** is using a mobile communication device while acting in an official capacity.

\*This fact sheet is provided as a courtesy to the public to highlight provisions of the law; it is not the law. For specific details of the law and the requirements or prohibitions in the law, please refer to the text of the ordinance (AO No. 2019-51(S)am) or Anchorage Municipal Code section 9.28.055.

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### NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES FACTSHEET (CONT.)

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#### CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS



- A \$500 fine, or
- A class A misdemeanor if a person's driving causes physical injury or death to another person.

### 5 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Why isn't talking on cell phones banned while driving everywhere in Alaska? The State of Alaska has preempted Anchorage's right to ban talking on a cell phone while driving, but reading or typing a text message while driving is prohibited statewide.
- Can I call my student when I'm there to pick them up? Yes, if your car is stopped, then you can call your student on your cell phone. Or, you may call your student on a hands-free device.



Do these rules apply only when the school zone lights are flashing? No! Most
schools don't have flashing lights. These rules apply in an active school zone, where the speed limit is 25 mph or less, even if temporarily indicated by the flashing lights, and is designated by the signs posted that say "School Zone". If the speed limit is never reduced to 25 mph or less, the street is not in an active school zone and the rules don't apply even if there are signs.

• How can I be sure if I am in a place where I can legally use my cell phone? If you are unsure, don't use your cell phone! Pull over, stop, and use your cell phone when you are not driving.

Reviewed by the Municipality of Anchorage Legal Department

If you have additional questions, your Assembly Member's contact information may be found at www.Muni.org/Assembly.

# ASD COMMUNICATION

Note: Always check your email and text messages Anchorage School District: <u>ASD Homepage</u> Northern Lights ABC School: <u>NLABC Homepage</u> <u>Northern Lights ABC Facebook: NLABC Official Facebook</u>

#### ASD Statement of Nondiscrimination

The Board is committed to an environment of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, economic status, union affiliation, disability, and other human differences. No person shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, any academic or extracurricular program or educational opportunity or service offered by the District. The District will comply with the applicable statutes, regulations, and executive orders adopted by Federal, State and Municipal agencies. The District notes the concurrent applicability of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the relevant disability provisions of Alaska law. Any student or employee who violates this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Inquiries or complaints may be addressed to ASD's Equity/Compliance Director, who also serves as the Title IX and ADA Coordinator, ASD Education Center, 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage, AK 99504-3135 (907) 742-4132, EEO@asdk12. org., or to any of the following external agencies: Alaska State Commission for Human Rights, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the Office for Civil Rights-U.S. Department of Education. REVISED: 8/2007, 8/2012, 5/2013, 7/2014, 3/2017, 9/2017, 7/2019 www.asdk12.org Early Intervention Services Center Anchorage School District 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99504 907-742-2657 Revised 9/6/19

#### <u>0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities</u>

The School Board is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination based on sex, race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, physical or mental disability, Vietnam era veteran status, genetic information, good faith reporting to the board on a matter of public concern, or any other unlawful consideration. The Board shall promote programs which ensure that discriminatory practices are eliminated in all District activities.

# **Character Building Blocks**



Friendship Responsibility		
Respect Perseverance		
Patriotism Generosity		
Compassion Tolerance		
Courage Honesty		
Self-Discipline Humility		
Self-Confidence Work		
Independence Helpfulness		
Sportsmanship Loyalty		

### February 2022

HONESTY- Integrity, Honor, Sincerity, Truthfulness

LOYALTY- Allegiance, Faithfulness, Devotion, Dedication

### March 2022

HUMILITY- Modesty, Not Arrogant, Not Feeling better than others

SELF-CONFIDENCE- Self-Trust, Calm Inner Strength, Self-Esteem



-End of Newsletter-