

# Tiger Tracks

## Northern Lights ABC School Newsletter



### CHARACTER BUILDING BLOCKS

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

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Dear Parents,

We are in full swing in our second quarter of school. Parent-Teacher conferences were a success, and it was great to see so many of you in person.

We will be having our annual Thanksgiving Feast this year on November 24<sup>th</sup>. It will not be as traditional as it has been in years past, but we still plan on having our students dress up as an early American historical figure (1600-1800s). Students will be eating in their classrooms, and we will have a parade in each classroom so each student will be visible during our Zoom parade. Our speeches will also be viewable to parents as well. Our PTA will be sending out more information about this next week.

Please do not speed in the school zone. Student safety is our number one priority. We all need to exit out the same location. Also, when picking up on Laurel Street, remember it is a loading zone and not a parking spot.

We need noon duties to help cover recess and lunches. Please call the office at 742-7500 so you can apply. The hours are 11:00-12:45. Thank you for your consideration.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser. We don't know the grand tally of the amount raised but thank you for supporting our school.

As the weather is getting colder, please remember students need the appropriate gear to go outside. For Kindergarten -4<sup>th</sup> grade, they need coats, snow pants, boots, hats, gloves/mittens. For 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students, they need a coat, hats, gloves/mittens, and boots. They will need snow pants if they are going on the field/hill. Hoodies do not count as a coat as they get wet from the snow.

I hope you have a wonderful week.

Partners in Education,  
Tammy Duff  
Principal





# Dates to Remember

11/1/21-	Digital Tiger Reading Logs (due by the end of the school day 11/3/21)
11/3/21-	Girl Scouts Family Information Night (Art Room) 6:30pm
11/5/21-	Middle School Spirit Day - Camo
11/11/21-	No School- In-service Day
11/16/21-	Migrant Education Literacy Zoom Event with Mrs. Keil 4:00pm - 5:00pm
11/24/21-	Thanksgiving Feast 11:00am - 2:00pm
11/25/21-	No School- Thanksgiving holiday
11/26/21-	No School- Thanksgiving holiday

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

<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/90>

## **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.

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



# Sponsor An American Flag For Our Local Heroes

Dear NLABC Families,

We are excited to share a very special project we are working on which strongly supports NLABC's character blocks of Patriotism, Generosity, Compassion, Courage, Respect, and Helpfulness. We came across a local news article where our local police and fire chaplains expressed the need of funds for them to purchase flags for our communities' veterans and first responders. "After a death, the chaplains drape the body of a veteran or first responder with a flag to honor them as they leave a home or hospital."

We think this is an excellent patriotic opportunity for our students and families to participate in community giving. Our goal is not only to help our fellow community members and honor our veterans, but to share the pride and joy which comes from being involved and helping to meet a need in their community.

We are estimating the cost per flag from Amazon which sells the coffin-sized flags for about \$75.00. If your family would like to sponsor a flag, we will provide your family's name and/or honorary name as recognition on a specific flag. Another idea is for a class or group to sponsor a flag together. This is not limited to just NLABC parents & students, you are encouraged to invite extended family members and community & business members to donate towards purchasing a flag. Donations are tax-deductible, with our tax-id number provided at the bottom of this letter. Any and every monetary donation is greatly appreciated to help make this a special and warm-hearted surprise for our communities' chaplains at our school assembly in May. Here is the link to the story: <https://www.ktuu.com/content/news/Chaplains-in-need-of-moneyfor-flags-to-honor-veterans-first-responders-565717382.html>

We thank you in advance for your participation to make this special project possible.

Tammy Duff  
Principal, Northern Lights ABC

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Please note: An approved American flag to honor our community's fallen heroes costs approximately \$75.00

1. Our family, \_\_\_\_\_ would like to support the purchase of \_\_\_\_\_ American Flag(s) to honor our community's heroes sacrifice. **OR**
2. Instead we would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the special NLABC fund to help purchase flags for our fallen veterans & first responders.

**\*\*If your contribution is \$75 or more; we will ensure your family's name is attached to a flag.**

**\*Please make checks payable to Northern Lights ABC PTA\* Tax ID #92-0065531**



## School Nurse News

**If you are vaccinated/unvaccinated, and have had Covid in the past 90 days, and you have recently developed new symptoms:**

You have three options (you only need to do one of these options):

1. Receive a negative molecular test. \* *ASD is not accepting antigen tests or at-home tests.*
2. Obtain a doctor note that states that the symptoms are not COVID related ([Chronic Condition/Symptom Release Form](#))
3. Isolate for 10-days from the start of symptoms (can return to school/work on Day 11)-re-testing not required after isolation.

This is consistent with the CDC guidelines recommending that anyone with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status should get tested. If you get tested because you have symptoms or were potentially exposed to the virus, please stay home pending test results.

Thank you!

Ngozi Njoku, RN BSN  
NLABC School Nurse

**Get a Free COVID-19 Test Today in Anchorage**

<https://www.anchoragecovidtest.org/>

## Music News

### K-5

Our students are doing a great job making music!

If you'd like, ask your Kindergartener about the song "Pitter Patter", your 1st grader about making cloud songs, your 2nd grader about "El Zapatero," and your 4th and 5th graders about the instruments they are playing for the songs "Papaya" and "Mango Walk".

### 6th-8th Choir

Both choirs are doing an excellent job developing their vocal skills and their sight-singing skills.

Solo and Ensemble rehearsal group for 7th and 8th graders begins in November, and parents and family members stay tuned for concert news coming soon to your inboxes.



If you have questions, you can reach me at [congdon\\_darinda@asdk12.org](mailto:congdon_darinda@asdk12.org)

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





# 21-22 NLABC MIDDLE SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

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## WE ARE PROUD TO BE NLABC TIGERS

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- Friday, November 5 ~ Camo Day ~

Where did all the middle schoolers go? We can't see them!

- Friday, December 3 ~ Ugly Sweater Theme
- Friday, January 21 ~ Wear Your Favorite Sports Team Apparel
- Friday, February 11 ~ Valentine's Day Theme
- 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\*\*





## 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!



### COMPUTER

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/92-0065531>
2. Login using your existing Amazon account or register for a new account.
3. Under “Pick your own charitable organization” search for **Northern Lights Elementary ABC PTA**
4. Remember to buy your Amazon purchases through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) & NOT through the regular Amazon site.
5. It is helpful to create a bookmark or add to your favorites for a shortcut.



### 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.

BE SURE TO SHARE:  
WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, AUNTS,  
UNCLES, GRANDPARENTS,  
GRANDFRIENDS, AND BUSINESSES.  
THEY DO NOT EVEN HAVE TO LIVE IN  
ALASKA! ANYONE WITH AN AMAZON  
ACCOUNT, CAN SIGNUP & HELP OUR  
SCHOOL!



Thank you for  
supporting  
Northern Lights  
ABC School!



# Reminders

## Volunteers

All volunteers are required to fill out a volunteer application 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: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18673>

## Lottery Reminder

The ASD Lottery opens in January 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.

## Reminder about Masks

All students and adults entering the building must be wearing a mask. You will not be allowed into the building without a mask on.

### **Thanksgiving Feast Costume Swap!**

**\*Located in foyer across from the front office**

How it works:

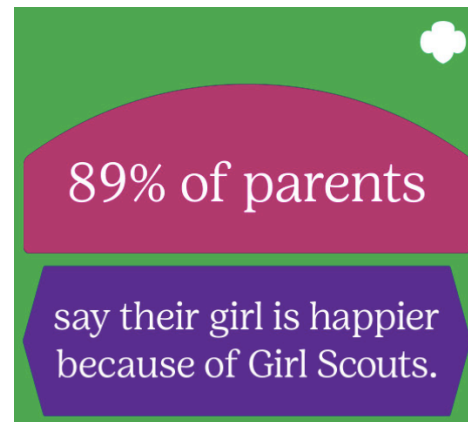
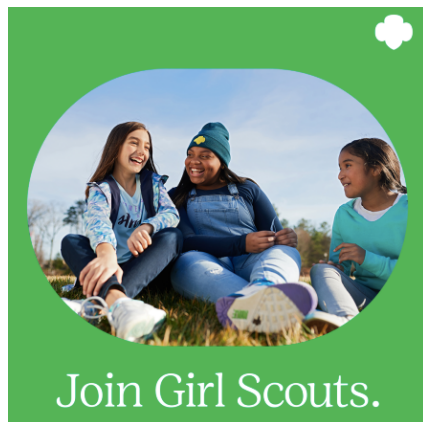
**Donate** your outgrown outfits and accessories to another NLABC student by leaving them here.

**Take** an item if your student can use it for this year's Thanksgiving Feast.

**\*Please:** Take only one item or outfit per student. You are not required to donate something before taking something. After the feast, please return the item(s) to the office to be used again next year.







### **Upcoming events with Girl Scouts of Alaska:**

#### **Wayfinders Planetarium**

**Nov. 4, 6-6:30 p.m.**

This program puts you on the deck of the voyaging canoe Hōkūleʻa as you explore traditional Polynesian navigation. Learn the story of traditional navigation in the Pacific and the recovery of the nearly lost art of traditional wayfinding. The program includes a pre-recorded film to watch prior to the event and a live session led by a Bishop Museum of Hawaii educator. Be ready to interact and ask your questions about traditional Polynesian navigation and get inspired for your next adventure. (\$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Financial aid is available.)

#### **Aurora Alive**

**Nov. 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Delve into the mystery of the Aurora Borealis with the Museum of the North and an Aurora Specialist. Learn what the aurora is, why it happens, and make aurora art.

To fully participate in the aurora activity you will need black paper, colored chalk, a piece of stiff paper or cardstock, and scissors. (\$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Financial aid is available.)

**Ready to join Girl Scouts? Join us today at [www.girlscoutsalaska.org/join](http://www.girlscoutsalaska.org/join). Financial aid is available. Girls can register individually, or join a troop.**

**Or, become a volunteer! Prepare her for a lifetime of leadership, and be the mentor she needs. Check out ways to volunteer**

**[www.girlscoutsalaska.org/waystovolunteer](http://www.girlscoutsalaska.org/waystovolunteer)**

**Questions? Contact [customercare@girlscoutsalaska.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsalaska.org) or 907-248-2250.**



ANCHORAGE SPORTS  
**IMPACT**  
**VOLLEYBALL**




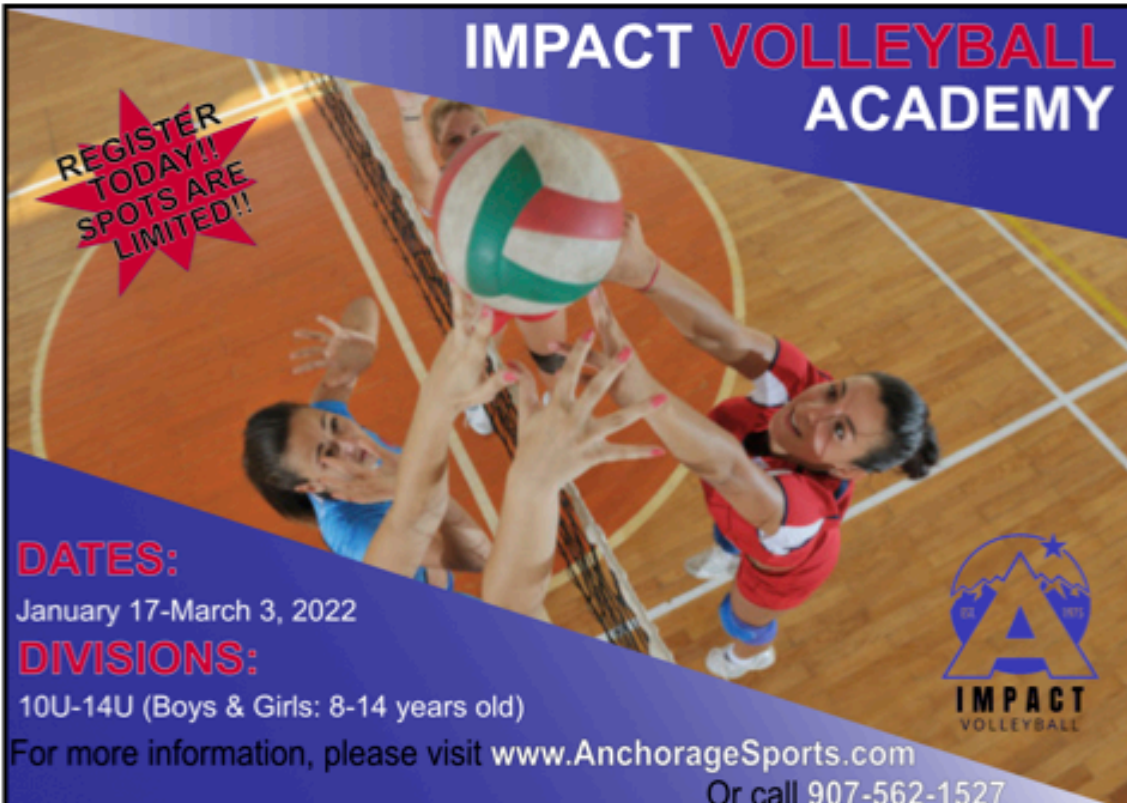
**IMPACT VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY**

**REGISTER TODAY!! SPOTS ARE LIMITED!!**

**DATES:**  
January 17-March 3, 2022

**DIVISIONS:**  
10U-14U (Boys & Girls: 8-14 years old)

For more information, please visit [www.AnchorageSports.com](http://www.AnchorageSports.com)  
Or call 907-562-1527



**ABOUT IMPACT VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY**

IMPACT Volleyball is Anchorage Sports Association's youth volleyball program. The name is rooted in our mission to make an impact on our community and will be the foundation for everything we do!

All IMPACT Coaches are SafeSport certified.

**Who:**

**Boys & Girls:**

14U: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2009

10U: July 1, 2011-June 30, 2013

12U: July 1, 2009-June 30, 2011

**When:**

**Mondays & Thursdays:**

10U-14U: January 17-March 3, 2022

**Where:**

Wendler Middle School



## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC PTA & THE NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC ADVISORY BOARD?



### NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC PTA BOARD

OUR MISSION OF THE PTA IS TO BUILD A STRONG COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES AT NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC, WHILE HELPING ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION, FOCUSING ON NLABC'S TRADITIONS AND FOUNDATIONAL VALUES. TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, WE NEED SUPPORT FROM ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE FUNDRAISE TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION. TO SHOW A UNITED FRONT, WE ASK YOU JOIN THE PTA & CONSIDER FILLING A BOARD POSITION.

#### WE ARE LOOKING TO FILL THE FOLLOWING PTA BOARD POSITIONS

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY

\*VICE PRESIDENT\* OF THE  
FOLLOWING:

WAY & MEANS COORDINATOR  
PUBLICITY & OUTREACH  
COORDINATOR  
COMMUNICATIONS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES  
HISTORIAN

[NLABCPTA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NLABCPTA@GMAIL.COM)



### NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC ADVISORY BOARD

THE MISSION OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO UPHOLD THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE ANCHORAGE BASIC CURRICULUM AT NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC AS DEFINED IN THE APPROVED PROGRAM PROPOSAL AND TO ADVISE, CONSULT AND ASSIST THE SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE NLABC PROGRAM.

#### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS OF ADVISORY BOARD APPLICANTS

HAVE A MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS OF  
EXPERIENCE AT NLABC AND  
UNDERSTAND THE PHILOSOPHY AND  
HISTORY OF NLABC

HAVE AT LEAST 1 YEAR OF  
EXPERIENCE OF ACTIVELY  
VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR NLABC PTA  
WHO WE SUPPORT

1 -2 YEAR COMMITMENT

COMMITMENT OF 2 HOURS A  
WEEK, MUST NOT MISS MORE  
THAN 2 MEETINGS

HAVE AT LEAST 1 YEAR OF  
EXPERIENCE OF VOLUNTEERING  
WITH OUR NLABC PTA

[NLABCBOARD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NLABCBOARD@GMAIL.COM)





# NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC PTA BOARD

If you want to help build experiences, raise funds, and speak on the behalf of more than 600 kids, then the Northern Lights ABC PTA Board NEEDS YOU! Our MISSION is to enrich and maximize the educational experience of every NLABC student and consistently engage all members of the Northern Lights ABC family through Socializing, Fundraising, Supporting and Advocating.

**BE INVOLVED. BE ACTIVE. BE THE DIFFERENCE. BE PART OF OUR PTA!**

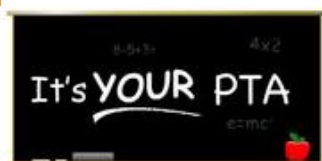
## HELP WANTED!

**VICE PRESIDENT** *Partner in Crime*

So you'd like to get more involved in the school parent group, but you're not sure you're ready to take the lead role? Our vice president position has your name written all over it! You'll learn behind-the-scenes intel and be



part of decisionmaking on important issues throughout the year. You'll help the president get things done—kind of like a superhero's sidekick, but without the silly costume.



## HELP WANTED!

**SECRETARY** *Fact Finder*

Be honest—you're the one in your friend group who filled out every page in your child's baby book...at the right time, no less. If you're the kind of person who documents everything, from your toddler's first steps to how far you jogged yesterday, we have the perfect role for you. You'll get to put your stellar



recordkeeping skills and attention to detail to good use as our parent group secretary. You must have good listening and computer skills—and extra credit if you can follow what's on TV and play Candy Crush at the same time.

## WE ALSO NEED TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
- SECRETARY
- VP - VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
- VP - WAYS & MEANS (FUNDRAISING)
- VP - PROGRAMS & EVENTS
- VP - ROOM PARENT COORDINATOR
- VP - MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR
- VP - PUBLICITY AND OUTREACH BUSINESS COORDINATOR
- VP - COMMUNICATIONS
- VP - HISTORIAN

## HELP WANTED!

**FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR** *Team Cheerleader*

Our parent group does a lot more than fundraising, but let's face it, without fundraising, we wouldn't be able to do much. We're seeking an upbeat, detail-oriented parent to coordinate our fundraising efforts this year. The ideal candidate is able to motivate students and parents, can think on her feet, and can handle last-minute surprises without totally freaking out (like product deliveries getting delayed because of a freak weather event—but, really, there's almost no chance of that happening again...right?).



Northern Lights ABC

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everychild.onevoice.<sup>®</sup>

## HELP WANTED!

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**  
*Social Networker*

Are you a people person who isn't afraid to strike up a conversation with a stranger? We're looking for a volunteer coordinator to recruit helpers for parent group programs and events and to help parents find the best way to plug in to our school community. If you are enthusiastic (without being high-pressure) and understanding of parents' many time constraints, raise your hand and help us do even more great things for our school!



**IF YOU CAN HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL GREAT, PLEASE EMAIL  
[NLABCPTA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NLABCPTA@GMAIL.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION**



# Youth Alpine Ski Program



**Registration opens  
November 1st, 2021**

**Visit [Alyeskaskiclub.com](https://alyeskaskiclub.com)**

Alyeska Ski Club is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

## **Entry programs for 6-14 year olds at Alyeska**

Mid December - Early April skiing

### **Alyeska Ski Club Devos**

<https://alyeskaskiclub.com/programs/devos/>

### **Mighty Mites Program**

<https://alyeskamightymites.com>

- Registration links are included on both Alyeska Ski Club and Mighty Mites websites starting November 1st, 2021
- Registration will remain open for the entire month of November 2021
- Add-ons for Winter/Spring camps and Wednesday night sessions at Hiltop
- See Powder Hound Ski Shop in Girdwood and SkiAK Ski Shop in Anchorage for season ski rental options

### **Reasonable Program Fee**

\*Does not include daily or season lift passes

Option of both programs at  
reduced cost

Tryouts will be held at Alyeska on  
**December 12, 2021**

**Saturday** freeskiing with the Devos

**Sunday** freeskiing/learn to ski race  
with the Mighty Mites



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**School Fundraiser Information:** This semester, our school is participating in a unique fundraising program with **Art to Remember**. It gives you the opportunity to purchase keepsake items with your child's artwork on them. The best part is that every keepsake ordered supports our school. This week a form with your child's artwork sample and online order code will be coming home. Just head to [ArtToRemember.com](https://ArtToRemember.com) and search for your child's name,

## Migrant Education News from Mrs. Keil

Migrant Education Families are cordially invited to attend a Literacy Event hosted by Student Success Coach Mrs. Keil, on November 16, 2021 from 4-5p. If that time does not work for your family, let me know as I intend to record the zoom and you could participate at your convenience. RSVP by 2 November as I will need to buy pie supplies. I will only plan for those that RSVP. Watch your email for more information.



If you want to be a blessing or you need a blessing, Food Bank of Alaska can help.

<https://foodbankofalaska.org/blessing/>





## LIBRARY NEWS

Great job to all of the following primary students on achieving one or more new levels for T.I.G.E.R. Reading. These totals reflect the number of pages read through September 2021.

**Students who have reached the following levels will be recognized at the next Red, White, and Blue Assembly: Beginning Reader 2, Level 5, Level 10, and Level 20.**

<b>Beginning Reader 1, 1,000 Pages</b> Oliver Chen Mykynna True Oliver Mirka Nathan Osara Francisco Angchangco Savannah Holley  <b>Beginning Reader 2, 3,000 Pages</b> Nathan Osara  <b>Level 1, 5,000 Pages</b> Blaire Agustin Blake Kaiser Ryker Jones Brianna Michel Alexandra Munoz  <b>Beginning Reader 3, 8,500 Pages</b> Ramsey Marlatt	<b>Level 2, 10,000 Pages</b> Teagan Hart Kennedy King Ayana Bella Mucha Luis Pedraza Ahsoka Young Cheldyn Walsh-Dwyer  <b>Level 3, 15,000 Pages</b> Ella Linnell  <b>Level 4, 20,000 Pages</b> Carter Hooyer Daniel Kim Isaiah Crawford Jacob Martinez Brynn Taylor	<b>Level 5, 25,000 Pages</b> Charlotte Mitchell Avianna Allen  <b>Level 6, 30,000 Pages</b> Tristan Yi  <b>Level 8, 40,000 Pages</b> Ethan James Flores Brynlee Jeppson  <b>Level 10, 50,000 Pages</b> Kaylee Gallagher  <b>Level 11, 55,000 Pages</b> Addison Kimball  <b>Level 13, 65,000 Pages</b> J.R. Rivera  <b>Level 15, 75,000 Pages</b> Brooklyn Hansen
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Great job to all of the following intermediate students on achieving one or more new levels for T.I.G.E.R. Reading! These totals reflect the number of pages read through September 2021.

**Students who have reached the following levels will be recognized at the next Red, White, and Blue Assembly: Level 5, Level 10, and Level 20.**

<b>Level 1, 5,000 Pages</b> William Biel Kristen Castillo Caffrey Heyman  <b>Level 2, 10,000 Pages</b> Caffrey Heyman  <b>Level 3, 15,000 Pages</b> Caffrey Heyman  <b>Level 4, 20,000 Pages</b> Stancio Maddamma Caffrey Heyman  <b>Level 5, 25,000 Pages</b> Senna Hickey Caffrey Heyman  <b>Level 6, 30,000 Pages</b> Deniz Onur Marquin Dizon Caffrey Heyman	<b>Level 7, 35,000 Pages</b> Phoebe Branson Maxwell Mirka Esther Quan David Pak  <b>Level 8, 40,000 Pages</b> Allyn Rose Aldeza Andrea Cuengco Juno Summerlin  <b>Level 9, 45,000 Pages</b> Junia Son Juno Summerlin Luna Summerlin  <b>Level 10, 50,000 Pages</b> Caiden DelRosario Juno Summerlin Luna Summerlin  <b>Level 11, 55,000 Pages</b> Nelly Osara Juno Summerlin	<b>Level 13, 65,000 Pages</b> Blake Kullberg Kristen Castillo  <b>Level 15, 75,000 Pages</b> Erin Kopiasz Avery Sundberg  <b>Level 16, 80,000 Pages</b> Avery Sundberg  <b>Level 17, 85,000 Pages</b> Miles Berg  <b>Level 18, 90,000 Pages</b> Glory Afieroho  <b>Level 21+, Over 100,000 Pages</b> Dain Kim
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***Remember to turn in T.I.G.E.R reading electronically by using the link on the library page of the school website.***

This month in the library we have been exploring our character building blocks for Respect and Responsibility through read-alouds in K-2nd grades, reading the classic story Bunnicula in 3rd grade, learning about the writing tree and physical versus personality character traits in 4th grade, and learning about character development in 5th and 6th grades.

Don't forget! 5th and 6th grade Battle of the Books practice begins Tuesday Nov. 2nd in the library during recess. Copies of Battle Books are available for checkout in the library. Most of the titles are also available digitally, but there are long waiting periods on Sora and the Alaska Digital Library. If you have a public library card, you can borrow many ebooks and audiobooks on Hoopla, and there is no waiting period!

**- MR. PIERCE, LIBRARIAN**



# Thanksgiving Feast

**K - 6 Parent's Guide: Everything you need to know**



## Preparing Your Student

For the day of the celebration on Wednesday, November 24th

Our Thanksgiving Celebration is one of the most joyous and memorable days you will have at Northern Lights ABC! Please help your student prepare for our special day by helping them select an Early American Historical Figure (1600 - 1800). They can dress up and honor them with a prepared and rehearsed speech about their life, their significant contributions they made to America and briefly explain why your child chose this person. Your student will receive more details about this from their teacher. This is a closed celebration for staff, students and authorized volunteers only.

**1**

### CHOOSE

An early American Historical Figure (1600 - 1800) to represent on Feast Day.

**2**

### SPEECH

Have your student write & rehearse a 1 min. speech about their historical figure.

**3**

### DRESS UP

Wear something on Feast Day to represent your American historical figure.



### DONATE

**We are in need of 500 6oz & 16.9oz Water Bottles**

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.



### VOLUNTEER

We are looking for volunteers! Per ASD guidelines only authorized volunteers who are signed up will be allowed to attend this event. As soon as you sign up to volunteer you will need to go to: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18673> to access the mandatory volunteer application and waiver forms. Turn this paperwork into the front office ASAP. ASD must have time to vet all volunteers through their system. Sign up to volunteer at: <https://signup.com/go/pVVFCOh>



## HISTORY OF THE THANKSGIVING FEAST TRADITION AT NLABC

Our Annual Northern Lights ABC Thanksgiving Feast started in 1978, when our school was founded. Originally, the parents would cook several turkeys and homemade side dishes served family style. Over time, to accommodate our growth, we have made a few changes but are proud to carry on the traditional of this special event. We come together as a NLABC family to celebrate the establishment of our great nation, The United States of America. Northern Lights ABC Thanksgiving Celebration is an opportunity for us to reinforce our Character Building Blocks and the positive objectives we practice here at Northern Lights ABC.



## COSTUME SWAP RACK

Please don't feel as though you need to buy a costume, we encourage creativity by using the items you already have. This year we have a costume swap rack located in the school foyer. Please feel free to leave an outgrown item for another student to use, or use one you find on the rack.

## November 24 Feast Day Schedule of Events

10 a.m. Classroom Parade  
 11 a.m Thanksgiving Program  
 11:30 a.m. Students eat lunch in classroom  
 12:00 p.m. Recess  
 2:00 p.m. K- 6 Activities in classrooms  
 2:45 p.m. All Students Dismissed  
 Have a wonderful break!

## COVID MODIFICATIONS

To be able to continue our Feast traditions, a few changes must take place this year. Instead of our school parade, each classroom will host their own parade and speeches. We are asking **every student bring a lunch** to eat in their classrooms as a small community. Instead of the school movie, each classroom will be hosting their own activities.



# 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.)



## 4 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](http://www.Muni.org/Assembly).*



# 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](#)

# 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](#)

- [0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities](#)

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

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RESPECT- Esteem, Courtesy, Revere, Honor

RESPONSIBILITY- Duty, Reliability, Trustworthiness



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