



Dear Winterberry Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year 2022! We are *almost* through our first week back despite the difficulties of dark mornings and seemingly forgotten daily rhythm. Students and teachers are happy to be back with their class and there is laughter once again in the play yard!

We are keeping up our good hygiene protocol as we move through cold and flu season. Thank you for continuing to monitor your child's health-daily- and for not sending them to school with ANY symptoms of illness.

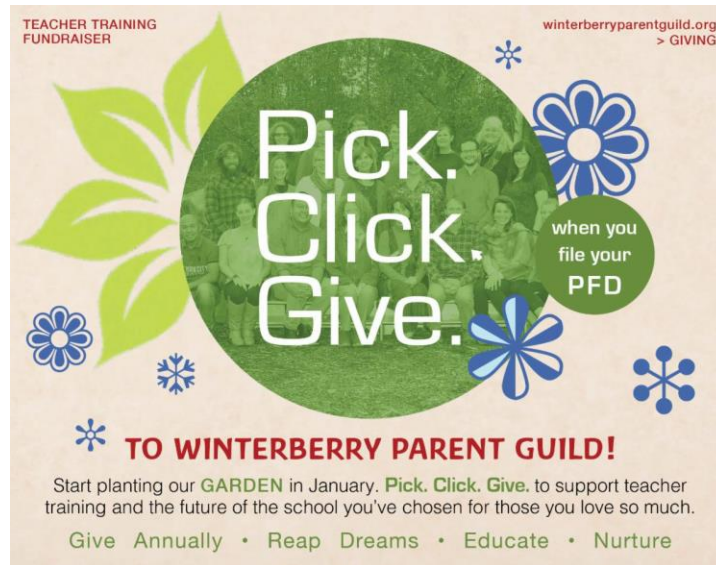


We appreciate the good care that you take of your children and for being sure that they have plenty of sleep each night (10-11 hrs), that they stay off screens during the school week Sunday night through Thursday night, per our school agreement and that they have their outside gear with them each day. Through our partnership with one another, for the benefit of your children, we work to fulfill our Winterberry mission with our families to:

“Receive the children in reverence;  
educate them in love;  
let them go forth in freedom.”  
-Rudolf Steiner

Thank you for the trust you have placed in our school. We are grateful for our students and for our wonderful and supportive families!

Wishing well,  
Principal Pepe-Phelps



## Pick.Click.Give. allows families to donate a portion of their Permanent Fund Dividend to the Winterberry Parent Guild

Go to [pfd.alaska.gov](http://pfd.alaska.gov) to add a pledge today.

While applying for their PFD online, Alaskans can choose to Pick.Click.Give. in increments of \$25. All donations are tax deductible and donors will receive tax documentation from the State once their donations have been processed. Permanent Fund Dividend applications are available from January 1 to March 31, though Alaskans may choose to add or adjust their pledges online through August 31.

The program is run by The Alaska Community Foundation in partnership with the Rasmuson Foundation, The Foraker Group, and the State of Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend Division. File for your PFD or add a pledge at [pfd.alaska.gov](http://pfd.alaska.gov).

### Dates to Remember

Winterberry Parent Guild  
will meet via zoom  
January 6th, 2022  
6:00pm

**Time: 1st Thursday of the month at 6pm**

January  
17th  
Martin  
Luther  
King Day  
No School

Topic: WPG Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/95290064733?pwd=ZEFyVXV1RCsyV1NPK3IHVnlEeTdYZz09>

Winterberry Charter Council  
will meet via zoom  
January 20th

**Time: 3rd Thursday of the month at 6pm**

Topic: Winterberry Charter Council

Time: 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/519426010>

Lottery  
Opening  
February

Spring  
lottery  
opens for  
parents  
on [February  
1, 2022](#) for  
the 2022-  
2023 school  
year  
Spring  
lottery  
closes for  
applications  
on [March  
17, 2022 at  
5:00 p.m.](#)  
Spring  
lottery  
runs [March  
18, 2022](#)  
Parent  
notifications  
released [Ma  
rch 25, 2022  
at 5:00 p.m.](#)

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### **Superintendent Search Survey**

ASD is seeking a leader who:

Has a vision and commitment to public education for all children and a deep understanding of K-12 educational systems.

Possesses integrity, is open and honest, and will keep the focus on students.

Has a demonstrated track record of success in executive leadership, complex organizational change, and financial management.

Values, respects, and brings experience working with highly diverse student and community populations; believes in community involvement, building partnerships and establishing a positive working relationship with parents, teachers, students, and the broader community.

Has experience advocating for public education at the local, state and national level. Is compatible with the Anchorage School Board's values, vision, direction and goals and has experience working with a governance board.

Has a desire and experience in being both innovative and strategic.

Wants to live, work and play in Alaska. Has knowledge of, or experience with, the Anchorage School District, Anchorage, and Alaska.

Has experience using qualitative and quantitative data to inform decision making at all levels and in building a culture of positive continuous improvement.

Possesses strong interpersonal relationship skills and success as a collaborator with internal and external groups; is a good listener and strong oral and written communicator.

Is willing to be held accountable for progress on district [Goals and Guardrails](#)

Survey