



February 24, 2022

Hello dear Winterberry families,

With all of the crazy weather and the sudden return of daylight I am asking myself, "Can February be almost over?" Well, yes it can! I hope that you are staying well (and vertical--watch that ice!)

We are now in the last stretch of 3rd quarter of the school year and are poised to finish this 2021-22 school year strong! We have a good supply of support staff and have been weathering the illnesses beyond Covid pretty well.



Parent/Teacher conferences were well attendance and I received lots of reports of great conversations about student learning; academically and social-emotionally. We are coming back from a very difficult last year and beginning to find ourselves again in our learning community. Our tutoring program is well on its way and continuing to serve students as their needs are presented.

Last Saturday, ASD hosted the Alternative/Charter Schools Fair. I was there at our Winterberry table and had many wonderful conversations with families who were eager and interested in Waldorf education. The lottery is open now until mid-March and we are giving tours of our school throughout the weeks per appointment through the front desk. If you know of a family who you think may enjoy a look at our school and what we have to offer, please send them our way! Our website <https://www.asdk12.org/winterberry>

Next Monday, February 28, as you may already know, our school district is going to a parent informed, mask optional status for students and employees. Winterberry will follow ASD protocol. On Monday, March 14, Winterberry students will be eating together in their classrooms again. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me.

I appreciate the ongoing open and respectful communication that continues to flourish at Winterberry. All communication, even difficult conversations, are welcome. As always, if you have a concern, an idea or a celebration---PLEASE reach out to me. Your family's connection to this place is what makes our school family a special one--we belong to each other.

Wishing well,
Principal Pepe-Phelps

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

**The 6th grade is hosting an
Iditarod watch party
as a fundraiser this year.**

Iditarod Watch Party



Saturday March 5
10-1

Free parking at Winterberry
Short walk to the trail and Gnome Corner

6th Grade Fundraiser
Hot Drinks & Baked Goods



Congratulations to the following students whose handwork will be showcased at the 50th Annual Anchorage School District Student Art Exhibition. Artwork will be on display at the Anchorage Museum located at 625 C Street from March 4th through April 3rd. We have so many talented students at Winterberry!

Teagan Martin (1)-Knitted Flute Bag
Malcolm Burns (2)-Knitted Gnome
Emily Wattenbarger (3)-Crocheted Squid
Braysen Anasogk (4)-Cross-Stich small pillow
Aven Fernandes (4)-Cross-Stich large pillow



Charles Swift (5)- Knitted Socks
Soren Rhodes (6)-Wet Felted Tiger Mask
Luna Refuse (6)-Wet Felted Dragon Mask
Hailey Wattenbarger (7)-Wet Felted Bag



Dates to Remember

Winterberry Parent Guild
will meet via zoom
March 3rd
6:00pm

Time: 1st Thursday of the month
Topic: WPG Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

Winterberry Charter Council
will meet via zoom
March 17th
6:00pm

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

Topic: Winterberry Charter Council

Time: 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

March 4th-11th
Spring Break
No School for students

March 4th- April 3rd
Student Art Exhibition
The Anchorage Museum

March 17th
Lottery Closes for Applications

ASD Climate Survey is still open for comments

Dear Winterberry Families,
We hope that you are looking forward to participating in this year's School Climate & Connectedness Survey. This is Winterberry's fourth year collaborating with ASD to offer

this survey. The responses are sent anonymously and offer insight to areas that can be improved and areas where we can excel.

Survey:

- Survey Window for families is open Now until March 25.
- Language Options: Survey is available in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Hmong, and Samoan. Families can toggle to their target language in the upper left-hand corner.

Family Survey Link: <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb/asdfamily>



Saori Weaving
Grade 7

In Zen vocabulary, **SAORI** is the combination of the words 'SAI', meaning everything has its own individual dignity, and 'ORI', meaning weaving.



[Log your Volunteer hours](#)

[ASD Volunteer Application](#)