



Dear Winterberry Families:

Per ASD policy, we are communicating that on Tuesday, April 19th, we will hold an ALICE drill. Throughout the drill, we will repeatedly emphasize that it is, in fact, a drill. This required drill will only briefly disrupt the school day. If you have any questions, please email or call me.

Wishing well,
Principal Pepe-Phelps
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The symposium agenda is packed with excellent sessions and industry-renowned speakers including **Carol Tolman**, International Literacy Consultant, **Dr. Heidi Beverine-Curry, Ph.D.**, co-founder of The Reading League, **Dr. Tracy Weedin Ed. D.** President & CEO Neuhaus Education Center

The Symposium will ground Alaska education stakeholders in a cohesive understanding of the Science of Reading. We will engage in courageous conversations about Alaska's reading performance and how to move the needle on student outcomes.

All are welcome educators, principals, parents, early learning stakeholders are encouraged to attend. Click on the button below to register.

ALASKA SCIENCE OF READING SYMPOSIUM
presented by Alaska DEED & Region 18 Comprehensive Center

Save the Date.
Thursday, April 28 – Friday, April 29
Literacy/Les & Policy Pre-Conference Day-Mixed by MSL
Friday, April 29 – Sunday, May 1
Science of Reading Symposium Conference

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON ON AKLEARN.ORG

Join us.
Together, we will engage in courageous conversations about Alaska's reading performance and how to move the needle on student outcomes. National experts and leaders in the science of reading will present on current best practices and theories of change to ground stakeholders in a cohesive understanding of the science of reading.

Location
The Symposium will be held at Egan Convention Center in Anchorage.

All are welcome at the Alaska Science of Reading Symposium.
Educators, principals, curriculum directors, early learning stakeholders, superintendents, school board members, community leaders, legislators, and parents statewide are encouraged to attend.

Featured Speakers
Keynote speakers include:

- Dr. Tracy Weedin**
April 29
The Moral Imperative of Reading
- Carol Tolman**
April 30
What is the Science of Reading? What's Next?
- Dr. Heidi Beverine-Curry**
April 30
The Science of Reading: A Selfing Movement

Free Registration

Dear Winterberry Parents,
For the last 10 weeks, our World Languages classes in grades 5-8 have been exploring cultures around the world and learning about the intricate connections between land, people, climate, history and ways of life.

Students are now completing a creative, immersive capstone project in which they invent an island country from their imagination, complete with traditional food, clothing, customs, festivals and holidays.



To celebrate their projects, we will hold a **World Cultures Fair on Thursday, April 28th from 10:30am-11:30am** in front of the school building. Parents of students in grades 5-8 are invited to attend and browse the displays at their leisure during this time.

Students will display maps of their island and information about their island's language and culture for visitors to enjoy. They will also be dressed in their traditional clothing to welcome guests and perform an entertainment offering. Some groups may choose to provide bite-sized samples of their island's traditional food, though this is optional.

We are currently looking for parent volunteers to assist from 10:00am-11:45am with set-up, clean up and supervision. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jennifer Fuller at fuller_jennifer@asdk12.org

All the best,
Jennifer Fuller
Winterberry World Languages

Handwork and Hang Out

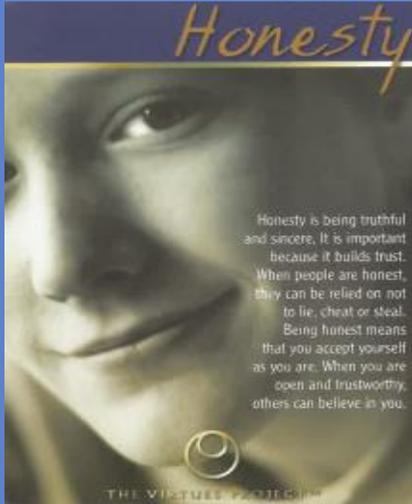
Every Tuesday at 1:30pm
Parents, Grandparents, Auntie and Uncles
(adults within the Winterberry community)
are invited to come to the lobby to
knit, crochet, embroider and chat!!!

Light refreshments will be served.
Bring your projects or come to learn how to
knit a Grade 1 kitty.

Contact Colleen 742-0139
if you have any questions



This week's Virtue is Honesty



You are practicing

Honesty

When you:

- Say what you mean and mean what you say
- Make promises you can keep
- Tell the truth tactfully
- Admit mistakes
- Refuse to lie, cheat, or steal
- Are true to yourself and do what you know is right

Affirmation

*I am honest. I can be trusted to keep my word.
I have no need to impress others. I accept myself.
I tell the truth, kindly and tactfully.*

Happy Spring!! We are excited to announce that Winterberry is hosting a **Seed Exchange** this **Tuesday April 19th from 2-3:45pm**. What is a Seed Exchange you ask? It is an informal meeting where folks come together to share seeds. The seeds can include any saved seeds or excess

purchased seeds, even from previous years! Bring any extra seeds you may want to offer or just come see what is

available and say hi! We'd love to hear about how your garden is growing! The Seed Exchange will be located either outside in a sunny spot if weather allows, or inside in the lobby.



Hosted by Oona Martin and Allison Koos Fox

Volunteer to help in the garden!

We need volunteers to help get the garden beds ready for Grade 3 to plant.

Contact Ms. Pepe-Phelps if you can help!

pepe_julie@asdk12.org



This year has been a bit wonky for volunteer opportunities. I assure you that in a normal school year, the chances to come into the school, go on a Nature Walk, go on a field trip, help with an event, or join a Specialty class abound!

We typically request 20 hours per student per year in volunteer hours.

If you did volunteer at Winterberry this year, those hours must be in the binder at the front desk or logged into the Google spreadsheet by May 13th. (Click on the button below to access the Google Doc- Thank you Trevor!)

We submit our volunteer hours total to the Anchorage School District and to the State of Alaska, so we rely on you to have your hours logged for the most accurate picture of school's participation.

Thank you! Colleen 742-0139

Log your Volunteer hours

Dates to Remember

Winterberry Parent Guild
will meet via zoom
May 5, 2022
6:00pm

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

Winterberry Charter Council
will meet via zoom
April 21st
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>

April 19th Parent Handwork and Hang Out
In Lobby in the 1:30pm

April 25th Online Registration Begins

April 28th World Language Culture Fair

May 05 Pentathlon for Grade 5 Goose Lake

Grade 8 Circus
TBA

May 18th Grade 8 Graduation

May 19th Mayfest
Last Day of School

New Family Welcome
Day/Time and Location TBA

This Week's Photo Gallery

Handwork and Hang Out Pysanky Egg Decorating



Our New Chicken Flock



ASD Volunteer Application