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Hello from Principal Christine Irwin & Asst. Principal Michael Kage



Happy December!! This school year seems to be progressing quickly. It's hard to believe that the first semester is almost over. We hope to have a couple of in-school events for families this month. We will have a Family Night on Monday, December 12 @ 6pm and our winter concert with all grades performing on Tuesday, December 20th @ 2:30 pm in the gym.

I want to remind everyone to wear their warm winter clothes every school day. Students go outside everyday for recess for 30 minutes unless the temperatures are -10* or colder.

As I'm sure you have heard, the school district is considering closing Wonder Park and 5 other schools. We had a Townhall on Nov. 22nd where the district explained the reasons they are considering closing schools. We will find out this month what they decide. If they do decide to close Wonder Park, that won't happen until the end of this school year. Students will be going to either Williwaw or Ptarmigan starting next school year, if Wonder Park is closed. Preschools are slated to move to Nunaka Valley.



Games Dates @ WP

Possible game?

12/16 4-5 pm

12/20 4-5 pm

1/27 4-5 pm

Show your support with signs, cheers, and the concession stand.



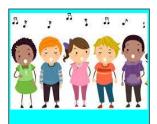
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December 22-Jan 6 Inservice/Winter Break



6-7:30 pm

Come and join the fun! Lots of activities and dinner to go!



Winter Concert All grades singing December 20th

2:30 pm in the gym.





School Hours

8:30 am Front doors open for those eating breakfast only. Others line up at exterior classroom doors.

8:40 am Supervision outside begins until 8:55 am.

8:50 am Classroom doors open

9:00 am Tardy bell rings

3:30 pm dismissal grades K-5

Ms. Katy's PreK has alternate times.



Absence Hotline!

Please call 337-1569 #1. Give child's on for absence, and teachers name.

What's good for Snow Gear?

Click on the sentence above for details. Even on days when it's 2* degrees, students are arriving with only hoodies, light summer jackets, or no coat at all. Please double check that your child has all the appropriate gear as we do not always have items for them to borrow. Students are outside for a minimum of 30 minutes for recess.

December

Happening

Virtual Town Hall 6-7 pm *look on ASD website for Zoom link

Family Night 6-7:30 pm 12

Last day for 21st CCLC program 15

Winter Concert-all grades 2:30 pm 20

Inservice Day/No School 22

23-30 Winter Break

January

Winter Break 2-6

17

Holiday/No School 16

21st CCLC begins

Science Family Night 6-7:30 pm 24

Counselor's Corner~Addy Esco~ALL STAR COUNSELOR





In the month of November during classroom lessons we focused a lot on kindness. We discussed the role that kindness plays in our relationships, in how our schools and homes feel, and we focused on small ways we can make the world around us a better place by focusing on kindness. In our primary levels kids learned about this by learning about what it means to be a "Bucket Filler" and the impact of their words and choices.



In the intermediate grades we focused on kindness and put this skill into practice through our words. Rather than just talking about how we can practice things like gratitude or kindness, students had the opportunity to stop and consider someone in their life for whom they are grateful and they spent time writing specific thank you notes. It was fun to see how many of the students really enjoyed this activity and kept asking for "just one more" thank you note so they could write to someone else. Parents I encourage you to regularly ask your kids and discuss together as a family the question, "What did you do for someone else today?". This was the question that guided our discussion on kindness and it is a question that helps us reflect on how we are spending our time.

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Elementary School Counselors



Anchorage School Board Members

Dave Donley. Pat Higgins. Andy Holleman. Carl Jacobs. Kelly Lessons. Dora Wilson and Margo Bellamy as president Superintendent

Dr. Jharrett Bryantt



21ST CCLC: DANIEL BUITRAGO

~ALL STAR AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER COORDINATOR

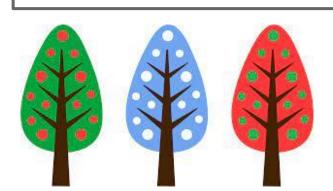
21st CCLC has been steadily working on building student math skills as well as working on CODE.org and increasing our capacity with Lego Robotics. Feel free to stop by and visit our program any time!



Upcoming important dates to remember

Program Closed 12/19/22 - 1/13/23

Program resumes on Tuesday, January 17th





The Musical Notes: Mrs. Bustamante~All Star Music Teacher

HAPPY HOLIDAYS WONDER PARK ALL STARS!

We still have ukuleles in the music room until the end of the quarter and are having fun with them. Below is a link to the digital ukulele book I am using if you would like to practice at home.

https://www.eemusicclass.com/lessons/display?sc=1&lessonid=270&vid=0&cid=24733&shareloc=&shareloc=WCEUtmAuSsShZXzS

Here is a second digital book by Jake Shinibukuro to learn the notes on the ukulele. Please enjoy.

https://www.eemusicclass.com/view/book?id=2017&shareloc=Znf5vTpABva12dng

Yes!!! There will be a holiday concert this year. It will be on <u>December 20 at 2:30 p.m.</u> in the multipurpose room. I hope to see you there. All grade levels have been working hard to make some joyful music for you.

Below you will find a playlist of many of the songs we are learning.

https://www.eemusicclass.com/shared/YVqR5vXZT1A4BEX8

Winter is full of the celebrations of many different cultures and using music from these celebrations allow us to share in the rich and wonderful community that we live in.

May peace and joy fill this winter season in your homes. I wish you all the best!





- ** Apply online: 10/21- 12/10 @ https://saangeltree.org
 Scroll to invitation question and select no then enter your zip code.
 Please have documentation ready to upload.
- Register in-person: 11/4-5, 11/18-19, & 12/2-3 (9am-6pm)

 @ The Anchorage Corps Community Center

 1701 C Street, Anchorage, 99501
- Gift distribution is 12/20-21 @ Anchorage Corps
 Food boxes will not be distributed this year.
- * Items needed for in-person and online registration:
 - 🥌 Adults must provide photo ID
 - Mail verifying your address
 - Proof of guardianship of each child with a document proving each child's D.O.B.

You may use a birth certificate or a government or school document (ex.approved PFD, public assistance or school print out)

TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for children ages 0-14 years

This is the only gift program for this holiday. Wonder Park is not receiving the Shoe Box gift donations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (907) 276-2515



Town Hall

Thank you to all that attended the Town Hall on November 22nd.

It was wonderful to see the support for our community school.

Please consider
speaking at the next
school board
meeting, or sending in
a written statement
with your concerns
and suggestions for
budget cuts or
solutions to help ASD
be more efficient.

November 22nd 6-7





WP families
alongside
Williwaw staff
and families
voiced their
concerns &
suggestions.

Two Wonder Park staff members spoke with concerns & suggestions regarding closing Wonder Park.





family FUI Inight

December 12th 6-7:30 pm

Join us for stations and stations of fun.
Take home a game.
Raffle, Estimation boxes
Enjoy a light dinner to-go

*Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

