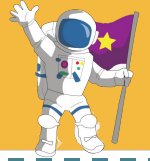


All STAR POINTS

Click [WONDER PARK ELEMENTARY](#) to view our website [WONDER PARK ELEMENTARY](#)



Hello from Principal
Christine Irwin &
Asst. Principal Michael Kage



We are off to a great start! The back-to-school energy is clear with all the smiling faces entering the school every morning.

Open House is just around the corner. We plan to have **Open House September 20th from 5-7PM.** Come out and meet the teachers, learn about your child's school, and ask about ways to help your child learn and be an All-Star!

As the weather cools, be prepared for outdoor recess! Please remember to wear coats and hats as needed. We still have outdoor recess every day unless it is colder than -10°F. Be sure to pack hats and gloves as well.

If you are missing school, be sure to call our attendance line. This helps our teachers and office staff know who to expect but also prevents a phone call home when your child is absent. If you are traveling, be sure to ask the office for a prearranged absence form.

Remember, we always check our records when releasing a student to an adult. Be sure to update who we may release your child to. Also, you can update your contact information with our front office team!



OPEN HOUSE
September 20th 5-7 pm
Classes with 100% receive
a class popcorn party.



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 have separate times.



Absence Hotline!

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



Important!

Every child needs to know their parents phone number by heart. Phones are in each classroom. We encourage you to make a plan for after school transportation before arrival each day.



No school on....

September 5th
Labor Day



21st CCLC

After school program,
based on referrals only.
Contact Mr. Daniel
742-1730 begins Sept. 6



Needed:

Noon duties

10:45-1:15 pm

Click below to apply(East
High Noon Duty/X-guard)

[Application](#)



September

- 5 Holiday/No School
- 6 21st CCLC begins (After school program-based on teacher referrals only)
- 20 OPEN HOUSE 5-7 pm

October

- 13 Fall student/staff pictures
- 20 Light's On 21st CCLC Family Night
- 21 Inservice Day/No School
- 24-25 No 21st CCLC this week
- 26-27 Parent/Teacher Conferences-students released at 12:30 pm
- 28 Inservice day/No School

Counselor's Corner~Addy Esco~ALL STAR COUNSELOR



Welcome back All-Stars!

My name is Addy Esco and I am thrilled to be joining the Wonder Park team as the school counselor. I moved to Anchorage this summer from Wrangell down in southeast Alaska where I worked as a community mental health clinician for seven years and then as the K-12 school counselor for three years. I am originally from Austin, Texas, and have so enjoyed my ten years I have spent so far in Alaska.

I so look forward to partnering with parents, staff and of course our kids this year at Wonder Park. Please know that I am here to support each of you to the best of my ability and do all I can to see our students thrive. My goal wherever I am is to help students cultivate the skills they need for success academically, emotionally, and socially. I also aim to be a part of continually creating a supportive school climate so that school isn't just a place where students **have** to be, but a place where they **want** to be. I look forward to partnering with and getting to know everyone as we go through our school year. Please feel free to reach out at any time via email or phone. My school email is esco_addy@asdk12.net.

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

Business Partners



21ST CCLC: DANIEL BUITRAGO (GRADES 1-5)

~ALL STAR AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER COORDINATOR



The 21st CCLC after-school program begins Tuesday, Sept. 6th! Our focus this year is on Math, STEM, Coding & Robotics with homework help as well! If you are interested in placing your child in the afterschool program please speak to your child's classroom teacher so they can issue a referral for them. There is limited space available so once we are fully enrolled your child will be placed on a waitlist. If you have further questions please contact my direct office line (907) 742-1730 or email me at buitrago_daniel@asdk12.org

Lorianne Mordini~ALL STAR Health Teacher/Reading Interventionist

Alaska Safe Children's Act

This letter is to let you know that your child's class will be receiving age-appropriate lessons on child sexual abuse and assault prevention education as required under the state's [Alaska Safe Children's Act \(Erin's Law\)](#).

Erin's Law Education is comprised of quarterly grade level lessons will be taught during the Health classes. Combined, these lessons meet the full requirements for student training under the Alaska Safe Children's Act, Erin's Law, and are designed to help prevent childhood sexual abuse. These lessons will be presented in a non-threatening way, along with the skills needed for self-protection and will be handled in a sensitive, respectful manner.

Information about the quarterly lessons can be viewed [HERE](#).

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J4mCSGZi6GBUv14WBpiO-7gsrj7DbXtA?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions about the content of the program or if you wish to inquire about opting out, please contact our Elementary Health Specialist, Lorianne Mordini Email: mordini_lorianne@asdk12.org

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to provide learning opportunities to improve the safety and well being of our students.



BETWEEN THE LINES IN THE LIBRARY:

KRISTIE BENSON~ALL STAR LIBRARIAN

Greetings from the Wonder Park Library,

My name is Kristie Benson and I am excited to be starting my 21st year here at Wonder Park. This year is super exciting because it is my 1st year as Wonder Park's Librarian. All students will visit the library weekly, but the library is for the entire Wonder Park community. Parents are welcome to visit and check out books to share at home with the whole family. Stop by the library to see what's new!

Looking forward to a great year,

Kristie Benson

Wonder Park Librarian

Strategies for a Successful School Year...

As a teacher, parent, or administrator our top priority is helping kids be successful.

Sleep— Processing information and releasing stress during sleep allows us to be attentive learners the next day. How much? *TEN hours of sleep for elementary aged students.*

Eat Breakfast— Protein for breakfast allows energy to burn slowly and keeps hunger pains away. What kinds? Eggs, meat, peanut butter, and yogurt.

Eat Together— A great opportunity to stay connected (teens consistently say this is an important time for them) and to discuss events, offer opinions, and "discuss" — all ways for children to discern who they are and what they value.

Read, Read, Read— Read with your children everyday, model good reading habits, explain to them when you read and why you read — recipes, maps, etc. Try for 20 minutes per day. Whether you read to them or they read to you.

More literacy tips here >>>

Tech-Free— Create technology-free zones and times. Park your cell phones at the door (this includes adults, too) and especially no technology at meal times.

*School rules are that all phones be turned off upon entering the building and remain out of sight until 3:30pm when your child can turn the device on and be tech active.

Please make all transportation decisions before arrival each day.

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



Welcome Back to Wonder Park Music!

It is so good to see all of the students back at school!

We will be working on reading music notation and playing the recorder in grades 3-5 for this first quarter! I am excited to see the progress we will make.

Grades K-2 will be working on moving and playing the steady beat, singing melodies (my favorite), and playing percussion instruments.

Speaking of singing, it is a great family tradition sharing activity to share your parents, uncles, aunts, and grandparents favorite songs with each other. It is a great activity to do after dinner or on the weekends.

Here are links to a few songs to get you started.

<https://www.eemusicclass.com/shared/fxrwHIVIBheKNK97>

Please click the eye and choose Music Notation.

Enjoy!

This is my song

E Papa Wairi

Tiritomba

Un Lorito de Vera Paz

Fanga Alafia

What a Wonderful World



Around the track with Mr. Mestas and Mrs. Yancey: All Star PE teachers

Welcome back All Stars,

P.E. is just starting for all students and we are having a great time. Please make sure your child brings good non-sole marking P.E. shoes to class. These can be left at school so they are not forgotten on PE days. If your child wears glasses please make sure they bring them to class as well.

Clubs have not started yet. We will do basketball again this year, but that will not start until the end of September so please don't ask Mrs Wendy when it will start. Mr. Mestas will let all classes know and give more information on clubs in the next few weeks.



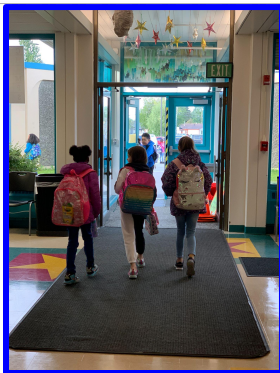
PLAY EVERY DAY





Openings for Noon Duty attendant and crossing guard! Join our ALL STAR Team!

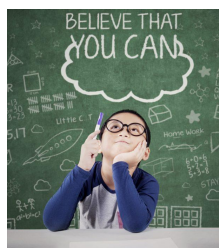
\$10.34 per hour, 2 ½ hours per day duty, 2 hours crossing guard.
Apply on ASD website



Friends reunited after summer break.

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The Inspirational Element



Saying goodbye in Ms. Sollis' kindergarten class.



hello **First day of School**

Exploring kindergarten on the first day.
Ms. Maggie's class

Wonder Park Information Hotline

Principal, Christine Irwin
Asst. Principal, Michael Kage
Administrative Asst., Tammy Hanson
Secretary, Wendy Stewart
907-337-1569

Hours:

School Hours: 8:50 am–3:30 pm
(Tardy Bell rings at 9:00 am) Dismissal at 3:30 pm
Office hours: 8:30–5:00 pm
Phone: 907-337-1569 Fax 907-337-2046

Breakfast served at 8:30 am. Front door will open at that time. Only students eating breakfast will be allowed inside, Others will be asked to wait at their exterior classroom door. Morning supervision by staff begins at 8:40–9:00. If students arrive after the bell rings please instruct them to use the front doors and check in with Ms. Wendy.

Look over parking lot expectations if you will be using our lots to pick-up and drop-off children.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARE FREE TO ALL OUR STUDENTS
You can look at a menu by clicking on the link below.

[School Menu's](#) then click on [Launch the SchoolCafe Menu System](#)

Throughout the year we usually receive once a week a fresh fruit or vegetable delivery for a snack from a grant. Classrooms really appreciate donations of individual packaged healthy items. Please check with your child's teacher for a count of students.

School Supply link

listed on front page of newsletter. Click on the words.

- Items may need replenished throughout the year.
- Some teachers may require other supplies.
- Generic supplies on the list.

**Welcome all our new
ALL STAR Staff members!
And new students!**

Energy drinks, sports drinks, and sodas are not allowed at school. We encourage water and milk. **Healthy** snacks and lunches too.

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!

\$15.00 cash or once school is up a running you may order online.

This requires a code.

**ALL THE PAGES ARE
IN COLOR.**

What great memories!

**Fall Pictures in October,
Spring and class pictures
in April**

The way Wonder Park communicates with families!

Automatic Attendance calls go out each school day between 10:30-11:00. If your student will be absent please call them in a head of time 907-337-1569.

Robo calls about events or changes of events, We use the Remind test App to text parents. Please make sure Wonder parks phone number is not blocked.

Some teachers may use SeeSaw or Class Dojo Apps. Please expect a positive phone calls from each teacher.

Emails, Website, Facebook (join us at wonderpark/official.

We look forward to a brand new school year!

Look up the policies for cell phones in the Student Handbook. Please do not bring any electrical games, ipads, tablets etc. All toys, stuffed animals need to remain at home.

Clubs/Activities:

Battle of the Books grs. 3-5, Math Derby gr. 5, Choir grs. 3-5, Student Government grs. 3-5, Geo Bee, Spelling Bee, Basketball, Girls on the Run, Talent Show. Staff vs 5th grade Kickball Game

Wonder Park is primarily a walking school. We want all our students and families to be safe while walking and/or driving. Below are some safety tips.

Please review these school zone safety tips:

- Wear reflective tape/clothing while walking to/from school, especially in the winter when it is dark.
- Carpool when possible.
- Cell phone use in school zones is prohibited, with a \$500 fine.
- Pull vehicle all the way forward to accommodate more vehicles in the loop, and a timely dismissal.
- Have your vehicle seats clear so your student can easily enter the vehicle.
- Drop your student off as close to the school as possible so they do not have to cross streets.
- Make sure your student enters and leaves the vehicle on the curb side.
- Merge from the drop-off/pick-up zone as quickly as possible.
- In loop please remain in your vehicle and a staff member will assist your child to your vehicle.
- Avoid using handicapped parking spaces to pick up your student unless you have a designated permit. We have a lot of vehicles with hanging permits and handicapped license plates.
- Do not double park or stop on crosswalks or in the flow of traffic.
- Do not pull into the bus loop area in the back parking lot to drop off or pick up children.
- **Please speak with your child's teacher and let them know the plan at dismissal, Kindergarteners are picked up at their classroom doors, grades 1-5 are they picked up by a sibling, classroom door, in the drop-off/pick-up loop, back parking lot, front parking lot, at one of the exits from school campus?**



Welcome!

The Anchorage School District is committed to keeping our school communities safe. We know that students learn best when they feel protected, so we have developed measures to safeguard our students and staff and to respond competently in the event of an emergency at our schools.

What to Expect

Visitors to our elementary schools will need to be granted access through a video intercom system. All visitors at our schools are required to sign in at the front office and wear a visitor's badge.

ASD is piloting a new Visitor Management System during School Year 2022-2023. If your child's school is piloting the new system, please be prepared to sign in using an ID or your full name and date of birth. We hope to deploy this new system district-wide soon.

We thank our community for their generous support of **bond projects** that contribute to secure vestibules at elementary schools, security cameras, and other physical security measures.

See Something? Say Something!

It takes our community working together to keep our students safe.

We encourage everyone to be alert and vigilant. If you hear of a possible threat or see something out of the ordinary, immediately contact your school administrator or local law enforcement.

Don't forget to talk with your children about [school safety](#).

Emergency Plans

ASD has a plan in place that covers all five phases of emergency preparedness.

The Emergency Operations Plan is the overarching district-level emergency plan. Each school annually updates a site-specific Emergency Action Plan.

We also update and maintain ten other emergency plans to target the full scope of possibilities and to keep the district functioning effectively in the event of an incident.

The district works closely with our partners in local and federal law enforcement, first responders, and emergency management agencies to implement best practices, detect potential threats, and prepare our students and staff to react appropriately when an emergency occurs.

Emergency Drills

Each school conducts 20 emergency drills during the school year. Please download this [emergency response page](#) to familiarize yourself with actions taken during emergencies.

What Families Should Do During An Emergency

The natural instinct for parents or guardians is to come to the school during an emergency to protect their children. However, by doing so, they may endanger themselves and their children. Law enforcement and school personnel are busy responding to the situation. Your arrival or calls may distract them from their work. Please help by following the steps below.



Stay Home

Do not come to the school during an emergency. The campus may not be safe and your vehicle may block emergency crews. Information will be released through district communication tools.



Stay Informed

It is vital that parents and guardians keep their information updated in **ASDConnect**. Information will be shared with families as soon as possible. Please know, in some situations, accurate information may take some time to verify and share. We will utilize email, text messaging, phone calls, and social media to communicate with you.



Be Ready

Be prepared to follow instructions from the District or your children's school.



Be Prepared

Please visit our [Preparedness at Home](#) page for tips on how to prepare your home and family for emergencies.