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PRINCIPAL, NICK STRAW

Gladys Wood Community,

Happy belated Mother's Day and May Day!

As we race to the end of the school year with final learning, activities, and celebrations, I want to recognize the amazing staff at Gladys Wood elementary. A number of staff members reached milestones of years of service to ASD. Gladys Wood really does have an incredible and committed staff. Last week was Teacher/Staff Appreciation and I wanted to thank all of you who support our PTO who put together goodies last week for teachers to acknowledge their hard work. Many smiles and happy bellies left the staff lounge over the course of last week!

Online registration for the 2022-23 school year opened for returning students on April 25th. New to District students can do pre-enrollment starting July 15th. It is important that our Gladys Wood families register early to provide ASD leaders a clear picture of our enrollment numbers.

Please make sure to register your child as soon as you can, as enrollment drives our staffing allocation. If you need your Parent Connect information, you can request your pin number or reset your password using this link: <https://parentconnect.asdk12.org/production/parentportal>

Please call the office if you have any questions or need assistance.

We want to continue to recognize those students who have sought out adult help when they've seen something this year that concerned them online or during face to face instruction. ASD has a catchy phrase that we use in these situations. If you see something, say something! This applies to any situation where someone is being unsafe. Thanks for talking with your children about getting help and knowing that when safety is involved, it's the right action to take.

I also want to highlight the need to supervise your children on the Gladys Wood playground after school hours. We've had a number of alarming activities that have occurred in the evenings and weekends when there is no adult around. Even if your children are in 6th grade, it's a good idea to plan to be with them. Our playground becomes a municipality park after hours and anyone is able to come and go from it including much older students and young adults.

Thank you also for dropping your children off between 8:40am-8:45am and picking up at 3:30pm. We start supervising the grounds at 8:40am.

The Straw family wants you to know we continue to keep all of the Gladys Wood community in our thoughts and prayers over the summer and are thankful to be a part of your school family!

Have a great summer Gladys Wood!

Mr. Straw

Mark Your Calendars

May

5/13 Hawaiian Day
Spring Carnival 5:30 - 8 p.m.

5/16 Field Day

5/19 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony - 10 a.m.

July

7/15 Pre-Enrollment starts for **new to district students ONLY**

August

8/2 - 4 In-Person Registration



Anchorage School Board Members

- Dr. Deena Bishop - ASD Superintendent
- Margo Bellomy - President
- Andy Holleman - Vice President
- Kelly Lessens - Treasurer
- Carl Jacobs- Clerk
- Pat Higgins - Member
- Dora Wilson - Member
- Dave Donley - Member



Parents and guardians:

Gladys Wood families,

The office will be closing for summer at the end of the school year. Online registration for the 2022/2023 school year is open throughout the summer. Please register your students online as soon as you can.

The office will reopen on July 21st, Pre-enrollment for **new to district student** starts July 15th. In person registration will be held on August 2, 3 and 4.

Message from the Office:

Gladys Wood has an attendance e-mail, if your student is ever absent please contact us:
gw_attendance@asdk12.org

After School Activity

No Afterschool Activities



Online Registration for 2022/2023

Online Registration is open for 2022/2023 school year.

- Currently enrolled students who intend to return next year
- Students changing divisions - Elementary to Middle, Middle to High
- Students who have moved from one ASD zone to another ASD zone (you will need to provide proof of residency to your new school)
- Incoming kindergarteners that attended a ASD preschool program



Any returning student can be registered through your [Q/ParentConnection](#) account. If you don't remember your account you can request your PIN # or reset your password at [Q/ParentConnection Login Information](#). If you need further assistance, please contact the office at 907-742-6760.

School Nurse News

GLADYS WOOD ELEMENTARY

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MAY 2022



We have made it through a tough school year and your children really worked hard! We all have made it through illness and struggles beyond our control by being compassionate and understanding. We are so proud of all of our students for doing their best this year!

CHECK UPS/VACCINES: Take time this summer to check in with your child's healthcare provider for a regular health care exam/check up and see if your child may need any vaccines. Do this early, don't wait until August! If your child is finishing up 6th grade- please speak to your provider about meningococcal, HPV, and DTap vaccines that most of the students will need by 7th grade.

I also encourage you to ask about COVID vaccines if your child has not been vaccinated for this yet. They are available for children ages 5 and older, and boosters for 12+ if it is > 5 months since their last vaccine. COVID vaccines are not required for school, but I do encourage all students (and their family members) that are able to get vaccinated to do so. Make these individual choices by being informed by medical experts and trusted sources, not social media.

MEDICATION PICK UP: All medication must be picked up by 3pm on 5/19 or it will be destroyed. We do not store medications over the summer. Please make sure to stop by and grab your students medications!

Thank you for all of your help keeping our community safe the past two years. Remember though that COVID is still very much in our community and it doesn't seem to be going away completely- so be prepared and cautious how it is comfortable for you and your family. I appreciate parent involvement and help this year too!

I know I am ready for summer time to be here! Wishing you all a great summer and hope you get to go out and explore!

Nurse Kathy

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2022–23 PTO BOARD OPENINGS

Next year's PTO Board has openings for parents and staff members. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the school! The board oversees and guides the PTO initiatives and funding. Experience in fundraising, event planning, finance, and communications are always helpful, but all that's needed is an interest in helping out the Gladys Wood school and its community. Volunteer hours are flexible. If you or someone you know may be interested in volunteering, please email gladyswoodpto@gmail.com and include the position you are interested in.

OPENINGS:

PRESIDENT

The president presides over all meetings of the organization and of the governing board. The position coordinates the work of all officers and volunteer committees of the PTO, to ensure that all objectives are being accomplished. The position can be shared between two people.

Time Commitment Outside Monthly Meetings: 2-3 hours a week, more on activity weeks

SECRETARY

Attend all meetings including executive board meetings and participate in discussion and decision making. Take minutes of the organization's meetings, and then distribute a summary of the minutes at the beginning of the next meeting. Work with the President to create and disseminate monthly PTO newsletter. In the event that the president and vice president are unable to attend a meeting, the secretary will preside and perform their duties.

Time Commitment Outside Monthly Meetings: 2-6 hours per month

MEMBERSHIP

Attend all meetings including executive board meetings and participate in discussion and decision making. The membership officer leads and coordinates membership throughout the year for parents/guardians, teachers, and staff (most activity is during the first few months of the school year). This is promoting our organization and collecting volunteer information for family events. This also may include calling volunteers from our sign ups to assist in events. Managing current list of members, reporting this monthly.

Time Commitment Outside Monthly Meetings: 2-3 hours a month

AT LARGE MEMBER

The At Large members attend executive board meetings in addition to general meetings. They volunteer throughout the year on different committees and take lead roles (example: Parent Teacher Conference Luncheons, Teacher Staff Appreciation Week, Picture Days, etc.).

Time Commitment: 2-3 hours a month