



The Woodchuck Review

Parents, Teachers and Students Working Together
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PRINCIPAL, NICK STRAW

Gladys Wood Families,

Happy Early Thanksgiving!

In the last two weeks much time has been spent preparing for the return of students and Superintendent Bishop's Announcement on Sunday, November 8th, was difficult to read. I can't imagine how challenging it has been for all of you who have already given up so much to help your children learn via zoom, only to have the plans change again, just when you thought PreK-2nd was coming back. Thanks for being so accepting of the ever changing plans that have occurred over and over again.

Another big part of my time these last two weeks has been visiting zoom classrooms to observe all the great teaching going on. We really do have some of the best teachers in ASD. While online learning is not ideal, Gladys Wood teachers continue to try out new ways to teach, new techniques to present content, and new ideas to challenge the students to learn more. Go Gladys Wood Teachers! We are thankful for all of you!

It was good to see families at the PTO Meeting this past Tuesday, November 10th. If you are not a PTO member yet, please consider joining us at: Gladys Wood PTO SIGN UP, we'd love to hear from you!

I'm looking forward to Turkey Bingo on November 19th from 6:30-7:30. Doing it virtually sure will be different, but it's sure to be fun! See you then!

The Straw family will continue to think about all of you and keep you all in our prayers. We're thankful to have all of you as a part of our family!

Mr. Straw

Mark Your Calendars

November

11/19 Turkey BINGO via Zoom 6:30 p.m.

11/20 Tie Dye Day

11/26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

December

12/7 - 13 Gladys Wood Bookfair Week @ Barnes & Noble

12/17 Pajama Day

12/18 End of Second Quarter - No School

12/21 - 1/1 Winter Break - No School

January

1/18 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - No School

1/22 Hat Day



Anchorage School Board Members

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Dave Donley - Member



Parents and guardians:

Please make sure students dress for the weather outside for recess daily unless the temperature or wind chill factor reaches minus 10.

Message from the Office:

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



Library Curbside Pick Up

Don't forget woodchucks, Gladys Wood Library is still doing curbside pick-up, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you have any question please contact our librarian at Farmer-Burris_Maureen@asdk12.org or by phone 742-2101

After School Activity

Battle of the Books: Student will be meet with Ms. Hanks via Zoom once a week. Grades 3/4 Battle Practice will meet on Tuesdays 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. via Zoom and Grades 5/6 Battle Practice will meet on Thursdays 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

To sign up and register, please go to:

3/4: bit.ly/34battle

5/6: bit.ly/56battle

Primary Chorus: Students in 2 & 3 grade will meet via Zoom with Mrs. Bennett, on Tuesday's from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Intermediate Chorus: Students in 4, 5, & 6 grade will meet via Zoom with Mrs. Bennett, on Wednesday's from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

November is Native American and Alaska Native Heritage month. This month is a time to celebrate the rich, diverse and long history of indigenous people across the United States. Happy Native American and Alaska Native Heritage month!



Also November 15 - 21 is **ROCK YOUR MOCS!**

Hello Woodchucks! It's Mrs. Burkholder...your friendly School Counselor!

Life as we know it has its ups and downs, but I encourage you all to try to balance school work with Self Care...whether that means stretching, listening to music, playing with friends, exercising, snuggling with your pets, reconnecting with a friend or family member who lives far away or talking with a trusted adult, remember to take time for you! Find your balance

Parents and students...if you need extra support or guidance please know that I'm available to chat or zoom.

Please feel free to contact me by calling my direct line at 742-9326 or email me at burkholder_jennifer@asdk12.org and I'll reconnect with you very soon.

Gladys Wood Elementary

Turkey Bingo

Join us for a virtual night of FAMILY FUN!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30 PM

SCAVENGER HUNT

BINGO

TURKEY TROT

TURKEY & PUMPKIN PIE DRAWINGS!

GRAND PRIZE: WIN A TURKEY DINNER!!



BINGO CARD PICK-UP

WED. NOVEMBER 11

CHANGEPOINT CHURCH

4 - 7 PM

**STOP BY THE GW SPIRITWEAR BOOTH
AFTER YOU GET YOUR SCHOOL PICTURES
AND PICK UP YOUR CARDS!**

TUES. NOVEMBER 17

GLADYS WOOD ELEMENTARY

9 AM - 6 PM

FRONT DOOR PICK-UP ONLY.

BINGO CARDS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH PRE-K THROUGH 2ND GRADE STUDENTS THE WEEK OF NOV. 19. ADDITIONAL PACKETS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS CAN BE PICKED UP ON NOV. 17.

DONATIONS FOR VIRTUAL BINGO NIGHT GLADLY ACCEPTED, BUT NOT EXPECTED.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL THE GLADYS WOOD PTO AT GLADYSWOODPTO@GMAIL.COM

School Nurse News

GLADYS WOOD
ELEMENTARY

KATHLEEN EASLEY BSN, RN, NCSN
907-742-6761

NOVEMBER 2020

It is November already, not sure where this year has gone. It seems like we have been dealing with COVID forever but time still just flies by anyway.

If you are frustrated or having a difficult time- stop and take a minute. We need to stop and look at the great things we are and have been doing. Celebrate the small wins in our lives and not put unnecessary pressure on ourselves or our students. We are dealing with profoundly different times and it calls for different actions and reactions. So step back and think of some good that you might recognize and revel in it! I do hope that if you are having any difficulties you will reach out to me. I am available for questions or to help support our families in any way I can.

We also have a great school counselor Jennifer Burkholder- and she is available if you are finding that you need to talk to someone or get some ideas, tips, or tricks working with your children.

We are a community, a family. We want all of our Woodchucks to be doing well!
We are here to help!

Nurse Kathy

easley_kathleen@asdk12.org
907-742-6761

Quarantine VS Isolation...

QUARANTINE = QUESTIONING = 14 days

There was CLOSE CONTACT/EXPOSURE or TRAVEL you are not sure if you have COVID but need to strictly minimize your contact with others. Stay home, watch for symptoms, get tested 5-7 days post contact.

ISOLATION = ILLNESS = 10 days

You are ILL, have symptoms AND/OR test POSITIVE for COVID-19. You completely stay away from others, only go out for a medical emergency/doctor.



WEAR A MASK!

WASH HANDS!



**KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE!**



Celebrate Thanksgiving Safely

Keep gatherings small, connect online



Avoid:



Closed
Spaces



Crowded
Places



Close
Contacts

Did you get your FLU SHOT?

TURKEY DONATIONS NEEDED!

Drop off @

Tastee Freez!

**This helps provide Thanksgiving meals
for our community !**

Please drop off donations by 11/22



**Please report cases of
COVID to the Nurse!**



**If you or your child are
considered close
contacts or are positive
for COVID-19 please
email or call the nurse!**

**We want to make sure
we can answer any
questions or provide
resources if you need
help!**



If you are ill or positive for COVID STAY HOME!



Holiday Gift Giving!

**Do you need help providing gifts for
your family this holiday season?
Contact Nurse Kathy for information!**



GLADYS WOOD PTO

November Newsletter

ICE RINK UPDATE!

We hope to have ice in this week! Special thanks to Circle Plumbing and Heating for their generous donation to keep our rink going!

Please consider supporting our efforts to maintain the rink for the community. Donate today by visiting <http://bit.ly/GWrink> or mail a check to the Gladys Wood Elementary PTO at 7001 Cranberry Street, Anchorage, AK 99502.

Special skate days during the week for kids to get outside and skate are coming! Watch for more details!



**THANK YOU
CIRCLE
PLUMBING &
HEATING!**



Turkey Bingo

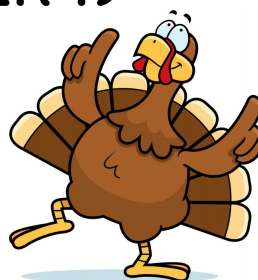
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Join us on Zoom!

Meeting ID:

977 8875 4382

Password: BINGO

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

2020 Pride Days!

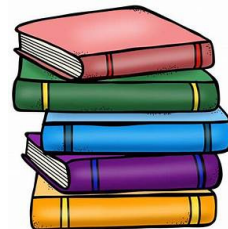
NOVEMBER 20
TIE DYE DAY

DECEMBER 17
PAJAMA DAY

Send a picture of your school spirit and you could win a Gladys Wood t-shirt AND a chance to get your picture in this year's yearbook!

GLADYS WOOD WEEK @ BARNES & NOBLE

DECEMBER 7 - 13, 2020



Stop by Barnes & Noble and support Gladys Wood! This year you can shop ALL week! Visit BN.COM/Bookfairs and enter Book Fair ID #12600201 at checkout or mention Gladys Wood when you check-out at the store and a percentage of your B&N purchase goes back to our library - even purchases from the Cafe!



HELP US FILL THE YEARBOOK!

Do you have pictures of your child working away on Zoom? How about that science or art project for class? Spirit days? Or maybe a picture of them playing outside? We need pictures for this year's yearbook! Send your pics to gladyswoodpto@gmail.com with **yearbook** in the subject line.



BECOME A PTO MEMBER!

Being a PTO member is a way to get connected! Not only does being a member provide a sense of community but it keeps you informed about what's going on at school. We have many opportunities throughout the year you can get involved with. Due to COVID-19, the PTO has had to reimagine events and fundraising activities. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sign up today! Fill out the PTO membership form online at <http://bit.ly/GWmember>

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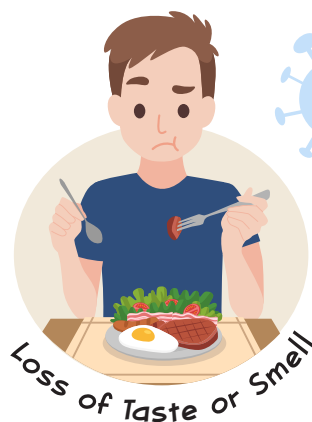
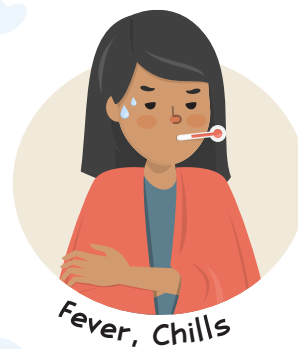
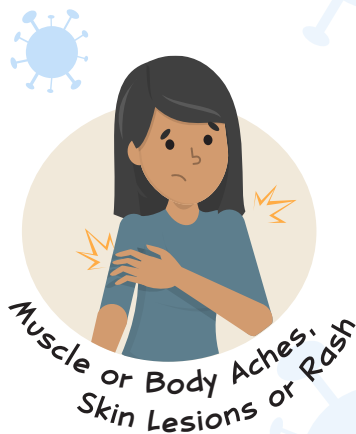


LIKE US ON FACEBOOK FOR UP-TO-DATE HAPPENINGS AT GLADYS WOOD!

KEEP ASD SYMPTOM FREE



Stay home if you are feeling sick or have any of these symptoms:



#KeepASDSymptomFree

#StayHomeSaveLives

FOLLOW THE 3 W'S

WEAR

WEAR YOUR FACE MASK AT ALL TIMES

- When you're with others
- Unless an adult says you don't need to
- Only use your mask
- Inside and outside
- Except when eating or drinking

WEAR IT OVER YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH

- Keep your hands away from your mask and face



WASH

WASH YOUR HANDS

- Wash for 20 seconds
- Before/after eating
- If you sneeze, cough or touch your face
- When you arrive at a new place
- After using the restroom

WASH YOUR TABLES AND SUPPLIES

- Wash tables and work areas after using them
- Wash any supplies you use that others might touch

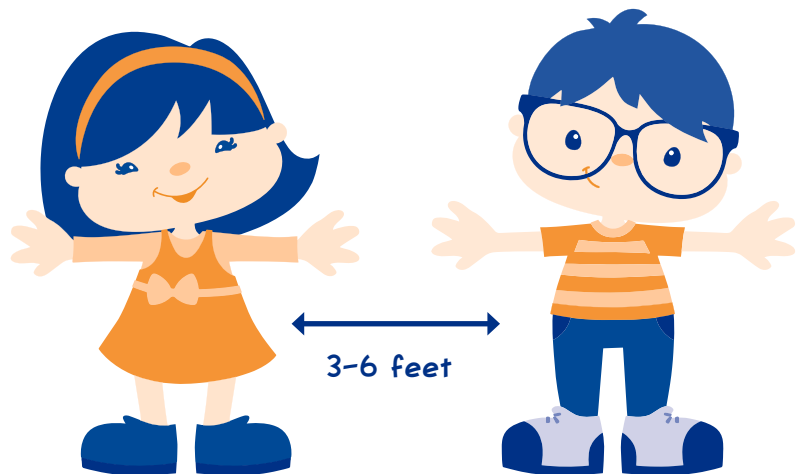
WATCH

WATCH YOUR SPACE

- Use Airplane Arms
- Keep 3-6 feet away from others
- Greet without touching

WATCH YOUR SUPPLIES

- Use only your supplies
- Kindly remind others
- Eat only your food



Thanksgiving Blessing

ANCHORAGE

Do you need assistance providing a Thanksgiving meal for your family?

The Anchorage faith community, Food Bank of Alaska, and thousands of volunteers are here to help provide families in need with a turkey and all the fixings.

November 23, 2020

DRIVE-THRU DISTRIBUTION

Have space available for us to place the box of food.
Bring proof of zip code; you may only attend one site.
We encourage you to arrive by 6 pm.

12 - 8 pm

Mt. View Community

99508, 99514

Tikahtnu Commons (Old Sam's Club parking lot)
1074 N. Muldoon Rd.

Location Change

2 - 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints
13111 Brayton Drive

99507, 99511, 99515, 99516,
99518, 99523, 99540, 99587

New Season Community Development Inc.
639 W. International Airport Rd. #24

99502, 99507, 99517, 99519

Location Change

Central Lutheran Church
1420 Cordova St.

99501, 99503, 99510, 99512,
99513, 99520, 99524

St. Patrick's Parish
2111 Muldoon

99504, 99509, 99521

Joy Lutheran Church
10111 E. Eagle River Loop Rd.

99505, 99506, 99567, 99577



101 Free Ways to Celebrate

Alaska Native Heritage Month

1. Have a "Bring an Elder to School" Day ■ 2. Make fry bread ■ 3. Start a basketry project ■ 4. Create felt button blankets ■ 5. Watch Reel Injun ■ 6. Arrange a tour of the Arctic Studies Center ■ 7. Learn Bena'ina ■ 8. Organize a regalia fashion show ■ 9. Do soapstone carving with soap ■ 10. Introduce loom beading ■ 11. Tell stories with story knives ■ 12. Learn about calendar sticks ■ 13. Make Eskimo yo-yos ■ 14. Illustrate a traditional Alaska Native story with watercolor, colored pencil, pastel, or any medium really ■ 15. Go through Title VII's Elizabeth Peratrovich Playlist ■ 16. Explain who Elizabeth Peratrovich is and what she did for Alaska ■ 17. Create Yup'ik masks ■ 18. Learn about Alaska Native values ■ 19. Bring in muktuk (yum!) ■ 20. Make dance fans ■ 21. Ask a parent to come in and talk about their heritage ■ 22. Read *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* ■ 23. Draw Alaska Native Language maps ■ 24. Draft an AFN Resolution ■ 25. Discuss Native American Portrayals in *Twilight* ■ 26. Create beaded Athabascan necklaces ■ 27. Switch out your math curriculum for *Math in a Cultural Context* ■ 28. Learn how to drum ■ 29. Make mukluks ■ 30. Skype with students in a rural school ■ 31. Introduce your students to the Native Youth Olympics and try out some of the games ■ 32. Borrow a Title VII iPod cart ■ 32. Check out Title VII's Resource Library on Shelfari ■ 33. Sew octopus bags ■ 34. Go through Harvard's Project Implicit ■ 35. Ask students to interview someone who is Alaska Native or American Indian ■ 36. Rethink Thanksgiving and put on a new pageant ■ 37. Learn to do string stories ■ 38. Sew doll-size kuspuks ■ 39. Sew full-size kuspuks ■ 40. Learn Yup'ik ■ 41. Teach about ANCSA ■ 42. Go through "How Whaling Began for the Inupiaq People" ■ 43. Arrange a Shavila Assembly ■ 44. Discuss Native stereotypes in popular culture ■ 45. Correspond with pen pals in rural Alaska ■ 46. Learn a Native word a day ■ 47. Watch and critique *Nanook of the North* ■ 48. Learn how to draw in Southeast style, a la Franz Boas ■ 49. Create Tlingit dance paddles ■ 50. Make birch bark baskets ■ 51. Go snowshoeing ■ 52. Learn about geometry and Yup'ik navigation techniques ■ 52. Draw graphic novels for an Alaska Native story ■ 53. Read "Body Ritual among the Nacirema" and discuss ■ 54. Learn Eskimo dancing ■ 55. Create family trees ■ 56. Go strolling through the school Slavia style ■ 57. Discuss global warming and how it affects rural Alaska ■ 58. Play Title VII's Moieties Game ■ 59. Discuss the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ■ 60. Make counting cords ■ 61. Have a potluck with traditional foods ■ 62. Explore language and migration with the Michael Krauss language map ■ 63. Organize talking circles ■ 64. Practice spear throwing ■ 65. Watch *Qallunaat! Why White People are Funny (if it makes you uncomfortable, talk about why)* ■ 66. Have a discussion about Native American mascots ■ 67. Ask someone who speaks Inupiaq to read the bilingual graphic novel *Adventures in Trading* ■ 68. Have students do a Thanksgiving simulation ■ 69. Create a family tree ■ 70. Have students learn more about a corporation ■ 71. Go berry picking ■ 72. Investigate the culture of an indigenous people from another continent ■ 73. Have a "Kuspuk Day": everyone wears a kuspuk to school ■ 74. Critique Barbara Lavalle's artwork ■ 75. Visit a Native art gallery ■ 76. Request a kit from the Anchorage Museum ■ 77. Make Aleut hats ■ 78. Cook with ulus ■ 79. Learn about and use resources from the National Museum of the American Indian ■ 80. Introduce students to the Rose Urban Rural Exchange ■ 81. Ask students to share their heritage ■ 82. Learn about subsistence rights and what they mean ■ 83. Make a timeline of Alaska Native history ■ 84. Have students draw a mural on a school wall that relates to Alaska Native culture ■ 85. Partner on a project with the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program ■ 86. Learn about Eyak and take part in "Eyak Yak" to help keep the language alive ■ 87. Read Alaska Native or American Indian poetry ■ 88. Have students participate in an outside cultural activity that is completely new to them ■ 89. Learn about Beringia ■ 90. Use Alaska Native history and culture as a creative writing prompt ■ 91. Invite a speaker from UAA's Native Studies department ■ 92. Synthesize Native ways of knowing and modern science ■ 93. Learn about traditional healing ■ 94. Partner on a project with the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School ■ 95. Tour the Alaska Native Heritage Center ■ 96. Watch *Smoke Signals* ■ 97. Introduce students to the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis ■ 98. Introduce ethnomathematics (really, it's fun!) ■ 99. Invite a dance group to an assembly ■ 100. Explain what "Eskimo" really means ■ 101. Celebrate diversity.