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KLATT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019

A Note From Your Principal

It has been a great start

As I write this letter, we are approaching the end of the month of September and we've had 94.23% of students at school ready for learning. Overall, Klatt is close to the goal of 95% attendance. However, only 86.47% of Klatt students are attending 90% of the time. A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. There is a direct correlation between students who attend school regularly and higher academic achievement levels. This year on Monday September 30th we sent home an attendance tracker for you and your child to track their absences from school. When this attendance tracker is returned to school at the end of the second quarter—the week of December 16th—they will receive a special reward! Your support is greatly appreciated and I would like to thank everyone for making attendance a priority.

Our Parent Teacher conferences this year will be on Wednesday afternoon October 23rd and Thursday afternoon October 24th. More information will be sent home soon regarding scheduling your conference. The conference time goes by quick, so you may wish to write a list of questions you would like discussed in advance. Conferences are an important part of what we do, and by working together great things will happen here at Klatt Elementary School.

Students will soon be coming to school in the dark. Please help ensure they have something reflective on their outer garments. Walking to school and waiting for the bus can be dangerous if drivers cannot see our students. Cold weather will also be upon us. If the temperature is above minus ten degrees, students of the Anchorage School District are expected to go outside for recess. Please make sure your child has all their winter gear—hats, gloves, snow pants, boots, and coats to stay warm.

We are looking forward to seeing our Klatt families at the Fall Carnival on Saturday, October 26 from 4 to 6 PM. Come for family fun and support our school.



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BUS SAFETY

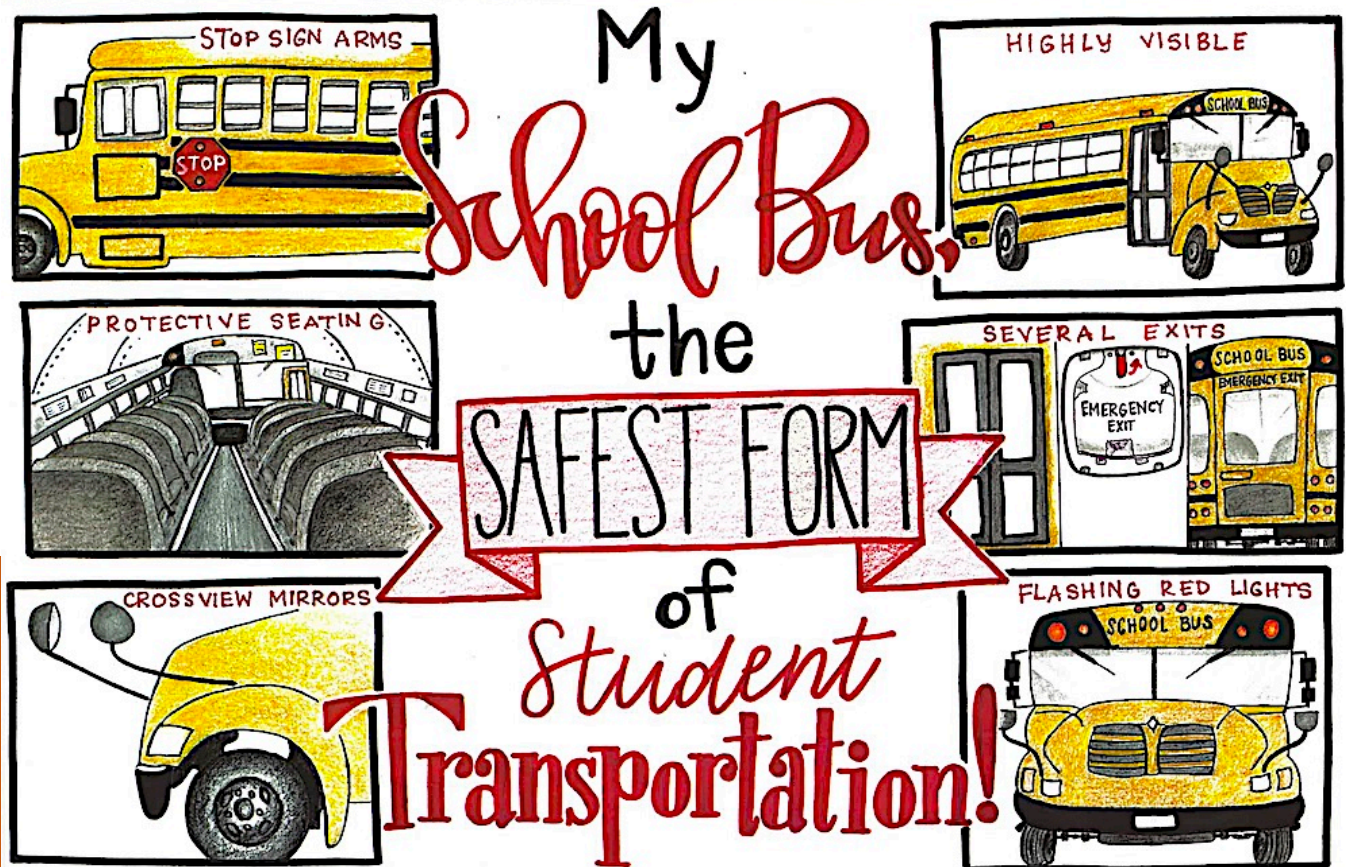
Anchorage School District

With cooler weather on its' way, our road conditions in Anchorage will need to be approached with more caution due to ice. It will be important for all of our students who ride the bus to know and to follow the behavior expectations on the bus. Riding on the school bus is a PRIVILEGE and not a right. All students are expected to behave on the bus in a calm, quiet, safe manner, and to abide by the following bus rules:

- All students must sit safely, facing forward, feet on the floor
- Place backpacks and other gear on your lap
- Remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop and get off only at your regular bus stop
- Avoid loud talking or anything else that might distract the driver
- Do not throw objects inside the bus or out of the bus
- Do not eat or drink on the bus
- Keep the aisle and exits clear

Please discuss these rules with your child. It is everyone's responsibility to demonstrate good citizenship by cooperating with your school bus driver at all times so that we can depend upon safe, timely, and efficient pupil transportation to and from school.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK October 21-25, 2019



DATES TO REMEMBER

PTA Meeting

Our October Parent Teacher Association meeting will be on **Thursday, October 3** at 6 PM in the library

Fire Prevention Week

October 6 through **October 12**—Home escape planning and practice ensures that everyone knows what to do in a fire, and is prepared to escape quickly and safely. Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as **two minutes** to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds.

La Voz De Las Familias Latinas

Jueves, 10 de Octubre de 5 a 6 PM en el salon de Arte with Ms.Karim

No School for Students

Friday, October 18 and **Friday October 25**

Picture Re-take Day

Monday, October 21

Early Dismissal Days

Students will be dismissed from school at 12:30 on **Wednesday October 23** and **Thursday October 24**

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 23 and **Thursday, October 24**. Please note: school dismissal at 12:30 PM both days

Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, October 23 and **Thursday, October 24** from 12:45 to 5 PM

Believe Kids Fundraiser

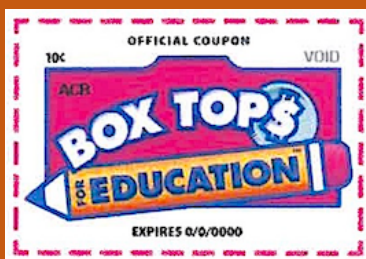
This is our primary PTA fundraiser of the year and will conclude on **October 11**

Fall Carnival

Join us for this fun event on **Saturday, October 26** 4 to 6 PM

Red Ribbon Week

Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation. This is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started. **Monday, October 28** through **Friday, November 1**



Physical box top clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. Send your clipped box tops along with any unexpired clips you may have at home to Klatt no later than October 29. Download the Box Top app, shop as you normally would and then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will allow you to select Klatt as your school to credit earnings on line.

RED RIBBON SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 1

MON



Dream of Being Drug Free

Wear your favorite pajamas to school

TUE

I Am a Drug Free MVP

Day to wear your favorite team gear



WED



You and Me—We're Drug Free

Enjoy look alike day!

THU

Say Boo to Drugs

Wear your Halloween costume to school!



FRI



REAdy to be Drug Free

Show your school spirit at Klatt

Helping Kids Grow Up Safe, Healthy And Drug Free



RED RIBBON WEEK® OCT. 23-31

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Whole School News

NOTES FROM MR. SCHMIDT

Welcome to Health Class!

This is my third year of teaching Health at Klatt, and I'm excited to once again share the importance of health and associated topics with our students at Klatt. This month our focus will be on **Safety**.

Kindergarten classes will discuss caution in the car, bike safety, rules for playing around water, and what to do in the event of a fire. We will talk about practicing fire drills at home and the importance of planning two different ways to get out of each room. Tell your children not to try to find you, but to get outside right away! We will also discuss the importance of choosing a spot for the whole family to meet once you are outside the house.

First Grade will also learn about bike safety, things that could cause a fire, and litter alert. There are times when a child discovers a "treasure" in litter or garbage and broken glass, used needles, and other items can pose a serious safety threat to children. Teach your children never to touch or play with litter.

Second Grade will also learn about fire safety and the importance of knowing ways to get out of your home in case of fire. It may be a good idea to set off your smoke detector so your child recognizes the sound.

Third Grade will discuss how parents can protect their families from the danger of fire by installing smoke detectors (checking the batteries

twice a year), and having a fire extinguisher by the stove. Third Grade students will also talk about what they should do if they see a gun at a relative or neighbor's house—do not touch it and make sure to immediately tell an adult.

Fourth grade will study communities. We all have different ways of doing things and different ways of thinking. We will talk about ways that people in the community can try to understand one another. We will also talk about conflicts in communities and some ways to solve them (compromise, debate, discussion) as well as what gangs are and the problems of violence they may cause in a community.

Fifth grade will talk about first aid. We will learn what to do in the event of a choking emergency. Everyone in your family who is old enough should know this simple procedure.

Sixth grade will discuss personal safety. Pre-teen years can be trying times for parents and children alike. The events, demands, and stress of today's generation have left children ill equipped to handle the pressures they face. The Great Body Shop Family Bulletin can be accessed at

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B1NaDvxnw kBmbGE2VIA2bVN5X3c>



SEALIFE CENTER FIELD TRIP

Outstanding Opportunity!

Our fourth grade classes were selected to go on an overnight field trip to the Alaska Sealife Center in Seward. They learned about National Parks, watersheds, water cycles, marine life, and the beautiful geography in South Central Alaska. This included eating lunch at Resurrection Pass and touring Exit Glacier. The students also enjoyed dinner and classes at the Sealife Center as well as a sleep-in at the center. All the students, teachers and chaperones enjoyed this exceptional educational opportunity. Special thanks to Kenai Fjords National Park and the Alaska Sealife Center.

KLATT CHOIR WITH MRS. FEIGHERY

Students in 4th, 5th and 6th Grade

The Fall/Winter choir will begin October 1st. Practice will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:05 until first bell at 8:50 AM. If your child is interested in joining choir please complete the Klatt Choir Permission slip and return it to school by Thursday, October 3rd.

WELCOME BABY STOTTS

Our Newest Klatt Puma

Our second grade teacher, Topaz Stotts, welcomed her second child, baby Mads on Sunday, September 15th. Mom and baby are doing great. We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Sophie Evans-Voigt as our long term substitute teacher for Mrs. Stotts' class.

NOTES FROM MR. CHELF

PE AT KLATT

The first half of the quarter has flown by. In PE, we've spent the first weeks focusing on expectations and procedures in the gym and outside. We have also started to focus on body awareness, the skills of throwing, catching, kicking, foot dribbling, and teamwork. It has been a great Fall, so I have been getting the students outdoors to practice these skills and play games whenever possible.

Throughout the rest of the quarter, we will work on more throwing and catching, fitness activities, team games, problem solving, and coordination activities. I am sure we will have many activities that the kids will love.

PE shoes: Please make sure your child has a separate pair of shoes dedicated for PE. When shoes are worn outside on the playground in the dirt and mud, they track in rock, dirt and mud into the gym. It becomes a safety issue as well as damaging the floor.

Healthy Futures: At the beginning of September, information on the Healthy Futures Challenge was given to students. The program encourages us to be more active and make healthy choices to promote better physical health. An important step of the challenge is remembering to fill out the Healthy Futures log. When your student is active, it should be recorded on the log that was provided (as seen below). If your student is active 15 days a month for at least 60 minutes, they are eligible to get a prize and also a raffle ticket to put their name in for a grand prize for three months' participation. The challenge runs the months of September, October and November.

September logs are due by October 5th.

October logs will be due on November 6th.

November logs will be due on December 7th.

Month: _____

Student name _____





Teacher _____

Signature _____

Physical Activity Log

Be active **60 minutes** or more at least **15 days** per month. Write down your activity or color in the boxes for the days you are physically active for at least 60 minutes. **Get Out and Play, Every Day!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday



www.healthyfuturesak.org



Recess and Lunch

Kindergarten

Recess 11:45 to 12:10 • Lunch 12:10 to 12:30

First Grade

Recess 11:55 to 12:20 • Lunch 12:20 • 12:40

Second Grade

Recess 12:20 to 12:45 • Lunch 12:45 to 1:05

Third Grade

Recess 12:30 to 12:55 • Lunch 12:55 • 1:15

Fourth Grade

Recess 10:35 to 11:00 • Lunch 11:00 to 11:20

Fifth Grade

Recess 10:50 to 11:15 • Lunch 11:15 to 11:35

Sixth Grade

Recess 11:05 to 11:30 • Lunch 11:30 to 11:50

Interested in knowing what will be served daily?

The breakfast and lunch menus are available at www.asdk12.org/studentnutrition

Elementary School will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program for the 2019-2020 school year. The CEP program is part of the National School Lunch and Breakfast program. All enrolled students at Klatt are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at Klatt at no cost to you or your household.

**ANCHORAGE
SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

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See what's NEW at the

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

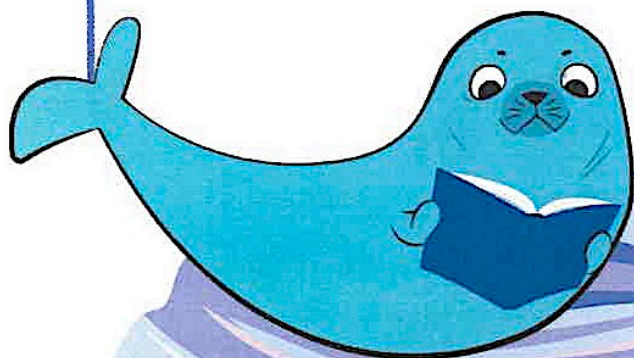
Dates, Times, and Place

When: Wednesday, October 23, 2019
AND
Thursday, October 24, 2019

Time: 12:45pm-5:00pm

Where: Klatt Elementary School Library

All purchases benefit
our school!



 SCHOLASTIC



Brought to you by:



- **NO COST, NO INSURANCE REQUIRED**
- Open to anyone age 6 months and older.
- Parent or guardian consent required for ages 17 and under.
- For questions, contact the **Anchorage Health Department @ (907) 343-4799.**

Date	Location	Time
Thursday - Sept 26	ASD Maintenance/Nutrition Center	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Friday - Sept 27	ASD Education Center	9:00am - 2:00pm
Saturday - Sept 28	Girdwood Library	9:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesday - Oct 1	Mears Middle School	1:45pm - 5:00pm
Wednesday - Oct 2	Loussac Library	10:30am - 3:30pm
Thursday - Oct 3	Spenard Recreation Center	2:00pm - 6:30pm
Friday - Oct 4	Mirror Lake Middle School	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Tuesday - Oct 8	Rabbit Creek Elementary	3:30pm - 6:30pm
Thursday - Oct 10	Taku Elementary	3:00pm - 5:30pm
Friday - Oct 11	Wonder Park Elementary	3:30pm - 5:30pm
Saturday - Oct 12	Anchor Park UMC - 2300 Oak St.	10:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday - Oct 15	Northern Lights ABC Elementary	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday - Oct 16	Girdwood Library	2:30pm - 7:00pm
Thursday - Oct 17	Mountain View Library	11:00am - 6:00pm
Saturday - Oct 19	Muldoon Library	12:00pm - 5:00pm
Tuesday - Oct 22	Creekside Park Elementary	2:30pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday - Oct 23	Service High School	12:00pm - 6:00pm
Wednesday - Oct 23	Eagle River High School	12:00pm - 3:00pm
Thursday - Oct 24	Sand Lake Elementary	12:00pm - 4:30pm
Thursday - Oct 24	Homestead Elementary	12:00pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday - Oct 29	Rilke Schule German School	3:00pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday - Oct 30	Willow Crest Elementary	2:30pm - 4:30pm
Friday - Nov 1	Airport Heights Elementary	3:00pm - 6:00pm
Tuesday - Nov 5	South High School	1:00pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday - Nov 6	Chugiak High School	9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday - Nov 7	Russian Jack Elementary	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Friday - Nov 8	East High School	7:00am - 11:30am
Tuesday - Nov 12	Hanshew Middle School	2:45pm - 4:45pm
Wednesday - Nov 13	Baxter Elementary	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday - Nov 14	Eagle River Library	1:00pm - 5:00pm
Friday - Nov 15	Bowman Elementary	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Monday - Nov 18	Williwaw Elementary	3:30pm - 5:30pm
Tuesday - Nov 19	Tudor Elementary	2:30pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday - Nov 20	Rogers Park Elementary	3:30pm - 5:30pm
Friday - Nov 22	Gladys Wood Elementary	3:00pm - 6:00pm
Monday - Nov 25	Campbell STEM Elementary	2:00pm - 6:00pm
Tuesday - Nov 26	Kincaid Elementary	2:30pm - 5:00pm
Tuesday - Dec 3	Nunaka Valley Elementary	3:00pm - 6:00pm
Wednesday - Dec 4	Birchwood ABC Elementary	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday - Dec 5	Chugiak Elementary	3:30pm - 6:30pm
Monday - Dec 9	Denali Montessori Elementary	3:30 - 6:00pm
Wednesday - Dec 11	Susitna Elementary	2:00pm - 4:30pm

If you and your family are planning to get a flu shot this year, the schools listed above will be offering shot clinics on the day and time noted. Alaska Regional Hospital will also be giving free flu shots this year on October 3rd and 9th from 5:30 to 8 PM in the C building parking lot on DeBarr Road for participants who are 9 years and older.