

PUMA PRIDE

KLATT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome back to school!

It has been a great start

The first part of the school year is a time for students and teachers to build relationships. Our staff has been working hard getting their classes up and running. Students have been doing a wonderful job in class.

Please welcome the following new staff members to our school:

Melanee Stinnett-Voss, structured learning class K–1 teacher, Jessica Williams, Structured Learning Class 1–3 Teacher, Michele Binkley, Structured Learning Class 4–6 Teacher, Amanda McClure, Special Education Resource Teacher, Kylie Lake, Instructional Coach, and Brenda Hernandez, Structured Learning Class Teacher Assistant.

There is an important saying—the first 15% of anything you do dictates the last 85%. The beginning of the school day is very important for each child's success. Please maintain a bedtime and morning routine that ensures your child arrives every day at school by 9 AM.

Once again, attendance is a primary focus for the school district and Klatt Elementary School. Our goal is to increase overall attendance to 95%. Last year, 102 students (21.4%) missed more than 10% of their days enrolled. At school, we recognize that no parent keeps their child away from school because they want them to miss school. We always will reach out and offer support to families that need it. Our classrooms are tracking every day that 95% of the students are present and the reached goals are tracked on our Puma Pride Attendance Board near the office. In addition, this year we are sending home a personal tracker for you and your student to log their absence from school in the first and second quarters. Returned personal trackers in December will receive a special reward!

Our staff would like to thank you for all of your support.

The staff at Klatt are committed to helping improve attendance by welcoming students, praising them for all the good things they do, and modeling the importance of attending school.



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La versión en español de esta hoja informativa puede ser encontrada en nuestra página de internet. asdk12.org/klatt

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Anchorage School District

When you know your child is going to be absent call the attendance line at 742-5750 before 10 AM. At the prompt, press 1 then clearly state your student's full name, the class teacher and grade, and the reason for the absence. If your call comes in after 10:30 AM or you forget to call in your absence, you will receive an automated call at 11 AM from the school district letting you know that your child has been marked with an unexcused absence. Please call our front office at the school 742-5769 and we will enter the reason for the absence.

Attendance is taken twice a day.

AM attendance:

School starts at 9 AM. Students who arrive between 9:01 AM and 10 AM will be marked tardy. Students arriving between 10 AM and 12:15 will be marked absent for one-half day. Please send a note with your student explaining the absence.

PM attendance:

PM attendance starts at 12:15. Students will be marked absent for one-half day if more than 60 minutes is missed between 12:15 and 3:30. In other words, students removed from school before 2:30 PM will be marked absent for one-half day. Sign your student out in the front office in the Student Check Out Binder and inform our staff of your student's name and teacher's name. We will have your child called out of class.

If your family has a scheduled change and you need to get a message to your child during the school day, please call the office ***no later than 3:10 PM*** and we will do our best to get the message to your student.



CAR DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Parents can drop off and pick up their students for school either in the car pick up lane, or you may park in the parking lot and walk your student to and from the sidewalk. The car pick up line and parking lot needs to be safe and efficient. Please follow the parking lot rules and signs when present. Thanks for your cooperation.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Klatt Cross Country Running Club

Monday and Wednesdays 3:30 to 4:30 **September 4 through the 21st**

Coyote Class Race at Kincaid Elementary September 14 at 10 AM

South Anchorage XC Jamboree at Service High School September 21 at 10 AM

PTA Meeting

Our first Parent Teacher Association meeting will be on **Thursday, September 5 at 6 PM.**

If you are interested in joining the PTA go to <https://sites.google.com/site/klattpta/>

Klatt Open House

Thursday, September 12 from 6 PM to 7 PM Meet in the Gym for a brief presentation and then proceed to classrooms

Spirit Gear Fundraiser

Show your spirit on Fridays at Klatt Elementary School by wearing your Klatt Puma gear. You can purchase t-shirts and hoodies from now until

September 13 at www.SpiritGearDirect.com

Picture Day

Friday, September 20. Place your order at mylifetouch.com Pictures retakes will be on Monday, October 21

Believe Kids Fundraiser

This is our primary fundraiser of the year and the money raised goes to everything the PTA supports. Packets will go home **Friday, September 27.** Start selling and remember to bring in your coupons for drawings for great prizes.

Box Tops for Education

Month of September—collect and send your clipped Box Tops for Education. Thanks for your support!

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Wednesday October 23 and **Thursday October 24.** These will be early dismissal days.

Fall Carnival

Join us for this fun event on **Saturday October 26 4:00 to 6:00 PM**

PEAKS 2019 STUDENT LEVEL RESULTS

Anchorage School District is currently preparing our online student information system for parents to receive electronic Spring 2019 PEAKS results on September 20th. For detailed information on PEAKS score reporting, please reference the ASD PEAKS Parent Guide <http://www.asdk12.org/peaksresults> as well as the Department of Education website <https://education.alaska.gov/assessments/peaks>



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

Klatt 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.

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A NOTE FROM MRS. FEIGHERY

Welcome to Classroom Music

This is my sixth year of teaching Music at Klatt, and I'm excited to spend the year speaking, singing, playing, moving, and creating with our students this year. Kindergarten and First Grade are working on their "bee" themed units, feeling the pulse or the steady beat in the music, and then will learn about the "Five Voices"—speaking, whisper, singing, calling, and thinking. Second Grade is reviewing the "Five Voices," and pitches and rhythms. They will also be reviewing and playing various small percussion instruments. Third Grade learned the song and game "Up the Ladder." Next, they will learn a new poem called "Way Down South", speak it in a round or canon, and create their own poem. Fourth and Fifth Grade will be reviewing their grade-level rhythms, how to read music notation, and speaking and playing them on a variety of instruments. Sixth Grade will learn the history of our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner", for the 205th anniversary of the day it was written (September 14th, 1814). They will also be doing a project on the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution for Constitution Day (September 17th). Everyone will be reading and singing along with the book *The Star-Spangled Banner*, wonderfully illustrated by Peter Spier, and discuss proper audience etiquette. Honor Choir is a district-wide choir for Fifth and Sixth graders. Auditions are in November, and rehearsals begin in January. Audition packets with additional information will be sent home with interested students once they are available

Sixth grade Band and Orchestra has begun with teachers Mr. Zelinsky and Professor Heidi. They meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. For more information you can contact those teachers, or see the ASD Fine Arts website: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/5537>. I am looking forward to seeing you soon at Klatt's Open House.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations will not be given at Klatt Elementary this year. If you have questions about flu shots you can reach our nurse, Michelle McGee at 742-5751. Alaska Regional Hospital will be giving free flu shots this year on September 17, September 18, September 24, October 3, and October 9 from 5:30 to 8 PM in the C building parking lot on DeBarr Road. This will be offered for participants who are 9 years and older.

NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES

Please be aware: A new law passed by the Anchorage Assembly makes it unlawful for a driver of any vehicle to talk on a mobile communication device while driving a vehicle within an active school zone or on school grounds, unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. An active school zone is within signage and between 6 AM and 9 PM. Consequences for violations is a \$500 fine. If you have additional questions, assembly members contact information may be found at www.Muni.org/Assembly

News to Use



YOUTH FIRST FRIDAY ART SHOW

We are so proud of our creative students whose work has been chosen to hang in the Youth First Friday Art Show to benefit Children's Lunch Box. From top left to right: Noah Woo, Nicholas Perez, Jeremy Charic, Terrell Anderson, Mili Igaya, Natalia Workman, Jhanessa Phansisia, Amanda Busick, Peyton Hutchinson and Aurora Carroll





Work for ASD

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

The Anchorage School District is currently seeking qualified candidates for our special programs and behavior support teacher assistant positions.

Starting wage is \$13.97-\$16.00 per hour (depending on experience)
Hours worked vary from 3.5 to 7 hours per day depending on the position.

If you are interested in these opportunities please apply on our website at www.asdk12.org/workforasd.

For more information about our current vacancies,
you can visit the website at

www.asdk12.org/workforasd

or contact Amanda Graham, Recruiter,
at graham_amanda@asdk12.org or call 907-742-4515.



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