



# PUMA PRIDE

Klatt Elementary School Newsletter



MARCH 2019

## We went PAPERLESS

PUMA Pride Newsletter **went paperless in January 2019** and is available through email as well as on our website. If you did not receive this newsletter to your email, send an email to [young\\_linda@asdk12.org](mailto:young_linda@asdk12.org) to update your contact information or, stop by the front office.

## OUR SCHOOL

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## A NOTE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Klatt Families:

Student safety is the single most important aspect of our role in educating students. Throughout the year, our school practices fire, earthquake, stay-puts and violent intruder drills. For our violent intruder drills, we teach students and staff the acronym ALICE—which stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. For most drills we focus on the first four. Next week, we will be practicing a drill in which teachers determine if evacuating to a rally point is the safest option. This is a new component of our practiced drills and we want to keep you informed in case your child has questions. Our staff always recognizes the emotional toll any drill can have on students. If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call. The book, *I Am Not Scared, I Am Prepared* by Julia Cook is a great resource if you would like to talk to your child about this concern.

Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> is a teacher in-service day and there is no school for students on this day. Then, Spring Break begins the following Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> and students will return to school on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the Performance Evaluation for Alaska Schools (PEAKS) test this month. The testing window will run from March 25<sup>th</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have an appointment, trip, or any other activity planned during this time, please consider rescheduling so your child will not miss any of the testing days.

David Christal  
Principal  
Klatt Elementary School



**RECESS / LUNCH SCHEDULE****KINDERGARTEN and K/1**

Recess 10:45 – 11:05

Lunch 11:05 – 11:30

**FIRST GRADE**

Recess 11:05 – 11:25

Lunch 11:25 – 11:45

**SECOND GRADE**

Recess 12:20 – 12:40

Lunch 12:40 – 1:00

**THIRD GRADE**

Recess 12:25 – 12:45

Lunch 12:45 – 1:05

**FOURTH GRADE and 4/5**

Recess 11:50 – 12:10

Lunch 12:10 – 12:30

**FIFTH GRADE**

Recess 11:40 – 12:00

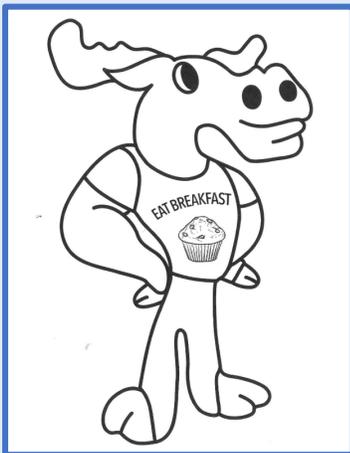
Lunch 12:00 – 12:20

**SIXTH GRADE**

Recess 11:15 – 11:35

Lunch 11:35 – 11:55

Breakfast and lunch menus are available at [www.asdk12.org/studentnutrition](http://www.asdk12.org/studentnutrition).

**National School Breakfast Week****March 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>**

Klatt Elementary will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program for the 2018-2019 school year. All enrolled students at Klatt are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at Klatt at no cost to you or your household. Your child will be able to participate without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

**UN MENSAJE DE SU DIRECTOR**

Estimadas familias de Klatt,

La seguridad de los estudiantes es el aspecto más importante en la educación de los estudiantes. A lo largo del año, nuestra escuela practica simulacros(drills) de incendio, terremoto, y que hacer cuando entran personas intrusas violentas. Para nuestros simulacros de intrusos violentos, enseñamos a los estudiantes y al personal las siglas ALICE, que significa alerta, bloqueo, informar, contrarrestar y evacuar. Para la mayoría de los ejercicios nos centramos en los primeros cuatro. La próxima semana, practicaremos un simulacro en el que los maestros determinarán si evacuar a un punto de reunión es la opción más segura. Este es un componente nuevo de nuestros simulacros practicados y queremos mantenerlo informado en caso de que su hijo tenga preguntas. Nuestro personal siempre reconoce la parte emocional que cualquier ejercicio puede tener en los estudiantes. Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en llamarme. El libro, No tengo miedo, estoy preparado por Julia Cook es un excelente recurso si desea hablar con su hijo sobre esta inquietud.

El viernes 8 de marzo es un día de servicio para maestros y no hay clases para los estudiantes en ese día. Luego, las vacaciones de primavera comienzan el siguiente lunes 11 de marzo y los estudiantes regresarán a la escuela el lunes 18 de marzo.

Este mes, nuestros estudiantes de 3<sup>o</sup>, 4<sup>o</sup>, 5<sup>o</sup> y 6<sup>o</sup> grado participarán en el examen de Evaluación de Rendimiento para Escuelas de Alaska (PEAKS.) La ventana de prueba se ejecutará del 25 de marzo al 5 de abril. Si usted tiene una cita, un viaje o cualquier otra actividad planeada durante este tiempo, considere postergarlo para que su hijo no se pierda ninguno de los días de exámenes.

David Christal

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**IMPORTANT  
DATES****March 7***Science Fair***March 7***PTA meeting 6 PM***March 8***No school/Teacher In-service day***March 10***Daylight Savings time begins***March 11 through 15***Spring break***March 18***Students return to school***March 25***PEAKS testing begins**Third grade will be testing on**March 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**Fourth grade will be testing on March**25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>**Fifth grade will be testing on**March 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**Sixth grade will be testing on**March 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>***April 5***Spring Choir Concert Klatt 2:30 PM***April 25***Kindergarten RoundUp 6:30 PM*

## Klatt Science Fair

The Science Fair will be on Thursday, March 7th. Individuals from Target, Walmart, and Alaska Sand and Gravel will be here to judge the projects. Prizes will be given for first, second and third place. Winners will be announced at the end of the day on Thursday.

Make sure to refer to the science fair handouts on the proper scientific process. We are very excited to see what you have come up with this year.

## Battle of the Books

Congratulations Paul Barnes, Elijah Bridgeman, Hayden Erickson, Lilah Mehler, Schiane Shultz, Savannah and Livvy Stout, Fernanda Sanchez, and Tyler Woods—our 2019 Battle of the Book participants. The students read up to twelve books over four months. When they competed at West High School, teams were awarded points if they answered questions about the books. Students also had to know the title and author(s) of the book. Klatt was well represented. The students worked hard and also had a great time! Thank you to the parents and the PTA who supported our teams. Next year's reading list is due out soon. Think about joining next year's Battle.



## Family Survey

How are we doing?  
Are you happy with our school?  
Do we communicate well with you?  
Does your child feel safe at school?  
Let us know by completing our Family Engagement Survey. Please click on this link to take the survey:  
[https://hanoverresearch.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eXxp3KL2PuWxAz3](https://hanoverresearch.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eXxp3KL2PuWxAz3)  
Or go to  
[www.asdk12.org/familyengagementsurvey](http://www.asdk12.org/familyengagementsurvey)  
Information from this survey is incredibly valuable to support student learning. Let's make Klatt one of the top five elementary schools to have surveys filled out this year!  
**The survey deadline is March 8.**

## Donations Needed

Have you done some spring cleaning?  
Our school clinic is in need of pants, sizes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10—especially boys. Drop off donations to the front office. Thank you!

## Parent Connection

ParentConnection allows parents to check school information about their students. Parents can use this tool to contact teachers, get class news and monitor their student's assignments, attendance and grades. Parents can sign up for email notifications to help monitor student's progress. If you do not know your pin or password, please contact the office staff for assistance.

## Klatt Spelling Bee

A big shout out to Chloe Bass for winning the Klatt Spelling Bee and to Joan Orense for being named the alternate winner. Our Klatt champion will represent Klatt on March 19th at the 2019 Alaska State Spelling Bee.



## 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

Mrs. Senoran's first grade class celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school in February by doing different activities related to 100.



## Office Depot Give back to schools

A small act can make a huge difference! Anything that helps us stretch our school's budget, allows us to provide the best education possible for our students. Simply make a purchase of qualifying school supplies at Office Depot, provide Klatt ID#70000078 at checkout (in store and online) and Klatt will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies!

## Fred Meyers Support

Are you a Fred Meyer shopper? Consider becoming a Community Rewards participant and list Klatt Elementary School as a recipient of Fred Meyer's support when you use your reward card.

[www.fredmeyer.com/community/rewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/community/rewards). You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 81047.

## Amazon Smiles

Klatt is on AmazonSmile. If you shop Amazon, don't forget to look up Klatt Elementary School. Amazon will donate a percentage of the sales to us. Thank you for your support!



Thank you for taking the time to clip, save and send in all those Box Tops for Education. Keep saving for next fall's collection!

## Glitter Germs in Mrs. Wilhelm's Class



Flu cases in Alaska soared to monthly levels far beyond anything seen in the last four years, according to a report by the state Division of Public Health. Mrs. Wilhelm's class enjoyed a fun educational activity using glitter to learn about germs that might cause you to get sick with the flu. The glitter was like germs that cause diseases. They spread the germs on their hands, and then tapped other children on the hand to see how easily germs spread. The glitter stuck to everything they touched! Well germs are the same, once they get on your hands they can spread to everything you touch. The children then tried to remove the germs by wiping them off with a paper towel—germs were still there. Then they tried washing them off under the water, but when they finished there was still a lot of glitter on their hands. Now our very smart kindergartners and first graders know that soap helps the water to wash the germs away—that's why it's important to use soap every time you wash your hands. Stay healthy!



## Noon Supervisors Needed

We are currently looking for noon duties to help with supervision of students during recess and lunch. The hours are from 10:45 AM until 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

If you are interested in this position, please visit [asdk12.org](http://asdk12.org), click on the Employment Link on the right side of the page, and then select Classified Positions to access an application. Please let our front office know of your interest so our principal, Mr. Christal, will look for your name.

# Annual Student Art Show

The community is cordially invited to attend the districtwide presentation of student artwork celebrating National Youth Art Month. We are very proud of the following outstanding Klatt student artists—  
 Eljah Saelee, Andrea Pineda, Yaritza Vargas Perez, Gerardo Santana Cardona, Kaley Krohn, and Savannah Tiel. Their artwork will be displayed at the Anchorage Museum, the Lousac Library, City Hall and the Midtown Mall. Exhibition dates are March 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> at all sites except Midtown Mall will be March 4<sup>th</sup> through 6.



## Artwork

*Top right:*

Gerardo Santana Cordona,  
 Tempera paint polar bear

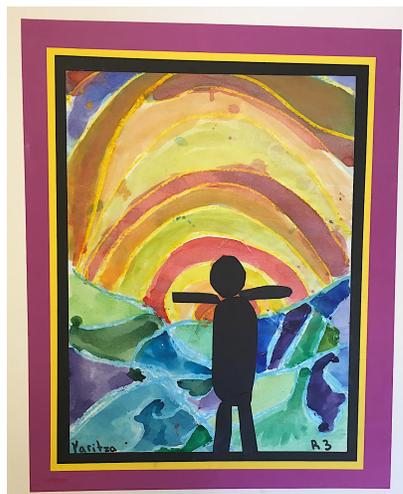
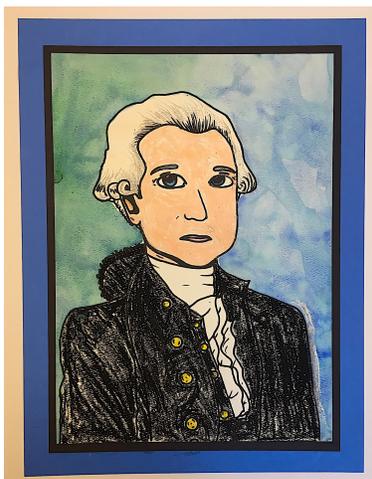
*Middle left:* Andrea Pineda,  
 Inuit black line drawing

*Middle right:* Kaley Krohn,  
 Landscape under a full moon

*Bottom left:* Savannah Tiel,  
 Watercolor and oil pastel  
 George Washington portrait

*Bottom middle:* Yaritza  
 Vargas-Perez Watercolor landscape

*Bottom right:* Elyjah Saelee, Snowman collage





**PEAKS**

**PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
FOR ALASKA'S SCHOOLS**

## Reach new **PEAKS** of learning!

Each spring, Alaskan students are provided an opportunity to show what they know. When students show what they know, teachers and parents can partner to promote student success.

Get ready to reach new peaks of learning during our ASD assessment window.

### **ASD PEAKS window**

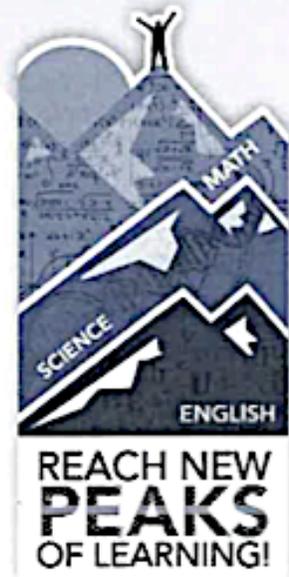
**March 25–April 5**

(Make-ups: March 26–April 26)

*To ensure success, schools need all students present and ready to do their best.*



For more information on how to prepare your child to show what they know, visit [www.asdk12.org/peaks](http://www.asdk12.org/peaks).



With each test,  
reach a new peak!

Receive a sticker  
by taking each test.  
Collect all the stickers  
to reach the summit.



Anchorage School District  
*Advancing All Students for Success in Life*



## Reach new PEAKS of learning! Ways to Help Your Child

PEAKS is a computer-based assessment administered to students in Grades 3-9 (English language arts and mathematics) and grades 4, 8 and 10 (science) each spring. This state-required assessment provides students the opportunity to show their understanding of important skills in these content areas at their grade level.

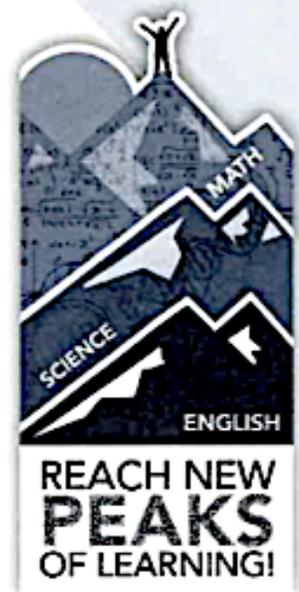
Here are some ways you can help your child prepare for a test:

- Talk to your child about testing. It's helpful for children to understand why schools give tests. For more information about the importance of taking the PEAKS test, visit [www.asdk12.org/peaks](http://www.asdk12.org/peaks).
- Encourage your child. Praise him/her for the things they do well. If your child feels confident, he/she will likely do their best on a test. Children who are afraid of failing are more likely to become anxious about test taking.
- Ensure your child attends school regularly. Testing days are important days to be at school on time to allow for the least stressful testing experience for your child. Avoid scheduling appointments on testing days.
- Help your child get a good night's sleep the night before a test.
- Eat a healthy breakfast the morning of a test. Hunger can distract a child from the task at hand. Many ASD schools serve breakfast. Learn more at [www.asdk12.org/studentnutrition](http://www.asdk12.org/studentnutrition).

For more information, including your school's testing schedule, contact your child's teacher or principal.

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Source: U.S. Department of Education



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