

# BAXTER BULLETIN SPECIAL EDITION

2991 Baxter Rd, Anchorage, AK 99504, 907-742-1750 January 13, 2020

#### CONGRATULATIONS SPELLING BEE WINNER NORI PEREZ AND RUNNER UP ROBERT POWELL!

We are so proud to have Nori Perez as our Bobcat Spelling Bee Representative and Robert Powell as our runner up. These two prevailed over a field of 18 and will be representing Baxter at the City Bee.



Thank you to all our Bobcat participants. You all did a fantastic job!

Thank you to our sponsor the Baxter PTA, Staff, and Mr. Gordon.



Important Numbers: Attendance: BXattendance@asdk12.org

Attendance: 742-1750, Press 1 Office: 742-1750

#### CALENDAR

- Feb 10 B-ball game at Williwaw 4th grade Swimming Field Trip
- Feb 10 13 Book Fair (see details inside)
- Feb 12 & 13th Early Dismissal, 12:30pm Parent/Teacher conferences
- Feb 14 & 17th NO SCHOOL
- Feb 18 PTA Meeting, 6pm
- Feb 21 Popcorn Friday
- Feb 25 Weather Presentation; Gagnon & Adams
- Feb 26 Wendler Open House; 6-7:30pm
- Feb 28 Staff Student B-ball, 3:45pm
- Feb 28 Dental Screenings
- March 2 & 3 Talent Show Auditions
- Mar 3 PTA meeting, 6pm
- Mar 4 Spring Pictures
- Mar 6 15th NO SCHOOL
- Mar 17 Awards Assembly
- Mar 20 -4th Kenai Challenger trp Popcorn Friday
- Mar 25 -Science Fair/Math Day



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#### http://baxter.asdk12.org

FEBRUARY 2020							
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#### Dear Families,

February is already here and we will be holding parent teacher conferences this month. This is a very important time for you to be able to discuss your child's progress with his/her teacher. Because conferences are being held in the middle of the quarter, you will not be getting a report card. The purpose of this conference is to make sure your child is on track and any concerns can be addressed before the end of the term.

It is our goal to have 100% participation in conferences. We ask that you try and keep your scheduled time, as it is very challenging to reschedule, especially when there are siblings. Thank you for being a partner in your child's education.

Please mark your calendars for Family Movie Night on Friday, February 21st. Flyers are

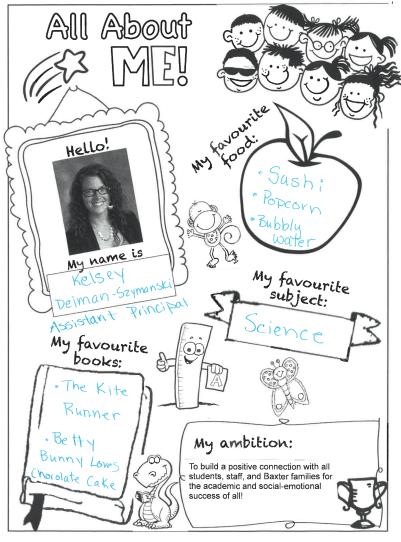
coming home this week. Proceeds will benefit the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Kenai Challenger Center field trip to as well as Tidal Pool Exploration in Whittier! What fun and incredible learning opportunities for our students!

Great news! We have another Assistant Principal joining us here at Baxter. Please welcome Kelsey Deiman-Szymanski! Mrs. Szymanski was the Assistant Principal at Muldoon Elementary. She is a great addition to Baxter! As you may recall, Lisa Lansdale is the Principal at Eagle River Elementary and she is working diligently to clean up the building so it can undergo necessary repairs after the 2018 earthquake. She will be splitting her time between there and Baxter as she is needed for different projects.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please call or visit me in my office. I look forward to speaking with you!

Kind Regards, Dawn Campbell

## MEET OUR OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



#### Kindness Club

We have started a Kindness Club for 3rd to 6th graders. During our first meeting, the students shared ideas of what kindness means and what it should look like at Baxter as well as around our community. We will be doing some great things in our building, around our building, and in our own neighborhood. Our meetings are from 3:30 to 4:30 and are scheduled for:

Feb 6th and Feb 20th

March 5th and March 19th

April 2nd, April 16th, and April 30th

May 14th

Mrs. Fulkerson, Ms. Gagnon, and Ms. Buchwald

Next week we will be having a Kindness Spirit week for the entire school:

Kindness Week

Monday February 10- Thursday February 13th

**Monday 10th- Farmer Day** - Plant a seed of Kindness (wear your jeans, overalls, flannel shirts, cowboy boots, and hats)

**Tuesday 11th- Jammie Day**; Dreaming of Kindness (wear your PJs, bath robes, and slippers)

**Wednesday 12th- Disney Day** Kindness is Magical (dress as your favorite Disney cartoon or movie character or wear your favorite Disneyworld or Disneyland t-shirt / sweatshirt)

**Thursday 13th- Sports Day** Be a team player, share Kindness (wear your favorite sports team shirt, jersey, or sweatshirt)



PTA News . . .



Thank you Baxter families and friends who continue to support us through the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. We currently have 42 households participating which generated \$170 for Baxter PTA last quarter! Woot!

If you don't have your rewards card connected to us yet, it's takes just a moment to do. Just go to <u>http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards</u> and enter our non-profit number **HJ916** 

We also want to thank our current business partners, Alliance Chiropractic & Wellness Center, Texas Roadhouse, and Denali Federal Credit Union who have donated their time as well as goods and services throughout the year. And we are very excited to foster new partnerships with La Hacienda Restaurant, the Botanical Gardens, Fire Station 14, and Baxter Senior Living. If you know of a local business that is looking to be more involved in their community, you can direct them to the ASD website which has information about being a school business partner or let us know and we would be happy to reach out to them!

Can you believe it's February already? Spring will be just around the corner and you know what that means . . .**Spring Carnival!** We are switching things up this year and the carnival will be held on **Saturday April 18th, 11a - 2p**. This is a great fun family event and a big fundraiser for the PTA through ticket/food sales and of course, the silent auction! I've attached the donation letter and form below. Please consider reaching out to any close business associates you know that may be willing to donate goods or services to the event - every item helps! There will be more info as the time grows closer but as always, if you have any input on what you liked (or didn't like!) at past carnivals, now is the time to let your voice be heard so we can make adjustments and plan a great event!

We would love to see family or community members at the PTA meetings which are held the 2nd Tuesday of every the month during the school year. Next PTA meeting will be <u>Feb 18th</u> at 6p in the library \*(pushed back one week due to teacher conferences).

Karie Tieszen <u>BaxterPTA@yahoo.com</u> (907) 301-5081



Baxter Elementary School Parent Teacher Association 2991 Baxter Road Anchorage, AK 99504 907-742-1750 Tax ID#92-0066717

February 1, 2020

Dear Business Owner:

Each April the Baxter Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) puts on a Spring Carnival and Fundraiser which is our biggest event of the year. It is a fun evening with games and prizes for the kids, a silent auction for the adults, and lots of great food and fun for everyone! But more importantly, it raises much needed funds for our programs and special learning opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable.

The money raised during this event currently supports programs such as Battle of the Books, Family Math & Science Night, Student Intervention and Enrichment Programs, the annual 4th grade overnight field trip to the SeaLife Center in Seward (the kids really look forward to that!) as well as pays for buses for field trips, and purchases equipment for classrooms.

This year we have several additional special projects we are hoping to help fund:

- \_\_\_A Food Pantry to assist our Baxter families in need
- \_\_\_A Birthday book cart so kids can pick out a book on their birthday
- \_\_\_A new digital sign for the school to help keep parents and the community informed

We know these are ambitious goals, but we think our Baxter Bobcats are worth it! That's why we would greatly appreciate a contribution of goods or services to our silent auction so that we may fund these programs for our school. All contributors names will be displayed during the event and contributions are tax deductible. If you have any questions please call Karie Tieszen at (907) 301-5081

The event will take place on *Saturday April 18th, from 11a - 2p* at Baxter Elementary School and is open to everyone in the Anchorage community.

Thank you for your consideration. With your help we can give our kids a great start on their journey for knowledge and development :)

Karie Tieszen Baxter Elementary PTA

\*Donations due by April 10th. Please call Karie at 301-5081 to schedule a pick up or donations can be mailed to Karie Tieszen at 4316 Kingston Dr, Anchorage AK 99504

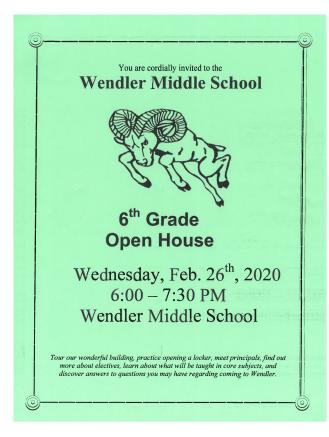


# Baxter PTA Spring Carnival / Fundraiser 2020

# Silent Auction Donation Form

Donor Name:
Donor Company Name:
Mailing Address:
Physical Address:
Email:
Phone Number:
Description of item(s) or service being donated:
Approximate Retail Value: \$
*Donations due by April 10th. Call Karie at 301-5081 to schedule a pick up or donations can be mailed to Karie Tieszen at 4316 Kingston Dr, Anchorage AK 99504
Event is 11a - 2p on Saturday April 18th, 2020, at Baxter Elementary School
All are welcome to come!

Thank You for your Support!





Monday, Feb. 10th	8:40 - 4:45
Tuesday, Feb. 11th	8:40 - 4:45
Wednesday, Feb 12th	8:40 - 5:00
Thursday, Feb 13th	8:40 - 6:00

There are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer. Without our wonderful volunteers, we have to close both the book fair and the library during instructional times. Any time you can give is appreciated.

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#### Baxter Gardening Club Open to All!

How does Baxter's Garden grow? Very well with your help! Do you like growing things? Do you care about our community? If so, this club is for you.

The Baxter Gardening Club will meet every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30. This club will be in charge of starting, planting and



maintaining the Baxter Garden. The food grown in our garden goes to benefit the Children's Lunchbox. Aside from gardening, other planned projects include making bird houses and beautifying our school grounds. If you are interested in joining, please fill out the permission slip below and return it to the office. Once you have joined, a schedule of dates will be sent home. Our first meeting will be 2/26. Permission slips are due by Friday, February 21. Family members are welcome to join us! Let's see what we can grow together.

My child permission to participate in Baxter's G from 3:30 – 4:30. I will arrive at Bax	Gardening Club every Wednesday
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Parent Name (printed)	
Cell Phone Number (will be used for text	ing)
My child will be (check one) pi	icked up walking home.
Student Name	Date

Please note any allergies:

Questions? Contact Mrs. Fulkerson Fulkerson\_mary@asdk12.org





# Art Smart

#### With Mr. Thomas

Art is the use of skill and creative imagination especially in the production of aesthetic objects or works.

-- Moore College

## **Questions of the Heart**

A Valentine heart is a **symbol**, or a simple drawing used by people to represent something else. It is more difficult to draw a heart that looks **realistic**, looking like the real heart that pumps blood through the body. Is that why we don't draw realistic hearts for Valentine's Day? Gross.

Besides representing a human heart, a Valentine heart is also a symbol of love and kindness. Science, however, shows that emotions are chemical reactions in the brain, not in the heart. Love comes from oxytocin flooding the cortex of the brain.

Yet we don't draw Valentine brains. Why? Who decided hearts were what held our love

and kindness?

Art history may help answer that. Way back in 2500 B.C., artists in Egypt made a large painting on a wall, called a **mural**, that illustrated the importance of being light hearted—



literally. Long ago, Egyptians believed that after someone died, the gods weighed the person's heart against the Feather of **Maat**, the goddess of justice. A heavy, cruel heart was bad news. If instead the heart was lighter than the feather, the person could experience paradise.

Perhaps the connection we make to hearts goes way back to Ancient Egypt. Even today, actions of love and kindness seem to lighten hearts.



FEBRUARY Birthdays

of Artists from History Day, <u>Artist</u>, Year

- 1 Thomas Cole, 1801
- 3 Norman Rockwell, 1894
- 4 Fernand Léger, 1881
- 8 Franz Marc, 1880
- 9 Robert Morris, 1931
- 13 Grant Wood, 1892
- 17 <u>Hung Liu</u>, 1948
- 18 Louis Comfort Tiffany, 1848
- 19 Constantin Brancusi, 1876
- 20 Ansel Adams, 1902
- 22 Horace Pippin, 1888
- 24 Winslow Homer, 1836
- 25 Pierre-Auguste Renoir, 1841
- 26 Honoré Victorin Daumier, 1808
- 29 Augusta Savage, 1892

More found at www.davisart.com

# A.R.T. Rules

Apply yourself to the task at hand. Respect others and yourself. Take care of our things.

# **Art Effort Grades**

O = Outstanding, always a role model. S+ = Very Good, works hard, follows directions consistently, respectful. S = Satisfactory/OK, with a reminder. S- = Please make better choices.

N = Needs Improvement

Contact info: thomas ryan@asdk12.org

# If the groundhog sees its shadow, then six more weeks of winter!



# If you see a Box Top, then CLIP it or SCAN it!

#### DONORS' CHOOSE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

We are continuing to review our emergency preparedness in the wake of last year's major earthquake. Part of that is making sure we have the necessary search and rescue equipment on hand should our building suffer major damage. We were lucky last time, but need to be prepared in case we are not so lucky next time.

Please help us make sure we can keep our students safe by supporting our Donors' Choose Grant at <u>https://www.donorschoose.org/project/rescue-our-youth/4651665/</u> so we can purchase the search & rescue equipment we need. Feel free to share the link with friends and family who might also be willing to help.

We have raised \$74 of the \$3302 needed to purchase these critical tools before our



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Baxter will be hosting a talent show and an audition will be held. If your child is interested please make sure your and your student read, sign, and bring back the permission slip and rubric that the judges will use to score each student.

	Baxter Elementary School Talent Show 2020 Permission Slip
	Talent Show
	Wednesday, April 1, 2020
	2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
	Talent Show Rules:
1.	Music with lyrics MUST be suitable for a K-5 audience.
	a. Songs with inappropriate lyrics are not allowed
	<ul> <li>b. Lyrics must be <u>memorized</u> by auditions and a copy turned in with permission slip</li> <li>c. Lip Sync only acts are not permitted, there must be another piece to the performance.</li> </ul>
	d. Karaoke tracks need to be used with vocal auditions so that no main vocal tracks are being used.
2.	If you are using music with words or singing; you must attach the lyrics to this copy.
3.	School dress code applies to ALL costumes. Please have costumes ready for auditions so there is time to make any adjustments if needed.
	Acts are limited to <u>3 minutes MAXIMUM</u> .
	You may only perform in one act.
6.	There are no makeup auditions for students who do not follow the talent show rules or forget to audition. Only students with excused absences will be allowed a later audition date.
7.	If you're performing as a group, each member needs to turn in a slip and each slip needs everyone in the group listed.
<b>&gt;</b>	Please turn in permission slips to Ms. Frost by Friday, February 21 <sup>st</sup> 🗲
Auc	litions: March 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 3:45-5:00 pm.
	Please have all props, costumes, and music for auditions.
-	Parents please indicate on the permission slip how your student will be getting home after auditions.
Dre	ss Rehearsal: March 27 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> from 3:45-5:00 pm.
-	Please have all props, music, and costumes
	Each rehearsal is mandatory. If a child selected to be in the show does not attend both rehearsals, the act will be cut and the next act on the waiting list will replace it. Please contact Ms. Frost if a child cannot attend auditions or a rehearsal at frost_kelly@asdk12.org .
*** 7	o sign up for an audition day please go to this link and select a time and day spots are limited to 30

### Baxter Elementary School Talent Show 2020 Permission Slip

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TALENT SHOW PERMISSION FORM	TALENT	SHOW	PERMISSION	FORM
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A permission slip is needed f	or each participant. Return by Friday February 21st 2020.
Student Performer	Classroom Teacher
Other Performers in the Act:	
Type of Act (circle one):	
Dance Instrumental	Singing Skit Other:
Description of act:	
I would like to audition as MC	I would like to be a stagehand
Music Title (if using a cd): → If you are singing, attach	the lyrics to this copy.
Parent/Guardian Sponsor	
Print:	
Email:	
My child will be picked up by 5:00	from each rehearsal by:
Parent/guardian or other:	
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My child will walk home from the	audition
each day	ase go to this link and select a time and day spots are limited to 30 unless more than 60 students audition. ats/d/1mXtcQE7WmbNuNqpsZ75pyfSxPfcFUthul4VWdQ3eesU/ edit?usp≃sharing

Talent Show Audition Rubric
Name(s)
Type of Act

Points:	1	2	3	4
	Not Ready this time	Possible Candidate	Good Candidate	Excellent Candidate
Preparedness - Brought props or other necessities - Memorized song words - Well rehearsed	Obvious problems with audition due to lack of preparation. This is still a "work in progress"	Materials needed to perform their audition were not brought. Some difficulty with audition due to lack of preparation.	Brought everything necessary for a smooth audition. <u>Good</u> preparation evident. A little more will make this act excellent.	Brought everything necessary for a smooth audition. <u>Outstanding</u> preparation evident.
Stage Presence	Visibly uncomfortable or cant'look at audience. Facial expression, &/or body language &/or demeanor not appropriate.	Appears confident and can engage the audience <u>some</u> of the time. Expression, body language, and demeanor appropriate most of the time.	Appears confident and can engage the audience <b>most</b> of the time. Facial expression, body language, and demeanor are appropriate.	Appears confident and can engage the audience. Facial expression, body language, and demeanor are appropriate.
Quality	Sings, plays, or performs at a level that <u>might</u> <u>not</u> engage our school audience.	Sings, plays, or performs at a level that <u>might</u> engage our school audience.	Sings, plays, or performs at a level that <b>probably</b> engages our school audience.	Sings, plays, or performs at a level that <u>definitely</u> engages our school audience.
Appropriateness Content, costumes, props and language of act are appropriate.	This act is clearly inappropriate in some way.	Slightly inappropriate; a simple change will fix it.	This act is "mostly G" rated	Everything about this act is "G" rated.

Total Points given:\_\_\_\_\_

(Add additional notes on back of form)

#### @ your library...

Things never slow down in the library! Our intermediate grades are continuing to learn and practice their research and technology skills while using them to learn about U.S. history and the ethical use of information sources. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are being introduced to those skills while our 1<sup>st</sup> graders are learning to summarize stories and our kinders are increasing their vocabulary in relation to books.

We are also beginning our Fiction February Sweet 16. Our top 16 circulating fiction titles have been posted to brackets in the halls outside the library, and 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will be voting throughout February to see which title advances to being Baxter's most popular fiction title for this school year.

As always, please feel free to stop by, call (742-1750), or email me at <u>mccall\_vicki@asdk12.org</u> if you have any questions about Sora or anything else we are doing in the library.

Miss McCall Teacher-Librarian Link to the Anchorage Public Library Calendar http://anchoragelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventCalendar.aspx



# WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S AT



- Let them see you reading magazines, books, newspapers, anything!
- Have them read street and business signs when you are out driving
- Encourage them to read to pets or younger siblings
- Ask them to tell you about what they have been reading
- Keep a pile of books in the car for them to read when you are out and about
- Keep a pile of books accessible at home
- Visit the public library (there is a branch at the corner of Muldoon & DeBarr, right next to the Boys & Girls Club)
- Have them read your grocery list when shopping, then read the signs and labels in the grocery story to help you locate what you need



# Anchorage School District

# 2019-20 School Year Calendar\*

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22 Teachers' last day.				6	7	8	9	
25 Memorial Day holiday	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
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