

BAXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BAXTER BULLETIN SPECIAL EDITION

991 Baxter Rd Anchorage, AK 99504, 907-742-1750 February 29, 2020



CALENDAR

- Mar 2nd & 3rd Talent Show Auditions 3:45 - 5pm
- Mar 3 PTA Meeting, 6pm
- Mar 4 ROAR!, 2:30pm Garden Club Mtg, 3:30-4:30pm
- Mar 5 Dine to Donate, 4-10pm Kindness Club Mtg. 3:30-4:30pm
- Mar 6 15th NO SCHOOL
- Mar 17 Awards Assembly
- Mar 18 -Spring Pictures Garden Club Mtg. 3:30-4:30pm
- Mar 19 -Kindness Club Mtg. 3:30-4:30pm Lottery application deadline.
- Mar 20 -4th Kenai Challenger trip Popcorn Friday
- Mar 24 Science Fair Judging
- Mar 25 -Science Fair/Math Day Garden Club Mtg. 3:30-4:30pm
- Mar 27 & 30 -Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 3:45 - 5pm

PEAKS TESTING: MARCH 30TH- APRIL 10TH



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



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http://baxter.asdk12.org

MARCH 2020										
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
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Dear Baxter Families,

Thank you for making our Baxter conferences such a success! We had several teachers very excited to share that they had 100% parent participation! Our teachers worked extremely hard to prepare for conferences and were excited to share your child's successes and set goals. Next week brings us to the end of the third quarter. It will be a short week as Friday is an in-service day for teachers.

Shortly after we return from Spring Break, students will begin to take our state PEAKS assessment. As a reminder, and for those families new to PEAKS testing, this is an online computer assessment for grades 3-10. Students will be assessed in Language Arts and Math. Our fourth graders will also be assessed in Science. There will be an informational flyer that comes with your child before break. We encourage you to read about the PEAKS assessment and to check out the information on our District website.

We have noticed an uptick in behaviors as the days are growing longer. We can often confuse students being mean and or rude with bullying. Bullying is a specific type of behavior. In an effort to clarify the difference we have included a flyer in this Newsletter for you to reference. Bullying is mean, but being mean doesn't necessarily mean bullying. Student safety is our first priority and that means physical and emotional safety.

Stay tuned for news about our Math Day and Science Fair on March 25th. We are going to be doing things differently this year and it is very exciting!

I wanted to share with you all that I will be out after Spring Break for 4-6 weeks. I am having knee replacement surgery. In my absence Baxter will be in the most capable hands of our incredible Assistant Principals!

As always if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate contact us. We hope you have a relaxing, Spring Break. Make memories!

Dawn Campbell Principal Lisa Lansdale Assistant Principal Kelsey Deiman-Szymanski Assistant Principal

Differences between Bullying and Other Types of Conflict...

*Rough Physical Play

- Usually friends; often will do the same thing again
- Not about hurting
- Affect is friendly; mutual Physical Fighting

*Physical Fighting

- Usually not friends; typically not repeated
- Trying to hurt each other
- Affect is negative; angry

*Bullying

- Not friends but will be repeated
- Bully is trying to hurt and/or humiliate
- Affect varies between the target and bully

*Cyber Bullying

- Friends and/or others but will be repeated
- Bully(ies) is(are) trying to intimidate, hurt, humiliate and/or threaten
- Affect varies between target, bully, and cyber-community

Response Procedures

Assess for immediate safety



Initiate Action Plan Assign Consequences Contact Parents

Complete Incident Documentation

Inform Incident Reporter

Follow-Up: Monitor Behavior

Baxter Bobcats



Against Bullying

We believe that every student has the right to a safe and healthy school environment. Bullying of any kind is a major distraction from learning and there is zero tolerance for Bullying at Baxter Elementary.

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Bullying is...

- A specific type of aggression in which the behavior occurs over time.
- The behavior is intended to harm or disturb.
 - There is an imbalance of power, with a more powerful person or group attacking a less powerful one

Types of Bullying...

- Physical bullying includes pushing, tripping, and hitting, etc.
- Relational or Emotional bullying is the use of peer pressure and manipulation to isolate and hurt a person's feelings. A bully can get a whole group to exclude or ignore a particular student.
- Verbal bullying includes teasing, mocking, threatening, taunting, and spreading rumors and lies.
- Cyber-bullying includes bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication i.e. Facebook, Twitter.

Strategies for Students...

If you believe you are being bullied you should...

- Ask the person to stop
- Walk away, DON'T fight backIgnore the bully
- Stay with other people, don't be alone
 - Tell an adult you trust

If you think someone else is being bullied you should...

- Don't stand by and watch someone else being bullied
- Stand up for the person being bullied
 - Tell an adult you trust
- Don't leave the person alone



Strategies for Parents...

- Remain CALM; your reaction can impact your child
- Assure your child that the problem can and WILL be solved
- Make sure that your child understands that he/she has to tell a trusted adult at school
- Talk to your child's teacher about the warning signs and/or suspected bullying incidents
- Reinforce your child's selfesteem and feelings of selfworth
- Give your child appropriate strategies for verbally sticking up for themselves
- Monitor your child's social networking, cell phone, and all electronic media use

2020 PEAKS State Assessment Test your best! 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.

The Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) is Alaska's summative assessment administered to students in Grades 3-9 (English language arts and mathematics) and grades 4, 8 and 10 (science) each spring. The purpose of a large-scale, summative assessment is to provide parents and schools an overall picture of a student's progress in meeting the Alaska standards at his/her grade level. The assessment is taken on the computer and is not timed, but each content area takes approximately 100-180 minutes.

Parents can locate resources for the PEAKS assessment, including directions for PEAKS Practice tests, called Online Tools Training and PEAKS Tutorials on the ASD website at <u>www.asdk12.org/PEAKS</u>.

Parents can also help by ensuring their children are well rested, eat a nutritious breakfast, and are at school on time for the days of testing. Please avoid scheduling appointments on your child's testing days.

The ASD PEAKS testing window below allows for school assessment scheduling flexibility. Students! Get ready to reach new peaks of learning and earn a PEAKS sticker set for showing what you know during our school's PEAKS testing dates.

2020 ASD PEAKS Testing Window

March 30-April 10





for only **\$1.00**! **The dates are 3/5, 3/19 and 3/26**. Thank you for your support! -4th grade team

@ your library...

Lots of learning is occurring in our library! Our 6th graders are beginning to learn about major events in 20th century U.S. History while at the same time learning to take notes and cite their sources in Noodletools. Our 5th graders are finishing up their copyright unit and getting ready to research states for their state fest. Fourth graders are learning about presidents and how to use Google classroom and other Google apps, while our 3rd graders are being introduced to coding. We're introducing 2nd graders to finding facts and taking notes, 1st graders are practicing their summarizing skills, and kinders are learning book vocabulary and about the Iditarod. Our library is a very busy place.

Our Fiction February Sweet 16 is winding down. Our Top 2 fiction titles are Dog Man & Cat Kid and Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas, both by Dav Pilkey. This is the last week of voting and our Favorite Fiction Title will be announced Monday, March 2.

As always, please feel free to stop by, call (742-1750), or email me at mccall_vicki@asdk12.org 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



BIKES FOR BOOKS

Please help your students remember to complete and turn in their reading logs! Every month they meet their reading goal they can put in an entry for the drawing to win a new bike with matching helmet & lock in April, courtesy of Glacier Lodge #10, F&AM.

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 https://www.donorschoose.org/project/rescue-our-youth/4651665/ 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 project expires in April, so we need all the help we can get.

Thank you for your support in helping keep our students safe!



Kindness Club

Our Kindness club is off and running! We have about 20 students from 3rd to 6th grade meeting after school to develop ways to be kind in and around Baxter. This month we read the book Scribble Stones by Diane Alber. It's about a little stone that instead of being a dull paper weight, comes up with creative ways to bring joy to others. The students then started painting their own stones that they will share to bring joy to others.

During the month of March, we will be doing some cooking activities as well as create cards for our partnership with Baxter Senior Center.

Please remember that our meetings are from 3:30 to 4:30 and are scheduled for:

March 5th and March 19th

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

May 14th

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





Baxter Elementary PT,

It's coming Spring Carnival!! Mark your calendars now for our annual Spring Carnival

and Fundraiser which is happening on SATURDAY April 18th 11a-2p. Yes you read that right, we are moving it to Saturday as opposed to the usual Friday night events. Hopefully this will allow not only our Baxter families to come and enjoy the carnival but your friends and other community members as well. As always, we are in need of volunteers to make this event a success. Did you know it takes a minimum of 60 volunteers for this event to even happen every year? And with our extended hours this year that number will be closer to 100. Currently the PTA has two active parents, myself and Becky Dolan. We are only 2 people, and even with the help of our amazing teachers and administrators, we are very shorthanded for planning and implementing this wonderful event. . . As in previous years, we will break things down in to 30-60 minute blocks so that you can volunteer but still enjoy the carnival with your family. Please consider signing up for 30 minutes to help! Also, are you part of an organization that does community service/outreach like a church, business group, Boy Scouts etc that would be willing to lend a hand? Please reach out to them or let me know of a good contact person to speak with as we would love to make this event a positive connection to our community. We will be putting sign ups for the carnival on MemberHub in the next few weeks. If you haven't signed up for MemberHub yet please do so (see attached). It is the easiest way to stay informed AND you will be able to pre-purchase your carnival wristband through MemberHub - yay! That means less waiting in line at the door! Besides running a game, serving food, or helping with the silent auction, there are many other ways to support the carnival from set up/clean up, to assembling auction baskets, to baking a cake for the cake walk. We are currently seeking donations for the silent auction and raffle so if you have a connection to a local business or know a local jewelry maker/artist etc that would be willing to donate, please use the attached donation letter and form. Items can be mailed, dropped off to school, or we can arrange to have them picked up from the business. Please note that the following businesses have already been contacted:

The Alaska Club – Chuck E Cheese – Mystic River Designs – Great Harvest Bread – Little Caesar's – Classic Toys – Alaska K9 Aquatics – Bear Tooth – Alaska Conservation Center – Home Depot – Get Air – Shockwave – Papa Murphy's – Borealis Bouquets – V Rae – Skateland – Alaska Aviation Museum – Dino's Donuts – Mr Prime Beef – AK Bark – Alaska Dogs Unleashed – AK Must Love Dogs – Hot Spot Coffee

We already have some AMAZING items like a 46" HUSKY Tool Chest (worth \$448!), \$50 Bear Tooth gift certificate and 4 movie passes, 3 month Gold Membership to the Alaska Club, and much more. Tell your coworkers, friends, and extended family they will not want to miss this! More information will be coming as we get closer but please reach out to me if you have any questions about this event.

I want to give a big Thank You to our amazing Baxter teachers and administrators for doing so much for our school beyond what they do in the classroom! :)

Next PTA meeting is Tuesday March 3rd, 6p in the school library. All are welcome!

Karie Tieszen(907) 301-5081 BaxterPTA@yahoo.com kariet@me.com



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



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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!



Please Join Baxter PTA on MemberHub!

The National PTA is providing all local PTA chapters the opportunity to streamline information and increase accessibility for our members with the use of the MemberHub App. Why join? It's a quick and easy way to see upcoming PTA/school events on the calendar, access forms and informational flyers, has volunteer sign ups so you know where help is needed, and has a 'store' where you can directly purchase items like your membership, yearbooks, or spirit wear using a credit card.

How to join:

- 1. Go to: BaxterPTA.MemberHub.com/join
- 2. It will prompt you to enter the Join Request Key NJHAYQ
- 3. Fill in your information and hit Submit
- 4. You may also download the App

Once your information is added to the system you can create a password for logging in, change account settings for notices, and decide what information is viewable to other members.

We look forward to keeping you informed and creating a great supportive network for our parents, students, and teachers!



BAXTER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



Kindergarten finally enjoying there sledding and hot chocolate party with the principals. The group won the party by donating the most non-perishable food to the pantry in December. The Food Pantry is up and running thanks to the awesome donations during the food drive in December. We have also had gift cards and cash donations from the Baxter School Store, PTA, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and Emmy Zartman. We appreciate all the support we have received and continue to receive.

With your support we have been able to help several families over winter break and the 3- and 4-day weekends during January and February. Spring Break is just around the corner and we will be packing up boxes of meals. Some of the meals we have been able to put together include spaghetti sauce and pasta, chicken and rice, Hamburger Helper meals, tuna noodle, red beans and rice and many other sustainable meals. We've also been able to provide items such as peanut butter and jelly, bread, cereal and snacks like granola and apple sauce packets.

Thank you for all your support.

From the Baxter Staff



Anchorage School District

2019-20 School Year Calendar*

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27 Classes begin for Preschool/Kindergarten [†]	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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20 State released grade reporting day. End of second quarter.**				11	12	13	14	
23-31 Winter break**	15	(16	17	18	19	20	21	
JANUARY	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
1-3 Winter break (cont.)**	29	30	31					
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20 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday**				April				
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third quarter.**								
9-13 Spring Break**				May				
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