



BAXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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STUDENT HANDBOOK IS ONLINE

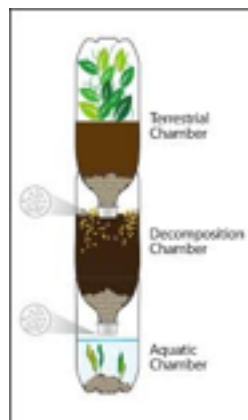
This year the Anchorage School District's 2019-20 Elementary Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook can be found online at:

<https://apps.asdk12.org/forms/uploads/EShandbook.pdf>

Please review this with your student to support the opportunities and expectations we have here at Baxter Elementary; you may reach out to us if you have any questions at 742-1764. Thank you for bringing your children to us!

SIXTH GRADE IN NEED OF BOTTLES

Sixth graders are getting ready to build our ecocolumns. We are in need of several clear, plastic 2 liter bottles. If you have any at home, we will gladly take them off your hands! Thanks a bunch!



CALENDAR

Sep 10 - PTA Meeting, 6pm

Sep 10-11 Kindy Testing

Sep 13 - Popcorn Friday

Sep 17 - Constitution Day

Sep 18 - Picture Day

Sep 19 - X-Country Jamboree 5pm, Bartlett

Sep 23-24 4th Grade Overnight Trip

Sep 27 - Family Movie Night 6pm

Oct 8th - PTA Meeting, 6pm

Oct 11th - Popcorn Friday

Believe Kids PTA Fundraiser 9/27 - 10/11

Important Numbers:

Attendance:

BXattendance@asdk12.org

or 566-1774

Nurse: 742-1751

Cafeteria: 742-1767

Office: 742-1750



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BaxterElementaryASD](https://www.facebook.com/BaxterElementaryASD)

<http://baxter.asdk12.org>

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Holiday NO SCHOOL	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 PTA Mtg 6pm K-2 TESTING	11 K-2 TESTING	12	13 Popcorn Friday	14
15	16	17 CONSTITU- TION DAY	18 Picture Day	19 X- COUNTRY JAMBOREE	20	21
22	23 4TH FIELD TRIP	24 4TH FIELD TRIP	25	26	27 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT	28
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PTA FALL FUNDRAISER, BELIEVEKIDS.com, September 27th - October 11th.

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8 SOCCER JAMBOREE	9	10	11 POPCORN FRIDAY	12
13	14	15	16	17 GREAT SHAKE OUT	18 NO SCHOOL IN- SERVICE	19
20	21	22 PICTURE RETAKES	23 DISMISSAL 12:30 PM P/T CONFERENCES	24 DISMISSAL 12:30 PM P/T CONFERENCES	25 NO SCHOOL IN- SERVICE	26



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Baxter Families,

We have kicked off another exciting school year! It has been wonderful to see all of our returning students and all of our new faces. I know we are going to have a wonderful year!

As we get back into the swing of things, a few gentle reminders about our parking lot and pick up and drop off loop. Please make sure you are pulling all the way passed the crosswalk when you are dropping off in the morning from 8:40-8:50. After the 8:50, the staff on crosswalk duty will stop you and direct students to go in the front door. In the afternoon, all pick up will happen after the crosswalk. Please make sure to pull as far forward as you can in the pick up lane to accommodate the most cars and a quicker pick up process.

We love parent volunteers and strive to communicate with parents. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, the best way to do that is by e-mail, or if they are using the REMIND app. to set up a time to talk. Teachers are greeting students, taking attendance, facilitating breakfast, etc. first thing in the morning and it is difficult to have meaningful conversations with parents at that time even though they would really like to. Students should have the teacher's full attention for a positive start to the day. Thank you for understanding!

We are looking forward to our first Family Movie Night on Friday, September 27th. Movie to be announced soon! I hope to see you all there.

Our first PTA meeting is Tuesday, September 10th at 6pm in the Library. Come be a part of all the excitement. Thank you for all you do each day to support us here at school! If you have any questions, concerns, celebrations, etc. please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I would love to hear from you.

Have a great week.

Dawn Campbell



Camai, Bobcat families, and welcome to this new 2019-2020 school year! I can't believe that September is already on the roll. There are so many new things to learn and look forward to. This month, our SEL lessons are focused on Kelso Choices for Primary and the Connected and Respected curriculum for all. There will be more SEL topics to discuss each month. We hope that they will continue to help us all to connect, make better choices, and be more successful at Baxter and elsewhere.

Parents, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and/or concerns. Have a great school year!!!

Warmly,
Ms. Ula Suapaia,
Counselor

September 4, 2019

Baxter Elementary School
2991 Baxter Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

Dear Parent(s),

Baxter Elementary School will be teaching the 1st Quarter Personal Safety lessons between September 23 and October 4, 2019 during the Health classes. The age-appropriate lessons will be presented in a non-threatening way, along with the skills needed for self-protection. The lesson content is part of the Anchorage School District's plan to enact the Alaska Safe Children's Act and will be handled in a sensitive, respectful manner.

1 st Quarter Lessons						
Kindergarten	1 st grade	2 nd grade	3 rd grade	4 th grade	5 th grade	6 th grade
The Great Body Shop Unit 5, Lesson 4: Safe Touch, Unsafe Touch Song: My Body Is Special	The Great Body Shop Unit 6, Lesson 4: My Body is Private	The Great Body Shop Unit 5, Lesson 4: Your Body is Private	The Great Body Shop Unit 6, Lesson 4: Personal Safety	The Great Body Shop Unit 5, Lesson 4: Preventing Abuse	The Great Body Shop Unit 5, Lesson 4: Send the Message: My Body is Private	The Great Body Shop Unit 4, Lesson 4: Sexual Harassment and Abuse

If you have any questions about the content of the program or if you wish to inquire about opting out, please contact our Elem. Health Specialist, Engel Goodnight, goodnight_engel@asdk12.org

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to provide learning opportunities to improve the safety and well being of our students.

Sincerely,

Engel Goodnight

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Baxter Elementary PTA

Hello Baxter Families!

We are so excited for our students and all the amazing experiences ahead for them. Parents will also get a new experience this year with Baxter PTA's new MemberHub Site and App! Please take a moment to read through how to join below so you can stay up to date with everything PTA related. With this implemented we will now be accepting memberships online, frequently used forms will be available (no more stopping at the office or hoping your child remembers to bring one home ;) and best of all we'll be able to accept credit card payments for memberships, yearbooks and spirit wear - Yay!

*Please note that it is NOT necessary to download the App to access the information - you can log on through your browser at BaxterPTA.MemberHub.com

Once you've joined, you can check out the handy calendar to see upcoming events - click on it and information such as time, place and what the event is all about will appear. It's never been so easy to stay informed! Of course we are still available for any questions/concerns you may have throughout the year and can be contacted at BaxterPTA@yahoo.com And as always, parents, family members, friends, and community members are welcome to attend a PTA meeting which are currently held the second Tuesday of the month, at 6p in the school library.

If you would like to attend a meeting but the time/day doesn't work for you, please let us know! We are open to moving the date and time if there is one that fits a majority of people's schedule better. Meetings are a great way to see what PTA does (you'd be surprised ;) and also make great connections with other parents and the wonderful staff at Baxter.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday Sept. 10 - PTA Meeting 6p in the school library

****Everyone in attendance at the first meeting will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Fred Meyer Gift Card courtesy of our school business partner Alliance Chiropractic****

Friday Sept 13 - Popcorn Friday - Prepay forms due by Sept 6th!

2-3 helpers needed to pop and bag popcorn from 9-11:30a (see sign ups on MemberHub :)

Friday Sept 27 - Kickoff of the Believe Kids Fall Fundraiser - Runs Sept 27th - October 11th

Friday Sept 27 - Family Movie Night



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!

@ your library...

Welcome back to another school year! I cannot believe how much our returning students have grown over the summer. It must have been all that sunshine!

We are going to have an exciting year in the library, learning information and technology skills, research skills, and discovering lots of captivating books.

As soon as schedules are completely set, I hope to get our fall round of the Baxter Book Club going. Until I have the final schedule I don't know if it will be for 3rd-6th grade or just 5th-6th. As soon as Book Club is done, we will be starting 5th/6th grade Battle of the Books practices. Permission slips will go out in September, however, so students can start checking out and reading their Battle books asap.

ASD's ebook collection, Overdrive, is still available but will require a new app – Sora – for use. I will be reviewing this with students and sending information home for parents so you know how to set up your devices to access these materials. Even more exciting news is we have been able to change the student logins to their ASD credentials, the same as they use for their ASD Google Drive, so they no longer have to keep track of their 14-digit library number.

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://anchoragepubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventCalendar.aspx>



DAILY SCHEDULE

Lunch/Recess Schedule 2019-2020			
	Lunch	Recess	Pick up Location
2nd, 3rd, 2/3, Hercha	*11:20-11:40	11:40-12:05	Outside
1st, 4th	11:45-12:05	*11:20-11:45	Lunchroom
Lunch cart brought down before recess			
5th, Buchwald, Richardson and Pabon	*12:10-12:30	12:30-12:55	Outside
6th	12:35-12:55	*12:10-12:35	Lunchroom
Kindergarten	12:35-1:00	*12:15-12:35	Lunchroom
Lunch cart brought down before recess			

8/19/19

8:40 Student EARLIEST Arrival Time
(This is a change from Past School years.) There is NO adult supervision until 8:40.

8:50 Entry Bell Rings-Students Enter Building. Breakfast is Served

9:00 Classes begin-Students are Ready to Learn.

3:30 Student Dismissal



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a musical year! I look forward to working with all of your students this year and helping them become mini musicians...There is a lot going on throughout this year and wanted to at least give you some dates to be aware of because I know how busy we all get. I will send letters throughout the year with more detail on expectations and happenings for each activity. Again I apologize for the long letter.

Recorder: 3rd and 4th grade will be playing recorder this year. I make one large purchase to help save on shipping. There is a scholarship fund for those who may not be able to purchase one and if you've already purchased one you do not need to again.

Ukulele: 5th-6th grade will be learning ukulele as well. I have a class set that they may use. I've had families in the past ask about purchasing one. You can but; **YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO!** Your student will get the chance to play in class. If you are interested the ones I use are Mahalo Soprano Ukuleles from Amazon. They are relatively cheap. (\$30-\$60) Ukuleles can get far more expensive it just depends on what you're looking for.

Choir: I will be starting Choir rehearsals the 2nd week of September. They will be Wednesday mornings and will be taking the first 35 students 3rd – 6th grade who turn in permission slips. They will be doing a holiday musical December 18th at East High School.

YPC Concert: For the past 6 years I've been a music teacher in the district I've had the opportunity to take 4th-6th grade students to the YPC concert. I would like to do this again and preferably at the November date: Tuesday November 12th, 2019. It is \$5 dollars per person: student/chaperone/teacher and the bus fees are paid for by the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra. This is an awesome event that my students seem to enjoy every year. I hope that you and your students can share the experience this year!

Grading Procedure: Grades in music are based on participation. I will track skills progress throughout the school year however, I do not base their academic grade on their skills. As long as they are following directions and trying the various activities they will do well. There will have projects where they are required to analyze, write, create, and demonstrate. My expectations will be clearly posted in the assignment. IF a student refuses to do the work or has not completed the assignment, it will be an automatic 0 until turned in.

I have created a google website where you can find this newsletter and more information for choir, ukulele, and recorder. <https://sites.google.com/asdk12.net/baxtermusic>

Thank you for your support,

Kelly Frost

FALL VOLLEYBALL

SEASON BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

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BOYS & GIRLS

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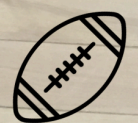
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Anchorage School District

2019-20 School Year Calendar*

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JULY

4 Independence Day holiday

AUGUST

- 15 Teachers' first day
- 16-19 State released professional development days**
- 20 Classes begin
- 27 Classes begin for Preschool/Kindergarten†

SEPTEMBER

2 Labor Day holiday**

OCTOBER

- 18 State released professional development day. End of first quarter.**
- 23-24 Parent/Teacher conference days
- 25 State released professional development day**

NOVEMBER

- 11 State released professional development day**
- 28-29 Thanksgiving holiday**

DECEMBER

- 19 Classes end
- 20 State released grade reporting day. End of second quarter.**
- 23-31 Winter break**

JANUARY

- 1-3 Winter break (cont.)**
- 6 Classes begin

20 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday**

FEBRUARY

- 12-13 Parent/Teacher conference days
- 14 State released professional development day.**
- 17 Presidents Day holiday**

MARCH

- 6 State released grade reporting day. End of third quarter.**
- 9-13 Spring Break**

MAY

- 21 Classes end. End of fourth quarter.
- 22 Teachers' last day.
- 25 Memorial Day holiday

() Beginning, end of quarter

Q1-40, Q2-42, Q3-41, Q4-49

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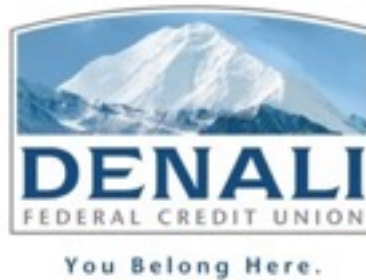
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* subject to change

** students do not attend school

† Tentative Kindergarten start date. Check back in the summer to confirm.

SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERS



We appreciate your support!

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