

Principal's Corner

How Kids Beat Robots

Did you know that by the time our current elementary school students are in the workforce, about half of all human jobs will be automated? How will our kids compete with robots?

Google has done some fascinating research that may give us the answer. Although they originally predicted that the most successful employees would be those with the most sophisticated technology skills, they were wrong. Dead wrong.

Actually, success followed these important qualities and skills:

- * Listening & Communicating
- * Empathy & Support
- * Understanding Points of View
- * Creative Problem Solving
- * Clear Vision

These deeply human skills that allow us to work interdependently as a team turn out to be most critical. So what does this mean for us now?

Students learn these skills during their daily immersion in life, and we are all—teachers, parents, relatives, friends—their educators with regards to these skills. We must take every opportunity to model, teach, and encourage the use of these skills. Whether siblings are fighting over the gaming remote, a friend's pet is dying, or the bus is arriving late, we must seize these “teaching moments” to instill these characteristics in our children.

A kind, understanding, supportive friend that creatively helps solve problems because they have a vision for the world? No robot can beat that.

Donna Teekell,

Principal



Physical Education News:



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS: Welcome to a new school year! I am excited about seeing all of your students in Physical Education classes. Please make sure they can participate fully by leaving a pair of non-marking gym shoes at school for PE class.

EVENTS:

• **Healthy Futures**

- All K-3 students will be bringing their logs home. 4-6 students will be logging at school.
- Please encourage your child to be physically active for 60 minutes a day and log it on their activity log. Students who log 15 days out of the month and turn it in to me this year will earn a bracelet. Students who receive 3 bracelets in the first semester will be entered into a drawing to win a sports bag filled with goodies.
- All November logs are due December 1st.

• **Taku Sweatshirts and T-shirts:**

- Available to purchase:
- T-shirts: \$15.00
- Sweatshirts: \$30.00

Gym Shoes:

- Your child needs a pair of clean, non-marking gym shoes to leave at school. These shoes do not go outside or home. If you need assistance with obtaining gym shoes for your student, please contact Mrs. Washington or your student's teacher.

Please contact Mrs. Washington if you have any questions: 742-5956 or
washington_natalie@asdk12.org

Thank you,

Taku P.E. Teacher

Nurse's Corner:

Please send in an extra pair of sock for your child if you can. Shoes are getting wet and it will help with foot hygiene

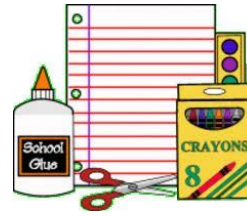
Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Hats, gloves and when the snow hits boots and snow pants.

Thank you for helping our students stay happy and healthy!

Nurse Ashley

November Events

Taku Events Schedule



11/09/18 Fri

1st Quarter Assembly
2:00-2:30 Primary
2:45-3:15 Intermediate

11/12/18 Mon

Professional Development Day/

NO school for kids

11/13/18 Tue

4:00 PTA Meeting

11/17/18

Taku Vendor Fair 10-4
Literacy Event 11:30-1
Choir Performance 11:00

11/22~23/18 Thu & Fri

Thanksgiving Holiday

TAKU School Store:
November 1, 2018 8:30-8:55 A.M

December 6, 2018

Pencils/Pens/Erasers

Notebooks/Filler Paper

Sharpeners

Pencil Pouches/Boxes

Rulers

Folders

Mechanical Pencils

Lead Refills

Taku Merchandise:

Pencils

T-shirts:

Short sleeve \$15

Long Sleeve \$16

Sweatshirts \$30

**Picture retakes will be Nov
16th**

**Family Engagement will be at
the Vendor Fair on Nov 17
from 11:30am-1pm**

Taku Choir News



5th and 6th Grade: If your child wants to try out for Honors Choir the dates are **Nov 6th and 7th**. Audition packets are available in music room or see office.

Choir Performance: Taku Vendor Fair **Nov 17th** at 11am, permission slips have been sent home. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me.

Mrs. Carter

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Box Tops for Education



Don't forget to send in your Box Tops and Bonus Box Tops to help our school. Each quarter we will have a school-wide competition to see which class can bring in the most Box Tops.

VISITING OUR SCHOOLS

Parents and community members are welcome at our schools. Please be prepared to sign in at the office and show identification. Staff may stop you in the halls as a safety precaution. This is not intended to offend or discourage your visit.





TAKU PTA Holiday Extravaganza

Event Vendor Contract

Name of the Event: Taku Holiday
Extravaganza

Date of Event: Saturday, November 17, 2018

Cost: \$35.00 per space (8x8) or space with
table \$40.00 (limited availability)

Vendors must provide their own equipment
i.e., tables, chairs etc.

All fees are non-refundable as they are used
to support the school P.T.A.

Our events will run from 10:00 am to
3:00pm. Set up Time: Vendors can begin set
up at 8:00 am. Break down is 4:00pm.

Vendors are responsible for leaving the area
in the same condition as they found it.

We reserve the right to censor any booth.

REGISTRATION: Vendor Forms must be
submitted one week before the event! One
Vendor per Distribution Company (Please
list what you sell specifically)

IT IS FIRST ONE TO TURN IN PAPERWORK FOR A COMPANY GETS THE SPOT

COMPANY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Description of items to sell: _____

Total Amount submitted: _____

Taku Elementary will not be held responsible for any
liability, lost or stolen or damaged merchandise or
any injury incurred during Taku Holiday
Extravaganza.

Signature of Vendor

Date _____

Cash, Check, or Money order please: Send/Drop off
to:

Taku Elementary
701 E 72nd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99518

Make Checks or Money orders Payable to Taku
P.T.A..

Need any additional information e-mail Laurel or
Beverly at olsonpiscoya_laurel@asdk12.org
hardesty_beverly@asdk12.org

Taku Library News:

Curricula

For November, the genre, or style of writing, of the month is Historical Fiction. In historical fiction, a story is made up about something that happened in the past. Some events are based on fact, but most characters and other events are fictional. To write historical fiction, the author conducts research into the time period and includes accurate details about everyday life. Historical fiction can be a more difficult genre for students to understand because they don't yet possess enough life experience to help them relate to events from the past. Families who share stories from their own past with their children can help

Activities:

The following activities will continue through November and the rest of the school year:

Library Class of the Month

Recess Open Library Programs

All of us at Taku wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.





HEALTH

This Month is Elementary Health; your child will be learning about Nutrition. The Great Body Shop themes are:

K: Adventure in Food

1st Grade: Why Do We Eat? Activities

The following activities will continue through November and the rest of the school year:

Library Class of the Month

Recess Open Library Programs

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2nd Grade: The Wide World of Food

3rd Grade: Let's Eat

4th Grade: The Digestive System

5th Grade: You Are What You Eat

6th Grade: Eat Smart, Look Great

NUTRITION INFORMATION FOR THE FAMILY!

Visit: www.ChooseMyPlate.gov for up-to-date nutrition information. You and your family can set nutrition and fitness goals. This site will help you plan and track your food consumption and activity level.

While at the dinner table, discuss the foods served. Which give your body energy? (Carbohydrates) Which are "building blocks"? (proteins) Which generally contain the most vitamins and minerals? (vegetables and fruits)

Safe Children Act

I will also be teaching our 2nd Quarter Personal Safety lessons. 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.

These lessons will include the following literature:

K: It's My Body and No Means No

1st Grade: Your Body Belongs to You

2nd Grade: Do you have a secret?

3rd Grade: The Right Touch

4th Grade: Talk about Touch

5th Grade: Cell Phoney

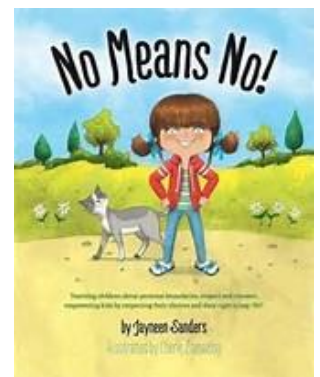
6th Grade: The Kid Trapper!

If you have any questions about the content of the program or if you wish to inquire about opting out, please contact the school office.

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

Tiffany Nogg

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Congratulations to October Winners! 84% of First Graders met attendance goal

Mrs. Phillips 6th grade



Mr. Hodes 6th graders



Thanksgiving Blessing

Do you need assistance providing a Thanksgiving meal for your family?

The Anchorage Faith Community, Food Bank of Alaska, and thousands of volunteers are here to help provide families in need with a turkey and all the fixings.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018

Please bring proof of address to the site in your zip code.
You may only attend one site. We encourage you to arrive by 7 pm if possible.

3-8 pm

- Crosspoint Church
1920 W DIMOND BLVD# K
99507, 99511, 99515, 99516, 99518,
99522,99523,99540,99587
- New Season Christian Center at Spenard Rec
Center
2020 W 48TH
99502, 99517, 99519
- Central Lutheran Church
CORDOVA & 15TH
99501, 99503, 99510, 99512, 99513,
99520, 99524
- St. Patrick's Church
2111 MULDOON ROAD
99504, 99509, 99521
- Joy Lutheran Church
1011E. EAGLE RIVER LOOP ROAD
99505,99506,99567,99577

12-8 pm

- Mt. View Community Center
315 N PRICE- OFF MT. VIEW DRIVE
99508. 99514

For more information, call 2-1-1