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## The Birchwood Banner

### August 2019

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*Birchwood ABC achieves high academic standards through a structured, well-defined curriculum, based on the mastery of skills, mandated homework and consistent grading procedures. Our program emphasizes leadership, citizenship, self-discipline, and character development as its guiding principles*



### Principal's Corner



School will soon be back in session. We are eager to see the students smiling faces and to hear all about their summer adventures. We also look forward to working collaboratively with our whole school community to make the 2019-2020 school year a positively memorable year. Enjoy your last week of summer vacation, and we will see our 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>!

Mr. Thomas  
Principal BWABC ES

**Please remember to line up with your class, on the outside basketball court, on the first day of school and each morning thereafter. Signs with the teachers' names will be visible for the 1<sup>st</sup> few days. Lineup begins at 8:40AM. Students enter the building at 8:50AM and classes begin at 9:00AM.**



Drop-off or pickup takes place in the Parent/Visitor Parking lot. Parents have the following two options:

**Drop-off:**

- 1) Park in the parent/visitors' parking lot. Walk your child over to the sidewalk or into the school, using one of the two crosswalks. Return to your vehicle using a crosswalk. Exit the parking lot following traffic pattern and in a slow and safe manner.

OR

- 2) Remain in your vehicle. Proceed in the right-hand lane, closest to the curb. Do not exit your vehicle. Stop when you enter the drop off area. Make sure that your child exits the vehicle on the right-hand side. Other vehicles may be passing you on the left, so we will not allow children to walk out into the drop off lane while exiting a vehicle. Please do not pull into the handicap parking spaces unless you have a permit. Please do not block these spaces while proceeding through the drop off lane. Please do not stop in the crosswalks to drop off your child. These areas are marked by white lines. Please also see the map to identify these areas. Proceed through lane 1 or merge into lane 2 to exit.

**Pick-up:**

- 1) Park in the parent/visitors' parking lot. Walk over to the sidewalk or into the school, using one of the two crosswalks. Escort your child back to your vehicle, again using a crosswalk. Exit the parking lot following the traffic pattern in a slow and safe manner.

OR

- 2) Remain in your vehicle. Proceed in the right-hand lane. Do not exit your vehicle. Stop when you approach your child. Make sure that they enter the vehicle on the right-hand side. Other vehicles may be passing you on the left so we will not allow children to walk out into the pickup lane to enter the left side of a vehicle. Please do not pull into the handicap parking spaces unless you have a permit. Please do not block these spaces while proceeding through the drop off lane. Please do not stop in the crosswalks to drop off your child. These areas are marked by white lines. Please also see the map to identify these areas. Please make sure your child is buckled up. Proceed through lane 1 or merge into lane 2 to exit.



## GENERAL RULES

- Practice patience and be courteous.
- Our rules and procedures have been created for safety and efficiency.
- Please follow the directions of our on-duty staff. Their job is to keep the traffic flowing and monitor safety. Vehicles should pull forward as space allows before loading or dropping off.
- Vehicles should proceed slowly and be alert in the traffic loop and parking area.
- Cell phone usage is prohibited while driving on our campus to keep drivers alert for pedestrians and traffic. Please park if you need to use your phone.
- The left lane is for proceeding through the loop. No one should stop in the left lane except to allow someone from the right lane to merge, or to allow pedestrians to cross at the crosswalk.
- Be aware of pedestrians in the crosswalk. Pedestrians always have the right of way.
- Pedestrians, check carefully before entering the crosswalk.
- Children should walk, not run, while proceeding to and from their vehicles.
- Allow yourself enough time to drop off and pick up your child to alleviate stress and avoid having to rush. Your child may be late to class if you arrive later than 8:50 AM.
- Please plan on picking up your child no later than 3:45 PM. Students not picked up by this time will be brought to the office to call home to check on their transportation.
- A child must cross at the crosswalk with his/her parent accompanying him/her. Pay attention to the signs, stay right and take turns. It's easy!

### **Please Do Not:**

- Drive through the parking lot and wait in your vehicle by the crosswalk. Either park in the lot or join the loop.
- Park in the parking lot and then allow your child to come or go unescorted through the lot.
- Cut through the parking lot in order to enter the loop further up.
- Parents should not drop-off or pick up within the area of the handicapped parking or in front of the cones.

These procedures and a corresponding map can be found on our school website,  
<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/11822>

# Last chance to register online!

***Ends Friday  
Aug. 23***



**If you haven't already registered your student, please do so ASAP! This will help us get them placed in a class and finalize our class lists. Thank you for your help with this!!**

Login to Q ParentConnection: <https://parentconnect.asdk12.org>

Online registration is only available for students returning to the Anchorage School District. Please contact our office at 742-3450 if you have questions or if you need assistance.



**Join us on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Class lists will be posted at this time. It will also be your chance to meet our amazing PTA and purchase Spirit Wear for the upcoming school year!**



*August 19, 2019—Back to School Night 5-6 PM*

*August 20<sup>th</sup>—First Day for Students in Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>*

*August 27<sup>th</sup>—First Day for Kindergarten*

*September 2<sup>nd</sup>—Labor Day Holiday—No School*

*September 26<sup>th</sup>—Fall Picture Day (More info to come soon)*

**Thank you to our School Business Partner!!**



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