

CREEKSIDE INSIDER

A Note From Your Principal:

Happy New Year to all of our Creekside Park families! January is always about fresh beginnings and positive change. I love the promise of the New Year and all of the possibilities that exist for children here at Creekside Park and their future. The new year has brought a renewed sense of energy and dedication here in the office. The staff and students have come back from their holiday break excited and rejuvenated. We continue to be dedicated to meeting the needs of each and every student.

Thank you to all of the parents and families who came to help with different holiday activities and parties back in December before Winter Break. For example, the wonderful holiday concert was wonderful to see how we could all come together to create memories for our students and their families.

Morning Reminders:

The doors open at 8 am for any student in the Morning Boost Club program. Due to the cold weather, it is important that you do not drop off your child prior to 8 am because there is no adult supervision inside or outside of the building.

If your child is not participating in the Morning Boost Club program, then your child will be allowed to come in after the first bell at 8:30am. Students have supervision inside the MPR and outside on the playground from 8:30am-8:50am. If you are worried about the weather, please make sure your child is dressed in their hat, coat, snow pants, warm snow boots, mittens or gloves, and we recommend a scarf or something that can help cover their mouth and cheeks. Students will be expected to go outside until -10*.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Bring your child to school every day!

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LIBRARY BOOKS

Please look around your home and see if you have any unreturned library books as soon as possible.

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TESTING

ACCESS and PEAKS testing coming soon. Be on the lookout for more information.



Morning Clubs:

Every morning from 8am-8:30am.



Clothing:

Make sure your child is wearing proper winter attire.



Bell Schedule:

8:30-Breakfast/
Recess.
8:50-Line up/Head
to class
9:00-Tardy bell rings

Winter Reminders:

Students must dress warmly and be ready to spend a 30-minute recess outside every day. District policy is for all students to go outside unless the temperature reaches -10 degrees F.

Dressing warmly includes: A warm coat and snow-pants, or snowsuit; insulated boots/footwear; and warm headgear and gloves or mittens.

According to ASD regulations, a physician's note is necessary to exclude a student from participation in outdoor activities.

January 16th: PTA meeting 3:45-5pm

January 20th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

January 29th: Multicultural Night 6pm-8pm

PTA Announcements:

PTA Meeting:

The next PTA meeting is January 1st at 3:45-5pm in the HeART Room.

Movie Night:

There is no movie night this month due to our Multicultural event.





A Alert—Sound an alarm using plain and specific language. Seconds matter. Use any and all communications means available. Describe the threat in plain language; give location, description, activity and what direction intruder is heading. Call 911 when it is safe to do so.

L Lockdown—Move to a secure location, lock the door and take action to better barricade the room and begin preparing for other strategies if needed, such as evacuate.

i Inform—Share the intruder's location and direction as often as possible using any means necessary (such as the intercom, handheld radios, text, cell phone or other means) so that everyone on site has access to the information.

C Counter—This is a last resort. Distract the intruder with noise, movement or throwing objects at the intruder in order to create space to evacuate. This is an age-specific response and some may choose not to counter.

E Evacuate—This is always the best first choice, if it is safe to do so. Get as many people away from the danger zone to a safe location as quickly as possible. Leave belongings behind and call 911 when it is safe to do so.

The strategies do not need to be completed in order and should not be considered a checklist. Staff and students will rely on the information at hand and their own judgment to determine the safest course of action.



Emergency procedures for schools

Student and staff safety is the top priority of the Anchorage School District

The Anchorage School District is continuing the ALICE safety program to better prepare staff and students for a violent intruder situation. Incorporating additional methods increases readiness and understanding of options for safety and survival during such an emergency.

ASD's procedures include evacuation, barricade, and means to distract or counter an intruder as a last resort. All staff and students will be trained in the ALICE Training Institute response, a program already in use on many school campuses in Alaska and nationwide. Adopting these additional methods brings District policies and procedures in line with current federal recommendations, which are based on years of research following attacks on school grounds nationwide.

"The ALICE response empowers staff and students to be smart about the environment around them, understand their risks, and do something," said Dr. Deena Bishop, superintendent. "Student and staff safety is the absolute top priority in our District. Our emergency procedures are based on national standards, evidence, and data."

Conversations about the procedures are age-appropriate for students. For example, younger elementary students may be told to look at their teacher for direction on what to do, such as evacuate or lockdown. Older students may have discussed with their teacher about why such drills are necessary and how to respond based on the situation immediately surrounding their classroom.

Learn More

www.asdk12.org/safety/alice

Come Visit Our School This February!

Community members, parents, and prospective parents are invited to visit any ASD school during the month of February to learn more about our community's public schools. While schools welcome members of the public year-round, this coordinated effort provides parents and community members an opportunity to learn more about the many educational opportunities available.

The safety of our students will always remain our top priority. All people on tours will be checked in through normal procedures that visitors follow. Principals or their designee will lead the tours and tour groups will never be left unsupervised. Students will continue classroom activities and the tours will not interfere with student learning.

Learn more about Visit Our Schools Month at www.asdk12.org/visit.



Every school | Every Tuesday

Feb. 4

9:30 a.m.

Feb. 11

9:30 a.m.

Feb. 18

9:30 a.m.

Feb. 25

9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.