

# Hawk Highlights



September  
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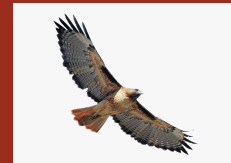
## Welcome Back!

### *Hanshew Families*

Welcome to a new and exciting school year at Hanshew Middle School! All of the staff miss seeing and talking to our students in-person, but understand that safety comes first! We are dedicated to ensuring that all students succeed and learn in this virtual platform. This newsletter will be posted on our website monthly along with updated calendar events. I will also communicate via email to all families as important information and updates become available. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lakhita Hodge  
Hanshew Middle School Principal



## AP Update

*Hello!*

I am Val Baalerud, and happy to be a new member of the Hanshew Family! I am your Acting Assistant Principal, and will be working with Dr. Hodge to organize Sports, Activities, and Student Services at HMS.

Valerie Baalerud  
Acting Assistant Principal  
Hanshew Middle School



# Getting Started

## *Helpful Info:*

We know that this year will look different from school years in the past. To keep up to date on the latest info, please visit the ASD's website for in school details:

<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/15640>

This site can help students and families learn about everything from logging into their classes, to parent support for online learning.

## *Technology Device Needs:*

If your student needs a chromebook and/or internet connectivity **please call 742-9930 or 742-9910** to let us know what you need. The information we collect from you will be provided to the district, who will then deliver the technology by bus. These busses will stop at the nearest crossroads to your house. An email and call will be made to each person who is receiving a device with details about when and where the bus will stop for delivery.

Once you have requested a device, please keep an eye on incoming email and calls from the school district. The devices are coming from a central location, and not from Hanshew Middle School.



# Team News

## Team Cascade!

Welcome back to school and to Team Cascades! Our core team consists of math, science, language arts, and social studies. Since you only have 2 core classes, you may not see some of us until second quarter!

We realize many of you are nervous about starting online, and we are sure you have lots of questions. We've never started a year like this either. There's a lot of questions, uncertainty, and changes still happening but we will have each other as we navigate this new way of schooling. This online method is new to us also; we'll be learning together. We are here for you, and if you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We've enjoyed getting to meet most of you in Zoom meetings already! A couple reminders and tips, please make sure you settle into a place and routine where you can access class and resources apart from distractions. This is a very new platform and while there are several factors (technology and otherwise) we can't control, please do your best to actively engage and participate as much as possible in Zoom meetings and online platforms! We want to make this a great experience for all!

### Team Teachers:

Cynthia Black – Language Arts

Jessica Spencer – Social Studies

Lindsay Weingartner – Science

Michael Bushey – Math



# Team News

## Team Mt. Olympus!

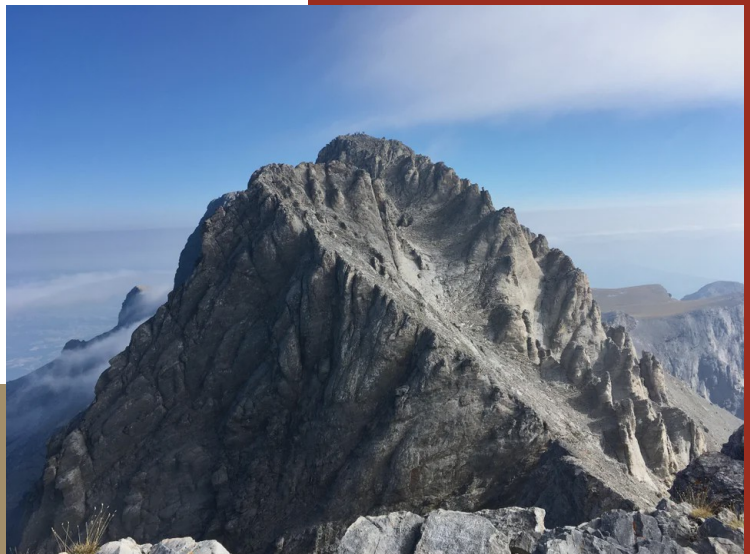
Your child's Team teachers have already spent a year working together, and we are all ready to serve you and your child. Here is a little introduction to your Team Teachers:

**Mr. Cody Priest** (Math) has lived in Alaska for 32 years, and he has been at Hanshew for a couple of years now. You can find him on his free time running the various mountain trails of the Anchorage Bowl! However, don't get in between him and his favorite food - French Fries!

**Mrs. Noel Lake** is your child's Language Arts teacher. She has graced the halls of Hanshew for many years now, and she has been an Alaskan for over 48 years! She and her husband enjoy the great outdoors of Alaska - camping and fishing whenever they can. Wondering about her favorite food? Its ANYTHING her husband makes! What a great answer!

**Mrs. Lauren O'Connor** is your child's Science teacher and the dean of all teachers at Hanshew. She has been at Hanshew longer than any other instructor. In her 34 years in Alaska, she has most enjoyed cross-country skiing and then eating her wonderful salty snacks!

**Mr. Jimmie Petrash**, your child's Social Studies teacher - has been in this great state since 1991. He is starting his 26th year at Hanshew. When he is not doing school stuff, you can find him either working in his summer & winter gardens or creating something delicious to eat!





## Team News

## Team Talkeetna!

Team Talkeetna is a mixed grade team consisting of eight teachers who are excited to work with you this year! We are:

**Mr. Dykstra-** *Science Gr. 7 and Pre-Algebra*

This is my 10th year at Hanshew Middle School. When I'm not teaching I enjoy hiking, biking, running, paddle boarding and skiing.

**Mr. Oliver-** *Science Gr. 8*

This is my first year at Hanshew Middle School and my first year in the Anchorage School District. When I am outside of the classroom, I spend a great deal of time outdoors hiking and camping. I also love to read, write, and play the guitar.

**Mr. McKenzie-** *Math Gr. 7, Gr. 8, Algebra, Geometry*

This is my first year at Hanshew and in the district. I moved here recently from Michigan, where I taught middle school math for 16 years. In my free time I enjoy hiking, camping, cooking and soccer.

**Mrs. Whitesell-** *Social Studies Gr. 8*

I am Inupiaq Alaska Native and this is my first year at Hanshew Middle School. I taught 10th grade World History and 8th grade U.S. History in California while finishing my master's program. I am excited to be back home in Alaska and to be a part of the Hanshew team!

**Mr. Dyer-** *Social Studies Gr. 7 and 8*

I am originally from Louisiana and this is my second year at Hanshew and third in ASD.

**Mrs. Duprow-** *ELA/ELA Advanced and Social Studies Gr. 8*

This is my second year at Hanshew and 10th year in the Anchorage School District. I also spent 8 years at Rabbit Creek Elementary. Welcome to Hanshew!

**Mr. Denney-***ELA*

Language Arts 7, Advanced Language Arts 7

This year is my 18th year at Hanshew and my 22nd year of teaching. This summer, I've enjoyed urban-hiking and gardening.

**Ms. Chico-** *ELL Gr. 7 and 8*

This is my 5th year at Hanshew, my 20th year in the ASD (17th year teaching, 3 years as Bilingual Tutor) I taught at Clark MS before Hanshew. This is also my 20th year here in the US. I am originally from the Philippines and I currently teach all the core classes for the ELL Newcomers Academy. I like gardening, hiking and my new interests this summer, kayaking and jet skiing.



## Team News

## Team Revelation Mountains!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! This year is definitely going to be different, a year where we all become a little more tech-savvy. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the teachers of team Revelation Mountains.

**Ms. Franklin** - *Language Arts*.

This is my 17th year teaching middle school in the Anchorage School District. I've taught a variety of courses, all with a language arts spin. Some of my favorite classes I've taught have been Genre Studies, Reading Intervention, and of course, 7th grade Language Arts. I enjoy helping students find their "just right" book and reading short stories with my classes, usually mysteries and suspense.

**Mr. Petersen** - *Social Studies*.

This is my 3rd year teaching social studies. I grew up in California and have lived all over the country since graduating high school. I try to help my students grow as global citizens by helping them to better understand the history, geography, and diverse cultures of the world in which they live.

**Mrs. Tifental** - *Science*. This is my 23rd year teaching mid-level science. I love the curiosity and creativity students bring to the class and their assignments. I believe that every student can expand their understanding of the world around them through science education. I was very lucky to have a junior high science teacher that made learning science not only interesting but fun. I hope to do the same for my students.

**Mr. Vandroff** - *Math*.



# Team News

## Team Wolverine Peak!

Welcome to the Wolverine Peak Team! It has been a pleasure to get to know your students over the past few days. So far, your students have created social contracts, participated in get to know you activities, and played team building games with one another. Being online has just changed the format of how these various activities have been done this year. One thing that students have said in several classes, is that they are enjoying getting to “see” their friends and still get to do some of the same beginning of the year activities as they have in the past. We would really like to encourage the use of the parent app for Canvas this year. This is a way for you to stay up to date with assignments and due dates, as well as help you and your student stay on the same page with regard to school. You can download the app from either the Google Play or iTunes store. The parent app is blue and the student app is red.

- You will need a code from your students account in order to pair your account to theirs. You will find this by logging into their canvas account and following these steps:
- click account
- click settings
- scroll to the bottom
- click pair with observer
- type the code into the parent account

If you run into problems doing this, let one of us know, and we can set up a zoom meeting to help. This is no way required, we just thought that we would pass along the information on how to stay caught up with student work through canvas . Please email us if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year.

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Chantal Davis, Bret Clark, Konrad Mittelstadt, and Courtney Moonan

### Video links:

*Canvas Student App*

<https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Video-Guide/Canvas-Student-App/ta-p/384213>

*Canvas Parent App*

<https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Video-Guide/Canvas-Parent-App/ta-p/383772>





## Team News

The Physical Education/Health department has enjoyed getting to know our new students and beginning to navigate the online learning experience with them!! In the first days of school, we spent time leading students through building relationships and community activities in our classes. We also covered material geared towards safe and civil communication online. Now that we have established some rapport within our groups, our team is looking forward to focusing on Physical Education/Health content and activities with our Hanshew students in the coming weeks!

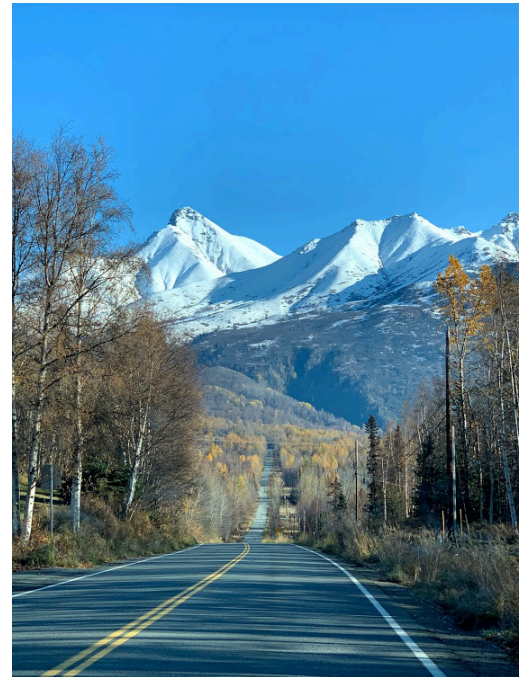
### Physical Education/Health

Lauren Morton - 8th Grade Health

Joleen White - 7th Grade Physical Education

Caton Callinsky - 7th Grade Physical Education

Matthew Peterson - 8th Grade Physical Education



## Team Machu Picchu!

**Spanish:** ¡Bienvenidos! Welcome back to school.

I'm so glad to have you here to learn some Spanish. We'll have so many activities and cooking along the way that you'll enjoy. Don't forget to turn in your syllabus and keep practicing your abecedario!

Gracias, Sra. Álvarez-Correa 😊





## Team News

## Team Montes Rook!

### Art Exploratory & Art Expanded:

So excited!

We have begun our Art Curriculum, and good things are already starting to happen. Yay! I'm expecting to get some amazing works of art from all of our Hanshew art students! Students need their art supplies, as we have started projects this week. You can find the list of needed materials in their Canvas Art Announcements. If you have any questions, please email:

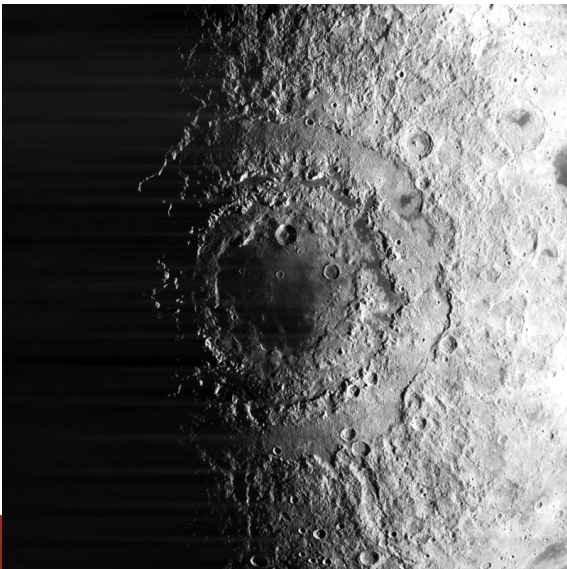
Mrs. Linquist ([linquist\\_jessica@asdk12.org](mailto:linquist_jessica@asdk12.org)).

### Band:

We're off to a great start! Instrument rental is \$40 and can be paid online. Forms have been sent. If anyone has not received the rental form, please contact Miss Yeo ([yeo\\_jacqueline@asdk12.org](mailto:yeo_jacqueline@asdk12.org)). Instrument Pickup is being scheduled. Parents & students will be messaged as soon as a definite date and time have been set.

### Orchestra:

Instrument Pickup is being scheduled. Parents & students will receive this information as soon as a definite date and time have been set.



# HANSHEW LIBRARY CURBSIDE PICKUP INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to get books  
from your school library!

\*Directions & links are also on our website at  
hanshewlibrary.com.



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## EXPLORE OUR LIBRARY CATALOG

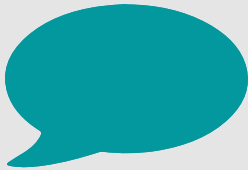
Look for books you might like in our library catalog. Use [THIS LINK](#) or find the catalog on the Hanshew website or at hanshewlibrary.com.



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## ORDER YOUR BOOKS

Order your books using Mrs. Berg's Google Form using [THIS LINK](#). You can also place books on hold via the catalog, using your library card number. If you need that number, use [THIS LINK](#).



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## SIGN UP FOR REMIND

Text @hscurbside to 81010. You will then be subscribed to the Hanshew Library Remind group. Mrs. Berg will text you when your order is ready, and you can text her when you arrive to pick up!



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## PICK UP YOUR BOOKS!

As soon as you know your books are ready, you can pick them up during curbside pick up hours:

Monday 11:00am-5:00pm

Tuesday 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm

\*Email Mrs. Berg if these times do not work for you.



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## RETURN YOUR BOOKS

Books can be returned to the box outside the main entrance anytime during pick up hours.

# Nurse Nuggets

Hi! I am the school nurse at Hanshew! The hours I am available at Hanshew are 8-3 Mon-Friday. I can be reached directly at 907-742-9913 or the general Hanshew number. Call anytime for questions, concerns, or just to chat about your daughter or son, including any medical issues or changes.

When school starts in person, I will need updated plans for asthma, allergies, seizure, diabetes, or any other conditions I need to be aware of. These can be obtained from and completed by your physician, and signed by you, and faxed into Hanshew at 349-2835 or scanned and sent to my email (seybert\_kathy@asdk12.org). I will also need orders from your child's physician for medication to be given at school. Over the counter meds such as acetaminophen (Tylenol), ibuprofen (Motrin) must also have signed med form which can be found on the ASD website. I will be contacting you if any immunizations are due. Religious exemptions need to be filled out and submitted annually.

I will be doing a Flu clinic. This has not been scheduled yet, time and place will be determined and shared. It is strongly encouraged to get the flu vaccine to protect you and your family from influenza and having more stress on the health care systems.

The information on COVID changes daily, but what is most important is hand washing for at least 20 seconds, maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet away from others, and wearing mask in public. Being closer than 6 feet is cumulative, meaning, if you are less than 6 feet away for 5 min 3 times a day, that's too much! Symptoms include: fever, chills (100.4), cough, shortness of breath, tiredness or fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. Anyone exhibiting these symptoms, should get evaluated by a healthcare provider or go for free testing.

Free testing sites without referral needed include: Anchorage Church of Christ, Changeport Church, Fairview Community Rec Center, Loussac Library, and Muldoon Community Assembly. Testing schedule is Monday 8am-6p, Friday 12pm-8pm and Saturday 8am-6pm.

Keep safe and Healthy,  
Kathy Seybert, RN MS  
Hanshew School Nurse  
742-9913.



# Indian Education @ Hanshew

## *Eneput What is Eneput?*

Eneput is Title VI, Indian Education program at Hanshew. The Title VI, Indian Education program supports schools to provide Alaska Native & Native American students opportunities to meet and exceed academic and cultural standards. We are available to assist families with navigating school. Each program at the Middle and High Schools with Indian Ed staff has its unique name.

At Hanshew, we are Eneput, which is Yup'ik for "**Our House.**" Eneput was gifted to us by fluent Yup'ik speaker and former longtime Hanshew Staff member, Pauline Haas. At Hanshew, we have two Eneput staff members. Marti Pausback is our Youth Development Tutor, and Abel Peca-Medlin is the Community Counselor. At Hanshew, our demographics are close to over one in four students being Alaska Native/ Native American. We provide support for the Eneput students at Hanshew with academics, attendance, providing outreach, and cultural enrichment opportunities.

### Who Are We And What We Do?



**Abel Peca-Medlin:** Community Counselor Room 224, Room # 742-9242, peca-medin\_abel@asdk12.org Zoom Schedule & Hours, Mon., Tue., & Thur. @ 2-3pm I am the Eneput Community Counselor at Hanshew. I work alongside Marti and the other counselors in ensuring that our students are in the best position to be successful here at Hanshew. I have an open-door policy for students to discuss their schedules, grades, or personal issues. Families know their students best, so please contact me if you would like someone to check in with your student at school. We can work together to develop a strategy that'll help your student, or I can meet individually with your student. I reach out to all of our students, and as I get to know the students, I'll meet with them as needed. Sometimes another Teacher, administrator, or another Hanshew staff member will notify me to check in with a student.

**Marti Pausback:** Youth Development Tutor Room 224, Room # 742-9242, pausback\_martha@asdk12.org Tutoring Support Zoom Times TBA Welcome to Hanshew!. Students call me "Mrs. Pausback." I look forward to meeting you virtually and hopefully someday in person. Together we can figure out how to be successful in this Covid time of virtual school. I love to hear about the many rich and beautiful cultures that our Eneput students bring to Hanshew. One of my passions is to help Middle School students become successful in school. I will offer daily zoom tutoring support. If your child needs additional tutoring, send me an email, and we can set up a zoom session. Please contact me, and we can say, "Hello" virtually

<http://www.twitter.com/eneputhms> <https://www.instagram.com/eneputhms/>



# Migrant Ed Updates

## Welcome Back!

Migrant and all free school lunch families are reminded to apply for P-EBT covid-expanded benefits by texting 907-891-8913.

Migrant families can come to Hanshew on **September 28th from 10am-Noon** to pick-up a book to keep; look for our outside table.

## Sports & Activities



There are still high hopes for Hanshew to hold Sports and Activities this year. Specific seasons and events are currently on hold until the district has reached a safe level for return to play. Updates to this status will be sent out as soon as any decisions are made.



Thank you for your patience!

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