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Fall is in the air! It has been a beautiful autumn, but the crisp mornings have reminded us that summer is truly over. Though a bit sad, Fall points to many good things to come, including family events at Taku.

Here is a preview of the family events planned for this school year:

#### **Taku Vendor Fair & Literacy Event      Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

This year we will be combining our literacy event with the popular pre-holiday Vendor Fair sponsored by our wonderful PTA. As usual, vendors will be selling arts & crafts, jewelry, clothing, and much more, and this event is open to the public. Our literacy event will feature free books for students, information about our new reading curriculum, and literacy activities.

#### **STEM Night**

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. This evening event will feature the Science Fair display as well as a variety of STEM activities and STEM career information. Dinner will be served at no cost.

#### **Multicultural Night**

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

New this year, our Multicultural night will include singing in multiple languages, cultural performances, and sharing of multicultural foods. In addition, there will be information regarding Taku's cultural and linguistic diversity and educational activities for students and family members. We look forward to seeing you all at these events.

Donna Teekell



## ***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 October logs are due November 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](mailto:washington_natalie@asdk12.org)

Thank you,

Taku P.E. Teacher

## October Events

### *Taku Events Schedule*

Parent/Teacher Conference Letters go home

Thursday, October 4  
Literacy Family Night

Thursday, October 4 6:30-8:00 pm

PTA Meeting:  
Tuesday, October 9 4:00 pm

Jog-A-Thon  
Thursday, October 11

Picture Day  
Friday, October 12

No School for Students  
Friday, October 19

Parent/Teacher Conferences:  
Wednesday, October 24 & Thursday,  
October 25 (Half Days-Students  
Dismissed at 12:30 pm)

Taku Book Fair:  
Wednesday, October 24 & Thursday,  
October 25

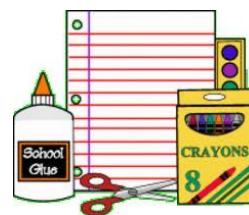
No School for Students:  
Friday, October 26

Principal Lunch (Student of the Month)  
Monday, October 29

Storybook/Movie Character  
Wednesday, October 31



Parent Teacher Conferences:  
Wednesday, October 24th & Thursday,  
October 25th  
No School Students: Friday, October 26th



**TAKU School Store:**  
October 4, 2018 8:40-8:55 A.M

*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*



### Box Tops for Education

## Taku PTA News

The next PTA Meetings will be held October 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the library. All parents are invited to attend.

### PTA Vice President Position

Cassandra Ray has been nominated to fill the open Vice President position. Other parties interested in the position can contact Laurel Olsen-Piscoya at Taku. Please join us for the vote will take place at the next meeting on October 9, 2018 at 4pm in the Taku library.



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.

## *Taku Choir News*



If you are in grades 4, 5 or 6 and wish to join the choir, it is not too late! Rehearsals are at 8:00 am on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. For 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Anchorage School District Honor Choir audition packets are also available. Get a permission slip from the office or from Mrs. Lauren Carter.

To all 4th and 5th grade Parents - Students will be starting recorders next week. Mrs. Carter, the music teacher, is selling recorders for \$5 at school. Recorders will be handed out the first week of October.

Mrs. Lauren Carter  
Classroom Music Teacher  
Taku Elementary School  
[carter\\_lauren@asdk12.org](mailto:carter_lauren@asdk12.org)  
907-742-5940

## 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 9:00 am to  
4:00pm. 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@asdk12.org](mailto:olsonpiscoya@asdk12.org)  
[hardesty\\_beverly@asdk12.org](mailto:hardesty_beverly@asdk12.org)

## Taku Library News:



### Curricula

For October, the genre, or style of writing, of the month is Mystery. A mystery is a made-up story in which a detective finds the answer to a question or solves a crime, using clues. Mysteries usually contain an atmosphere of excitement and suspense and are great for developing critical thinking skills because the reader puts together clues to solve the mystery along with the book character(s).

This month in the library, students at specific grade levels are being supported in meeting the **Common Core Standards for English Language Arts** in the following areas.

*Kindergarten* – We will emphasize book handling and care, book selection, library locations, and fiction versus nonfiction. In these activities, we will focus on standards RL.K.3 (identify characters, setting, and events), RL.K.4 and RI.K.4 (ask / answer questions about unknown words in fiction and nonfiction), RI.K.5 (identify front and back covers and title page), SL.K.1.a and SL.K.1.b (collaborative conversations), and L.K.1.d (grammar conventions and question words).

*First Grade* – We will look at book handling and care; book selection and discussion; author, illustrator, and title; library locations; and parts

of a book. Through these activities, we will address standards RI.1.1 and RI.1.2 (ask / answer questions about key details and identify main topic) and standards SL.1.1.a, SL.1.1.b, and SL.1.1.c (collaborative conversations).

*Second Grade* – We will conduct book discussions; share good ideas for book handling, care, and selection; review author, illustrator, title, publisher, and copyright; look at elements of a story (characters, plot, setting, etc.); explore library locations; examine parts of a book (emphasizing title page); and compare fiction versus nonfiction. Through these activities, we will focus on standards RL.2.1 and SL.2.3 (ask / answer questions to demonstrate understanding and clarify comprehension) and standards SL.2.1.b and SL.2.1.c (collaborative conversations).

*Third Grade* – Through book discussion; demonstration of effective book handling, care, and selection; review of author, illustrator, title, publisher, and copyright; defining elements of a story; exploring library locations; and examining the parts of a book (emphasizing title page, table of contents, index, and glossary), we will target standards RI.3.1 (ask / answer questions to demonstrate understanding) and RI.3.5 (use text features and search tools to locate information).

*Fourth Grade* – By participating in readers' theater, exploring library locations, and conducting library research, we will address standards RI.4.1 (use details and examples) and SL.4.6 (differentiate between situations requiring formal and informal English).



*Fifth Grade* – By participating in readers' theater, engaging in book discussion, and talking about the research process (brainstorming topics, using a variety of sources, and synthesis), we will focus on standards RI.5.1 (quote accurately from text when explaining explicit answers and inferences), RI.5.2 (determine main ideas), and SL.5.6 (adapt speech to various contexts).

*Sixth Grade* – By participating in readers' theater, engaging in book discussion, participating in the research process (brainstorming topics, using a variety of sources, and synthesis), and investigating the topics of intellectual property and digital literacy, we will address a number of standards. We will compare / contrast the experience of listening versus reading (RL.6.7). We will determine an author's point of view or purpose (RI.6.6). We will conduct mini-research projects (W.6.7). We will engage in collaborative discussions (SL.6.1.a and SL.6.1.d). Finally, we will continue a series of Internet Safety / Responsibility lessons begun in previous years.

### **Activities**

#### *Library Class of the Month*

All students will continue to compete to win the Library Class of the Month award. Winning classes will be announced during Quarterly Assemblies. Please plan to attend Quarterly Assemblies where you can celebrate all our students' achievements!

#### *Recess Read-Aloud / Young Readers' Choice*

If the library schedule permits, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be invited to attend

Recess Read-Aloud sessions, in conjunction with the Young Readers' Choice program. These programs encourage recreational reading, book discussion, and student voting on which book they consider the best written during the year. These programs are a great way to encourage students to read and think critically. Please look for a permission slip for these programs soon.

#### *Maker Space*

If the library schedule permits, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be invited to visit the library once a week during recess to create, explore, collaborate, and learn using a variety of materials ranging from lego blocks to cardboard tubes, straws, paper plates, tissue paper, and the like. No permission slip is required.

Please visit the Taku Library Web site at <https://sites.google.com/asdk12.net/taku-library/home> to search for books, download Ebooks, do research, and find more information about our library activities.

Happy Autumn!!

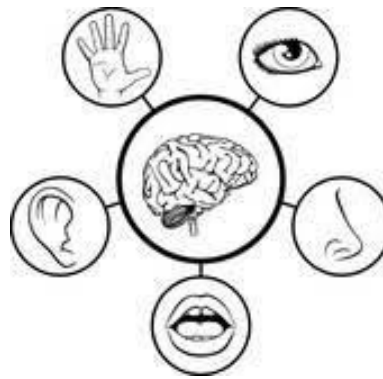


## HEALTH

This Month is Elementary Health; your child will be learning about BODY SYSTEMS and PERSONAL SAFETY (Safe Children's Act: Quarter 1).

The Great Body Shop themes are:

- K: The Five Senses
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Head to Toe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: How You Think
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: The Better to See You
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Let's Talk Teeth
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: The Central Nervous System
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Cells



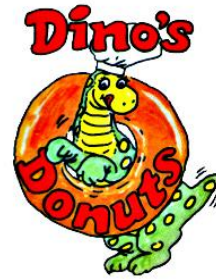
## WEB SOURCES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

There are lots of great websites containing health information for you and your child. If you have been in the dark about where to begin, here are some sites to get you started on the information highway.

- KidsHealth.org is for parents, kids, and teens from the medical experts at the Nemours Foundation. It is loaded with facts, fun, and a great search engine for medically accurate and up-to-date information.
- [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org) is designed by a leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. There is even an eye test you can take on-line.
- Visit [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov) for the US Department of Health and Human Services. This site contains information for families and links to reputable health related sites.



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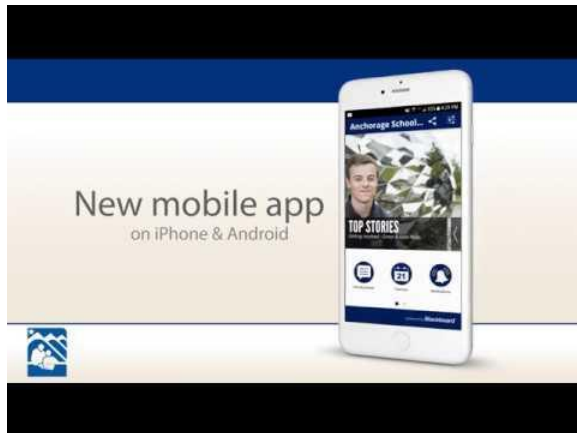
***Mt. McKinley  
Lions***



Notice to Parents:

In order to comply with FERPA rules, we must notify parents of the district's procedures related to records transfer. As part of this notification, we are changing the language in the student handbook to read as follows: "No Child Left Behind requires all school districts to transfer information related to student suspensions and expulsions in addition to academic records when students transfer to any public or private elementary, middle, or high school. When transferring their students, parents do have the right to request a copy of the information that was disclosed to the new school."

*Please be sure and "like" Taku PTA  
On Facebook to get info on what  
Is happening at school*



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<https://youtu.be/H2IS2DhPssU>

## Student Nutrition Café Taku

To All Parents,

We have had some confusion about our free breakfast and free lunch meal service for students; some students think because their school serves free breakfast and lunch meals that if they only want milk, they should get a free milk as well. Unfortunately, this is not the case. The program only offers free breakfast and lunch meals. Meaning a full meal. If your student wishes only to have a milk, they will need to have money on their meal account or come through the meal line with .50 cents to purchase a milk. Students cannot charge a milk.

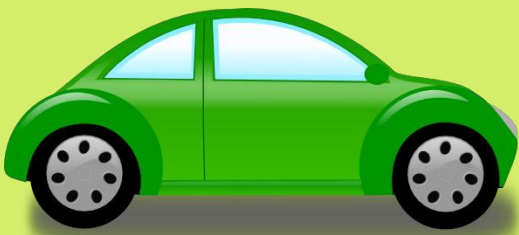
Thank you very much,

ASD Student Nutrition



Taku School Website:

<https://taku.asdk12.org/>



# Don't Get the Flu. Drive on Thru!

Roll down your window, roll up your sleeve,  
~then roll on down the road~

## WHO

Participants 9 years and older.

## WHAT

Free flu shots &  
windshield / headlight washing.

## WHEN

5:30 – 8 P.M.

No appointment necessary

Thursday, September 20

Wednesday, September 26

Thursday, September 27

Tuesday, October 2

Wednesday, October 3

## WHERE

Alaska Regional Hospital

C Building parking lot

2801 DeBarr Road

Anchorage, AK 99508

(in vehicles, please - no walk-ups)



[www.alaskaregional.com](http://www.alaskaregional.com)

## BENEFITS OF FLU VACCINATION

- Annual vaccination is still the best way to protect yourself, your family, and people vulnerable to serious flu illness (older adults, children under 4 years, pregnant women, and people with chronic health conditions).
- The flu vaccine may make your illness milder if you do get sick.
- Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of more serious flu outcomes, like hospitalizations.
- The CDC recommends everyone get a flu shot each year.

## VACCINE INFO

- **Quadrivalent** (designed to protect against two influenza A and two influenza B viruses).
- **No latex or thimerosal.**
- The "high dose" flu vaccine (for people 65 and older) will not be available at this event.
- The flu vaccine has been modified by WHO (World Health Organization) for the 2018-2019 season.
- It takes approximately 2 weeks to build up immunity after getting a flu shot.
- You cannot get the flu from the vaccine.
- Questions? Call Ruth: 264-1823

## **Congratulations to September Winners!** **94% of First Graders met attendance goal**

*Ms. Rueter Class*



*Mrs. Houck class*

