

Alaska Native Cultural Charter

December 2021

Waqaa ANCCS Families!

Exciting news!

On Monday, November 1 ASD's school board approved our recharter for another 10 years. It will now be sent to the State for a vote during their meeting in March!

Upcoming Events

December:

- Spirit Week is 12/13-12/16 (see below for more details)
- Winter Break is from 12/17 to 1/2 for ASD students but **ANCCS students will return on Tuesday the 4th, the 3rd is a professional development day for ANCCS staff.**

January:

- 1/3 No school for ANCCS students
- 1/4 First day back from winter break
- 1/17 No School for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Holiday Spirit Week is the 13th-17th

Holiday Spirit Week

Monday: Ugly Holiday Sweater



Tuesday: Holiday Colors

Wednesday: Pajama Day (Be ready to snuggle up for our read in!)



Thursday: Holiday Hats and Socks



Friday: No School - Enjoy your Winter Break!

Every Friday is now Spirit Wear Day!

Show your ANCCS school spirit and wear your new t-shirt on Fridays! **Go Eagles!**

Morning Drop Off Expectations

For parents/guardians dropping off students in the morning:

We are noticing cars driving out of line and then cutting back into the line in the front of the school.

We would appreciate it if all cars could wait in the line until your student gets dropped off then pull into the second lane to exit to help with the traffic flow and student safety.

The faster the students get out of the cars the faster the line goes!

Come join ASD at our Countdown to Kindergarten Event:



COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN



In-Person Event 12/4

Countdown to Kindergarten and the Loussac Library are teaming together to provide school-readiness learning activities for families and their 3- to 5-year-old children! Siblings are welcome. Please join us for the fun!

Saturday Morning

December 4th, 11:30 AM

@ Loussac Library

For information regarding future events live or virtual, check out our website:

<https://www.asdk12.org/countdowntokindy>



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Please send masks to school with your student!

We are giving out on average two boxes of masks a day to students. If parents/guardians could try their best to send masks to school with their students that would be very helpful!

We appreciate all the donations of masks that we have been receiving!

Brrr, it's cold outside! Here is ASD's protocol for winter recess:

Winter Weather/Outdoor Recess

Anchorage School District cares about the safety and well-being of all its students. Being prepared for colder temperatures is an important part of living in Alaska. ASD has developed guidelines for when temperatures drop:

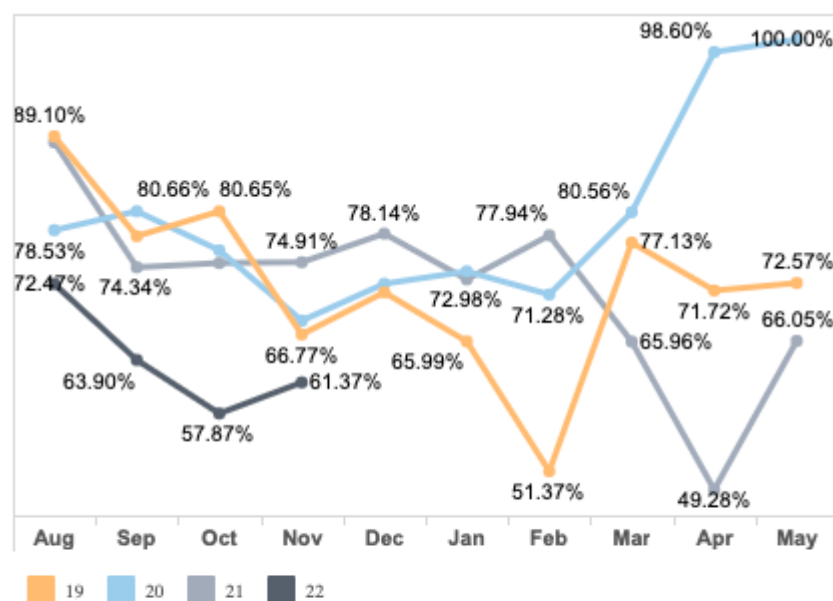
For Elementary Students

At the discretion of the principal or the principal's designee, children will be expected to go outside for recess to a chill factor of -10 degrees. When the chill factor/temperature reaches 0 degrees Fahrenheit, or colder, then the children shall be admitted to the building upon their arrival at school rather than at the regular opening time. Children will be expected to have appropriate winter clothing to include warm headgear, insulated footwear and gloves or mittens. A physician's note is necessary to exclude a student from participation in outdoor activities.

Attendance Reminder

ASD Goal: Every student will attend school at least 90 percent of the time.

Below is a screenshot of the current attendance numbers for this school year and previous years. **For this school year as a whole school, we are at 61.37% for attendance for November.** Help us get up to 90%! Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help with your student's attendance!



Percent with 90% attendance by school for the month of November

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61.37%

* Data suppressed (i.e., not reported to protect groups with 10 or fewer students).

Nurse Corner

2021 is rapidly coming to an end. Covid protocols seem to change by the month, so I try to continue to spread information and keep us on the same page. The Pfizer vaccine is approved for ages 5 and up. ASD is partnering with Beacon and has several walk-in and drive-through clinics available. I am attaching the flyer.

Most of you have received emails and/or phone calls of positive cases in our school. If there is a positive case in a classroom and your student is not considered a close contact, a notification letter goes home from our principal that there was a positive case in that class. If your student is considered a close contact you will receive a call from me letting you know to watch for symptoms and test if symptoms arise. Many kids have very minor symptoms, which is why any new sick symptoms no matter how small they seem (runny nose, headache, nausea, new cough) testing is important. Presently, if you have been vaccinated or not, or if you've had Covid or not, ANY NEW SICK SYMPTOM protocol is to stay home and test before returning to school. If students are at school when sick symptoms arise, we can test for Covid once the parent/guardian has registered them for testing at this link.

<https://beechtree.rymedi.com/#/registration-form?irbuid=bdfc13af-f77b-4778-b666-feaa965a1360>

Once tested, the student will need to go home from school, and may return once a negative result is received and they are feeling like symptoms are improving.

Parents and guardians have stepped up and been amazing through this. A couple years ago we could not have imagined testing kids for every new sick symptom before returning to school. I have 2 kids in ASD and am following all these same protocols. I so appreciate all you are doing to help keep our kids safe and our Covid numbers down.

COVID Vaccine Clinics

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccine will be available. Only the Pfizer is authorized for children 5–17 years of age. Guardians must accompany children during the entire duration of their visit to the clinic.

All clinics are open to eligible staff, students, and community members. The first and second COVID-19 booster shots will be available. There will be no flu vaccines available during these events. The clinics will be walk-in only. Families are encouraged to [pre-register](#) if possible online.

Walk-in Clinics

Location: ASD Education Center, in the Atrium
5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99504

Time: 2 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 3	Tuesday, Nov. 9	Wednesday, Nov. 24 CANCELLED <input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday, Nov. 4	Wednesday, Nov. 10	Monday, Nov. 29
Friday, Nov. 5	Monday, Nov. 22	Tuesday, Nov. 30
Monday, Nov. 8	Tuesday, Nov. 23	Wednesday, Dec. 1

Drive-through clinics

Chugiak High School:

Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Service High School:

Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School:

Saturday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scan this QR code
to pre-register



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Instructional Coach Update

Students in grades K-8th will be participating in Winter Benchmark Testing.

Please help your child prepare by making sure they get a good night's sleep and arrive at school on time. Talk to your child about showing their best work and persevering when questions get tough.

MAP:

- November 29th for 3rd and 4th Grade Reading
- December 1st for 3rd and 4th Grade Math
- December 2nd for 5th-8th Grade Reading
- December 3rd for 5th-8th Grade Math

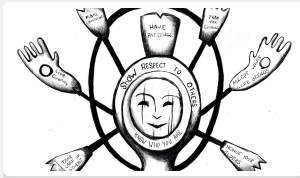
Fastbridge:

- December 7th for Kindergarten - Third Grade

SAEBRS Screener (Social, Academic, Emotional, Behavior Risk Screener)

Just a reminder that we are in the Winter screening window for our school-wide behavior screener. The teacher rating scale is used to assess various risk factors for each student in their classroom to determine students at risk for behavior. The screening will be used to help us look at the effectiveness of our schoolwide and classroom structures as well as what additional supports that students might need. This screening is completed by teachers and will not take away from instructional time nor require input/answers from students. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 742-1370.

Please click on the link below to help raise money for our new building!



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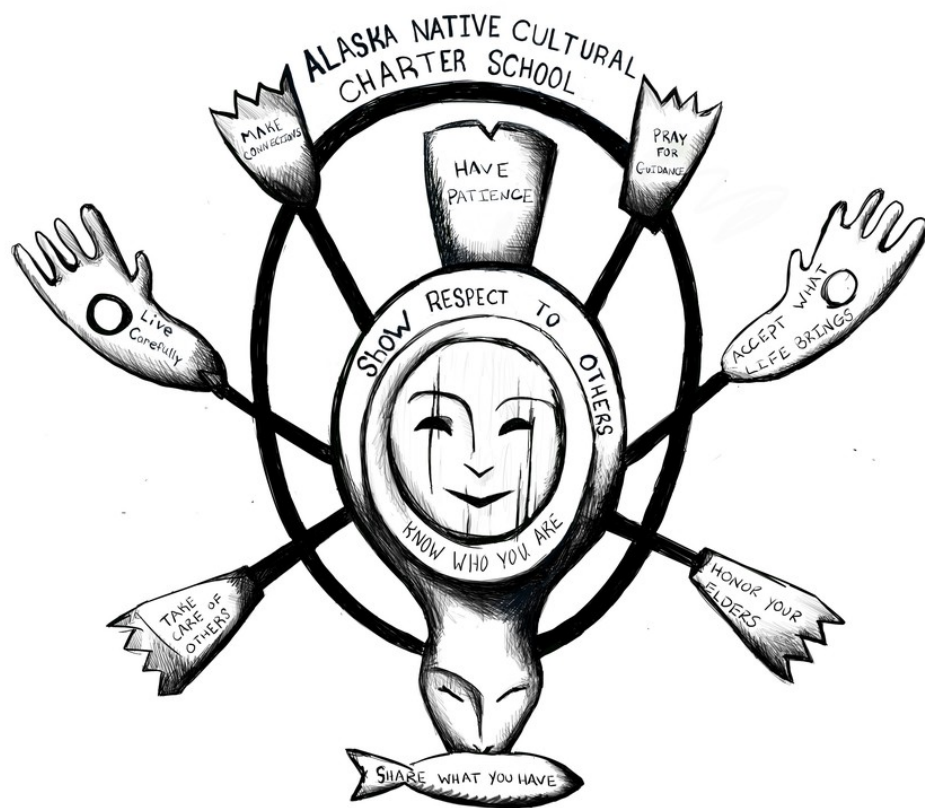
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**Please let us know if you have any questions! 742-1370
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