

Alaska Native Cultural Charter

November 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 upcoming January meeting.

Here is the link to watch the School Board Meeting: We had some great testimonies from some former ANCCS students and current staff. Thanks again for all your support and everything everyone does for this amazing school.

[Here is the video](#) ANCCS recharter is at 2:00.

Upcoming Events

November:

- 11/11-Veteran's Day: No school for students (staff professional development day)
- **11/12- No school for ANCCS students** (staff professional development day)
- 11/25 and 11/26- No school for Thanksgiving!

December:

- Winter Break is from 12/17 to 1/2 for ASD students but **ANCCS students will return on Tuesday the 4th!**

Masks Needed!

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



**Winter has arrived! 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.

APC Update

The Academic Policy Committee (APC) plans on requesting donations for our building fundraising. This form will help the APC with identifying which Alaska Native Regional Corporation and/or Tribal Organizations our families belong to.

Please complete one form per student. Completion of the form is voluntary. The student data collected will be used to provide an accurate representation of student shareholder enrollment at ANCCS.

Please complete this form no later than November 7, 2021. Volunteers will start calling families on November 8, 2021, in order to get accurate data for any missing forms.

If you have any questions or need more information, please reach out to any of the ANCCS APC members, contact information is listed on the ANCCS website.

[Here is the link to the form](#)

Quyana,
ANCCS' APC Members

Attendance Reminder

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

A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. There is a direct correlation between students who attend school regularly and higher academic achievement levels. In

order to reach our Destination 2020 goal on attendance, students can miss no more than 17 days of school per year. This may seem like a lot but it's less than two absences per month.

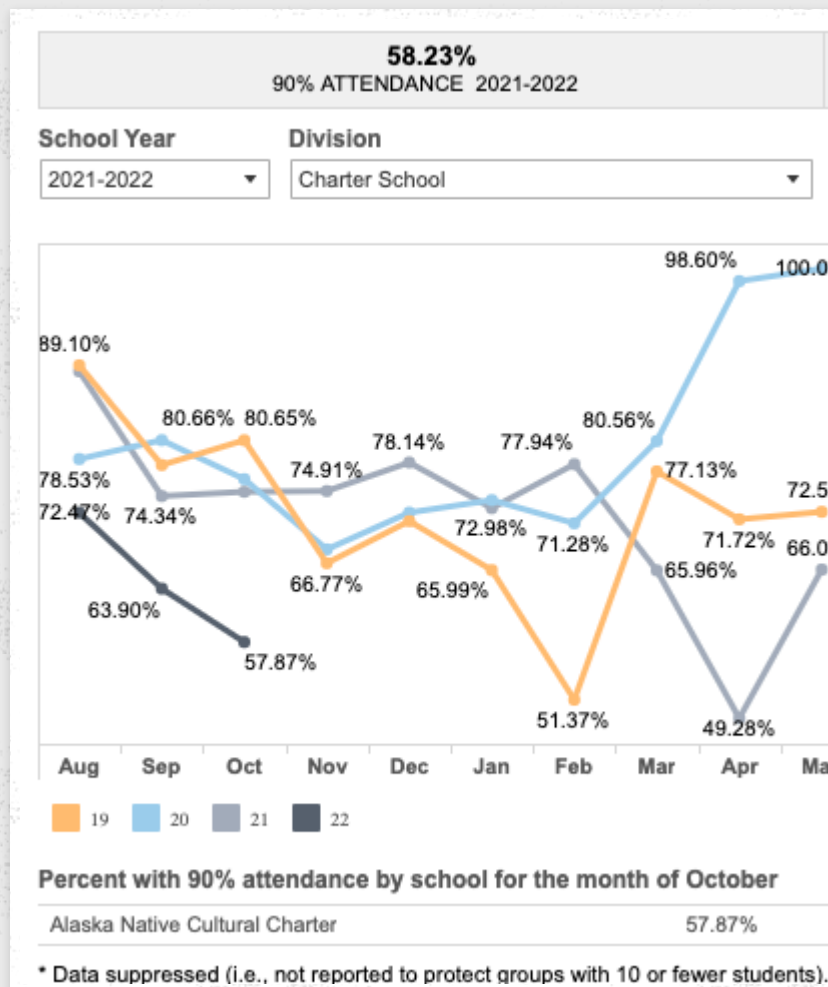
Below is a screenshot of the current attendance numbers for this school year and previous years. For this school year as a whole school, we are only at 57.87% for attendance. Help us get up to 90%!

When your student is absent:

An automated "robocall" attendance phone message goes out to all students with an unexcused absence. Standard practice is for middle and high school calls to go out at the end of the business day. Elementary households will also receive calls, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

We understand that students have had absences that are out of their control, even if students have missed a few days so far they can still be on track for the **Less than 8 is Great!**

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help with your student's attendance!



Nurse Corner

Covid testing at school provided by Beechtree

Our school has been incredibly lucky in that most of our students are using ANMC for Covid testing. By far, they have had the fastest turn around time getting results the next day where

others are waiting 2-3 days for results. They are an excellent option and using them is a great choice.

ASD has now provided another fast option. A nasal swab or spit Covid test that is picked up by a courier at about 2:30 each day. Results are coming back between 8pm and 2am that night. In order to have your student tested here at school, a registration process is needed. (this is the most labor intensive part but needs to be done only once to receive a personal QR code for all future tests). It would be helpful to do this before your student comes to the nurse's office sick, so we are ready to test needing only to call and get permission that you would like the test done at school that day.

This is really for students who become sick at school, not for kids who are home sick to come into the building and get tested.

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

Above is the link to have your child registered.

- 1) Select "I don't have a QR code"
- 2) It will ask for SS# but this is not required and can be skipped.
- 3) It will ask for driver's license picture and number. Since none of our kids have a license, but a photo needs to be uploaded to continue, you can upload a picture of the floor. And type in all 9's or 0's for the license number.
- 4) You can skip the passport question unless there is upcoming travel and this would be helpful for your family.
- 5) It asks for pictures of insurance cards front and back. If your student has private insurance or Denali Kid care, having those photos uploaded on your desktop before starting registration would be helpful. If you do not have insurance, again, upload pictures of the floor.
- 6) Once registered, please let me know it is finished by emailing me a picture of the QR code or just let me know so I can keep track of who can be tested at school.

Again, this is not required. Just an option that is available if you find it helpful for your family. If sick at school and needing this test, they would still need to go home for the remainder of the day, but hopefully be able to return the following day if negative and fever free for 24 hrs.

Instructional Coach Update

WHAT I NEED (WIN Block)

Every K-5th grade student at ANCCS is participating in daily What I Need (WIN) groups. WIN groups provide small group (3-7 students) personalized instruction to further meet the unique needs of each learner. It is a 30-minute period of reinforcement, support, and/or enrichment. Reading groups vary from word identification skills to comprehension strategies. Classroom teachers and interventionists provide instruction using the: -K/1 Star Binder -Phonics for Reading -SIPPS and extend the Reach for Reading curriculum to focus on comprehension strategies.

Meet our WIN Staff:



**Reading Teacher:
Denise Ray**

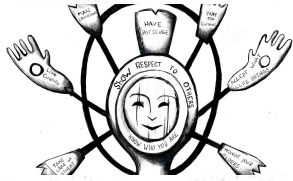


**Interventionist:
Baylee Henson**



**Interventionist:
Megan Neale**

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

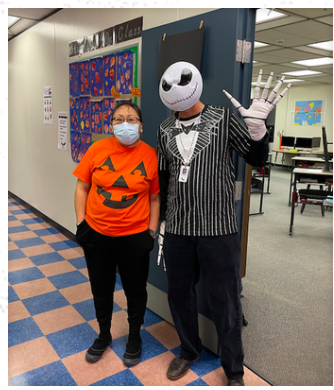
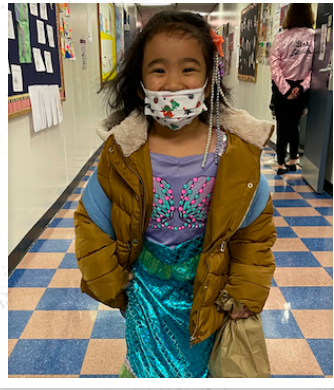


Help ANCCS by raising funds for...

www.gofundme.com

**Quyana to everyone that came to the
Indigenous Day event!**

ANCCS Photo Gallery



**Here are the ASD School Board's
Guardrails and Goals:**

Board Guardrails

Guardrails are based on the community's values and are aligned with the vision and goals. A guardrail is an operational action or class of actions, usually strategic not tactical, the Superintendent may not use or allow in pursuit of the District's student outcome goals.

1. **Superintendent will not leave student groups underrepresented in lottery/application-based programs.**
2. **Superintendent will not operate without a plan to develop a diverse or culturally responsive workforce.**
3. **Superintendent will not allow unsatisfactory employee performance to go unidentified or unaddressed.**
4. **Superintendent will not operate elementary schools without mental health services.**

Board Goals

Reading Proficiency

Beginning September 2020, the percentage of third grade students proficient in reading on the state summative test (currently PEAKS) will increase from **40%** to **80%** by May 2026.

[Learn more about Reading at ASD here](#)

Math Proficiency

Beginning September 2020, the percentage of students in grades 3-9 proficient in mathematics on the state summative assessment (currently PEAKS) will increase from **40%** to **55%** by May 2026.

[Learn more about Math Proficiency at ASD here](#)

College, Career, Life Ready

Beginning with the Freshman Class in September 2020, the percentage of high school students graduating Life Ready as well as College and/or Career Ready will increase from a baseline of **TBA%** in Spring 2022 to **90%** in Spring 2026.

[Learn more about College, Career, Life Ready Here](#)

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

