

Clark Middle School

Welcome to a great year of
Learning.

Establishing High Expectations
Through Rigor, Relevance and
Relationship Building

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Thanksgiving Blessing Locations:

- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- New Season Community Development Inc. (*New Location*)
- Central Lutheran Church
- St. Patrick's Parish
- Joy Lutheran Church — Eagle River
- Tikahtnu Commons (*Mt. View Location Change for drive-thru*)
- Mt. View Boys & Girls Club (*Only for those walking*)

- *Note: Special hours 12 pm – 8 pm*
- *Zip codes: 99508, 99514*



Administrative Assistant: Ms. Chekedia Rias 742-4715,
Registrar: Ms. Lillian Lopez 742-7765, Attendance Secretary: Angelita Hernandez 742-7763,
Administrative Assistant of Finances and Procurement: Ms. Christina Russell 742-4727

Thanksgiving Blessing

ANCHORAGE

Do you need assistance providing a
Thanksgiving meal for your family?

The Anchorage faith community, Food Bank of Alaska, and thousands of volunteers are here to help provide families in need with a turkey and all the fixings.

November 23, 2020

DRIVE-THRU DISTRIBUTION

Have space available for us to place the box of food.
Bring proof of zip code; you may only attend one site.
We encourage you to arrive by 6 pm.

12 - 8 pm

Mt. View Community 99508, 99514
Tikahtnu Commons (Old Sam's Club parking lot)
1074 N. Muldoon Rd.
Location Change

2 - 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of 99507, 99511, 99515, 99516,
Latter-day Saints 99518, 99523, 99540, 99587
13111 Brayton Drive

New Season Community Development Inc. 99502, 99507, 99517, 99519
639 W. International Airport Rd. #24
Location Change

Central Lutheran Church 99501, 99503, 99510, 99512,
1420 Cordova St. 99513, 99520, 99524

St. Patrick's Parish 99504, 99509, 99521
2111 Muldoon

Joy Lutheran Church 99505, 99506, 99567, 99577
10111 E. Eagle River Loop Rd.

2020 Anchorage

GIFT

The Salvation Army wants to help individuals and families in need of Christmas assistance. We provide gifts for children 0 - 14 years old and food for the family. Learn more at salarmy.us/GIFT2020

REGISTER TODAY!

The Salvation Army Anchorage Corps Community Center
1701 C Street

Monday - Friday, November 2 -13 from 9 AM - 6 PM
Saturday, November 21 from 11 AM - 7 PM



DOING THE
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KEEP ASD SYMPTOM FREE



Students Protect Yourself and Your Classmates

- Wear your mask appropriately
- Wash your hands frequently
- Keep 6 ft of physical distance

Appropriate Face Coverings



Disposable Mask

- **Single Use Only**
- Covers the nose, mouth, and chin securely
- Does not protect eyes



Cloth Mask

- **Wash daily after each use**
- Covers the nose, mouth, and chin securely
- Does not protect eyes



Face Shield

- **Clean and disinfect after each use**
- Allowed without a face mask only when advised by teacher or principal (i.e. phonics lessons or speech therapy)
- Must wrap around the sides of the wearer's face and extend below the chin



Humanity Shield

- **Clean and disinfect after each use**
- Full facial covering
- Can be worn with a mask
- Fits securely around head



#KeepASDSymptomFree

#MaskUpAlaska

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How NOT to Wear a Face Mask



DON'T:

Wear the mask below your nose



DON'T:

Push your mask under your chin to rest on your neck



DON'T:

Wear your mask loosely with gaps on the sides



DON'T:

Leave your chin exposed

What NOT to Wear



DON'T:

Wear a bandana/indkerchief as a mask



DON'T:

Wear masks with valves



DON'T:

Wear scarves as a mask



DON'T:

Wear gaiters/buffs as a mask



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Message from the Superintendent

Dear ASD families and community,

Based on the increasing community spread of the virus and the rising demand placed on the Anchorage medical community, I am announcing this evening that the Anchorage School District will not resume in-person learning for Pre-K through grade 2, self-contained special education classrooms, or Whaley School on November 16.

The conditions across Anchorage are currently threatening to push the community's medical capacity beyond its limits, as reflected on our COVID-19 decision monitoring. Additionally, the increasing number of close contacts has the potential to significantly reduce ASD's ability to staff schools with predictability. Delaying in-person learning has been a heartbreaking decision, as we all have become aware that the best way to ensure we educate all children for success in life includes in-person learning.

ASD remains steadfast on getting its students back into schools and will continue its plans to do so when conditions allow. More details about the status of in-person learning for all levels of students and information about additional support services will be shared on November 15. Families in need of services are encouraged to call the District's help line, 907-742-HELP. Help line staff are available to refer those in need to resources for food insecurities, technical assistance, and mental health resources.

In the meantime, please wear masks in public, practice good hygiene, and follow the Municipal and State health mandates. If everyone does their part in reducing the spread of the virus, the community will be on its way to getting students and staff back into the classroom where they love to be.

Sincerely,

Deena Bishop, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Anchorage School District

FOLLOW THE 3 W'S

WEAR

- Wear your face mask at all times
- Wear it over your nose and mouth



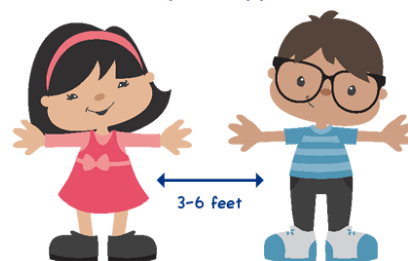
WASH

- Wash your hands
- Wash your tables and supplies



WATCH

- Watch your space
- Watch your supplies



Re-entry Timeline Based on New Risk

Decision Plan

The following information is dependent on current risk level decision criteria assessments and is subject to change.

Re-entry	Timeline	Notes
Voluntary Sports	Currently in session	
Voluntary Reading Tutoring	September 28	Selected schools, Grade levels 1-2
Elementary Schools	PreK-2 November 16 All other grades TBD	Includes 3-5 Self Contained SpEd programs
Middle Schools	1.TBD 6th and 7th graders just entering MS 2.TBD all MS students and Special Schools with MS/HS	Allows time to work through elementary logistics and protocols

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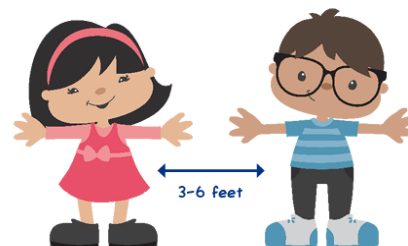
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Principal's Appreciation Month in October



What Is National Principals Month?

Through visionary leadership and tireless pursuit of success for each student, principals guide and support their schools in ways large and small every day. And as we faced new challenges presented by COVID-19, our principals came through when it mattered most. National Principals Month is our way of honoring their dedication and thanking them for all they've done.

Principals' hard work may often go unnoticed, but these amazing leaders play a huge role in the success of teachers, staff, and students.

Strong leadership is the foundation of school success and without you that would not be possible.

Thank you again for setting high expectations for our students and educators. As principal and Assistant Principals, you have shaped the conditions for our teachers and students to learn and succeed. We are forever grateful for your impact at Clark Middle School, keep up the great work!"



Assistant Principal, Allen Wardlaw



Principal, Cessilye Williams



Assistant Principal, Dr. Jenny Whitt

Clark Middle School says, **THANK YOU!**

To the Men and Women
Police Officers and Support Staff
You have share the *Gift of Giving*



Thank you to the SRO's for coordinating the Clothesline Project. It was such a wonderful example of communities and organization coming together for such



Officer Jonathan Butler - coord









Canvas Shells for Make-Up Work for Courses from Quarter 1 and what to expect

First, I would like to thank you for all you do to help your scholar(s) be successful. We at Clark appreciate your hard work and attentiveness to the education of your child(ren). We wanted to reach out and tell you about our extended courses. The learning that takes place is so important, and we want to work with you to make sure your student(s) is successful.

In order to make sure our students are as successful as possible, we are putting together Canvas shells for make-up work for courses from Quarter 1. These courses will be open and available until the end of Quarter 2 for your scholar to complete any assignments he or she did not turn in during the first quarter of school. In order to access these courses, students will need to:

1. Contact the teacher about finishing assignments from the first quarter. Students can send an email to the teacher of the course. If you need a reminder of your courses, you can call the school and we will provide that information for you.
2. Receive a list of missing assignments from the teacher
3. Open their Canvas account through the district website.
4. Once the Canvas dashboard (webpage) is open, students will find the Canvas shell that has the course he or she needs.
5. These Canvas shells will be labeled “Q1 Content area 6, 7, 8” For example, the science shell is “Q1 Science Make up 6, 7, 8”
6. Inside the Canvas shell, students will need to find the module with his or her teacher’s name and complete any assignments on the list.

Students will be able to receive full credit for these assignments. In order to make this happen, students and teachers working together will need to complete a process.

1. Students will complete missing work and submit it through the Canvas course and let the teacher know when these assignments are turned in.
2. Teachers will grade the submitted work and enter a grade.
3. A student will send a message to the teacher to let them know when he or she has completed all the assignments that he or she wants/needs to submit.
4. When all the assignments are completed, the teacher will contact the registrar, Mrs. Lopez for a grade change form. Mrs. Lopez and the teacher will complete the form and enter the new grade into the system.
5. Mrs. Lopez will print a new transcript with the grade changed.
6. Mrs. Lopez and the teacher will notify the families of the grade change

We are excited to offer this opportunity to our students. If you have any questions, please contact the school, at 742- 4700 and we will be happy to help you.

News from the Nurse's Corner....

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FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PICK-UP

The Anchorage School District will continue to provide meal service to students enrolled in National School Lunch Program (NSLP) participating schools.

- Parents or Guardians may elect to pick up meals at one of the below listed distribution centers
- All families that wish to receive meals **must** complete the pre-order form in www.paypams.com. You will be given the option for meal pickup at the distribution locations of your choice.

There is a staff on site at Clark Middle School that is available to help parents sign up for the meals. Simply stop by Clark Middle School or call for assistance.

Ordering Instructions

The pre-order form will take you to PayPams, our delivery vendor. Please select "Sign-up now" to begin the process. After you have signed up, you can use the Login feature. From the next page, select "AK" as your state, and Anchorage School District. Follow the prompts to add your students into the system. Once your students are entered, you can begin the order process:

1. Select Delivery Option
 - **Pick-up at a Distribution Center** : Select the school that is convenient to you
 - List of eligible schools (schools that already have a meal program during a normal school year)
2. Click or Tap the "Search" button
3. For each student, select the meal date(s) for pick-up
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Pre-Order Deadlines

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Meal Cost

Meals will be available at no charge to students at eligible schools whether through ASD school or ASD virtual connection to an NSLP brick and mortar schools (schools that usually have a meal program under regular in person school).

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Abbott Loop Elementary	10 am - 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Airport Heights Elementary	10 am - 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Alaska Native Cultural Charter	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Creekside Elementary	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Chester Valley Elementary	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Fairview Elementary	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Fire Lake Elementary	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Klatt Elementary	10am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Mountain View Elementary	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Muldoon Elementary	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
North Star Elementary	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day

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Wonder Park Elementary	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Willow Crest Elementary	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Bartlett High School	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Central Middle School of Science	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Chugiak High School	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Dimond High School	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L each day
Girdwood K-8	11 am – 1 pm	1 B/L per day
East High School	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L per day
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Mears Middle School	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L per day

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Clark Middle School	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L per day
Wendler Middle School	10 am – 3:30 pm	1 B/L per day

Need your Student ID?

Student ID can be found by logging into Q/ParentConnection

If you have forgotten your ParentConnection Login information:
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Calendar of Events

November

- Nov. 3rd State Released Professional Development (**No School for Students**)
- Nov. 6th Discipline Committee Meeting
- Nov. 9th Safety Committee Meeting
- Nov. 11th State Released Professional Development (**No school for Students**)
- Nov. 23rd Thanksgiving Blessing (**Distribution of Turkey and the Fixings**)
12pm-8pm Drive-Thru Distribution at Mt. View Community Tikahtnu Commons (Old Sam's Club parking lot)
2pm-7pm The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, New Season Community Development Inc., Central Lutheran Church, St. Patrick's Parish, and Joy Lutheran Church
- Nov. 26th Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 27th Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 30th Bookmark Entries deadline

December

- Dec. 4th Discipline Committee Meeting
- Dec. 7th Safety Committee Meeting
- Dec. 17th Classes End
- Dec. 18th State Release Grade Reporting Day. End of second quarter (**No School for Students**)
- Dec. 21st - Jan.1st Winter Break (**No School**)



News From the Counseling Department...



NAEP 2021 PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER Mathematics & Reading Assessments

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Clark Middle School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in February, 2021. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

Your child may take a mathematics or reading assessment.

The assessment takes approximately 2 hours for most students, including transition time and directions.

The information collected is used for statistical purposes only.

- Your child's grades will not be affected.
- Students may be excused for any reason, are not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question.
- While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by January 5.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do his or her best. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at

<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>. Contact Ghislaine Gillespie at 907-742-7770 or at Gillespie_ghislaine@asdk12.org if you have any questions.

We are excited that our school is participating in NAEP. We know that Clark Middle School's students will show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,

Cessilye Williams, Principal

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is authorized to conduct NAEP by the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (20 U.S.C. §9622) and to collect students' education records from education agencies or institutions for the purposes of evaluating federally supported education programs under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 34 CFR §§ 99.31(a)(3)(iii) and 99.35). All of the information provided by participants may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). By law, every NCES employee as well as every NCES agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about participants. Electronic submission of participant's information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. The collected information



Greetings Clark Staff,

November is Alaska Native American Indian Heritage Month. November is a time to celebrate the history, traditions, rich and diverse cultures. Heritage Month is also a perfect time to educate the public about American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, cultures, and traditions. Also, to raise recognition of the challenges Native people have faced from the past to the present, and the ways in which American Indians and Alaska Native peoples have worked to overcome these obstacles.

Fact: Within Alaska, we have 11 distinct cultures, with 22 different dialects.

Every school year, I invite guest speakers, host cultural activities, Native movie night, NYO games, and have student potlucks. Due to COVID, it is a little bit different this school year. I am planning to host a Virtual Native Heritage Celebration with students that will include cultural activity kits, guest speakers, Yupik Bingo and storytelling. Please be on the lookout for more information about this Virtual Event and get our Native students excited!



Photos from the past few years:

Sincerely,

Adler Daupan

Title VI Indian Ed. Community Counselor

Phone: (907) 742-7774

www.facebook.com/ASDTitleVI/

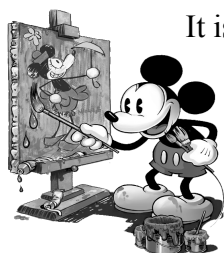
<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/1426>



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Library Tidbits...

Contact: Randolph Marsh marsh_randolph@asdk12.org



It is time for our annual Bookmark Contest - yet *another* activity made more difficult by our current Covid-19 situation. But we can still do it!!!

The theme this year is *Go Virtual @ Your Library*, and you can find all the details at clark.asdk12.org (click the *Library* tab). You can download and print the forms, or come pick up paper copies at the front door of the school. Don't wait - all entries must be received by November 30, 2020.

Also, curbside checkout is still ongoing; no need to be bored while stuck at home. Just go to the library catalog, place a hold on the books you want (email me at marsh_randolph@asdk12.org if you don't know your library ID#), and I'll call you when they are ready to pick up. And while you are here, please check under the bed, in your closet, wherever you think those overdue library books might be and turn them in to the blue box by the front door of the school.

Go Virtual@your library™

2020 – 2021 Bookmark Design Contest
sponsored by the ASD Librarians

This contest is open to all ASD students in grades K-12. There are four levels: Primary (K-3), Intermediate (4-6), Middle School, and High School.

Entries must:

- fit the theme and include the phrase **Go Virtual@your library™**
- be the original work of the student, whether hand drawn, digital art, or computer generated
- be the correct size: 7" x 2 ¾" either horizontal or vertical
- be submitted with the student's full name and grade

No copyrighted characters may be included on the bookmark.

Use your imagination and any ideas relating to reading, literacy and the love of the library!

Submit your entry to your school librarian through Google Drive, email, USPS, or drop it off at the school during curbside pickup hours. Entries are due November 30, 2020. The winning school entries will go to district judging. **Entries become the property of the Anchorage School District and may be used in other advertisements.**

The winning designs will be reproduced and distributed to ASD schools!

There may be more information available on your school's library website.

The size of a bookmark is (7" x 2 ¾") which may be used vertically or horizontally



DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETING Allen Wardlaw, Assistant Principal

If you are interested in serving on the school **Discipline Committee** team or attending any of the discipline meetings please let me know. The Committee meets at **7:30a.m. via Zoom** each month during the school year. The meetings last thirty minutes and is a great way to provide input to the administrative team.

Join Zoom Meeting:

Zoom Link:

<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/97843547938?pwd=OGdGZVA2ZG1YZEc5TTYxSEs1ZUQyQT09>

Meeting ID: 978 4354 7938 Passcode: 750250



Friday, October 2, 2020

Thursday, November 6, 2020

Thursday, December 4, 2020

Thursday, January 15, 2021

Thursday, February 5, 2021

Thursday, March 4, 2021

Thursday, April 2, 2021

Thursday, May 7, 2021

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Dr. Jenny Whitt, Assistant Principal

Safety is a priority for our learning community. With a safe environment, students, staff, and parents are able to focus on academic success. The Clark staff has developed an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) that is available to parents in the main office for review. The Clark Safety and Emergency Committee meet at **7:30a.m. via Zoom** each month during the school year. The meetings last thirty minutes and is a great way to provide input to the administrative team.

Join Zoom Meeting:

Zoom



link: <https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/99667089201?pwd=cVBGTlJ4NFJmZmM0tYdWtBNS83dz09>

Meeting ID: 996 6708 9201 Password: 280508

Monday, October 5, 2020

Monday, November 9, 2020

Monday, December 7, 2020

Monday, January 11, 2021

Monday, February 8, 2021

Monday, March 22, 2021

Monday, April 5, 2021

Monday, May 3, 2021

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