

# Ursa Minor

**Keep Calm, and Be Military Kid Strong!**



## Month of The Military Child

Take the time to celebrate Military Children! With everyone hunkering down remember to take sometime to celebrate our military children at home! With everyday life being slower, maybe take the time to discuss some of the hardships they have faced as a military child, and some of the blessings. Make a list of all the things that make your child strong. Purple Up, and go for a family bike ride. These are just a couple of ways to celebrate at home.

**1**

**WEAR PURPLE**

**April 15th was Purple  
Up day!**

**2**

**HERO PHOTOSHOOT**

**Have a Hero  
photoshoot starring  
your child. Get  
creative together!**

**3**

**ASK KIDS**

**What does HONOR  
mean to you?**

### **Online Classroom**

Please log into  
classroom though  
clever: [https://bit.ly/  
asdclever](https://bit.ly/asdclever)



### **Art Class:**

Each teacher has  
Ms.Takahashi's class  
code!



### **Musicplayonline. com**

is now available for  
you and your  
student to explore.  
Mr. Feris will be  
using this platform  
as he stops into  
Zoom meetings.  
Feel free to check it  
out! ASD student  
sign in is snow.  
Password:  
2020. ~Scott Feris

## Things Coming up:

### Kindergarten Round-up:

Things will be done a little differently this year. Kindergarten Round-up will be done via Zoom Meeting. Wednesday April 29, 2020 at 9:30am. Please help share this info with anyone that has a child who will be starting Kindergarten for school year 20/21. Also email Jessica Schoolcraft at, [schoolcraft\\_jessica@adk12.org](mailto:schoolcraft_jessica@adk12.org) to sign up. Please include name and email address so you can receive the Zoom information.

### Bookfair:

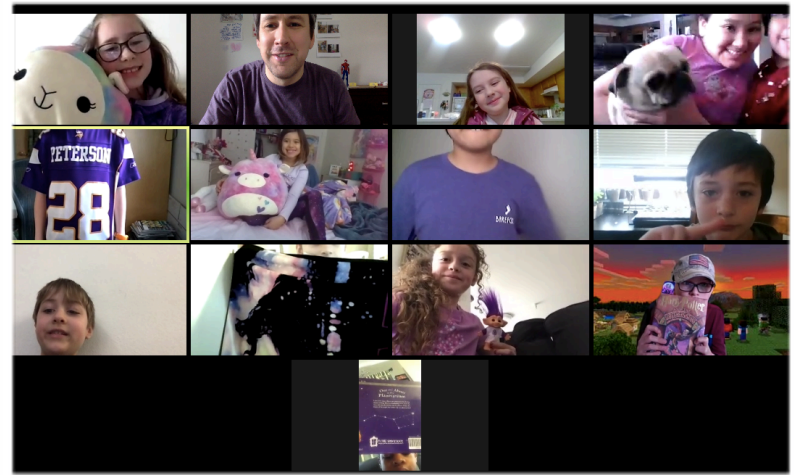
Ursa Minor's Spring Bookfair will be from April 17 thru April 30, 2020. On The 17th we will be sharing the link on our website and Facebook page.

### Yearbook:

Yearbooks are still due to arrive in May. However, details on pick up place, date, and time are still to be determined.

### Morning Announcements:

Mrs. Brons will be hosting morning announcements via Zoom Meeting. Teacher's will be sharing the details with you as they are received.



Mr. Shea's 3rd Grade class celebrating April 15th #purpleup!



## COMIC WEEK IN 3RD GRADE

Last week, Ursa Minor 3rd graders, read about making a comic strip.

Students came up with the details about the characters they imagined. Details like characters name, what it looks like, powers, maybe a sidekick, and maybe an nemesis.

From there students made their own comic strip. Avery S from Mr. Shea's class made a comic about Covid-19 and did a great job!



## Words from Nurse Kathi:

If your family isn't following a routine maybe consider trying to find one in your new "normal". Routines:

- ▶ make you feel safe.
- ▶ give you predictability.
- ▶ make you feel comfortable.
- ▶ simplify life.
- ▶ allow you to learn new things.
- ▶ allow you to do more.

## More from Our Classrooms:



Throwback: I miss being in my classroom with my students. You brighten my day. Mrs. Price

Thank you Mrs. Butcher for working outside your contract hours to make it to our evening class meeting! The kids were happy to see a familiar face. 😊 I appreciate all you do for us. Ms. Bautista



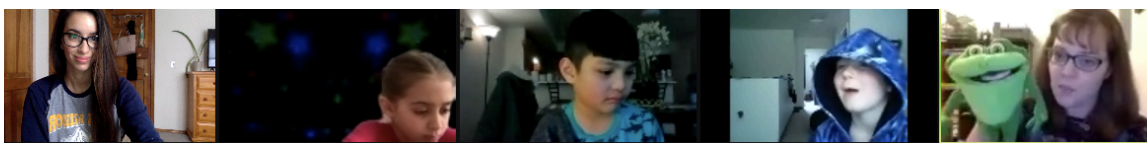
## Ursa Minor Cafe:

I love seeing everyone that comes to the food distribution site at Ursa Major! I love hearing how everyone is doing with their schooling at home and how they're all coming together as a community. Be safe and remember to eat your veggies and fruit! :)

Ms. Victoria



Open Office with Ms. Larson's class



## Word From The Principal:

Dear Ursa Minor School Community,

"Be strong now, because things will get better. It might be stormy now, but it can't rain forever." Ed Lester

We are definitely going through some unprecedented times within our life span! Yet I know that with perseverance and remaining calm, we will be able to stick with the social distancing to keep ourselves and neighbors safe.

We can also maintain somewhat a sense of normalcy by providing routine to our day and include learning activities. I again want to reassure you that your child(ren) will not be held back and will move up to the next grade. Teachers in the fall will do what all great teachers do and support students where they are in reading, writing, and math. Yet, you can help by providing some time in your day to have your child(ren) engage in learning activities such as reading, writing, and math problems.  
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### P.E.

New spot for all things PE straight from your clever portal click on PE with Mr. Linderman and there will be links to Zooms, the Dance Party, my website and other cool links. If you do not know how to get to your clever portal <https://bit.ly/asdclever> . Stay healthy and get 60 min of activity a day, drink 8 eight ounce glasses of water a day (64 oz) and wash your hands. Missing interacting with everyone during our PE classes hope everyone is doing well. Mr.Linderman



## School Counselor:

I hope you had a pleasant Easter weekend. I added new activities to my website, please check them out! I have enjoyed checking in with some of your classrooms and look forward to talking with students via phone, emails, and Zoom. My email is [butcher\\_heather@asdk12.org](mailto:butcher_heather@asdk12.org). My website link is [bit.ly/ursacounselor](https://bit.ly/ursacounselor). Another resource that is available is our Military and Family Life Counselor Jo Flesner, who is available to do Telehealth counseling currently through the end of the school year. Do not hesitate to call. 907-950-7932 to reach her. She can help kids 6 and up, parents, and families! Thank You!  
~Heather Butcher

#HelpingtheWholeChildbeSuccessful


**Remember:** Please log in through Clever to access your online classrooms and resources. <https://bit.ly/asdclever> Don't forget about the other great learning tools on our weblocs! <https://bit.ly/umweblocs>



**Richelle Lay:** [lay\\_richelle@asdk12.org](mailto:lay_richelle@asdk12.org)

### **K-6 Health/Social Emotional Learning**

To my Health class students & families,  
I want you to know that I miss you very much! I hope you are staying healthy and finding ways to be involved in educational experiences at your homes. In Google Classroom, I have created a class for each grade level that you will be able to join using the following codes:

Kindergarten: <b>bt7yiap</b>	4th Grade: <b>fvqymuy</b>	
1st Grade: <b>uyfrji2</b>	5th Grade: <b>amhjz73</b>	
2nd Grade: <b>kozhgen</b>	6th Grade: <b>o7puaiq</b>	
3rd Grade: <b>ojpcenr</b>		

You can find Google Classroom in your Clever Account under District Resources. Clever also has a Health page where you can find links to the week's Safety Inside activities for your grade level. All the Health activities I put up are optional, so please know that I understand all family circumstances are different as far as what you have the time and resources to work on. For now, if you would like to try one of the following, here are some ideas:

### **Grades K-2**

- Remind your student that it is important to memorize their address so they can give the information to community helpers if needed. Give them a large cardboard square, old catalogs and magazines, and scissors and glue. Have

students look through the publications to find the letters and numbers of their address. They should cut out the letters and numbers, arrange them correctly, and glue them on their cardboard square.

### **Grades 3-6**

- Role-play making emergency phone calls. Compile an individualized list of people and numbers to call in case of emergencies. Post it near your home phone, or add it to their cell phone directory. Using a disconnected phone, allow them to practice calling the emergency numbers and role play a pretend communication with emergency personnel. Explain: *When you make an emergency phone call, there are several things you need to know. You need to state your name, where you are calling from, and your phone number and address. You need to be able to clearly describe the situation and state what you need.*

Here is an example:

- I need (immediate help).
- Here is what is happening (my sister drank shampoo).
- My name is (John Smith).
- I am calling from (my house).
- I live at (address).
- My phone number is (phone number).
- What should I do now?

Looking forward to seeing you on Google Classroom soon! -Mrs. Lay



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You have  
within you,  
right now,  
everything  
you need  
to deal with  
whatever the  
world can  
throw at you.

Your child's teachers are eager to support you and your child(ren) in their efforts to stay engaged in academic content. Students will have access to Lexia and MathWhizz through at least the end of June which can support your child's maintenance of skills gained and growth in reading and math by reducing the "summer slide." A reminder that families can still pick up meals at Ursa Major that is the JBER distributing point. On Friday there are meals for over the weekend. Be sure to say, "Hi" to our very own cafeteria manager, Mrs. Hoskins.

Due to the municipal mandate all Anchorage School District's playgrounds are closed. Please remind students that they are not allowed to go onto school grounds and play. Sorry about any inconvenience this may cause, yet we want to ensure that students are also practicing social distancing by not congregating on the school's playground.

Anchorage School District's leadership team is working on a plan to provide an opportunity for families to retrieve personal items. I know this has been a long time waiting! I do know that it will be over time and very systematic to provide families and staff with a safe procedure to accomplish this.

I want to say that it has been very heart-warming to attend some zoom sessions and see students. Your smiles brighten my day. Sitting at my kitchen table on the hard, wooden chair is no fun! I miss our Monday Morning Assembly when we gathered as a whole school family and listened to music, got to hear some awesome things that students did to make our classrooms and school a better place for all who entered, and we got to hear and learn from students on our SEL standard for the week. I am going to get out of my comfort zone and try to do morning announcements. So, I hope you choose to join us. Teacher's will be sharing the details with you as they are received. Do you think we could get 50% to join me to start our day together? That would be SOOO awesome! I miss you guys and gals and I hope you can make it.

This has certainly been a learning year for all. Just as families, teachers have also had to get out of their comfort zone to provide learning and engagement activities for students. We have made several years growth in use of technology and on-line student learning in a matter of a few weeks. Families and students have also been challenged with these changes, know that we are with you... we are in this together and we all here at Ursa Minor, want to see and support you during this challenging and unsettling time. We have our MFLC back with us, our counselor and nurse that are here to support you too in addition to your child's teacher. Give us a call or email. We are here for you.

"I do not at all understand the mystery of grace - only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us."

Anne Lamott

Warm regards,

Wendy Brons, Principal  
Ursa Minor