

URSA MINOR



Words from Our Principal

Dear Ursa Minor School Community,
I keep saying that Spring is right around the corner and I guess if we are talking about an Alaskan Spring we are in the midst of it. Please remind your child to bring snow pants, boots, warm jacket, hat, and gloves for recess and lining up in the morning. I understand that your child may be asking and wanting to ride their bike to school. Unfortunately, our bike racks are buried under snow and ice. Students are not to ride bikes to school until an announcement is made. This is to ensure that we have a safe and appropriate spot to park bikes. Please note that scooters and skateboards are not allowed at school because there is no space to store them in the classroom. Thank you for your attention to these guidelines.

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School Climate survey

Family Survey: <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb/asdfamily>

PURPLE UP!



April is the Month of the Military Child

This month Ursa Minor is celebrating all of our students and all military kids. Each Wednesday student's and staff will wear purple. We are also changing Spirit Friday's. Each Friday in April will have a different theme.

4/9: Patriotic day - Wear red, white, and blue

4/16: Sports Day - Wear your favorite team

4/23: Support your branch!

Army- Wear Green

Air Force- Wear Light Blue

Coast Guard - Wear White

Marines - Wear Black

Navy - Wear Navy Blue

4/30: PJs Day - Wear your comfy cozy PJs. (No house slippers, please)

Please remember to follow ASD dress code guidelines

Stay Connected to Our School & The District

Website: [https://
www.asdk12.org/ursaminor](https://www.asdk12.org/ursaminor)

Facebook: [Ursa Minor
Elementary School](#)



Anchorage School District
Educating All Students for Success in Life

Website: [www.asdk12.org/
page/1442](http://www.asdk12.org/page/1442)

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SEL Star Winners

3/26/2021

Lesleigh R. (K)

Carsyn H. (1st)

Amillie (2nd)

Ava V. (3rd)

Brayden P. (4th)

Madison (5th)

Myles B. (6th)

4/2/2021

Kalia F. (K)

Javon W. (2nd)

Athena F. (3rd)

Logan S. (4th)

Soraiya (5th)

**All Chromebooks must be
returned by May 3!**

More information to follow.

Nurse's Corner

Greetings to all and Happy Spring from Nurse Kathi

Hope everyone is as excited as I am about getting outside more and enjoying the increasing sunshine!!

Starting April 15 we are starting a health challenge with our staff. A 21 Day Whole Food Plant Based diet!!

Please feel free to join in and if you have any favorite Vegan recipes to share, I would love to try them!!

CAROB ALMOND FREEZER FUDGE

Vegan, gluten-free, no bake/raw, refined sugar-free, soy-free



Yield	Prep time	Cook time	Chill time
10 large or 16 smaller squares	10 minutes	0 minutes	20 minutes

Ready in 30 minutes, this carob freezer fudge is low in sugar while still tasting quite decadent. Feel free to change up the nut butter, sweetener, and mix-ins as you see fit. The coconut oil is necessary in this recipe though as it helps solidify the fudge when chilled. It melts quickly so be sure to enjoy it straight from the freezer and don't let it sit on the counter for more than a couple minutes.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup virgin coconut oil, melted
- 1/4 cup creamy natural almond butter (roasted or raw are both fine)
- 1/4 cup carob powder, sifted
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder, sifted
- 2-3 tablespoons pure maple syrup (or liquid sweetener of choice), to taste
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/8-1/4 teaspoon fine grain sea salt
- 1/2 cup gluten-free rice crisp cereal (to add crunch - optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. Line a very small loaf pan (4" x 8") with plastic wrap for easy removal.
2. Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl until smooth.
3. With a spatula, scoop the mixture into the prepared pan and smooth out.
4. Freeze for about 20 minutes, or until solid.
5. Slice into squares and enjoy! Store leftovers in a container in the freezer as it melts quickly at room temperature.

Nurse's Corner Continued....

Ursa Minor Anchored4Life club has decided to donate items to Anchorage Animal Shelter. One of their requests is for cat boxes. We have several different sized boxes outside the office for students to choose and decorate. Please encourage your students to come and choose a box, decorate, and return. We are collecting boxes until May 5. Once they are all decorated, we will take a picture to submit to Anchored4Life.

Blessings,
Nurse Kathi



Scholastic Book Fair

April 30 - May 5

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Students in grades 3 – 6 have been taking the PEAKS assessment and I am impressed to see the level of importance given to this assessment by students. The results will not be back until after school is out or close to the beginning of the next school year. The information received will be another data point to guide our instructional goals for 2021 – 2022.

To help with the pick-up car line please have your numbers on your visor and have the visor down showing the number. This enables us to easily put your car number into our document as being in line. Then, when your child is waiting we can see where you are to better assist in escorting your child to your vehicle. **IMPORTANT:** School age students are safest exiting and entering the car from the passenger side so they do not have to go out into the passing or exiting lane. Accidents take a second to happen. We respectfully request that school age students exit and enter the vehicles from the passenger side and appreciate your support in ensuring student safety.

We are approaching the middle of the fourth quarter and progress reports will be sent out next week. You can also keep informed by going to Parent Connect on the Anchorage School District home website at www.asdk12.org. In addition, you will find information on the up-coming enrollment for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Please watch for more information to come.

Please look for a parent letter being sent home today (Thursday, April 8, 2021) that is informing parents of upcoming lessons regarding Erin's Law K – 12 on Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention. These lessons are deemed age appropriate and address student safety. If you have questions please contact your child's teacher or the principal.

I am pleased and so proud to share that our students are doing a great job respecting the guidelines for mask wearing and washing hands. We continue to improve on maintaining social distance. It is difficult because we love our friends and they are important to us. I look at the smiles and bright eye expressions and feel blessed to be here at Ursa Minor. Thank you for entrusting your child's care and education with us.

All the best to you and your family,

Wendy Brons, Principal

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April Fools' Day

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Children's Book
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Picture Retake
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Easter Sunday

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National
Librarian Day

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Administrative
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Day & National
Kindergarten Day

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Kindergarten Round-Up

Is your child starting kindergarten in the Anchorage School District in the 2021-22 school year?

- Learn how to help prepare your child for kindergarten
- Activities to do at home to support kindergarten readiness
- Enrollment information and requirements

Join us!

April 6 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

April 12 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

April 22 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

April 26 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.



<http://bit.ly/KindyRoundUp>

