

URSA MINOR



Words from Our Principal

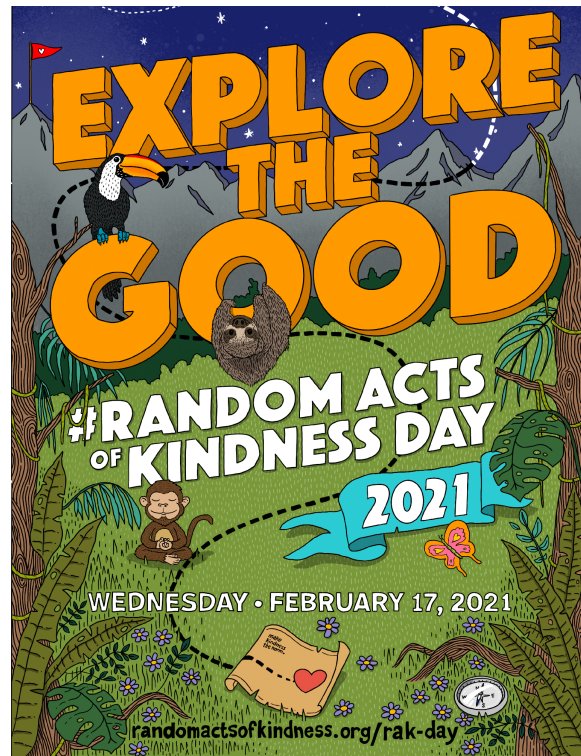
Dear Ursa Minor Community,

All students pre-k through 6th grade are back in the building and it has been great to see them. With that we are adjusting to being back in school and the demands of in-school instruction such as longer school day, sitting, restroom use, procedures, routines, ect. The students are doing well! The primary students have taken the Fastbridge benchmark assessment and third through sixth are starting the MAP Growth benchmark assessment. So there is a lot going on!.

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Bricks Kids & Gears

Our school has received new building kits for 3rd-6th grade. There are only 15 kits available. We also have five kinder-2nd grade kits. Please email schoolcraft_jessica@asdk12.org if your student would like to participate.



February is

random acts of kindness month. We have been discussing different ways students can do acts of kindness at school, home, and in the community. Alaska Media Company is also calling on all Alaskans to pay it forward in some way.

Check out randomactsofkindness.org/rak-day for some ideas on how your family can take part. Kindness week is Feb 14-20th 2021 and we hope that our students can find ways to continue to make every day a little more kind.

Stay Connected to Our School & The District

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

Facebook: [Ursa Minor
Elementary School](#)



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

President: Elisa Vakalis
Vice President: Margo Bellamy
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New Bell Schedule

9:15 am- First Bell

9:30 am- Tardy Bell

12:00 pm- End of 1st Recess

12:35 pm- End of 2nd Recess

1:10 pm- End of 3rd Recess

3:00 pm- Dismissal

*** Students are NOT to be on
school grounds before
9:10am**

Nurse's Corner

Dear Ursa Minor families,

If a student is ill or sent home ill from school, they have 3 options:

1. Have doctor's "written" note stating symptoms are not from Covid.
2. Get a Covid test
3. Not get Covid test and complete a 10-day course of isolation.

If Covid tested.....

IF results are POSITIVE: Student is in Isolation for 10 days and may return on day 11 after date of Covid test, IF symptoms are improving and student does not have a fever of > 100. 4 for 24 hours (without use of medication i.e. Tylenol or Ibuprofen).

IF results are NEGATIVE: Student may return to school if symptoms are improving and student does not have a fever of > 100. 4 for 24 hours (without use of medication i.e. Tylenol or Ibuprofen).

IF you choose a 10-day course of Isolation: may return on day 11 after date of symptoms IF symptoms are improving and student does not have a fever of > 100. 4 for 24 hours (without use of medication i.e. Tylenol or Ibuprofen).

All students ill or absent due to illness, **MUST** **be** evaluated by the nurse. Before an ill student returns to school, the nurse **MUST** have a conversation with parents and teaching staff.

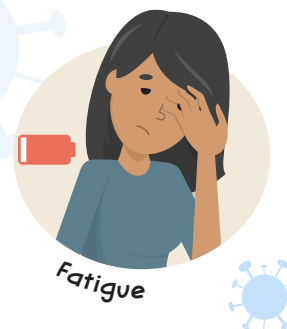
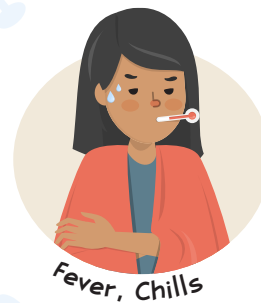
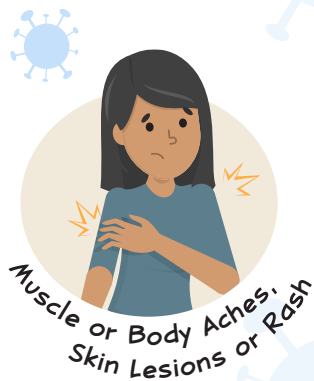
Please let me know if you have any questions at all!! I'm happy to help!!

Blessings,
Nurse Kathi

KEEP ASD SYMPTOM FREE



Stay home if you are feeling sick or have any of these symptoms:



#KeepASDSymptomFree

#StayHomeSaveLives

Principal Wendy Brons



URSA MINOR IS HIRING

We are in urgent need of two Noon Duties, as well as Substitute TA's, Substitute Teachers and Substitute Office Staff.

If you have a degree and would like to sub as a teacher, please apply for a certified position here:

<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/5603>

If you would like to sub as a TA or in the Front Office, please apply for a classified position here:

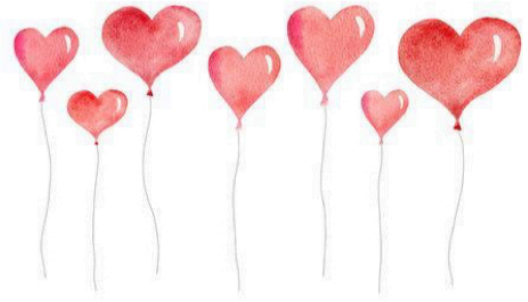
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The Noon Duty listing can be viewed [here](#), or found under ASD's list of jobs open to external applicants (narrow the search to jobs on JBER).

Student Nutrition is in urgent need of Cafeteria Managers (including at Ursa Minor). You can view job listings here: <https://www.asdk12.org/cafejobs>

Make sure you let the sub hiring team know that you want to work at Ursa Minor and please give our front office a call at (907) 428-1311 once you have applied. Thank you!

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Groundhog Day



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3rd-6th grade
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returning to the
building!

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Valentines' Day



Presidents Day
Holiday.
No School.

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Asynchronous
Learning Day

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Ursa Minor Newsletter

The Ursa Minor Newsletter will be sent out bi-weekly to all students. The newsletter is also uploaded to our school website bi-weekly on Thursdays. The school website can be found at asdk12.org/ursaminor

In order to do our part to save paper, we are asking that families fill out this form and send it back with your student if you would like to opt out of a paper copy. If you have more than one student but would only like to receive one copy, please write in which student you would like the newsletter to be sent home with.

Thank you,

Ursa Minor

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

_____ I would like to read the newsletter on the school website

_____ I would like a paper copy sent home

_____ I have more than one child at Ursa Minor and would like one copy sent home with

Sibling's name: _____

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Due to Covid-19 our school day is shortened to 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, please keep in mind that we do not have adult monitoring outside until 9:10 am and students need to be picked up by 3:15 pm with the 3:00 pm dismissal.

When dropping students off by car in the mornings it is acceptable for students to exit the car on the passenger side without staff assistance and precede to the sidewalks to line up. We just ask that you drop off at the three cones to maintain safety.

We are a walking school so our parking lot is small considering the numbers of students who are dropped off in the morning and picked up in the afternoon. We appreciate your patience as we work to ensure all students get where they need to go in the afternoon. Our school has changed a bit since 3 – 6 graders returned. We will first release students walking home at 2:55-ish, then the students who attend School Age Program at 2:57pm and finally the students who are picked up. **Number's must be attached to the visor and the visor down or upright and visible on the dash.** Due to the number of students getting a ride we will only be calling numbers for students who are being picked up in the car lane. **We will not be putting the numbers of cars who are on Hoonah into the Google doc or calling for students to come out. They will need to wait until the end when the cars in the parking lot are gone.** So, if you want your child to walk or stay for a car pick-up, we must know before 2:30 pm so we can be sure to get that information to your child's teacher. Students will be entering and exiting the school from their assigned doors to reduce traffic and help with spacing.

Students will be lining up outside to 4 degrees and going outside for recess to -10 degrees. Students will need appropriate outdoor gear and I encourage students to arrive and go home with gear on. This ensures that your child is comfortable if they need to line up outside and reduces loss of outdoor gear.

If students are unable to attend school, please contact your child's teacher as there is the possibility for students to have access to limited instruction through Canvas. This is for students who are quarantining at home with mild symptoms, or who are traveling and want to stay engaged with their class content while away.

I want to thank everyone for their patience as we work through the safe re-opening of Ursa Minor!

Wendy Brons, Principal