

URSA MINOR

WENDY BRONS, PRINCIPAL/ 336 HOONAH AVE, JBER, AK 99505/ 907-428-1311



February 13, 2020

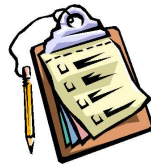
A Message from the Principal

Dear Ursa Minor School Community,

Have you noticed the longer days?! How wonderful is that? Soon we will be feeling and enjoying the warmth of the sun. I want to say thank you parents, for your support on ensuring that students have their winter gear.

Some safety reminders, we have a tight parking lot from 8:45 to 9:00 am and 3:00 to 3:40 pm. Please be courteous to our school community and slow down, follow parking lot traffic lanes (I know they are poorly marked in the winter so look to the crossing guard) and do not park on crosswalks on Hoonah to allow for clear vision of those

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When you have a chance please fill out the Family Climate and Connectedness Survey! This helps assess how Ursa Minor is doing. Small purple slips with the link information was given out during Parent Teacher Conferences. The information on those slips are as follows -

The Survey Link - surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb

Family Access Code: ursaminorfamily
School Name: Ursaminor



Apply online for the 2020 - 2021 Preschool Program

Applications are now being accepted for next school year's Preschool Programs. To apply, please visit www.asdk12.org/preschool/gened. Selections will be made toward the end of March. ASD will reach out to those families who have been accepted.

Our preschool is a part day program for children that will be 4 on or before September 1st, 2020. Preference is given to those families that live in the school's zone.

•• SEL Star Winner ••

1/27 - 1/31

Nicolas A - Moses
Grayson W - Currier
David M - Smith
Xander - Price
Steven H - Hodges
William B - Brown
Aiden P - Harrison

2/3 - 2/7

Colton C - Kehr
Emma B - McComas
Lucas L - Smith
Josh N - Price
Logan S - Hodges
Ruth D - Scott
Charlotte H - Harrison

In Observance of
President's Day,
there is NO SCHOOL
on Monday February
17th. Have a restful
long weekend!



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Educating All Students for Success in Life

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Countdown to Kindergarten events:

Friday, February 28th at 4 PM at the Mt.
View Library

And

Friday, March 20th at 1:30 PM at the
Muldoon Library



There will be fun learning activities for young children. This is open for children 3 - 5 years old and their parents or caregivers. Families and siblings are welcome!



Girls on the Run is returning to Ursa Minor!

Registration is now open! Visit gotrsouthcentralak.org to register your daughter for this program.

We will meet twice a week for ten weeks from 3:30 - 5 PM. There will not be practice the week of Spring Break. A healthy snack will be given to the girls before we begin our activity and practice.

If you have any questions or concerns about pricing, please feel free to call or visit us in the front office. GOTR does not keep students from participating because of finances so stop by and we can sort out the registration with you!

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to the Pennies for Patients fundraiser! Together we raised \$1,000.27.

The top three classes were as follows:

Mrs. Currier's 1st grade class with \$134.74.

Ms. Moses' Kinder class with \$116.76.

Ms. Bautista's 2nd grade class with \$86.38.

Again, thank you for supporting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society!

URSA MINOR PTA

Dates to remember...

Dr. Seuss spirit week - TBA

Thank you to everyone who supported the Spring Book Fair!



EMAIL: ursaminorpta@gmail.com

FUN FRIDAYS!

Feb. 21

Feb. 28

Bring in \$.50 for a delicious popcorn treat!


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February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Book Fair Week	10	11	12 12:30 pm Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences	13 12:30 pm Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences	14 Teacher Work Day NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 President's Day No School	18	19	20	21	22 Fur Rendezvous begins
23	24	25	26	27 Polar Bear Day 	28	29  Happy Leap Year FEB 29



REMINDER: students are to arrive at school **NO EARLIER** than 8:25 am for breakfast and **NO EARLIER** than 8:40 am for those waiting outside. There is **NO** adult supervision until 8:40 am.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Needing to pull out onto Hoonah or crossing the street. I have had our safety team from Anchorage School District come out for an afternoon. They discourage us from having through traffic into the parking lot close to the main entrance due to buses. I have alerted MPs of concerns and they will be stopping by periodically for support. I have had parents calling with concerns about students walking home and walking into the street. Please talk to your child(ren) about walking safely to and from school. Kudos to our community members that are slowing down when they see children walking along the road knowing children can make impulsive decisions.

Fur Rendezvous is right around the corner (next weekend). This Anchorage winter festival will take place February 22nd - March 8th. This event has dog sled races, ice sculptures, various races and games, and other opportunities to enjoy your great state and city! AT&T Fieworks Friday, February 28th will be a great show! More information can be found at <http://www.furrondy.net/> for this very cool Alaskan winter event!

Thanks to everyone who has participated in the Pennies for Patients fundraiser. February is Visit Your Schools month with tours on Tuesdays at 9:30 am through the month of February. There is also an evening opportunity on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00 pm.

There is no school on Friday, February 14th as it is an in-service day for teachers. Teachers will be receiving professional development on writing instruction. There is no school Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day. I hop you have a great extended family weekend!

Happy Valentine's Day,

Wendy Brons, Principal

**Ursa Minor Elementary School
336 Hoonah Avenue**



**JBER, AK 99505
(907) 428-1311**

March 2, 2020

Dear Parent(s),

Ursa Minor will be teaching the 3rd Personal Safety lessons between March 16-20, 2020 during the Health classes. The age-appropriate lessons will be presented in a non-threatening way, along with the skills needed for self-protection. The lesson content is part of the Anchorage School District's plan to enact the Alaska Safe Children's Act and will be handled in a sensitive, respectful manner.

3rd Quarter Lessons						
Kindergarten	1st grade	2nd grade	3rd grade	4th grade	5th grade	6th grade
The Great Body Shop	The Great Body Shop	The Great Body Shop	The Great Body Shop	The Great Body Shop	The Great Body Shop	The Great Body Shop
-Portfolio 4: Asking Permission -Safe Place Game -Song: <u>My Body Is Special</u>	-Portfolio 4: Saying No Steps -Activity 9: More Safety Skills -Play the Safety Game	-Activity 23: Making the People I Trust hand shape -Review No, Go, Tell	-Portfolio 4: Different Ways to Say "No!"	-Portfolio 4: Advising a Friend	-Activity 22: Abuse and Neglect (played as a game of 4 corners)	-Unit 6, Lesson 4: Dating Violence

**For more information about the Safe Children's Act, please visit:*

<https://education.alaska.gov/schoolhealth/safechildact>

If you have any questions about the content of the program or if you wish to inquire about opting out, please contact the school office.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to provide learning opportunities to improve the safety and well being of our students.

Sincerely,

Wendy Brons
Principal