

# URSA MINOR



## Words from Our Principal

Dear Ursa Minor School Community,

Do you feel the heat!? Spring is around the corner! Students will be wanting to leave snow gear at home, yet it is still required so they can stay dry. Boots (warm or rubber) and snow pants will help avoid parents having to bring dry clothes to school. We appreciate your support on this matter.

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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](mailto:schoolcraft_jessica@asdk12.org) if your student would like to participate.



## We are still looking for

More people to fill our noon duty positions! If you are interested click the link to fill out and application and please call the office. Job posting can be found at <https://www.applitrack.com/asd/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Noon+Duty%2fCrossing+Guard%2fTemporary>

We are also looking for full time Teacher Subs. If you would like to be a full time sub for this year, please submit an application ASAP. Please contact the office when your application is complete. The job link is <https://www.applitrack.com/asd/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Substitutes%3a+Teacher>

## 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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## SEL Star Winners

**3/4/21**

Lily R( K)

Natalie G.( 1st)

Skyler R. ( 2nd)

Issabelle M (3rd)

Sophia S(4th)

Salina B.. ( 5th)

Jeffery P( 6th)

**3/19/21**

Liam S. (K)

Aryndia C. (1st)

Jackson S ( 2nd)

Kyler T. (3rd)

Jeffery P(4th)

Jadaka C( 5th)

McKayla S. (6th)

## Nurse's Corner



Here at Ursa Minor we have been talking about community and responsibility a lot lately. I thought families may find this age appropriate chore chart helpful to strengthen the family unit . Chores helps build a foundation in self confidence and self gratification.

Blessings

Nurse Kathi

# Anchored 4 Life

Dear Ursa Minor Families:

Hello, we are the Anchored 4 life club, and we need your help successfully completing our community service project. We are asking for donations to help animals at the shelter. We feel that this project will not only help the animals, but help the community as well. Donations can be dropped off at our school between April 7th- May 5th.

Donation items in needs are:

Dog food & treats

Cat food & treats

Dog toys

Cat toys

Thanks you so much for your help with our project!

~Anchored 4 Life Club

Amazon Wish List:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/1G7SKT7W3H453?filter=&ref\\_=topnav\\_lists\\_1&sort=default&type=wishlist&\\_encoding=UTF8](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/1G7SKT7W3H453?filter=&ref_=topnav_lists_1&sort=default&type=wishlist&_encoding=UTF8)

Animal treat Recipes:

<http://www.dogtreatkitchen.com/easy-homemade-dog-treats.html>

<https://itdoesnttastelikechicken.com/pumpkin-peanut-butter-dog-treats-just-3-ingredients/>

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Spring time is also PEAKS time. PEAKS is Alaska's state testing for English Language Arts, math and science (5<sup>th</sup> grade only) proficiency. We will begin next week with this testing. Please give your child positive encouragement to take their time and do their best. Results will be back late spring or early fall. During testing, students will not be allowed to have access to their phone, iWatches or other like technology. This will be at an even more high level of monitoring as it could make their test invalidated. Teachers will develop a plan to ensure that these devices are safely tucked away.

Please talk to your child regarding using phones at school. Students are to turn their phones off or put them on silent and then placed in their backpacks. (Phones go into their backpacks upon entering the building and can come out once outside at the end of the day.) We have phones available in classrooms and in the office for students to call out.

Morning drop off and afternoon pick up seems to be going well. Your patience through this process has been appreciated! Please keep in mind that many families are in a hurry, yet it is important to be focused in the parking lot for student safety. Please watch your speed and refrain from using the phone. Also, thank you for continuing to display your numbers so we can easily see and get your car number logged into our system for students to be dismissed from the classrooms.

I have had parents contact me regarding safety walking home. Please talk to your child about your expectations for safety going to and from school. This includes being kind and refraining from using inappropriate language. Some of the reports of behavior border on not just being unkind, but harassment or bullying. Please report such behaviors so we can work together to ensure that all students feel safe and comfortable coming to and from school.

Tuesday, I sent out an email for my supervisor with a survey seeking input from our community on principal characteristics. Please take time to complete this survey and if you are not able to retrieve it, please contact the school for assistance.

The School Climate and Connectedness Survey has been extended through April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please take time to complete the survey, one parent for each school. This information is used to set goals on improving school climate. Here is the link: **Family Survey:** <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb/asdfamily>

While we have almost the whole quarter ahead of us, it seems that the end of the year is right around the corner! We want to finish strong so keep up the encouragement for students to do their best by staying focused and getting their assignments completed! Summer will be here soon. We want to enjoy our time together as much as we can especially since we were apart for so long.

Wishing you well and know that we are here for you. Please feel free to call the school if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Wendy Brons, Principal

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