

URSA MINOR



Important Dates to Remember:

- **Now - August 20th**
Online Registration for current ASD students.
- **July 15th**
New ASD student online pre-enrollment begins.
- **July 27-29**
In-person registration for new students and Kindergarteners.
- **August 17, 2021**
1st day of school!
- **August 24**
1st day of school for PreK and Kindergarten

Summer Office Hours

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
May 21 - June 1

**We will be back from summer
break on July 21!**

SCHOOLS
OUT
FOR THE
SUMMER

Words From Our Principal:

Dear Ursa Minor Community,

Every year just keeps going faster and faster! This year has zoomed by! It is hard to believe that the 2020- 2021 school year is coming to an end! What an end it has been! It is another one that will go down in the history books. While it has been a challenging year, together we have moved from distance learning back into face to face learning. My staff and I are heart warmed with how well, and fast, many students are getting back on track. I know that Anchorage School District (ASD) is planning for a normal school year. Normal being, attending a full school day, specials, and an extensive and targeted academic program.

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Stay Connected to Our School & The District

Website: <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

President: Elisa Vakalis

Vice President: Margo Bellamy

Treasurer: Starr Marsett

Clerk: Andy Holleman

Superintendent: Dr. Deena Bishop

SEL Star Winners

5/7/2021

K: Emy S. - Kehr

1: Adalynn H. - McComas

2: Natalie - Larson

3: Samuel H. - Shea

4: Jeremiah B. - Sorensen

5: Montez M. - Wicker

6: Adeline S. - Hubbard

5/14/2021

K: Lucette D. - Moses

1: NJ - Currier

2: LeAnn - Larson

3: Zooey C. - Hook

4: Jordan P. - Price

5: Kaeden A. - Wicker

ASD Parent/Community Survey

www.surveymonkey.com/r/PY6MCP7

Anchored4Life Club

Anchored4Life Club develops leadership skills, enhances life skills, builds confidence, reinforces team building, and offers support by:

Building positive connections.

Increasing self-esteem and positive self-worth.

Integrating empathy and integrity in daily activities.

Providing opportunities to support transitioning youth by giving kits and co-leading location tours and activity groups.

This club will make a significant difference in military and civilian children's lives by offering positive support, teaching life skills, and providing resources as they face many unique challenges. Anchored4Life will provide transition and resiliency life skills to schools, home school groups, and Child and Youth Programs.

This was our first year of having an Anchored4Life Club at Ursa Minor. Our Administrative Point of Contact was Principal Brons. Our two Advisors were Counselor Heather Butcher and Nurse Kathi Moore. Our Team Leaders were McKayla Schoolcraft, Jordan Poe, Alanna Harris, and Max Wright.

We gave out 43 moving kits, 8 deployment kits, 6reintegration kits, and 21 welcome kits.

Our club completed their first Community Service project by collecting items for Anchorage Municipal Animal Shelter. With the assistance of many students and parents at Ursa Minor, over 30 cat/bunny boxes were made. These boxes were quickly put into use at the shelter.

Please contact the Principal or the advisors to join!

Blessings,
Nurse Kathi



Anchored4Life Continued:

Some of the animal boxes that our students created in action at the Anchorage Animal Shelter.





COVID

Pfizer Vaccine Clinic

for 12 years and up

Walk-in Clinic
No appointment needed

Saturday, May 22
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ASD Education Center
5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.

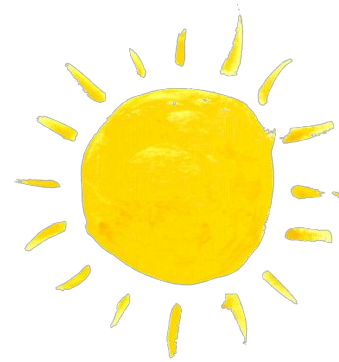
Vaccines are free of charge. Bring health insurance information if applicable.



End of the Year Celebrations!



MAY 2021



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School
Principals' Day

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Happy Teacher Day

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School Lunch
Hero Day

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Mother's Day

National School
Nurse Day

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Classes End
End of 4th
Quarter.Teachers' last
day.

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Memorial Day



Parents please remember that **iReady (ASD's online tutoring program) is available during the summer in reading and math**. An hour in reading and an hour in math will support your child's learning in solidifying skills they have yet to learn or have learned. I believe it will support your child's learning and make a difference.

As we begin our summer break, I am disappointed that we were not able to have the level of our end of the year celebrations that we have had in the past and grown to love. Celebrations were planned and students enjoyed the walks to the park, eating at our picnic tables, extra recesses and games. This last week is as important of time in the school year as the beginning of the school year as we solidify our connections with each other and say our "see ya later's" or good-byes. Many families will be moving over the summer and we want to wish you well as you move onto your next home. Whatever it is that you do, the Ursa Minor Staff and I wish you the best for a safe, fun filled, and rejuvenating summer.

It is with a heavy and sad heart that I inform you that we will be saying good-bye to several teachers and staff members that have supported Ursa Minor's students and other staff members. Mr. Hubbard will be moving on to Mirror Lake Middle school where he will be teaching math. Mr. Redhead will be moving to Sandlake where he will be teaching closer to home. Mrs. Hook will be moving out of state. Mrs. Moore, our nurse, has resigned to allow for more traveling flexibility, although you may see her as she will be subbing while in the state. Team Moses (Mrs. Moses and Mrs. B (Breitsprecher) are retiring to spend more time with family and elderly parents. Please join me in wishing them well as they move onto new challenges, adventures and experiences! While we wish them well and the best, that is a big loss for our school!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Sorensen who was a long-term sub in fourth grade for Mrs. McAdams who was out on leave. She really stepped up to the plate to give the students a great learning experience! I also want to say a thank you to Mr. Lewis who has been one of our super subs who assisted with working academically with students, covering classes when teachers needed to be out and various other safety tasks. Mrs. Tartt was also one of your super subs who was there to fill in and regularly supported our school. We hope they will come back and support our us next year!

Throughout the school year we have had many celebrations and faced some challenges. These events offered us an opportunity to pull together as partners, learn to face adversity, build relationships, and work together, which only strengthens our school family and community. This partnership provides our students with the best education in a safe environment. Keeping our students safe has been and continues to be the responsibility of everyone; school staff, students, and parents. I have appreciated your support and willingness to work together in supporting a safe, respectful, responsible, caring, and friendly learning environment.

As we close out this school year, I want to wish you the best and thank you from my heart for the opportunity to serve the JBER community as the principal for Ursa Minor. I started at Ursa Minor in 1993 as a Family School Service Coordinator and then was given the opportunity to be the principal. It was a dream come true to be the principal at this school. The community has always impressed me with how supportive they are of the school staff and how willing they are to come together to support the students. We can't do it without you. I will carry many great memories with me. Thank you again for the wonderful opportunity and memories.

Moving forward, Mrs. Tina Bartlett will be the incoming principal, and I think she will be an asset to the Ursa Minor school family. She brings with her great experience and has had the opportunity to learn from some of the best leaders that ASD has to offer. Please join me in welcoming her and supporting her in one of the most important jobs out there – educating our young for tomorrow.

Sincerely and best wishes,

Wendy Brons, Principal

