A Message from the Principal

One more week before spring break! Yet we want to finish the quarter strong so check out ASD’s Parent Connect (Zangle/Q) and your child’s account. You can check grades and missing assignments along with making a payment on your child(ren)’s lunch account or field trips.

Two weeks ago I wrote about our parking lot. Teachers are doing their best to guide traffic during a very busy time. Many primary classes have specials up to 3:25 pm then need to get back to class and ready to go. This makes it difficult to be ready to leave at 3:30 pm and results in a late dismissal. PLEASE slow down, make way for buses, observe posted parking signs, and use

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Are you PCSing soon?

Please be sure to stop by or call the front office and let us know! We understand that a PCS is a busy and stressful time in a family’s life. We request that you give us at least two weeks notice before your student’s last day. This amount of time allows for the return of library books or fines paid for lost books, paying off lunch balances, and saying final goodbyes to classmates and teachers. We like to do all we can to ensure your move goes smoothly!

The Parent Engagement Survey is open until March 8th. Our hope is that all parents take the time to complete the survey because we do use this information to develop school goals and look for way we can improve our school. This survey also provides data for two of the Anchorage School District’s goal of school safety and school recommendation. You can get to this survey by going to asdk12.org/familyengagementsurvey.

You can also get to the survey by using
Survey Link: surveys.panoramaed.com/aash
Family Access Code: ursaminorfamily

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2/17 - 2/20
K-Jaxon C - Moses
1st- Isabella - Currier
2nd- William F - Smith
3rd- William B - Price
4th- Leo A - Hodges/Nurse Kathi
5th- Adrian J - Brown/Nurse Kathi
6th- Gabby R - Harrison

Spring and Class photos are around the corner! MARCH 17th

Order forms will be going home soon!

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Educating All Students for Success in Life

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Mrs. Kehr’s class recently celebrated their 100th day of school!

Welcome to the Ursa Minor Front Office Staff,

Jessica Schoolcraft

We are excited to have her as our new Secretary!

URSA MINOR PTA

Ursa Minor PTA presents
Horton Hears A Who movie night!

Kick off Spring Break with a movie night! March 5th at 6 pm.
There will be free hot dogs and chips. Raffle tickets are 2 for $1.

Dates to remember...
3/2 - 3/5 - Dr. Seuss Spirit Week. Please see newsletter for themes.
3/5 - Movie Night @ 6 pm

Keep Collecting

EMAIL: ursaminorpta@gmail.com

Monthly Theme: Drug Awareness

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Link to Parent Bulletin
- https://goo.gl/8poBDE
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Richelle Lay
Health/SEL

Health classes have been participating in a Saying No to Drugs unit this month. We have learned definitions for drugs and addiction, laws about drugs, the effects of various drugs on the brain and the body as well as steps to say no when offered drugs. Setting goals, thinking about the future and also talking about problems with a trusted adult have also been stressed. See below for links to online Great Body Shop Family Bulletins where you can view more specific information about your student’s grade level topic.
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.
Respectful language. Staying calm helps all to remain calm. Our parking lot is usually cleared in 10 minutes by 3:40 pm. We can do this!

Third through sixth grades will be participating in PEAKS testing Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 10th. Testing will start in the morning and students will have the day to complete the test. It is important that students arrive on time with a satisfying breakfast. Please schedule doctor or other appointments outside of this testing window. The tentative testing schedule is as follows:

- Monday, March 30 - 4th grade only - Science
- Tuesday, March 31 - Grades 3 and 4 - ELA
- Wednesday, April 1 - Grades 5 and 6 - ELA
- Thursday, April 2 - Grades 3 and 4 - Math
- Friday, April 3 - Grades 5 and 6 - Math

I want to thank PTA volunteers for hosting the book fair and providing interested teachers with books. The students enjoyed picking out books to read on their own.

We will be starting our Spring Break Monday, March 9th. There is no school Friday, March 6th as it is an in-service day for the end of 3rd quarter. Teachers will be using that as a workday (assessments, collaboration, planning and organization). Students will return to school Monday, March 16th, to start the fourth quarter of the 2019 - 2020 school year. It is hard to believe how fast this year has gone!

I hope you have a lovely weekend, and remember Fur Rondy starts this weekend!

Wendy Brons, Principal
**Dr. Seuss Spirit Week**
March 2nd - 5th

- 3/2 - Many Colors Monday
- 3/3 - Twin Day Tuesday
- 3/4 - Wear Stripes Day
- 3/5 - Character Dress Up Day (dress like your favorite Dr. Seuss character)

**Save the Date**

**Science Showcase**
March 25th, 2020
6 pm - 7 pm

This will be an opportunity to see the science projects that Ursa Minor students have been working on!

Great job to all of our JNYO participants! Here are a few photos of the tournament that took place February 14th - 16th.