

# URSA MINOR

Red Ribbon Week: Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free.

## Gym Class

Parents can send Mr. Linderman picture's or videos of their student doing the challenges found at his website through Clever!

## Band & Orchestra

Due to low enrollment numbers, ASD has more instruments to provide for students than ever before! If you'd like to join Band/Orchestra, but getting an instrument has held you back, please contact Marie Mills (band) [mills\\_marie@asdk12.org](mailto:mills_marie@asdk12.org) or Kate Kroko (orchestra) [kroko\\_kate@asdk12.org](mailto:kroko_kate@asdk12.org) to find out how to get an instrument!

## Bricks Kids N Gears

Ursa Minor still has 16 lego kits for any 1st-3rd grade student that wants to participate. These kits do not have to be returned. Students get to keep them because of Covid-19. Bricks Kids N Gears building programs are all online this year. If your student is interested please ask classroom teacher for permission slip.



## Quarter 2 Material Curbside Distribution

**Friday October 16th from 9am- 3pm.**

Materials distribution will follow the same procedures as past curbside pick-ups. Please remember to follow signs and to stay in the car. Staff will need **Teacher Name**, and **Student Name**, then staff will bring all material for your student to the car.

## Words from the Principal

Dear Ursa Minor School Community,

It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of our first quarter! While it seems like a long time, it also seems that time has gone fast. Snow is on the mountain telling us winter is on the way and soon snowmen and women will be built along with forts and possibly tunnels. With that said, now is the time if you haven't already to get that warm winter gear.

I want to give teachers, support staff and parents a shout out! While the quarter has been challenging and probably at times frustrating, you are doing it! Like Dory says, "Just keep swimming." This too shall pass and we will get through this together.

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## A Reading Challenge

By reading more complex books, your child can learn new words, facts, and ideas. The exposure to more complicated plots can help a reader grow. Here are some suggestions to try:

- Knowing something about the topic or setting makes a tougher book easier to comprehend. If your child is reading a novel set in France, ask someone you know who has been there or look up the country online (try a children's site like [kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com))
- Encourage your child to look at a simpler book on the same subject. A picture-book biography about Harriet Tubman may help your student better understand a textbook chapter on the civil rights movement, for instance
- Suggest that your child read complicated material with a pencil and paper in hand. Jotting down questions, words to look up, or facts they want to learn more about.



## Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is October 23rd-31st. Students can participate in spirit week through Zoom starting Monday, October 26th.

**Monday-** "I'm RED-y to say no to drugs!" Wear red.

**Tuesday-** "I am too BRIGHT to use drugs!" Wear neon or bright colors.

**Wednesday-** "Wake up drug-free!" Wear your pajamas.

**Thursday-** "Being drug-free is no sweat!" Wear your favorite workout clothes or sweats.

**Friday-** "Be a superhero and say KAPOWW to drugs!" Dress up as a superhero.

**\* Even on Zoom please follow school dress code guidelines.**

### Red Ribbon Week Celebration

Grab a brown bag & draw yourself as this year's **Red Ribbon** theme:

**Be Happy,**  
**Be Brave,**  
**Be Drug Free**

Drop Off Receptacle

**Bag Pick Up:** JBER Commissary 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Oct from 1100-1300 or Bldg. 1108 Fawn St. from 0730-1530 Mon-Fri

**Bag Return:** NLT 22 OCT into our drop off receptacle located in front of the JBER Commissary entrance.

**EVERYONE** is welcome to participate!! Bags will be used at the commissary during **Red Ribbon Week 26th-31st Oct** to inspire a **DRUG FREE COMMUNITY!!**

Questions? Please contact ASAP, 384-1411  
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## Curbside Library Update

Dear Ursa Minor Families,

I want to thank all our students and families who have been placing library book requests and using our bi-weekly Ursa Minor Curbside Delivery for pickup of library books.

I have enjoyed seeing all the smiling faces of our wonderful students as they receive their book packages at our curbside delivery. I am also grateful for all of the compliments and encouraging words from parents as they share how excited their children are upon receiving their package of books! Then there are the notes of thanks from students sent via Clever. Your notes make for a full heart and awesome days.

♥ Thank You!

Our curbside service has increased in popularity as our classroom teachers have paired with me in library book showcase zooms - a time during which I highlight great books and series individualized per grade level so students are able to see the covers and some inside pages of many books from which to choose.

While we have many things to celebrate about the excitement and growth of our curbside library service, Ursa Minor Curbside Service is being reduced to 1 pickup time each week on Thursdays from 1pm - 3pm. This change is largely in response to a need for additional help in zoom with extra support teaching reading. As I've had experience in this area, I've been selected to assist small groups of students with reading in addition to serving as your librarian, at least for a while.

Our upcoming single curbside day each week will now likely be a little busier, but I'll continue to look forward to seeing your children's smiling faces as we meet during our new single curbside pickup time starting next week on Thursday, October 22nd from 1:00PM to 3:00PM.

In the meantime, please remember you can return your library books to our book basket cart outside our front entrance 8AM - 4PM Monday through Friday. Also, it's tremendously helpful to receive the books your student has at home at least 2 days prior to a new book pick-up. I thank you for your help in returning books in advance of a new pick-up! See You Soon 📖

Kindest Regards & Happy Reading!  
Ms. Susanne Wilkins, Librarian

## Poster Contest!

Blaine from Mrs. Moses Kindergarten class won the JBER Fire-prevention poster contest for K-3! Awesome job!



## Have a laugh!

What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?

- Frost bite!

Why was 6 afraid of 7?

- Because 7,8,9!

What do you call a ghost's true love?

- His ghoul-friend!



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We are preparing for the time when we bring students, all or on a limited basis, back into the school. To accomplish this and have success it will require us to be a team. I realize that Anchorage School District (ASD) cannot tell you what to do or how to run your family, yet I can say that ASD's motto of "ASD is symptom free are guiding words for when we come back. We also know that most of you have significantly changed your household structure to support your child's learning. When we come back to school we want your child's education to have the least disruptions as possible by having them be able to remain in school, and allowing your work to be less disrupted too. Here are some things that we can all do:

- 1.) Limit our social bubble or social contacts
- 2.) Wear masks when we are out in the community
- 3.) Teach our students to wear masks correctly because they will be required to wear them at school
- 4.) Wash hands regularly
- 5.) Disinfect regularly: door handles/knobs, high traffic surfaces, etc.
- 6.) Eat healthy – feed your body so it can take care of you
- 7.) Get enough sleep
- 8.) Exercise/movement - get outdoors
- 9.) Monitor our attitude – our thoughts influence our words; our words influence our actions – make it positive
- 10.) Practice gratitude

Teachers have been and will be meeting with parents for Parent Teacher Conferences. This opportunity is for you to meet with the teacher to solidify a common plan as we go into second quarter, determined by your child's needs and progress.

Please look through this newsletter to stay informed of our school events. One such event is our distribution of this month's school materials Friday, October 16, 9 am to 3 pm. There will be signs to guide you.

Hoping that you have a great weekend!

Wendy Brons, Principal