

URSA MINOR

Coffee with Mrs. Brons

Mrs. Brons will be opening up her Monday mornings to sit and have coffee with parents via Zoom for the next 2 weeks.

Bricks Kids-n-Gears

We still have Bricks Kids-n-Gears kits available for students. We are offering these kits to K-2nd grade. There are instructional videos for building or students can use their imaginations. Kits will be for students to keep. If you would like to sign up please call the front office at 428-1311

Open Forum Every Wednesday at 6pm!

Back to school plans will be discussed via zoom.



Are you moving?

As a school to many military families, Ursa Minor knows how hectic the moving process can be. Since Covid 19, it has been difficult to plan ahead. With that being said, the front office staff is asking that parents please inform the office at least two weeks in advanced to students withdrawing and moving. This is to make sure all accounts such as student nutrition, library books, Chromebook and instruments are turned in and in order. Also, the school needs to ensure all of students grades are updated and processed prior to withdrawing

Words from Our Principal:

Dear Ursa Minor School Community,
These next two weeks are going to be busy for the Ursa Minor team as we plan and prepare for our Pre-K through second graders return to the in-school classroom. Please join me Wednesday night at 6:00 pm for the Open Forum to hear about our plans for opening up. Many procedures that we have been comfortable with will be changing.
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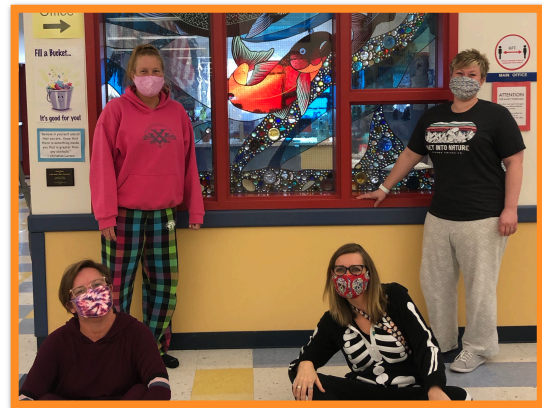
Battle of the Books

Greetings from your Ursa Minor Library! Battle of the Books, also known as B.O.B., has been a popular reading club at Ursa Minor since 2017. Ursa Minor began participating in BOB by offering 2 multi-grade level clubs including a 3rd/4th grade BOB club and a 5th/6th grade BOB Club. In BOB, students read book titles listed on the BOB reading level for their grade level club. The club of students works together in Zoom groups with their coach, discussing the books and helping each other to prepare for their competitions with BOB clubs from other ASD schools. At the BOB competition, students will compete with other BOB students in their same grade level group.

All BOB official competitions will be held via Zoom sometime in February - dates to be determined. During the competitions for each 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade level, students will be asked a variety of questions about the books on their grade level list. Questions vary from remembering and correctly pronouncing an author's name to recalling details from the books on their grade level list of titles. BOB is a great place to find a club of friends who love to read and find reading and competing fun and exciting!

Red Ribbon Spirit Week!

We know it isn't the same as from home, and we miss seeing all the students dressing up for spirit week, but some of our staff tried to keep the spirit going here at Ursa Minor and at home! We would love to see your spirit week pictures from home!



KEEP ASD SYMPTOM FREE



At Home Health Screening for Parents and Guardians

Ask these questions at home before sending students to school. Anyone who answers "yes" to one or more of these questions must not enter the school or participate in a school sport or activity.

1

Within the last 10 days, have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or had a positive test for the virus?

2

Have you had any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours?

- Fever (defined as a temperature over 100.3F)
- New cough
- New trouble breathing or shortness of breath
- Chills
- Night sweats
- Sore throat
- Body aches
- Muscle aches
- Joint pain
- Loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Confusion
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain

3

Do you live in the same household or have you had close contact in the last 14 days with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19? Close contact counts if you have been within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes (cumulative over 24 hrs), or if someone from public health contacted you to let you know you are a contact.

Note: If a child or staff member lives with someone else who was named as a contact, it is okay for the child or staff member to go to school. We do not quarantine contacts of contacts.

STAY HOME or go home immediately if the answer is YES to one or more questions above. The next step is to call a doctor and consider getting tested for COVID-19. Do not go to the doctor's office without calling first. Seek emergency care immediately for difficulty breathing, chest pain, confusion, sleepiness, or other severe problems.

Parents / guardians should follow the Return to School Options pathway (see reverse) to determine when to send students back to school. DO NOT send student to school with any of the above symptoms.



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Return to School Options

For Anyone with COVID-19 Symptoms or a Positive COVID-19 Test Result:

1

If you test positive, stay home for 10 days after your first symptom or positive test, whichever is earlier. After 10 days, you may return to school when you have not had a fever in 24 hours without fever reducing medicine, as long as your other symptoms are improving.

2

If you test negative, you may return to school once you have not had a fever in 24 hours without fever reducing medicine as long as your other symptoms are improving.

3

If you do not get a test, stay home for 10 days. You may return after 10 days if you have not had a fever in 24 hours without fever reducing medicine as long as your other symptoms are improving.

4

If your healthcare provider determines your symptoms are from something else, you may return to school with a note from your provider as long as you have not had a fever in 24 hours without fever reducing medicine and your other symptoms are improving.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
		Election Day In-service day 				
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
		Veterans Day In-service day 				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Tentative first day in building for Pre-K - 2 nd grade.						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Thanksgiving Holiday 	Thanksgiving Holiday 	
29	30					

Parents who drive their child to school will need to stay in their vehicle to allow for physical distancing. We respectfully request that students do not arrive at school until 9:15 am at which time they will be escorted into the building following our entrance plan. Parents will not be allowed into the school building unless there is a special reason or appointment; to escort your child to class, volunteer, or visit will not be appropriate at this time. Our three W's are:

- 1.) Wear your mask
- 2.) Wash your hands
- 3.) Watch your distance
- 4.)

We will also be focusing on regular cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting.

We are eager to see our students and their smiles, and engage in face to face learning. Please watch for teacher communication as the time gets closer so you are familiar with the start up. Keep in mind that the instructional day will be shortened to 9:30 am – 3:00 pm with a 30 - minute lunch and recess. Students need to come prepared for outside time. We will be following our same protocol for students to go outside. All students are to go outside up to negative 10 (-10 degrees). During Covid-19 times, students who are too sick to go outside are too sick to come to school. Please reach out to our school nurse if you have questions or concerns regarding this matter.

I am also looking forward to starting a morning coffee time Monday's at 8:30 am titled Coffee with the Principal. This is an informal time if you have school-wide questions or concerns you want to share or address. Teachers also send out communication to keep you informed and your child's teacher is a great resource too.

Hoping this letter find you and your family well.

Wendy Brons, Principal