

# URSA MINOR

## Please Remember!

Online lessons may be recorded for students to access later. Cameras capture not only the student but also the background content within the camera frame.

## Ursa Minor PTA

Ursa Minor PTA is taking orders for school spirit wear on Friday Sept 4. Please reach out to them on facebook or at [ursaminorpta@gmail.com](mailto:ursaminorpta@gmail.com) if you would like to place an order.

## Library Books

Ms. Wilkins is on Clever and students will be able to check out library books in the near future. More info to come. Also, if you have a library book to return, there is a basket located by the front door for book drop off.



## Curbside Material Pick-up

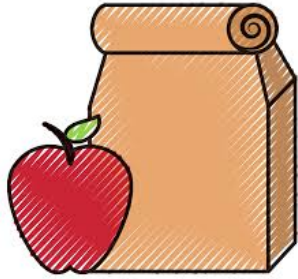
Thank you Mr. Linderman, Mrs. Lay, Mrs. B, Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Cox, and Mrs. Foley for going out in the Fall-like weather and passing out materials to our Ursa Minor families. It was great to get to see families and students even for a short couple of minutes. Also thank you to Credit Union 1 for providing each student with a frisbee.

## Words from the Principal

Dear Ursa Minor School Community

I want to thank parents for their grace and willingness to work with us as we start this 2020 – 2021 school year! While we have our framework in place, we are still making adjustments as ...  
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## Student Meals

Go to [asdk12.org/page/15786](https://asdk12.org/page/15786)

Meal delivery/pick up days are Monday (2 days worth) and Wednesday (3 days worth) Instructions are on the page but in short, you have to make a PayPams account on [PayPams.com](https://PayPams.com).

You need to register, create an account, then add your children/student. Pick-up days you will want to preorder for (not mandatory).

If you want to apply to be on a bus route (address must qualify) you go back to the link and fill out a STUber Eats delivery form. Meals are for ASD students only and are the normal school-year price , unless student qualifies for free or reduced meals.

Ursa Major is the closest pick-up site to the base. Times are 10 am-2pm.

A new stop has been added to the bus route at 6th and Hoonah at 12:27. Please go to [asdk12.org/page/15121](https://asdk12.org/page/15121) for bus route information.

~Ms. Victoria

## Nurse's Corner

Dear Ursa Minor Parents and Students,

Welcome back to school!!! Everyone has lots of questions now and more questions to come as we will transition back to in person learning. As your school nurse, I have access to some great information and will be happy to help. Please contact me with any of your questions or concerns. If I don't have the answer, I will be happy to search until I do.

Here is a great resource for families! I encourage everyone to bookmark this site for continued current information <http://www.dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/schoolyear.aspx>

Also, below you will find a mask guide for school age children

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For those of you struggling to be creative for lunches for kids on a budget here are some great ideas..... I'm even gonna try them myself!!








<https://www.thespruceeats.com/delicious-kids-lunch-ideas-4172859>

## Mask Guidance for School-Aged Children

The CDC recommends the use of non-medical grade cloth face coverings in public settings where other physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain. When used with other risk mitigating efforts, non-medical grade masks can further reduce the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in public areas and a school building.

Masks are considered safe for most children and youth over the age of two years. **There are very few exceptions for wearing masks.**

### Should a child be required to wear a mask during school?\*

The child has asthma.	 <b>YES</b> The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology recommends that individuals with asthma wear a mask in public.
The child has a condition such as autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disability, or a mental health disorder.	 <b>YES</b> These conditions do not necessarily justify a mask exemption unless the child is unable to wear a mask without excessive trauma or frequent manipulation.
The child cannot communicate clearly while wearing a mask.	 <b>YES</b> Explore instructional adaptations or use a face mask with a clear plastic insert as appropriate.
The child cannot remove the mask on their own.	 <b>NO</b> Encourage the family to consider virtual learning opportunities.
The child is asleep or unconscious.	 <b>NO</b>

\*There may be children that have experienced trauma and find masks hard to wear due to their past experiences.

For more information and tips for helping children wear masks, visit <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/COVID-19/Pages/Cloth-Face-Coverings-for-Children-During-COVID-19.aspx>

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## ASD Virtual Program- Calvert Learning Printed Materials Distribution

If you are one of our families with students enrolled in the ASD Virtual Program, Calvert Learning has consumable student materials available to enhance the academic experience. ASD has printed these K-5 materials for the first quarter. To pick up these printed materials, parents should go to **Chugiak High School 16525 S. Birchwood Loop Rd.** Location is outside the cafeteria doors. **School buses will be used to distribute, so please look for the bus and signs regarding Virtual printed materials.**

### Pickup Schedule @ Chugiak High School

- Wednesday, September 2 from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm (**K, 1, and 3 materials only**)
- Thursday, September 3 from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm (**K-3 materials only**)
- Friday, September 4 from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm (**all materials K-5 available**)

### Ursa Minor ASD Virtual Program Liaisons: please contact with questions or concerns

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Hello from the School Counselor, Mrs. Butcher.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and your families this school year. Until we meet at school please check out my website at <http://bit.ly/UrsaCounselor>

A little bit about me. I moved to Alaska in 2005 to take a third grade teaching position. This is my second year as the school counselor at Ursa Minor/Ursa Major. I am also a military spouse and a mother of three children. I love Christmas and reading. This summer I enjoyed hiking, visiting the zoo, and playing at parks on JBER. When I am not in the classroom leading guidance lessons you can find me working in small groups or individually with students in my office. I can't wait to meet you virtually and in person! Heather Butcher

School Counselor

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go. Patience and grace with us and yourself as you take on a larger role in educating our Ursa Minor children is going to be key. I am going to add communication too. If there is a problem or concern, please start with your child's teacher and they can either direct the problem up or assist you in getting to the correct person to help you out.

Reconnecting with classmates definitely looks different this school year, yet it is so important even through zoom. In developing the schedule, main zoom sessions have been staggered by grade levels to support families in having one main zoom going at a time for a 30-minute time window. Zoom sessions or "face to face sessions probably will go longer due to teaching content and providing support for students. Our schedule has English Language Arts (ELA), and social emotional learning in the morning, and math in the afternoon for most classes. Students will be working asynchronously outside of the zoom sessions on assignments, iReady, and other content areas (social studies, science, health, music, art, and PE.)

Attendance will be determined by zoom participation and engagement with assigned learning tasks. Students will be provided feedback and graded on many of the assigned tasks. For content through asynchronous learning, grades will reflect engagement in the lessons in those content areas. As we get deeper in ELA and math, it will be important that students attend as many zooms as possible. We all realize that there are families that cannot attend, so going onto canvas is very helpful and will count towards attendance.

Anchorage School District is using a new program that helps identify dangerous, harmful or inappropriate behavior in zooms and google docs. Remind students that they are accountable for words, written or said, and their actions even during our distance learning. If an incident is identified, appropriate personnel will be notified, and behavior will be addressed.

In closing, I wish you the best and am hoping for a return to school soon!

Wendy Brons, Principal