

# URSA MINOR

## Gym Class Info

Please check out Mr. Linderman's website [bit.ly/ursaminor PE](https://bit.ly/ursaminorPE) and try out the new and old challenges. Have your parents email me your best score at [Linderman\\_james@asdk12.org](mailto:Linderman_james@asdk12.org)

## Band & Orchestra

6th grade students will be starting band and orchestra (virtually!) There is a link in each 6th grade teacher's Canvas. There are three blue areas for you to look over: 1) a short video, "What Will I Play" 2) Register for 6th grade Band & Orchestra 3) A link with teacher names for your school.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/>

## ASD Virtual

If you missed material distribution for the Calvert Learning, please call the office. We will be receiving packets from the district and families will need to set up an appointment with the front office for pick-up.



## Open Forum Family Zoom

Our weekly open forum zooms with Principal Brons are on Wednesdays at 6pm every week. This is a great opportunity to come join us and discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Next week we will be discussing our preliminary plans for returning to the building. Nurse Kathi will be joining as well to talk with parents and answer questions. This is an informal zoom meeting. It is the same zoom log in info every week. If you do not have the zoom meeting information please contact the front office by phone.

## Words from our Principal

Dear Ursa Minor School Community,

This is a time of change not only in season, as we move from summer to autumn, but also change in our education and community. Cont pg 5





### PTA News!

On October 1st, grab dinner for dine-in or to-go at Texas Roadhouse - Tikahtnu Commons. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of total food purchases to our school, Ursa Minor.

**\*\*The flyer has to be presented physically or digitally for the purchase to count towards our fundraiser.**

The flyer can be found at Ursa Minor's facebook page [here](#)

It can also be found on our PTA facebook page [here](#)

## Nurse's Corner

I felt it important to share with all of you something from the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/>

### Cleaning and disinfecting: What is the difference?

**Cleaning** physically removes germs and dirt from surfaces and/or objects by using soap (or detergent) and water.

- Families should keep in mind that this process does not necessarily kill germs, but this process does lower the number of germs and the risk of spreading germs.

**Disinfecting** kills germs on surfaces and objects by using chemicals that have germ-killing properties.

- The disinfecting process does not clean/remove dirt and germs, but killing germs on a surface **AFTER** cleaning can lower the risk of spreading germs.

Please remember to clean surfaces/objects using soap and water **THEN** disinfect.

I wanted to share an article about hand sanitizers that I feel is really important information about keeping children safe from poisoning risk. Please read the article [Here](#)

Remember hand washing is best and should be done frequently!

Blessings to all,

~Nurse Kathi



## We are hiring!

We are in need of substitutes! We need Teaching Assistants and Office substitutes. You can choose both or just one during the application process. We are also looking for Noon Duties.

- Classified Substitutes are for teacher assistant, special education teacher assistants, and clerical staff. A classified substitute must have a minimum of a high school diploma or a GED.
- Certificated Substitutes positions provide classroom coverage for absent teachers and school nurses. A substitute teacher must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. A long-term substitute teacher must hold a current Alaska teaching certificate before beginning the long-term assignment.

How to Apply as an ASD Substitute:

If you are interested in applying for a substitute position, please start by filling out an online application. Once your application is complete, you will be sent online documents to sign and return via email. Please contact Kathleen Hester (A-K) P: 907-742-4133 or Jody Bailey (L-Z) P: 907-742-4128 for these forms after you complete your online application. Once you are authorized to work as a substitute, you will be offered online training opportunities in classroom management for TAs and Teachers.

- Apply here: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/5603>

Once you have completed your application, please call (907) 742-1435 to be added to our sub list.

## Take a Bike Ride Day

Anchorage Park Foundation wants to encourage everyone to get outside. Join us in celebrating Bike Your Park Week, part of a national effort to encourage more people to ride bikes. Participate by biking the [Moose Loop](#) or ride to your neighborhood park. You choose the day, who you go with, and where you go.

Please visit <https://anchorageparkfoundation.org/> for more information.

September 22, 11am - 1pm & 4pm - 6pm  
Take a Bike Ride Day (Covid version of Bike to Work Day).



The Covid version of Bike to Work Day is now [Take a Ride Day](#). Go anywhere on your bike on September 22 to celebrate and bring awareness to active transportation. The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Campbell Park Community Council are hosting a treat station at Campbell Park (2365 E 48th Ave). Mask-up and stop by for a free individually wrapped snack!

September 26  
National Bike Your Park Day, Do-It-Yourself Bike Ride



Celebrate [Bike Your Park Day](#) with a do-it-yourself ride on the [Moose Loop](#) or to a local park. This is a partnership with Adventure Cycling Association. Volunteers from Anchorage Park Foundation and Bike Anchorage will be at Campbell Park (2365 E 48th Ave) from 2pm - 5pm. Start your adventure at Campbell Park and get tips on navigating the Moose Loop. We will have water for refilling your bottle, a [petition to build a safe crossing at Lake Otis Parkway](#), Moose Loop stickers, and vote by mail applications. We will be wearing masks - be safe!



# GEAR UP FOR WINTER WEATHER

## Winter Gear Support for School-Age Kids

The Armed Services YMCA of Alaska is helping our military children get ready by offering cold-weather gear support at no cost. Get the coats, boots, scarves, gloves, or hats your kids need that will prevent Jack Frost from nipping their nose (and toes)!

### Monday, September 21

Appointments available between 1300-2000

Registration Open Now through September 20

Located at the ASYMCA Bargain Shop on JBER and Ft. Wainwright

Schedule your Winter Gear Up time slot at:  
[www.asymca.org/alaska-my-y](http://www.asymca.org/alaska-my-y)

Winter Gear Up is open to school-age kids, Pre-K through Grade 12, of active duty service members of all service branches who are permanently stationed in Alaska. Children need not be present. Military ID is required. For more information or registration assistance, please call 907-552-9622.



### CONNECT WITH US:



[www.asymca.org/alaska](http://www.asymca.org/alaska)  
 On social media @AKASYMCA

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Anchorage School District, ASD, is fine-tuning plans regarding how and when to open schools. They have several task forces working hard to plan for transportation, meal service, safety materials and protocols within the school, etc. I want to take this time to go over some protocols for when students return.

I encourage families to make arrangements with Armed Services YMCA or shop out in the community to get winter gear for your children. In the past we have been able to lend students winter gear such as snow pants, boots, warm jacket, etc.; this year we will not be able to offer winter gear for students to use. We go outside for recess to -10 degrees. This is the time for students to move and get some of that energy off, interact and play with peers, and get fresh air. We want students to be prepared so they can enjoy this time. Doctor notes are required for students to stay inside. I suggest students have: warm winter coat/jacket, snow pants, warm boots (good to at least -20 degrees), hat, gloves and neck gator. When students come to school, we want them to be prepared for emergency drills or events by wearing shoes that are safe for time outside in the snow (discourage sandals or flip flops) and warmer t-shirts. Students are discouraged from wearing their winter jackets during the day, yet a sweater, vest, or sweatshirt is appropriate.

Students will be required to wear masks as we practice CDC protocols to keep everyone feeling safer and being safer. Our motto is "ASD is symptom free." We have stringent guidelines that require lengthy quarantine times if students or staff have symptoms of Covid 19 or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid 19. Staff and students will not only be wearing masks, we will also be teaching and setting times for hand washing with 20 seconds wash and 20 seconds rinse. Social distancing will be challenging, yet we will step up to the challenge and work hard to set up our classrooms safely. You can help us by working with your child now on wearing masks. We will have lessons on hand washing, social distancing in the classroom, and sneezing or coughing in your sleeve/elbow.

We are working to set up procedures for drop off, pick up, recess, lunches, using the restroom, etc. to optimize student and staff safety. We are looking forward to when students return so we can strengthen our relationships and move forward with student learning.

Wishing you a great weekend,

Wendy Brons, Principal