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
Nurse’s Corner

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

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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](#)
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.
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.

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**CONNECT WITH US:**

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