

# URSA MINOR



## Upcoming Events:

- **September 28, 2021**  
Picture Day
- **October 15, 2021**  
End of 1st quarter.  
(no school)
- **October 20/21**  
Parent/Teacher  
conferences
- **October 22, 2021**  
Teacher development day  
(no school)

## SEL Winners:

**9/17/2021**

**K:** Christian H. (Kehr)

**1st:** Emy S. (Currier)

**2nd:** Emmalynn (McAdams)

**3rd:** Brayden (Riley)

**4th:** Sawyer (Duft)

**5th:** Davyan (Scoby)

**6th:** Tripp (Lawrence)



## Ursa Minor Families,

I hope this message finds you well. We have been very busy at Ursa Minor working harder to get smarter.

### Student Performance:

We are continuing to conduct our beginning of the year benchmark assessments to determine what our students need to keep growing academically, as well as, sent home progress reports on Thursday, September 23rd. You can also access grades at your leisure via Q/Parent Connect. Having said this, we have received some concerns regarding student performance. Please know we are doing our very best to provide appropriate instruction for all of our learners. You may have received information about students needing additional support and practice at home.

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**Daily Schedule :**

8:50 am - 1st Morning Bell

9:00 am - Tardy Bell

3:30 pm - School Dismissal

**Lunch Schedule :**

K: 12:00-12:20pm

1st: 12:30-12:50p

2nd: 12:45-1:05pm

3rd: 1:00-1:20pm

4th: 1:00-1:20pm

5th: 12:15-12:35p

5/6th: 12:15-12:35p

6th: 12:15-12:35p

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# Koats for Kids

**Mon - Fri • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Bldg. 600, Rm A139  
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We have FREE gently-used coats, hats, mittens, and more to help keep your children warm this winter.

**Open to all Service Members and their families.**

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**Nurse's Corner:**

Happy Fall Students &amp; Family!

I know this has been an interesting year with COVID testing and quarantines. It is fall (almost winter) in Alaska. During these seasons we have lots of runny noses, congestion and coughing that can be due to allergies. Unfortunately, these are also symptoms of COVID. If this is a condition your child has chronically, please have your pediatrician complete the attached Chronic Conditions Release form so we can try to keep your child in school as much as possible and not sent home for testing when these symptoms arise.

Just a reminder October 8th we will have the Lions Club at our school doing vision screens so please make sure your child is present that day & brings their glasses to school.

Lastly, as we are getting closer to the holidays, that comes with lots of unhealthy food options (which I love just as much as the next person) so I attached a healthy eating worksheet for your child to complete to remind us to choose healthy foods as much as we can. Remember to encourage your child to wash their hands frequently so we can all stay healthy. Please feel free to call me with any questions 907-742-9855.

Nurse Amanda



## Chronic Condition/Symptom Release Form

### Anchorage School District

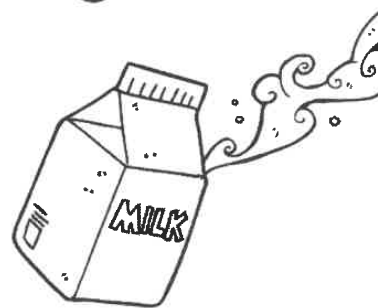
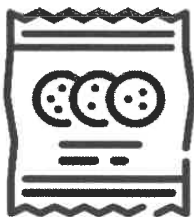
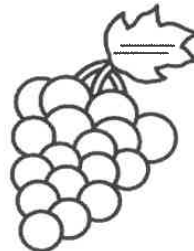
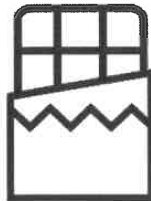
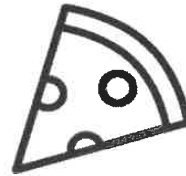
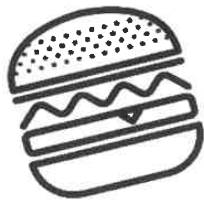
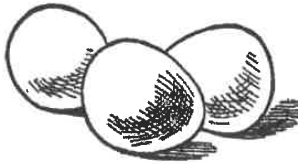
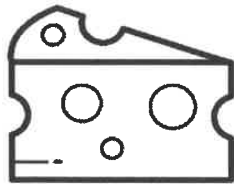
Student or staff member name: _____	
Date seen: ____/____/____ Date of first new symptom onset : ____/____/____	
New symptom or symptoms: _____	
One or more of these symptoms is on the CDC symptom list for COVID-19: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, the patient has no symptoms on the CDC list	<b>CDC symptom list:</b> Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea
The following return to school criteria applies ( <i>check only one</i> ): <input type="checkbox"/> The patient had a <b>negative PCR/molecular test</b> for COVID-19 since the start of symptoms (not an antigen or antibody test), fever has been resolved for 24 hours and other symptoms are resolving <input type="checkbox"/> Test date: ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> The patient had a <b>positive test</b> for COVID-19 and will return 10 days after symptom onset (or if they never had any symptoms, 10 days after the first positive test), as long as fever has resolved for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms are resolving <input type="checkbox"/> Test date: ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> The patient <b>did not receive a test</b> for COVID-19 and will return 10 days after symptom onset as long as fever has been resolved for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms are resolving <input type="checkbox"/> The patient's symptoms are part of a chronic condition or conditions and they are not contagious at this time. The patient should not be excluded from school for the following symptoms, <b>as long as they have not worsened</b> .	
<input type="checkbox"/> I will continue to follow this patient for their chronic condition(s) <input type="checkbox"/> I do not regularly see this patient and they have been provided with follow up instructions for their chronic condition(s)	
<b>The student or staff member may return to school on this date:</b> ____/____/____	

Clinician name: _____	Credential: <input type="checkbox"/> MD/DO <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> NP
Clinician signature: _____	
Clinician phone number: (____) ____-____ Fax number: (____) ____-____	



## Healthy Food

**Directions:** Color in the healthy foods and put a X on the junk food.



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This is absolutely true for all students whether they are on grade level or below...practice makes progress. Many students are behind where they would typically be in an average school year. Please remember that many students have deficits in their mastery right now. To see true growth in skills, students will need to practice their skills at school and at home as appropriate. That is to be expected and is not atypical in this pandemic. Students will need extra support at home to reinforce skills learned at school. Some quick and easy things to do at home are to get your child(ren) on i-ready through the Clever portal. This can be found on the ASD website under "students" and "clever". Students are recommended to get on i-ready for 45 minutes per week for reading and 45 minutes per week for math. It is really important that this time is monitored as students do have the ability to move to other sites when they are not monitored. You can practice phonics at home for our primary students Pre-K-2nd, as well as, practice comprehension skills for Pre-K-6th by reading with your child(ren) and asking them questions about what they have read. Math facts for addition/subtraction and multiplication/division can be practiced as well with flashcards. Our math program is rich with word problems so those are always great to practice at home. Please know that many students are not performing at grade level at this point. This is the reality of us being in a pandemic, however, the work does not stop at school. In order for students to make gains and growth they must practice at home as well just as an athlete puts forth effort at practices in preparation for a game or big event.

#### Weather:

It is cold outside and the weather changes quickly. We do not have the capacity to keep students in when they are cold. All students are to be prepared to go outside for recess unless it is -10 degrees or we have other inclement weather situations. Please send them to school with proper gear. Hoodies are not jackets. Students must have a jacket to go outside. Please remember our Pre-K through 3rd students must come with full snow gear (hats, gloves, boots, jackets, and snowpants) when it is snowing or snow has accumulated on the ground. 4th-6th must have, at a minimum, jackets (not just hoodies).

#### Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Next week, we will be sending home conference information as to how to sign up for your parent/teacher conferences. We still plan on in-person at this point, however, know that this can change. We will work as a school first to coordinate sibling conferences

so they are consecutive and then will open up the scheduling for parents to sign-up for a time that works best for them.

#### Breakfast and Lunches:

We do not have a cafeteria manager any longer. Please know that the Student Nutrition Department is actively searching for cafeteria manager candidates. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this position, I highly recommend going to the Talent Mangement department on the district website to apply for this position. We are unable to share cafeteria managers from other schools at this time as it is much more than serving lunch for two hours as this position requires prep work, etc. We are continuing to serve shelf-stable meals as our free school lunch. If your child(ren) does not prefer this school provided lunch, please do pack and send them with a lunch. We are very much wanting to serve hot lunches and to serve breakfast, however, we physically are unable to do so without a cafeteria manager. We are all filling in in capacities outside of normal day to day duties to keep our school running successfully. There are shortages throughout the district as there simply aren't enough people to staff our vacant positions. Please be kind and patient when inquiring about school provided meals.

#### Cross-Country Meet:

Thank you to all of the families that came to support our cross-country runners. This was such a fun and amazing experience and your cheering, running with kids, and overall support was greatly appreciated.

#### Thank you:

Thank you for all you all are doing to support Ursa Minor's success from parents supporting our after school activities, to the friendly faces in the morning and afternoon during pick-up and drop-off, to our amazing PTA sponsored school store and popcorn on Fridays. I am so very grateful to be the principal of Ursa Minor Elementary.

Warmly,  
Principal Bartlett



## Fun Fridays

- **Every Friday**
- School Store will open before school starts. (8:40am)
- Popcorn .50cent

### **Box Tops are all digital now!**

1. Download Box Tops App
2. Connect to our School - Ursa Minor Elementary
3. Scan Receipts
4. Earn money for our school!!



## **DINE TO DONATE**

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### **URSA MINOR ELEMENTARY**

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6**

### **4PM-10PM**



## **10%**

### **DONATION NIGHT**

for **Ursa Minor Elementary** .

Present this flyer at the Anchorage (N. Muldoon Rd.) location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to **Ursa Minor Elementary** !

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