

# URSA MINOR

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April 18th, 2019

## A Message from the Principal

It felt like spring was here and then.... Ah yes, it is break-up time and we're reminded that winter is not done with us yet! That is spring break up! To assist you in determining whether students need snow gear, here are some guidelines to use; If there is snow on the pavement they will need snow pants, a warm jacket, boots, hats and gloves. Snow on the grass, and not on the pavement, students wear everything but snow pants. If they like the slides then I would strongly encourage snow pants because the equipment gets wet and there can be puddles, therefore their clothes can get wet. Students are encouraged to have a warm jacket at all times unless morning...

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Dear One and All,

This note of gratitude goes out to our wonderful PTA team for their many book donations to our Ursa Minor Library! Our PTA has very generously donated book purchases to our library with their proceeds from their scholastic book fair - putting new and highly popular titles on our shelves so everyone has access to new and wonderful books!

Our amazing group of parents have partnered with the library to provide entire sets of non-fiction books we've desperately needed. They've purchased a 50 States Set of hardback books that include Washington DC & Puerto Rico ~ popular with readers from 1st grade through 6th! They've also added 1 set of BOB Books for our Battle Of The Books student participants. In addition, our PTA purchased many in demand fiction series including: Big Nate, Dork Diaries, Wimpy Kid, Dog Man, Fly Guy, and full sets of Magic Treehouse and Junie B. Jones.

Our PTA also collaborated with me on about our greatest non-fiction needs and purchased several non-fiction sets desperately needed ~ including sets featuring: World Wars, Civil Rights, Military Missions and Military Vehicles. The latest non-fiction sets added through our PTA's generosity include the following sets: State Parks, Migrating Animals and sets featuring cats, dogs and horses ~ to satisfy our pet loving students.

So ~ All of us here at Ursa Minor join together in a shout out of gratitude to our amazingly generous and library loving PTA team who has given so much improve our Ursa Minor Library collection!

With Tremendous Gratitude ~ Susanne Wilkins, Librarian & All of Ursa Minor!

### •• SEL Star Winner ••

#### 4/1 - 4/5

K- Carsten L - McAllister  
1st- Jennalee H - Tucker  
2nd- Samantha C - Arriaga/Wilkins  
3rd- Soraiya B - Vecera  
4th- Tyler S - Vecera  
5th- Ayden S - Dunlap  
6th- Taryn H - Williams

#### 4/8 - 4/12

K- Jaclyn E - McAllister  
1st - Dylan R - Tucker  
2nd - Margaret S - Arriaga  
3rd - Alysia R - Vecera  
4th - Wyatt L - Vecera  
5th - Aiden P - Boes  
6th - Michael G - Williams

The annual Sonic Boom concert is here again! This concert features 6th grade band and orchestra members from all over the district!

Thursday, May 2nd at the Sullivan Arena

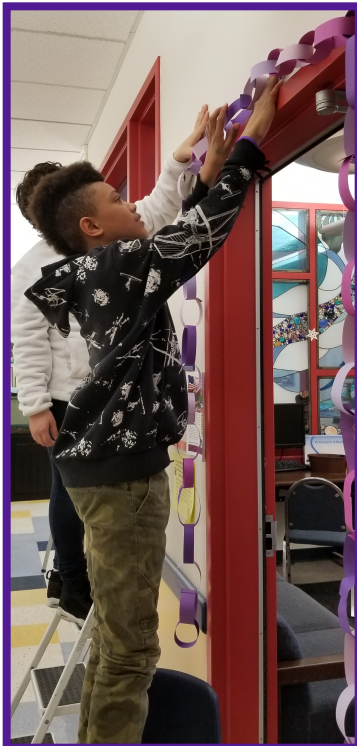
Students need to arrive at 6:00 PM  
Rehearsal starts at 6:30 PM  
Concert begins at 7:30 PM



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Last week, Mrs. Williams' 6th grade class did a team building activity. Each pair had to stand back to back and link together strips of construction paper. Kobi and Octavious then hung the purple chain over doorways to celebrate Month of the Military!



### Lost and Found:

The end of the year is fast approaching and the amount of items in lost and found has grown!

Please take the time to stop by and visit the lost and found to find items your child may have lost this year!



Super Sweeper Saturday!  
April 27th :: 10 AM - 2 PM

Join us as we clean up our neighborhood! Mr. Vecera and Ms. Boyer will be in front of Ursa Minor to pass out trash bags and non-latex gloves. Every student who picks up trash is eligible to win a \$50 Fred Meyer gift card!

Let's make the neighborhood shine!

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#### Kindergarten Countdown

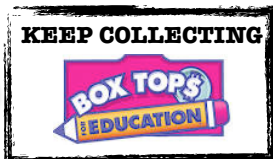
Kindergarten will be using the alphabet to countdown to the end of the year! It can be an item to wear or an activity they will do in the classroom that will represent the letter they are on. Keep a look out for our kinders and try to guess what letter they are on!

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

## URSA MINOR PTA

### Dates to remember...

Apr 17. - PTA Meeting @ 2:45 in the MPR  
\*Every Monday in April there will be a special surprise for all students!



EMAIL: [ursaminorpta@gmail.com](mailto:ursaminorpta@gmail.com)

### FUN FRIDAYS!

Apr. 5

Apr. 12

Apr. 19

Apr. 26

Bring in \$.50 for a delicious popcorn treat!



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## April



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 6th grade Eagle River Band Festival @ 7:30 PM Eagle River High School	3	4 We We People Constitution Musical @ 9:30am	5	6
7	8	9 Colt Round Up @ Chugiak HS 6:30 - 8 pm	10	11	12	13
14 National Dolphin Day	15	16	17	18 National Day Of The Military Child! PURPLE UP!	19	20
21 Happy Easter! MAPS TESTING THIS WEEK	22 Happy Earth Day	23 Kinder Round Up @ 9:30 am *Last Good News Club	24	25	26 *LAST DAY OF MORNING TUTORING	27 Super Sweepers 10 am - 2 pm
28 MAPS TESTING THIS WEEK	29	30				



**REMINDER:** students are to arrive at school **NO EARLIER** than **8:25** am for breakfast and **NO EARLIER** than 8:40 am for those waiting outside. There is **NO** adult supervision until 8:40 am.

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and day temperatures are in the fifties then a sweatshirt will probably do for most students. During break up it is a good idea to have rubber boots to keep feet dry and tennis shoes in the room to wear around school and gym. When in doubt, just send in winter gear and we will work it out at school.

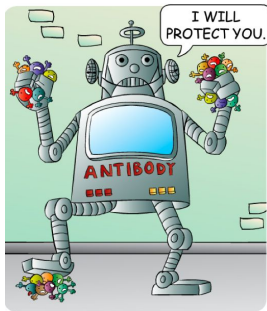
We are approaching the mid-quarter mark so please look for progress reports or check with your child's teacher on his or her progress thus far. It is good time to see how your child is progressing and reaching their goals. Here at Ursa Minor, we believe that this time of year important learning is still taking place. Communication is important and the closer we get to the end of the school year classrooms and our school will have events and end of year celebrations. Be sure to read the newsletter, fliers, and check out Ursa Minor on Facebook for events happening.

This is still an important time of the school year and there are learning tasks planned for the whole school day. Your child's timely attendance is still important to their learning. While I understand appointments come up, please try to have your child here the whole school day (9:00 am to 3:30 pm) to get the most out of their day and learn positive work habits for their future.

On a final note, I want to again let you know that you are a valued participant of our educational team. Please let your child's teacher, office staff or me know if you have any questions or concerns. We would be happy to help. As Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." Together, we can provide the best education for your child to ensure success in their future!

Enjoy your weekend and warm regards,

Wendy Brons, Principal



During the month of April in **Elementary Health**, your child will study **diseases**.

#### Monthly Theme: Diseases

Grade	K	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Topic	Getting Sick	Get Well Soon	Germs! They Make You Sick	Things You Might Catch	HIV and the Immune System	About Blood and HIV	HIV/AIDS: What You Need To Know
Link to Parent Bulletin	<a href="https://go.gl/FvJBoh">https://go.gl/FvJBoh</a>	<a href="https://go.gl/RNu5qc">https://go.gl/RNu5qc</a>	<a href="https://go.gl/jyurm7">https://go.gl/jyurm7</a>	<a href="https://go.gl/AkFZcg">https://go.gl/AkFZcg</a>	<a href="https://go.gl/TxUhd7">https://go.gl/TxUhd7</a>	<a href="https://go.gl/A7yBkz">https://go.gl/A7yBkz</a>	<a href="https://go.gl/gqck2r">https://go.gl/gqck2r</a>



Richelle Lay  
K-6 Health/Social Emotional Learning

#### Reminder:

Maps Testing begins April 22. Please see the schedule for dates, grade level, and subject being tested. If you have any questions please call the front office at 907-428-1311. Thank you!

Monday, 4/22  
**MATH**  
Mr. Pieper

Monday, 4/29  
**ELA**  
Mr. Pieper

Tuesday, 4/23  
**MATH**  
Mr. Vecera

Tuesday, 4/30  
**ELA**  
Mr. Vecera

Wednesday, 4/24  
**MATH**  
Mrs. Dunlap, Miss Cole

Wednesday, 5/1  
**ELA**  
Mrs. Dunlap, Miss Cole

Thursday, 4/25  
**MATH**  
Mrs. Boes, Mrs. Williams

Thursday, 5/2  
**ELA**  
Mrs. Boes, Mrs. Williams

Friday, 4/26

**Makeups**

Friday, 5/3

**Makeups**



## FOOD BANK of ALASKA

### MOST-WANTED DONATION LIST

This is our wish list. The below items are "coveted" "dream items" and "very helpful" according to the local food pantries that we supply

#### CANNED PRODUCE

Spinach, mixed vegetables, tomatoes, tomato sauce, fruit packed in water or light syrup

#### DRIED FRUITS

Cranberries, cherries, apples, banana chips, raisins, apricots

#### DRIED MEATS & BEANS

Dried kidney, pinto and navy beans, split peas, lentils

#### WHOLE GRAINS

Quinoa  
Rice: long grain and brown  
Pasta: gluten free or whole grain  
Cereal: low and no sugar  
Rolled oats and instant oatmeal

#### PREPARED MEALS

Low-sodium soups and stews, pop-top meals for kids, kid-friendly healthy snacks

#### CANNED PROTEINS

Tuna, chicken, pork, all kinds of beans

#### HEALTHY FATS

**Nuts and butters**  
Almonds, pecans, walnuts, almond butter, peanut butter, sunbutter

#### MILKS

Powdered and shelf-stable milk, almond milk, soy milk

Look for low-sugar and no sugar added options, low salt, natural and organic foods, and American Heart Association heart check seal.

#### BRING THESE ITEMS DIRECTLY TO FOOD BANK OF ALASKA

Because these items are perishable, they must be delivered to our warehouse at 2121 Spar Avenue, Anchorage AK between 8am-4pm Monday-Friday and 8am-3pm on Saturday

#### FROZEN

Fish, lean meats and poultry  
All fruits and vegetables

#### GARDEN VEGETABLES

Yes, you can bring in your harvest!

#### DAIRY

Milk and cheese

#### EGGS

Do you own laying chickens? We'd be happy to take their extra eggs!

#### WILD FISH AND GAME

Alaskans love local fish and game!  
Hunters must complete a transfer of possession form. Northern Air Cargo can provide free transportation. Please deliver to a commercial food processor and notify FBA Food Donation Coordinator at 222-3115. We can accept ONLY commercially processed fish and game.

[www.foodbankofalaska.org/ways-to-give/give-food](http://www.foodbankofalaska.org/ways-to-give/give-food)

Ursa Minor will be participating in one last food drive for the school year. During the summer months, the Food Bank of Alaska tend to run low on items they need. Our food drive will run from April 22nd – May 3rd. Please take a look at the list and bring what you can donate to the front office.  
**Thank you!**

**April 23rd at 9:30 AM**

## Kindergarten Round-Up

Is your child starting kindergarten in the Anchorage School District in the 2019-20 school year?

**Join us!**

- Learn how to help prepare your child for kindergarten
- Activities to do at home to support kindergarten readiness
- Enrollment information and requirements
- Meet the staff
- Tour the school

A full list of Kindergarten Round up dates at ASD elementary schools can be found on back of this flier.