

Tiger Tracks

Northern Lights ABC School Newsletter



CHARACTER BUILDING BLOCKS

Friendship

Respect

Perseverance

Patriotism Generosity

Compassion

Tolerance

Courage Honesty

Self-Discipline

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February 12, 2021

Dear NLABC Families,

When I see all the students back in our building, I think of the song lyric from the movie Grease of "Back to School". I know I am dating myself (and taste in music), but it sums up how wonderful it has been to see all our students back in the building. We are finally all back in school face to face!!!

This month students will be taking their MAP tests in grades 3-8, while our younger students in grades K-2 have been taking their Fastbridge assessments. Once completed, the information will be shared with you.

I'd like to thank you all for your help with arrivals and dismissal. As we navigate through the new procedures, overall, I am quite pleased with the extra measures of safety we are taking and want to express my appreciateion for your help and patience during this time.

Just a few reminders:

1. Please do not drop off your children before 8:30. We do not have adults on duty until 8:30.
2. Make sure your child has all of the appropriate gear for recess. Hats, gloves and boots are required for K-5. Snow pants are required for K-4.
3. There is no school on Monday, February 15 due to the President's Day holiday.
4. February 26th is an asynchronous day for students and school will not be held face to face. Teachers will be in trainings.

Thank you again for allowing us to be partners in your child's education. We are honored that you have chosen our school to provide an education to your child.

Partners in Education,
Tammy Duff, Principal

Dates to Remember

02/15/21 - **NO SCHOOL** - President's Day

02/17/21 - Middle School District Battle of the Books 10:00 am

02/25/21 - NLABC Intermediate Spelling Bee 1:00 pm

Please watch your email for the Zoom link

02/26/21 - Asynchronous day for students. No face to face classes.

03/05/21- **NO SCHOOL** - End of 3rd quarter

03/08/21 - 03/12/21 - Spring Break

03/15/21 - Welcome back from Spring Break

03/17/21 - Picture Day

03/18/21 - Lottery Closes for Applications

See what upcoming events are
happening at our school.
Watch the school calender!

COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN

in the Anchorage School District

The year before kindergarten is important in helping your child feel ready and confident in starting school. The resources below can support your family during this transition.

5, 4, 3, 2, 1 BLAST OFF



February: Visit Our Schools

Check out what educational options are available in ASD at www.asdk12.org/research and visit schools! Virtual school information sessions will be offered in late February/early March. See Visit Our Schools Month at www.asdk12.org/visit.



March: Decide on Your Child's School

Parents interested in having their child attend their neighborhood school do not need to sign up until school registration, held during the last week of July. Parents interested in having their child attend a school or program other than the neighborhood school must complete an online lottery application. Go to the ASD Online Lottery System at www.asdk12.org/lottery.



April: Attend Kindergarten Round-Up at Schools

ASD will host Kindergarten Round-Up events for families in the spring. Learn about school routines, expectations, curriculum, and how to support your child during the transition to school. Check the ASD website in late March for specific dates and times for the ASD Kindergarten Round-Up events at www.asdk12.org/kindergartenroundup.



May – June: Explore Kindergarten Resources

Visit your child's school playground over the summer so he/she becomes familiar with the school site. Check out fun summer programs and activities in Anchorage for children at www.asdk12.org/summerfun. Think about what would be best for your child and family as you make this transition. Download our Kindergarten Summer Transition Packet at www.asdk12.org/transition.



July – August: Get Ready for School

Visit the Welcome to ASD page at www.asdk12.org/welcome for current information on enrolment, registration, school start times, bus routes, and important school updates. Families can also download the ASD mobile app to stay up-to-date at www.asdk12.org/mobileapp. After enrollment, look for information on Fall Kindergarten Orientation at www.asdk12.org/kindergartenroundup#Orientation.



BLAST OFF!

Welcome to Kindergarten



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Educating All Students for Success in Life



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@DrDeenaBishop



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www.asdk12.org

2021-2022 Kindergarten Information

Kindergarten Round-Up

<https://www.asdk12.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=3288>

Is your child starting kindergarten in the Anchorage School District?

Join us!

ASD staff will share what to expect as your child begins kindergarten in the fall. These sessions will provide information on transitioning to kindergarten and how to enroll. Families are encouraged to ask questions and will be provided digital resources.

Together, we will partner to help prepare your child for school success. Join us for one of the sessions below!

April 6, 11am-12pm

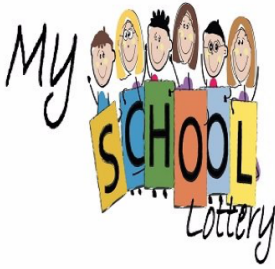
April 12, 6pm-7pm

April 22, 11am-12pm

April 26, 6pm-7pm

[ZOOM link to join \(all sessions\)](#)

****Beginning in the 2020/2021 school year, NLABC will have full day kindergarten. Please remember to apply through the lottery****



NLABC LOTTERY

The 2021-2022 school year lottery is currently open for applications until March 18th. **Please remember that if your student has a sibling you would like to attend NLABC you still need to apply through the lottery.** Please call us at 742-7500 if you have any questions.

Click on the link to apply <https://lotapp.asdk12.org/apply/>

NLABC Intermediate Spelling Bee

February 25th @ 1:00 pm

Please watch your email for the Zoom link.

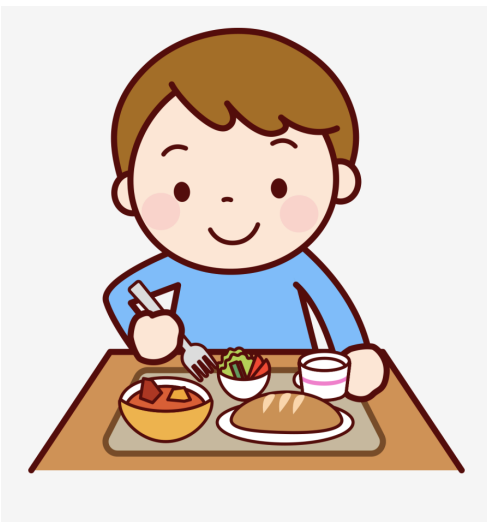


FREE SCHOOL MEALS

ASD is offering free breakfast and lunch at NLABC for **ALL STUDENTS** (1st - 8th grade) through the end of the school year.

AM Kindergarten - Will be served **breakfast only**.

PM Kindergarten - Students are not in the building during food service hours.



Nurse's Notes

FAQ for Parents/Guardians:

1.What is the Out-of-State Travel protocol? Staff/students have two options for returning to work/school:

Option 1: Submit proof of a negative test taken within 72 hours before arrival. Must follow strict social distancing for 5 days after arrival.

Option 2: Arrive in Alaska without a test and receive a test at the airport at no cost.

Self-quarantine until a negative test returns. All travelers with negative results from the arrival test must follow strict social distancing for 5 days after their arrival in Alaska.

A resident may still decline a test; however, they must quarantine for the 14 days after arrival.

An Alaska resident may travel outside of the state for less than 72 hours with the following requirements. No test or quarantine is required.

Note: Children 10 and under are exempt from the testing requirement. However, untested children traveling with a parent or guardian must remain in the same status for the same duration as the parent/guardian (self-quarantine and/or strict social distancing).

1.What if a student/staff is symptomatic?

Option 1: If you test positive, stay home for 10 days after your first symptom or positive test, whichever is earlier. After 10 days, you may return to school when you have not had a fever in 24 hours without fever reducing medicine, as long as your other symptoms are improving. Positive test results are required to be sent to school nurse.

Option 2: If you test negative, you may return to school once you have not had a fever in 24 hours without fever reducing medicine as long as your other symptoms are improving. Negative test results are required to be sent to school nurse.

Option 3: If you do not get a test, stay home for 10 days. You may return after 10 days if you have not had a fever in 24 hours without fever reducing medicine as long as your other symptoms are improving.

Option 4: If your healthcare provider determines your symptoms are from something else, you may return to school with a note from your provider as long as you have not

had a fever In 24 hours without fever reducing medicine and your other symptoms are improving.

1. Each positive case within a classroom will be investigated to determine if other students/staff are close contacts. The Centers for Disease Control defines a close contact as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from two days before illness onset or, for asymptomatic patients, two days prior to positive specimen collection until the time the patient is isolated. Close contacts will be notified and will be required to complete a 10-day quarantine period to monitor for symptoms.

2.A student who is identified as a close contact, **will do a PCR test during the quarantine period on day 5, if the test is negative he/she can return to school on day 8.** Without testing, they are required to quarantine for 10days. **Negative test results are required to be sent to school nurse.**

1.Where can asymptomatic students get tested for Covid-19? Asymptomatic testing cannot be done at any of our ASD sites. Visit the free muni testing sites. <https://anchoragecovidtest.org/>

2.Where can symptomatic students get tested? Students, staff or household members are encouraged to signup@covidsecureapp.com

After registering proceed to one of the following locations (open Monday-Friday from 8am-4:30pm). These are for walk-up only

- Abbott Loop Elementary (this site is next to the playground)
8427 Lake Otis Pkwy, Anchorage, AK 99507
- North Star Elementary School (this site is on the back side of the building)
605 W Fireweed Ln, Anchorage, AK 99503
- William Tyson Elementary School (this site is on the back side of the building)
2801 Richmond Ave, Anchorage, AK 99508
- Russian Jack Elementary School (this site is next to the bus drop off area) 4300 E 20th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99508
- Chester Valley Elementary School (this site is next to the bus drop off area)
- 1751 Patterson St, Anchorage, AK 99504

3.? No, the siblings of the close contact are considered contacts of a close contact and are not required to quarantine. Siblings can attend school as long as parents continue to monitor siblings at home for any symptoms. Parents can choose to get all the siblings tested, that's recommended but not required.

4.? Are the siblings allowed to attend school? If a sibling is symptomatic and has other siblings at school, please notify school nurse. The asymptomatic siblings can attend school but it is HIGHLY RECCOMENDED they get tested prior to returning to school. If parents choose not to test, parents should continue to observe asymptomatic siblings for any symptoms.

****No school/work during strict social distancing****

Tiger in the Spotlight



Congratulations to eighth grader Michael Njoku. Michael has been awarded a Silver Key Award by the Region-at-Large program of the 2021 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Michael received this award for a poem he wrote titled *That Man with Gray Eyes*. Since 1923 the Scholastic Awards have recognized some of America's most celebrated artists when they were teenagers including Stephen King, Charles White and Joyce Carol Oates.



Noon Duty Help Wanted

To apply, please click on the link below.

<https://www.applitrack.com/asd/onlineapp/default.aspx?>

[Category=Noon+Duty%2fCrossing+Guard%2fTemporary](#)

Anchorage Museum Virtual Learning Resource

The Anchorage Museum Education Department offers a range of [online resources](#) and virtual experiences to support classroom and at-home learning. For spring 2021, virtual field trips to the Anchorage Museum are free to educators, students, and chaperones, funded entirely by the generous support of the Atwood Foundation. Select your experience from the list below and begin the process of securing a date to visit virtually by filling out the [virtual field trip form](#). Virtual field trips must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

Have questions? Visit The Anchorage Museum [FAQ page](#) or contact the Education and School Groups Coordinator fieldtrips@anchagemuseum.org or (907) 929-9280.



NLABC STAFF



Mrs. Duff is our principal. She taught 5th grade here at NLABC for many years before becoming our principal last year. She graduated from UAA with a B.Ed in Elementary Education with a minor in art. She earned her M.Ed in Educational Leadership from the American College of Education and is currently pursuing her doctorate in Educational Administration. In her spare time, Mrs. Duff loves to read, garden, travel, learn about history, and cook. This past August, Mrs. Duff became a grandmother (Mimi) to her first grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Duff have two fur babies at home, Gigi and Darcy since the adult children have left the nest.



Mrs. Kelly has taught in the Anchorage School District for 23 years. Twenty of those years have been here at Northern Lights ABC. She has taught kindergarten, first, second and fourth grades.

Mrs. Kelly is the mother of three wonderful children. Two of her children go to Northern Lights ABC School. Mrs. Kelly is also a hockey mom! All three of her children play hockey.

Mrs. Kelly's hobbies include: spending time with her family, scrapbooking, quilting, spending time outdoors and reading ghost stories. I hear she also has an entire room that is filled with vintage Strawberry Shortcake toys and collectibles.



ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

East High School will be hosting 2 Freshman Orientation sessions in March. These will be hosted on Zoom at 6pm, Tuesday, March 16th and Thursday, March 18th.

During these sessions they will be giving an overview of East's academic programs and opportunities along with answering parent/student questions about these programs, graduation requirements, and scheduling classes for next year.

The Zoom links will be sent out as we get closer to the date. Please mark your calendars if you would like to attend.

Keep on eye on the NLABC web site for High School information. We will update the site as we receive information.

<https://www.asdk12.org/domain/4080>

FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

JNYO Virtual Participation



The Junior Native Youth Olympics (JNYO) has pivoted to meet the current needs of students and families and will be held virtually this year. There will be no school teams. Students may participate in this free event by submitting their videoed attempt for each event during the two-week submission window. Parents may register and submit videos for event competition and scoring. This [JNYO quick guide for parents](#) is available with information and instructions. Please contact HPE Coordinator, [Melanie Sutton](#), with any questions.



NORTHERN LIGHTS DRESS CODE

The Northern Lights ABC School expects the students and personnel to have high standards of conduct and appropriate dress and appearance. The purpose of our dress code is to keep everyone's focus on academics. Anything that is done or worn for shock value or to attract special attention is not acceptable.

The Principal makes the final decision in these situations. • Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM all cell phones, MP-3, CD players and other electronic devices will be turned off and concealed. Otherwise they will be confiscated. Parents will be responsible for retrieving them from the office.

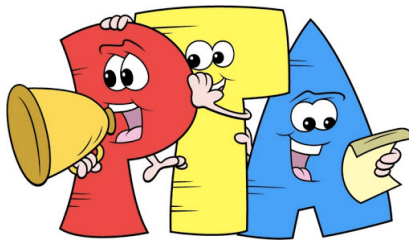
- Students may not use unnatural hair dye or coloring (pink, purple, blue, green yellow, orange etc.).
- No permanent tattoos or other body art.
- Nail polish and make-up is not permitted in grades K-6. Middle school students may use a minimal amount of make-up and only clear nail polish.
- Due to safety reasons, dangling earrings are not permitted for any grade level. No facial piercing of any kind, except in the ears, will be allowed during school hours for students.
- Outer garments, including coats, jackets, hats, hoods or bandanas may not be worn in the building during class times. A fitted sweater or sweatshirt may be worn in class.
- No flip-flops, soccer slides, slippers, platform shoes or 'Heelys.' Shoes must be appropriate for the weather.
- No sunglasses or non-prescription glasses will be worn in the building.
- Clothing will fit properly (not to exceed one (1) size beyond the correct size) without bagging, sagging or having any modifications. Pants should be able to stay above the hipbones without a belt.
- Undergarments are not to be seen at any time. This includes a bra if a shirt gaps (check when leaning forward) and underwear seen above the top of pants, including when seated.
- T-shirts with sleeves cut off, shirts that are revealing, sheer, mesh, or skintight are not allowed. Nor are tank tops, halter-tops, crop tops, or any shirt that leaves the midriff exposed, including when seated. Sleeveless shirts that are no narrower than the natural shoulder seam (about 3" wide) will be permitted.
- Clothing may not contain inappropriate messages or logos for drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
- All clothing will have finished hems, be clean and without holes.
- • Skirts, skorts and shorts will be no higher than 1" above the knee.
- Students dresseinappropriately will need to change their clothes. They will sit in the office until proper attire is brought to them. This will be accomplished by having parents bring the correct clothing to school. The student will attend study hall (detention for middle school) to compensate for missed instruction time.

Contact Information



Please make sure your information such as cell phone numbers and email addresses are up to date. Often, we try to reach out to share information and the emails are returned or the phone number is incorrect. To change your information please click on the link below. We appreciate your help with this matter.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BAmCaR9Xzsj-9HzXmdDpNYGaaTitwdieiUYvSyMBjvQ/edit?ts=5fc948f8>



NLABC Beanies

These beanies were designed by our own Mr. Shasby. Get yours for only \$30.00. Click on the link below to place your order.

<https://nlabc.new.memberhub.store/store>



Support NLABC PTA by joining at :
<https://nlabc.memberhub.com/join/ny3j74>

Tiger Reading Assembly Recognition

December 20 Pages

March 26th RW&B Recognition

Beginning Reader 1 (K-1st) 1,000 Pages
Manuel Pedraza

Level 1, 5,000 Pages
Carter Hooyer
Trent Wu
Lana Cubillos
Daniel Kim
Emma Anderson
Elizabeth Han
Maru Kralick
Isaiah Crawford

Level 2, 10,000 Pages
Daniel Miles

Level 3, 15,000 Pages
Brooklyn Hansen
Blake Cabasag

Level 4, 20,000 Pages
Zachary Kemp
Karlee Farler
Senna Hickey

Level 6, 30,000 Pages
Artemio Rivera
Maxwell Mirka
AllynRose Aldeza

Level 9, 45,000 Pages
Nelly Osara
Advait Warrier



Tiger Reading Assembly Recognition

December 20 Pages

March 26th RW&B Recognition

Level 4, 20,000 Pages

Sarah Han

Level 5, 25,000 Pages

Anna Evanson

Sarah Han

Level 6, 30,000 Pages

Semi Akindipe

Esther Vargas

Level 7, 35,000 Pages

Nathan Xavier

Bella Valinske

Level 8, 40,000 Pages

Hadley Haase

Abby Shen

Christine Han

Level 9, 45,000 Pages

Caiden Del Rosario

Level 10, 50,000 Pages

Amuthan Srinivasan

Ava Taylor

Level 11, 55,000 Pages

Sye Allen

Karis You

Level 12, 60,000 Pages

Jackson Matthew

Level 13, 65,000 Pages

Zoey Schlabaugh

Ammon Jeppson

Level 15, 75,000 Pages

Glory Afieroho

Level 18, 90,000 Pages

Vera Hali



T.I.G.E.R. READING CLUB UPDATE

December 2020

December 2020 total student pages read: 250,713

LESS staff pages read of 23,727

Pages left to 4.5-million-page-goal: 2,998,559

Readers who met the December pages-read goal: 126!!!

-PRIMARY CLASS TROPHY K-3 WINNER: Highest Percentage Meeting Goal

[Mrs. Barnett](#)

-INTERMEDIATE CLASS TROPHY 4-6 WINNER:

[Ms. Frackman](#)

-GRADE LEVEL TROPHY WINNERS:

KINDER - [Mrs. Kelly AM](#)

1st GRADE - [Mrs. Gionet](#)

2nd GRADE - [Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Pugh](#)

3rd GRADE - [Mrs. Barnett](#)

4th GRADE - [Ms. Basinger](#)

5th GRADE - [Mrs. Daniels](#)

6th GRADE - [Ms. Frackman](#)

STAFF PRIZE WINNER FOR THE MOST PAGES PERSONALLY READ in December '20
[Ms. Curry in Mrs. Ireland's Kindergarten Class!](#)

February pages-read will be due before **March 5th**. You will find the link, along with lots of information about T.I.G.E.R. Reading on the [Tiger Reading Club Page](#).



COVID-19 LINKS

Trusted Official Websites to stay informed about COVID-19:

CDC [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

WHO [World Health Organization](#)

DHSS [State Department of Health and Social Services](#)

ANCHORAGE. [Municipality of Anchorage](#)

ASD COMMUNICATION

Note: Always check your email and text messages

Anchorage School District: [ASD Homepage](#)

Northern Lights ABC School: [NLABC Homepage](#)

Northern Lights ABC Facebook: [NLABC Official Facebook](#)

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Self-Discipline Humility

Self-Confidence Work

Independence Helpfulness

Sportsmanship Loyalty

February 2021

HONESTY - Integrity, Honor, Sincerity, Truthfulness

LOYALTY - Allegiance, Faithfulness, Devotion, Dedication



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