

Tiger Tracks

Northern Lights ABC School Newsletter



CHARACTER BUILDING BLOCKS

Friendship	Respect
Work	Responsibility
Perseverance	Generosity
Patriotism	Compassion
Tolerance	Honesty
Courage	Loyalty
Humility	Self-Discipline
Self-Confidence	Independence
Helpfulness	
Sportsmanship	

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Dear NLABC Families,

This is the time of year when we become more reflective about the things we are most thankful for. Despite living the past year in a pandemic, we can still find joy in the things and people that matter the most to us.

I am thankful that you have chosen NLABC as your school of choice. I am proud of our students and their hard work and efforts whether it was learning virtually or face to face. Our teachers and staff have risen far above expectations to deliver a meaningful and quality education despite the challenges they faced teaching during a pandemic.

I am very proud to share with you the results from the PEAKS State assessments that were given last spring. Some of you may have viewed them already, but I am proud of the work we accomplish at NLABC. The tests are based on the performances in English Language Arts and Mathematics for grades 3rd-8th.

As you can see from the results included on the next pages, our school was proficient in English Language Arts. In Math, we were above proficient in many areas, yet we know we have areas to improve upon that we are focusing on. Teaching and learning in a pandemic were quite the challenge.

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will still be held but will be different. Our parade and speeches will take place in the classrooms, but you may join us via Zoom (link will be sent in another email). We are looking for helpers to help from 12 pm -1 pm with recess duty. This will grant our staff a break to enjoy their lunch. Traditionally, we have many parents volunteer for recess duty and then the students watch a movie in the afternoon. Due to Covid, students will be watching a movie or doing crafts that afternoon in their own classrooms. Please consider volunteering. More information is here: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18673>.

We still have students coming to school not properly bringing or wearing their winter clothing that is required for recess. All students in K-4 must have the following: coats (not hoodies), boots, hats, snow pants, and gloves. Students in 5th-6th grade need to wear the above, but snow pants are optional.

Again, we have a lot to be thankful for here at NLABC. Thank you for entrusting our staff to educate your child. We love what we do here at NLABC!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. No homework will be assigned over the break, unless it's Tiger Reading pages. I hope you and your family make many memories.

Partners in Education,
Tammy Duff
Principal



School Summary Report

District: Anchorage School District
School: Northern Lights ABC K-8 School

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
Test Date: Spring 2021

Performance by Reporting Category

The table below shows how the performance of the school, district, and state compared to the state standard for proficiency on specific areas of the English Language Arts test.

Grade	# Tested	English Language Arts Reporting Category	School	District	State
3	62	Reading	△	▽	▽
		Key Ideas and Details	△	▽	▽
		Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	△	▽	▽
		Literary Text	△	▽	▽
		Informational Text	△	▽	▽
		Writing	△	▽	▽
		Text Types and Purposes	△	▽	▽
		Distribution and Production/Research	△	▽	▽
		Language	△	▽	▽
4	63	Reading	△	▽	▽
		Key Ideas and Details	△	▽	▽
		Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	△	▽	▽
		Literary Text	△	▽	▽
		Informational Text	△	▽	▽
		Writing	△	▽	▽
		Text Types and Purposes	△	▽	▽
		Distribution and Production/Research	△	▽	▽
		Language	△	▽	▽
5	63	Reading	△	▽	▽
		Key Ideas and Details	△	▽	▽
		Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	△	▽	▽
		Literary Text	△	▽	▽
		Informational Text	△	▽	▽
		Writing	△	▽	▽
		Text Types and Purposes	△	≡	▽
		Distribution and Production/Research	△	▽	▽
		Language	△	▽	▽
6	60	Reading	△	△	▽
		Key Ideas and Details	△	△	▽
		Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	△	△	▽
		Literary Text	△	△	▽
		Informational Text	△	△	▽
		Writing	△	△	▽
		Text Types and Purposes	△	△	▽
		Distribution and Production/Research	△	△	▽
		Language	△	△	▽

Performance Results Key

The school, district, or state

△ did better than the state standard for proficiency.

≡ did about as well as the state standard for proficiency.

▽ did not do as well as the state standard for proficiency.

■ did not attempt any items in this category.



School Summary Report

District: Anchorage School District
School: Northern Lights ABC K-8 School

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
Test Date: Spring 2021

Performance by Reporting Category, Cont.

The table below shows how the performance of the school, district, and state compared to the state standard for proficiency on specific areas of the English Language Arts test.

Grade	# Tested	English Language Arts Reporting Category	School	District	State
7	43	Reading	△	≡	▽
		Key Ideas and Details	△	▽	▽
		Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	△	≡	▽
		Literary Text	△	≡	▽
		Informational Text	△	≡	▽
		Writing	△	▽	▽
		Text Types and Purposes	△	▽	▽
		Distribution and Production/Research	△	≡	▽
		Language	△	▽	▽
		Language	△	▽	▽
8	42	Reading	△	▽	▽
		Key Ideas and Details	△	▽	▽
		Craft and Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	△	△	≡
		Literary Text	△	△	▽
		Informational Text	△	▽	▽
		Writing	△	▽	▽
		Text Types and Purposes	△	▽	▽
		Distribution and Production/Research	△	▽	▽
		Language	△	≡	▽

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School Summary Report

District: Anchorage School District

SUBJECT: MATHEMATICS

School: Northern Lights ABC K-8 School

Test Date: Spring 2021

Performance by Reporting Category

The table below shows how the performance of the school, district, and state compared to the state standard for proficiency on specific areas of the mathematics test.

Grade	# Tested	Mathematics Reporting Category	School	District	State
3	62	Number and Operations in Base Ten	△	≡	▽
		Number and Operations—Fractions	△	≡	▽
		Operations and Algebraic Thinking	△	▽	▽
		Geometry and Measurement	△	▽	▽
4	63	Number and Operations in Base Ten	△	▽	▽
		Number and Operations—Fractions	△	△	▽
		Operations and Algebraic Thinking	△	▽	▽
		Geometry and Measurement	△	≡	▽
5	63	Number and Operations in Base Ten	△	▽	▽
		Number and Operations—Fractions	≡	▽	▽
		Operations and Algebraic Thinking	△	≡	▽
		Geometry and Measurement	≡	▽	▽
6	62	The Number System	△	▽	▽
		Ratios and Proportional Relationships	△	▽	▽
		Expressions and Equations	△	▽	▽
		Geometry	△	▽	▽
		Statistics and Probability	△	▽	▽
7	42	The Number System	△	▽	▽
		Ratios and Proportional Relationships	≡	▽	▽
		Expressions and Equations	≡	▽	▽
		Geometry	≡	▽	▽
		Statistics and Probability	△	▽	▽
8	42	Numbers, Expressions, and Equations	△	▽	▽
		Functions	≡	▽	▽
		Geometry	≡	▽	▽
		Statistics and Probability	≡	▽	▽

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Dates to Remember

11/15/21-	Volleyball Match at Clark 5:00pm - 6:00pm
11/16/21-	Migrant Education Literacy Zoom Event with Mrs. Keil 4:00pm - 5:00pm
11/17/21-	Volleyball Match at Goldenview 5:00pm - 6:00pm
11/19/21-	RWB Assembly- Intermediate 8:45am
11/19/21-	RWB Assembly- Primary 9:30am
11/24/21-	Thanksgiving Parade/Program 10:00am - 11:30am
11/25/21-	No School- Thanksgiving holiday
11/26/21-	No School- Thanksgiving holiday
11/29/21-	Volleyball Match at Goldenview 5:00pm - 6:00pm
12/1/21-	Digital Tiger Reading Logs (due by the end of the school day 12/3/21)
12/1/21-	Volleyball Match at Begich 5:00pm - 6:00pm
12/3/21-	MS Spirit Day- Ugly Sweater Theme
12/4/21-	Volleyball Jamboree 1 at Romig 9:00am - 10:00am
12/6/21-	Volleyball Match at Goldenview 5:00pm - 6:00pm
12/8/21-	Volleyball Match at Romig 5:00pm - 6:00pm
12/11/21-	Volleyball Jamboree 2 at Clark 9:00am - 10:00am
12/17/21-	No School- In-Service Day



See what upcoming events are happening at our school.

Watch the school calender!

<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/90>

School Nurse News

ASD is currently expanding covid testing into all schools with a local partner called Beechtree Molecular lab. I am happy to announce that Covid testing is now available at our school. **Only students with symptoms of Covid-19 will be eligible for testing.** Please read the instructions carefully on how to complete patient registration. I have attached the instructions below and a copy of the QR code. Once registration is complete, the QR code specific to the student is generated and they will be able to use this code for future testing. Note that covid testing will only be done during school hours, see the testing hours below. Before coming to test call the front office at 742-7500 and schedule an appointment.

The good news is that covid test results will be emailed to parents before the next day so that students are not missing instructional time in school. Also, you don't have to call/email test results to me because I will have complete access to the results.

See testing procedures below:

1. Students who come to the nurse's office while at school and have Covid symptoms can be tested at that time. Before testing, parents will receive a call from the nurse to obtain consent for testing.
2. Parents of students who are out of school sick with Covid symptoms may make an appointment for their student by calling the front office and drive-through testing will be offered.

For nasal swabs, the nurse will observe the symptomatic person self-swab each nostril for 10 seconds or, if needed, the nurse will swab the student.

For saliva samples, the student will spit into the tube until the volume of saliva nears the "1" on the vial.

Let me know if you have any questions.

*Covid Testing hours: 8:30 -11:30am & 1 - 2:00pm

Thank you!

Nurse Ngozi

https://storage.googleapis.com/pt04-2/messages/attachments/4f6f45ab68d2420a4215e2961c54d682/Covid_Registration_QR_Code.pdf

[messages/attachments/ba2dc4846fb7daa21ad411c00c1264b7/Patient_Registration_for_ASD_Covid_Testing.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/pt04-2/messages/attachments/ba2dc4846fb7daa21ad411c00c1264b7/Patient_Registration_for_ASD_Covid_Testing.pdf)

Migrant Education News from Mrs. Keil

Tuesday, November 16

Migrant Ed Literacy Event from 4-5 on Zoom

Music News

K-5

Our students are doing a great job in their K-5 music classes. This month, in addition to our grade-level music curriculum, we are singing Northern Lights ABC traditional Thanksgiving songs. Your students sound great!

6th-8th Choir

Our choir students are working hard to prepare for their concert. Parents, you will receive an email with details including dress code and specific ensemble report times. You'll also receive an email with your RSVP link. We currently do not have a volunteer to record the concert for those unable to attend, but hopefully we will have one before the show! Your students are going to do a great job, and we are looking forward to the performance.



If you have questions, you can reach me at congdon_darinda@asdk12.org

And you can always find more information on our NLABC music website at <https://sites.google.com/asdk12.net/nlabcmusic>

Middle School News

Congratulations to our newly elected student government!

President- Gabriella Paraoan

Vice President- Sage Cha

Secretary-Jacob Novero

*Student Government will meet Wednesdays during Middle School lunch.

*Middle School Battle of the Books will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays during Middle School lunch. District Battle will be February 1st at Romig/ West Library.



Brrrr it's cold outside!

Parents, make sure your child is dressed for success for class inside and recess outside!

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

RECESS DRESS CODE

Per ASD policy students are expected to attend recess until -10 degrees below zero. This will include wind chills. Snow Pants are required for soccer, football and the sledding hill. Students who do not have proper gear will go to study hall.

	Below Freezing (32 degrees)- Required unless otherwise stated	Snow on the Ground-Required unless otherwise stated
Grades K-4	Warm Coat, Hat or Hood, Gloves	Warm Coat, Hat or Hood, Gloves, Snowpants, Boots
Grades 5-6	Warm Coat, Hat or Hood, Gloves	Warm Coat, Hat or Hood, Gloves, Boots. Snow Pants are encouraged.
Grades 7-8	Coat	Encouraged are a Warm Coat, Hat or Hood, Gloves, Boots and Snow Pants.

Looking for a family activity? The Anchorage Museum has free admission on the first Friday of each month from 6-9p.

Parking not included. <https://www.anchagemuseum.org/visit/hours-tickets/>

Reminders

Volunteers

All volunteers are required to fill out a volunteer application and waiver form, and must wait for district approval prior to volunteering in the school. Thank you for your willingness to help out at our school! Here is a link to the forms: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18673>

Lottery Reminder

The ASD Lottery opens in January 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year. Please remember that you must still enter the lottery for your student to be considered for sibling preference.

Reminder about Masks

All students and adults entering the building must be wearing a mask. You will not be allowed into the building without a mask on.

Thanksgiving Feast Costume Swap!

***Located in foyer across from the front office**

How it works:

Donate your outgrown outfits and accessories to another NLABC student by leaving them here.

Take an item if your student can use it for this year's Thanksgiving Feast.

***Please:** Take only one item or outfit per student. You are not required to donate something before taking something. After the feast, please return the item(s) to the office to be used again next year.



Library News

Together@our library™

2021 – 2022 Bookmark Design Contest

sponsored by ASD Librarians

This contest is open to all ASD students in grades K-12. There are four levels: Primary (K-3), Intermediate (4-6), Middle School, and High School.

Entries must:

- fit the theme and include the phrase **Together@our library™**
- be the original work of the student, whether hand drawn, digital art, or computer generated
- be the correct size: **7" x 2 ¾"** either horizontal or vertical
- be submitted with the student's full name and grade on the back of the bookmark

No copyrighted characters may be included on the bookmark.

Use your imagination and any ideas relating to reading, literacy, and the love of the library!

Entries are due December 3, 2021. Submit your entry to your school librarian. The winning school entries will go to district judging. **Entries become the property of the Anchorage School District and may be used in other advertisements.**

The winning designs will be reproduced and distributed to ASD schools!

PATRIOTISM

Did you know that students in 3rd-6th grade participated in the Mail for Our Military Campaign? Students practiced their letter writing skills and wrote over 300 letters to our overseas military members.

Students in our Middle School will be writing 90 letters to soldiers stationed in Guam. This is part of the Armed Forces YMCA.

We are proud of our students displaying patriotism which is one of our character building blocks here at NLABC. We are proud to show support to our troops.

Sponsor An American Flag For Our Local Heroes

Dear NLABC Families,

We are excited to share a very special project we are working on which strongly supports NLABC's character blocks of Patriotism, Generosity, Compassion, Courage, Respect, and Helpfulness. We came across a local news article where our local police and fire chaplains expressed the need of funds for them to purchase flags for our communities' veterans and first responders. "After a death, the chaplains drape the body of a veteran or first responder with a flag to honor them as they leave a home or hospital."

We think this is an excellent patriotic opportunity for our students and families to participate in community giving. Our goal is not only to help our fellow community members and honor our veterans, but to share the pride and joy which comes from being involved and helping to meet a need in their community.

We are estimating the cost per flag from Amazon which sells the coffin-sized flags for about \$75.00. If your family would like to sponsor a flag, we will provide your family's name and/or honorary name as recognition on a specific flag. Another idea is for a class or group to sponsor a flag together. This is not limited to just NLABC parents & students, you are encouraged to invite extended family members and community & business members to donate towards purchasing a flag.

Donations are tax-deductible, with our tax-id number provided at the bottom of this letter. Any and every monetary donation is greatly appreciated to help make this a special and warm-hearted surprise for our communities' chaplains at our school assembly in May. Here is the link to the story: <https://www.ktuu.com/content/news/Chaplains-in-need-of-moneyfor-flags-to-honor-veterans-first-responders-565717382.html>

We thank you in advance for your participation to make this special project possible.

Tammy Duff
Principal, Northern Lights ABC

Please note: An approved American flag to honor our community's fallen heroes costs approximately \$75.00

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1. Our family, _____ would like to support the purchase of _____ American Flag(s) to honor our community's heroes sacrifice. **OR**
2. Instead we would like to contribute \$_____ to the special NLABC fund to help purchase flags for our fallen veterans & first responders.

****If your contribution is \$75 or more; we will ensure your family's name is attached to a flag.**

***Please make checks payable to Northern Lights ABC PTA* Tax ID #92-0065531**

Youth Alpine Ski Program



**Registration opens
November 1st, 2021**

Visit [Alyeskaskiclub.com](https://alyeskaskiclub.com)

Alyeska Ski Club is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

Entry programs for 6-14 year olds at Alyeska

Mid December - Early April skiing

Alyeska Ski Club Devos

<https://alyeskaskiclub.com/programs/devos/>

Mighty Mites Program

<https://alyeskamightymites.com>

- Registration links are included on both Alyeska Ski Club and Mighty Mites websites starting November 1st, 2021
- Registration will remain open for the entire month of November 2021
- Add-ons for Winter/Spring camps and Wednesday night sessions at Hiltop
- See Powder Hound Ski Shop in Girdwood and SkiAK Ski Shop in Anchorage for season ski rental options

Reasonable Program Fee

*Does not include daily or season lift passes

Option of both programs at
reduced cost

Tryouts will be held at Alyeska on
December 12, 2021

Saturday freeskiing with the Devos

Sunday freeskiing/learn to ski race
with the Mighty Mites



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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC PTA & THE NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC ADVISORY BOARD?



NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC PTA BOARD

OUR MISSION OF THE PTA IS TO BUILD A STRONG COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES AT NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC, WHILE HELPING ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION, FOCUSING ON NLABC'S TRADITIONS AND FOUNDATIONAL VALUES. TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, WE NEED SUPPORT FROM ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE FUNDRAISE TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION. TO SHOW A UNITED FRONT, WE ASK YOU JOIN THE PTA & CONSIDER FILLING A BOARD POSITION.

WE ARE LOOKING TO FILL THE FOLLOWING PTA BOARD POSITIONS

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
FOLLOWING:

WAY & MEANS COORDINATOR
PUBLICITY & OUTREACH
COORDINATOR
COMMUNICATIONS
MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
HISTORIAN

NLABCPTA@GMAIL.COM



NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC ADVISORY BOARD

THE MISSION OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO UPHOLD THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE ANCHORAGE BASIC CURRICULUM AT NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC AS DEFINED IN THE APPROVED PROGRAM PROPOSAL AND TO ADVISE, CONSULT AND ASSIST THE SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE NLABC PROGRAM.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS OF ADVISORY BOARD APPLICANTS

HAVE A MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE AT NLABC AND
UNDERSTAND THE PHILOSOPHY AND
HISTORY OF NLABC

HAVE AT LEAST 1 YEAR OF
EXPERIENCE OF ACTIVELY
VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR NLABC PTA
WHO WE SUPPORT

1 -2 YEAR COMMITMENT

COMMITMENT OF 2 HOURS A
WEEK, MUST NOT MISS MORE
THAN 2 MEETINGS

HAVE AT LEAST 1 YEAR OF
EXPERIENCE OF VOLUNTEERING
WITH OUR NLABC PTA

NLABCBOARD@GMAIL.COM



NORTHERN LIGHTS ABC PTA BOARD

If you want to help build experiences, raise funds, and speak on the behalf of more than 600 kids, then the Northern Lights ABC PTA Board NEEDS YOU! Our MISSION is to enrich and maximize the educational experience of every NLABC student and consistently engage all members of the Northern Lights ABC family through Socializing, Fundraising, Supporting and Advocating.

BE INVOLVED. BE ACTIVE. BE THE DIFFERENCE. BE PART OF OUR PTA!

HELP WANTED!

VICE PRESIDENT *Partner in Crime*

So you'd like to get more involved in the school parent group, but you're not sure you're ready to take the lead role? Our vice president position has your name written all over it! You'll learn behind-the-scenes intel and be



part of decisionmaking on important issues throughout the year. You'll help the president get things done—kind of like a superhero's sidekick, but without the silly costume.



HELP WANTED!

SECRETARY *Fact Finder*

Be honest—you're the one in your friend group who filled out every page in your child's baby book...at the right time, no less. If you're the kind of person who documents everything, from your toddler's first steps to how far you jogged yesterday, we have the perfect role for you. You'll get to put your stellar



recordkeeping skills and attention to detail to good use as our parent group secretary. You must have good listening and computer skills—and extra credit if you can follow what's on TV and play Candy Crush at the same time.

WE ALSO NEED TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
- SECRETARY
- VP - VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
- VP - WAYS & MEANS (FUNDRAISING)
- VP - PROGRAMS & EVENTS
- VP - ROOM PARENT COORDINATOR
- VP - MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR
- VP - PUBLICITY AND OUTREACH BUSINESS COORDINATOR
- VP - COMMUNICATIONS
- VP - HISTORIAN

HELP WANTED!

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR *Team Cheerleader*

Our parent group does a lot more than fundraising, but let's face it, without fundraising, we wouldn't be able to do much. We're seeking an upbeat, detail-oriented parent to coordinate our fundraising efforts this year. The ideal candidate is able to motivate students and parents, can think on her feet, and can handle last-minute surprises without totally freaking out (like product deliveries getting delayed because of a freak weather event—but, really, there's almost no chance of that happening again...right?).



Northern Lights ABC

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HELP WANTED!

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Social Networker

Are you a people person who isn't afraid to strike up a conversation with a stranger? We're looking for a volunteer coordinator to recruit helpers for parent group programs and events and to help parents find the best way to plug in to our school community. If you are enthusiastic (without being high-pressure) and understanding of parents' many time constraints, raise your hand and help us do even more great things for our school!



**IF YOU CAN HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL GREAT, PLEASE EMAIL
NLABCPTA@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION**



HELP NLABC EARN MONEY, JUST BY DOING WHAT YOU ALREADY DO!

SHOP ON AMAZON, JUST LINK YOUR ACCOUNT TO OUR SCHOOL & AMAZON GIVES
BACK 0.5% ON YOUR ELIGIBLE PURCHASES TO OUR SCHOOL!



COMPUTER

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/92-0065531>
2. Login using your existing Amazon account or register for a new account.
3. Under "Pick your own charitable organization" search for **Northern Lights Elementary ABC PTA**
4. Remember to buy your Amazon purchases through smile.amazon.com & NOT through the regular Amazon site.
5. It is helpful to create a bookmark or add to your favorites for a shortcut.



AMAZON APP

1. Get the Amazon App either in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android.
2. Open App & login to your existing Amazon account or register for a new account.
3. Simply tap on "AmazonSmile" within the Programs & Features menu or Settings and follow the on-screen instructions.
4. Under "Pick your own charitable organization" search for **Northern Lights Elementary ABC PTA**.
5. Remember to renew your Amazon Smile twice a year when prompted by Amazon.

BE SURE TO SHARE:
WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, AUNTS,
UNCLES, GRANDPARENTS,
GRANDFRIENDS, AND BUSINESSES.
THEY DO NOT EVEN HAVE TO LIVE IN
ALASKA! ANYONE WITH AN AMAZON
ACCOUNT, CAN SIGNUP & HELP OUR
SCHOOL!



Thank you for
supporting
Northern Lights
ABC School!



21-22 NLABC MIDDLE SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

WE ARE PROUD TO BE NLABC TIGERS



- Friday, November 5 ~ Camo Day ~

Where did all the middle schoolers go? We can't see them!

- Friday, December 3 ~ Ugly Sweater Theme
- Friday, January 21 ~ Wear Your Favorite Sports Team Apparel
- Friday, February 11 ~ Valentine's Day Theme
- Friday, March 18 ~ Superhero Theme
- Friday, April 22 ~ Home Room Wars

On each spirit day, homerooms with 100% participation will earn a ticket to be entered to win a pizza party after the April 22 spirit day. The winning homeroom teacher will also receive a \$50 gift card to their choice of Kaladi Brothers or Amazon. The more tickets earned, the greater your homeroom chances are to WIN!

On April 20th, Homeroom Wars will take place. The judges will be considering theme, participation involvement, creativity, ambiance, and enthusiasm, to decide on the winning Homeroom class. The winning homeroom, will not only have bragging rights, but will also win a pizza party & rootbeer floats, as well as the homeroom teacher will win a \$50 gift card to Amazon!

* Dates & Themes subject to changes*

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Thanksgiving Feast

K - 6 Parent's Guide: Everything you need to know



Preparing Your Student

For the day of the celebration on Wednesday, November 24th

Our Thanksgiving Celebration is one of the most joyous and memorable days you will have at Northern Lights ABC! Please help your student prepare for our special day by helping them select an Early American Historical Figure (1600 - 1800). They can dress up and honor them with a prepared and rehearsed speech about their life, their significant contributions they made to America and briefly explain why your child chose this person. Your student will receive more details about this from their teacher. This is a closed celebration for staff, students and authorized volunteers only.

1

CHOOSE

An early American Historical Figure (1600 - 1800) to represent on Feast Day.

2

SPEECH

Have your student write & rehearse a 1 min. speech about their historical figure.

3

DRESS UP

Wear something on Feast Day to represent your American historical figure.



DONATE

We are in need of 500 6oz & 16.9oz Water Bottles

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.



VOLUNTEER

We are looking for volunteers! Per ASD guidelines only authorized volunteers who are signed up will be allowed to attend this event. As soon as you sign up to volunteer you will need to go to: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18673> to access the mandatory volunteer application and waiver forms. Turn this paperwork into the front office ASAP. ASD must have time to vet all volunteers through their system. Sign up to volunteer at: <https://signup.com/go/pVVFCOh>

HISTORY OF THE THANKSGIVING FEAST TRADITION AT NLABC

Our Annual Northern Lights ABC Thanksgiving Feast started in 1978, when our school was founded. Originally, the parents would cook several turkeys and homemade side dishes served family style. Over time, to accommodate our growth, we have made a few changes but are proud to carry on the traditional of this special event. We come together as a NLABC family to celebrate the establishment of our great nation, The United States of America. Northern Lights ABC Thanksgiving Celebration is an opportunity for us to reinforce our Character Building Blocks and the positive objectives we practice here at Northern Lights ABC.



COSTUME SWAP RACK

Please don't feel as though you need to buy a costume, we encourage creativity by using the items you already have. This year we have a costume swap rack located in the school foyer. Please feel free to leave an outgrown item for another student to use, or use one you find on the rack.

November 24 Feast Day Schedule of Events

10 a.m. Classroom Parade
 11 a.m Thanksgiving Program
 11:30 a.m. Students eat lunch in classroom
 12:00 p.m. Recess
 2:00 p.m. K- 6 Activities in classrooms
 2:45 p.m. All Students Dismissed
 Have a wonderful break!

COVID MODIFICATIONS

To be able to continue our Feast traditions, a few changes must take place this year. Instead of our school parade, each classroom will host their own parade and speeches. We are asking **every student bring a lunch** to eat in their classrooms as a small community. Instead of the school movie, each classroom will be hosting their own activities.

A Day of Thanks & Giving

Middle School Parent's Guide: Everything you need to know

Middle School Day of Thanks & Giving

Wednesday, November 24th



This year we are making a few modifications to the role our middle schoolers play at our Thanksgiving Feast. Traditionally, our middle schoolers help serve our Thanksgiving Feast to the kids in K -6. This year, without our traditional feast taking place, due to Covid, we are going to change things up.

In honor of keeping with the theme of giving, we are going to have each homeroom come together and put together a Thanksgiving dinner basket through donate food items. We will give these baskets to military families whose loved one is away serving our country during the holidays.

On Wednesday, we will begin our day, sipping apple cider and hot cocoa while writing holiday cards (they will be provided) to deployed military members for "Operation Christmas Cards". Afterwards, we will have each homeroom put together all the items they brought in for the Thanksgiving Basket. At lunchtime, we will celebrate with pizza and a movie.

We are asking, every student brings \$3 for pizza. If you can donate more, to cover another student, this would be very appreciated.

If you have a connection to a business that would be interested in making either a monetary or food item donation, please have them reach out to us at nlabcppta@gmail.com or call/text (907) 242-0000.



DONATE

If you have any connections to a business who would be interested in making a tax deductible donation either monetary or any of the following items; turkeys, thanksgiving dinner food items, baskets, pizza, hot cocoa, apple cider, or holiday cards. As all donations would be extremely appreciated!



VOLUNTEER

We in need of a few volunteers to help us! Per ASD guidelines only authorized volunteers who are signed up will be allowed to attend this event. As soon as you sign up to volunteer you will need to go to: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18673> to access the mandatory volunteer application and waiver forms. Turn this paperwork into the front office ASAP. ASD must have time to vet all volunteers through their system. Sign up to volunteer at: <https://signup.com/go/pVVFCOh>

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SIGN-UP

Your student will sign-up in their home room to bring a food item to donate towards their Homeroom Thanksgiving Basket.

2

DONATE

Send in your donations. If you would like a tax-deductible receipt email our: NLABCPTA@TREASURER

3

BRING

Send in your food item please send your student to school with \$3 for the pizza lunch.



NLABC Spirit Week

December 13th-16th

***MONDAY-DRESS LIKE YOUR FAVORITE
BOOK CHARACTER***

TUESDAY- CAMO DAY

WEDNESDAY- BACKWARDS DAY

***Thursday-NLABC
Spirit Wear!***





Vaccine Clinics

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccine will be available. Only the Pfizer is authorized for children 5–17 years of age. Guardians must accompany children during the entire duration of their visit to the clinic.

All clinics are open to eligible staff, students, and community members. The first and second COVID-19 booster shots will be available. There will be no flu vaccines available during these events. The clinics will be walk-in only. Families are encouraged to [pre-register](#) if possible online.

Walk-in Clinics

Location: ASD Education Center, in the Atrium
5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99504

Time: 2 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 3	Tuesday, Nov. 9	Wednesday, Nov. 24
Thursday, Nov. 4	Wednesday, Nov. 10	Monday, Nov 29
Friday, Nov. 5	Monday, Nov. 22	Tuesday, Nov. 30
Monday, Nov. 8	Tuesday, Nov. 23	Wednesday, Dec. 1

Drive-through clinics

Chugiak High School:

Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Service High School:

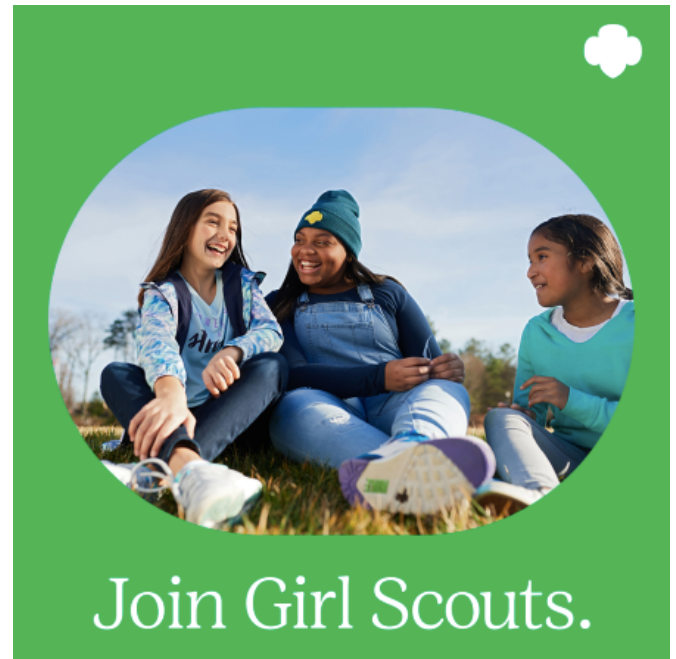
Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School:

Saturday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scan this QR code
to pre-register





Upcoming event with Girl Scouts of Alaska:

Aurora Alive

Nov. 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Delve into the mystery of the Aurora Borealis with the Museum of the North and an Aurora Specialist. Learn what the aurora is, why it happens, and make aurora art.

To fully participate in the aurora activity you will need black paper, colored chalk, a piece of stiff paper or cardstock, and scissors. (\$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Financial aid is available.)

Ready to join Girl Scouts? Join us today at www.girlscoutsalaska.org/join. Financial aid is available. Girls can register individually, or join a troop.

Or, become a volunteer! Prepare her for a lifetime of leadership, and be the mentor she needs. Check out ways to volunteer www.girlscoutsalaska.org/waystovolunteer

Questions? Contact customercare@girlscoutsalaska.org or 907-248-2250.

NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES FACTSHEET*



A new ordinance (law) passed by the Anchorage Assembly on June 20, 2019 makes it **unlawful for a driver of any vehicle to talk on a mobile communication device while driving a vehicle within an active school zone or on school grounds, unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.**

1

PURPOSE OF THE LAW

- Student safety is extremely important.
- Distracted driving is dangerous.
- Talking on a cell phone or mobile communication device is distracted driving and jeopardizes student safety in designated school zones.



2

TERMS USED IN THE NEW LAW

A **mobile communication device** is a cellular phone, smart phone, personal data assistant, wireless tablet, computer, or any similar device used for voice or visual communication.

An **active school zone** is a school zone with signage between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and where the maximum speed is 25 miles per hour or less on the streets permanently or due to a temporary speed reduction indicated by flashing school zone lights.

A **hands-free device** is a phone with speaker capability, an attachment, or other piece of equipment that allows the use of the device without either of the operator's hands.



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THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS IN THE LAW

- A vehicle is **stopped** OR a mobile communication device is used with a **hands-free device**.
- A mobile communication device is **used to dial 911** and make an emergency call.
- An operator of an **authorized emergency vehicle** is using a mobile communication device while acting in an official capacity.

*This fact sheet is provided as a courtesy to the public to highlight provisions of the law; it is not the law. For specific details of the law and the requirements or prohibitions in the law, please refer to the text of the ordinance (AO No. 2019-51(S)am) or Anchorage Municipal Code section 9.28.055.

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NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES FACTSHEET (CONT.)



4 CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

- A \$500 fine, or
- A class A misdemeanor if a person's driving causes physical injury or death to another person.

5 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- **Why isn't talking on cell phones banned while driving everywhere in Alaska?** The State of Alaska has preempted Anchorage's right to ban talking on a cell phone while driving, but reading or typing a text message while driving is prohibited statewide.
- **Can I call my student when I'm there to pick them up?** Yes, if your car is stopped, then you can call your student on your cell phone. Or, you may call your student on a hands-free device.
- **Do these rules apply *only* when the school zone lights are flashing?** No! Most schools don't have flashing lights. These rules apply in an active school zone, where the speed limit is 25 mph or less, even if temporarily indicated by the flashing lights, and is designated by the signs posted that say "School Zone". If the speed limit is never reduced to 25 mph or less, the street is not in an active school zone and the rules don't apply even if there are signs.
- **How can I be sure if I am in a place where I can legally use my cell phone?** If you are unsure, don't use your cell phone! Pull over, stop, and use your cell phone when you are not driving.



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If you have additional questions, your Assembly Member's contact information may be found at www.Muni.org/Assembly.

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](#)

- [0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities](#)

The School Board is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination based on sex, race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, physical or mental disability, Vietnam era veteran status, genetic information, good faith reporting to the board on a matter of public concern, or any other unlawful consideration. The Board shall promote programs which ensure that discriminatory practices are eliminated in all District activities.

Character Building Blocks



Friendship Responsibility

Respect Perseverance

Patriotism Generosity

Compassion Tolerance

Courage Honesty

Self-Discipline Humility

Self-Confidence Work

Independence Helpfulness

Sportsmanship Loyalty

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PERSEVERANCE- Determination, Persistence, Steadfast

PATRIOTISM- Devotion to and vigorous support of your country



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