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,

I hope you survived our very chilly November. As we move into December and the ending of our first semester, I'd like to remind you to let the office know if your child will be absent. You can either call or email our office. Please let your child's teacher know as well.

We have been busy with our FastBridge and MAP testing. Our testing window closes on December 10th. Information will be available after the testing window for you to look at and teachers will be sharing this information with you.

Our lottery will open on February 1st. If you have a sibling that will be joining NLABC, be sure to sign them up for the lottery and mark the sibling preference.

We have some amazing things happening now at our school. Our Girl Scout troop is organizing donations of bedding to go to help those at Clare House. Our middle school students prepared 10 boxes of food for the YMCA Armed Forces division. Our character building blocks have been generosity and compassion. It is very rewarding to see our students demonstrating these character traits. We have been reading the 2nd graders writings of how they show generosity and compassion over the intercom during our morning announcements.

I urge you to join our PTA or ABC Board. We need our parents' support and help to make NLABC a great place to learn and to do fun activities. Please let me know if you are interested in helping for a few hours a month. Many hands make light work.

We will have our ALICE drill on December 7th. Students will not be evacuating the building during this drill. A separate letter was sent home regarding the drill. If you have questions, please email me at duff_tammy@asdk12.org.

Have a wonderful week.

Partners in Education, Tammy Duff Principal

Dates to Remember

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 Gruening 9:00am
12/14/21	Middle School Spirit Day- Ugly Holiday Sweater Theme
12/17/21-	No School- In-Service Day
12/20/21-12/31/21-	Winter Break
1/3/21-	Digital Tiger Reading Logs (due by the end of the school day 1/5/21)
1/5/22-	Basketball Practice begins 2:45pm - 4:00pm
1/6/22-	Q2 Academic Zoom Awards Assembly Middle School 8:45am
1/7/22-	Q2 Academic Zoom Awards Assembly Primary 8:45am
1/7/22-	Q2 Academic Zoom Awards Assembly Intermediate 9:30am
1/17/22-	No School- Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
1/21/22-	Middle School Spirit Day- Favorite Sports Team Apparel
1/28/22-	RWB Zoom Assembly Intermediate 8:45am
1/28/22-	RWB Zoom Assembly Primary 9:30am







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. <u>Before testing, parents will receive a call from the nurse to obtain consent for testing.</u>
- 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/pto4-2/messages/attachments/4f6f45ab68d2420a4215e2961c54d682/Covid Registration QR Code.pdf

messages/attachments/ba2dc4846fb7daa21ad411c00c1264b7/Patient Registration for ASD Covid Testing.pdf

If you are in need, or you can donate...

Food Bank Information

Find a Free Food Pantry in Anchorage | Get Help with Food in Anchorage, Alaska

Neighborhood Gift



Anchorage GIFT - Alaska Division

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 winterthemed songs for our winter singalong.

6th-8th Choir

Our choir students are working hard preparing for their concert. Parents, emails were sent with details including specific ensemble report times and RSVP links. We currently do not have a volunteer to record the concert for those unable to attend. Your students are going to do a great job, and we are looking forward to the performance.

Anchorage Honor Choir

We are so proud of all our 5th and 6th grade students who auditioned for the Anchorage Honor Choir! Congratulations to the following students, who will be performing with the Honor Choir at their concert in March: Julinna Thompson, Audrey Lomboy, Sarah Benton, Shelby Haag, Daniel Muldoon, Kira Ernest, and Anna Evanson.

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

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.



LIBRARY NEWS

It has been a busy past few weeks in the library!

All Kindergarten through 6th grade students helped to make our Generosity Quilt. We explored the character building block for Generosity by reading Extra Yarn in K-1st, The Quiltmaker's Gift in 2-4th, and a news article about a very generous father and daughter in 5-6th. Each square has a word, picture, or pattern that shows the meaning of generosity. It came out beautifully, and it shows the generous spirit of our students. Be sure to take a look when you visit!



We also learned about and discussed A.L.I.C.E. drills. In K-2nd grade classes, we read I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared. In the story, the characters call it a "sheep, shepherd, wolf" drill. We emphasized the importance of stopping and listening right away during all drills. In 3-6th grade classes, in addition to reviewing A.L.I.C.E., we talked about why survival stories are so interesting. We discussed how the stories are more dramatic and exciting when the characters are unprepared. We agreed that we would NOT want to be in a dramatic or exciting situation; we want to be prepared with a plan, practice, and proper supplies.

Mrs. Holley and I are beginning to send home overdue notices, so please be on the lookout for missing books. Students are welcome to return books before or after school and during open checkout on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

T.I.G.E.R. Reading is due this week, and thank you for using the new Google form. It really helps the process of tallying all the pages go smoothly. Once you click "submit" on the form, the information goes directly into a handy spreadsheet. You can find the link along with blank log sheets on the library page of our school website. https://www.asdk12.org/Page/11563

If you have any questions about lost or overdue books, T.I.G.E.R. reading, or what your child has been learning about during library, feel free to reach me at pierce andrew@asdk12.org.

Happy Reading, Mr. Pierce



Attention 8th Grade Parents!

As you know, your child is nearing the end of their years here at NLABC. It is a tradition that we dedicate pages to our 8th graders in our yearbook.

Mrs. Easton is putting together our yearbook and is requesting that each family email her a baby picture of your child along with the name of the student. This is always a fun look back at how much they've grown and a milestone as they transition into high school.

Please email your child's picture to <u>Easton Miriam@asdk12.org</u> by January 14, 2022. This is the deadline as she needs time to prepare the pages before publishing.

Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing these pages in our yearbook!

Thank you, Alaska Waste!

Alaska Waste donated a 64 gallon toter for our school emergency kit!



Looking for some family fun?

Want to brighten a dark winter night?

Anchorage Zoo is offering its annual light festival beginning on 26 November. Click here for more information.

https://www.alaskazoo.org/zoo-lights-2021-2022

GINGERBREAD VILLAGE AT THE CAPTAIN COOK

<u> Gingerbread Village – at The Hotel Captain Cook</u>



Q- Matt had 60 gingerbread cookies and ate 30 of them. What does he have now?

A- A tummy ache.

Celebrate Winter Solstice at Cuddy Family Park on 12/21/21! https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/winter solstice festival.aspx

The Anchorage Museum has free admission on the first Friday of each month from 6-9p.

Parking not included. https://www.anchoragemuseum.org/visit/hours-tickets/

Reminders

We Need Noon Duties

We have immediate openings for noon duties at NLABC. You would work for approximately 2 hours a day with the students in the lunch room and outside. The hours are 10:50am-12:50 pm. If you can only help for a couple of days a week, we would appreciate it!

Unfortunately, you cannot bring younger children with you for the position. You can apply at www.asdk12.org and it is job # 9807 – Service Area Temporaries.

Lottery Change/Reminder

The ASD Lottery will open in February 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.

Volunteers

All volunteers are required to fill out a volunteer aplication 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

Lost and Found

Please come in and check out the Lost & Found in the foyer. We have quite a bit of winter gear, coats, hats, etc. We will be donating whatever is still here after December 16th.



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.

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	e note: An approved Aximately \$75.00	American flag to honor ou	ur community's fallen heroes costs
	Our family,		would like to support the
	• ,	_ American Flag(s) to ho	nor our community's heroes
2.	Instead we would li	ke to contribute \$ flags for our fallen veter	to the special NLABC fund ans & 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



THANKSGIVING FEAST GRATITUDES

ELEMENTARY

Thank you to all of our staff, parents, and students who invested time to learn and represent a historical figure of importance and those who participated in our annual Thanksgiving Feast! Even in the midst of covid, with all of our modifications, it was such a joy to bring back our feast and to share, learn and grow together as a community.

We also want to thank all of you who signed up to help with our Thanksgiving Feast! Although, we did not need all of you, we appreciate you being willing to volunteer to help make our annual Thanksgiving Feast a success!

A special thank you to our photographers and videographers, for capturing this treasured tradition; Terre Kimble, Cheryl Holden, Deborah Sigala, and Katya Scordino.

A BIG THANK YOU also goes to our noon recess duties who braved the bitter cold to give our hardworking teachers a break; Lindy Jeppson, Jill Marlatt, Kara Solsvig, Bonnie Lommel, Colleen Bayas, Kyle Marlatt, Mychal Wilson, Kyler Forth, Amanda Geisdorf, Valeria Phillips, Amber Forth, Daniela McMahon and Tom Kimble.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are so very proud of our middle school! While they did not participate in the capacity as they typical do in our Thanksgiving Feast, they still were able to continue on their tradition of giving and serving others.

Each middle school student brought in a food item to contribute to their homeroom's Thanksgiving Food Basket. Every homeroom also beautifully decorated their baskets. With so much giving, and Ms. Coffman's homeroom students each donating \$2\$ to purchase 2 turkeys and the very generous donation of 5 turkeys, from our former principal, Ms. Wallace, they had enough food to make **10 Thanksgiving**



Thanksgiving Baskets

Food Baskets! These baskets were donated to our hard-working, dedicated, and selfless military families in our community. Our middle schoolers also spent time writing Christmas cards to deployed military service members while sipping hot apple cider.

We want to thank the following volunteers for making this day of Thanks and Giving so fun; Kim Griffith and Patrick Matthew. A special thanks to Brian Whitson, Sandra and Rick Nunes for picking up the stacks & stacks of pizzas and transporting them to our school for the middle school lunch.

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

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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.



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.

WE ARE LOOKING TO FILL THE FOLLOWING PTA BOARD POSITIONS

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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
FOLLOWING:

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

NLABCPTA@GMAIL.COM

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

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



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 eventbut, really, there's almost no chance of that happening again...right?).

Northern Lights ABC everychild.one voice.

HELP WANTED! VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR Social Networker

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

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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
- 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.
- 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.

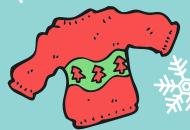
BE SURE TO SHARE:
WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, AUNTS,
UNCLES, GRANDPARENTS,
GRANDFRIENDS, AND BUSINESSES.
THEY DO NOT EVEN HAVE TO LIVE IN
ALASKA! ANYONE WITH AN AMAZON
ACCOUNT, CAN SIGNUP & HELP OUR
SCHOOL!



Thank you for supporting Northern Lights ABC School!











TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

IT'S TIME TO ROCK

Ugly Holiday ***** Sweaters***

Each homeroom with 100% participation including the teacher, will be entered in a drawing to win a pizza party in May & the winning homeroom teacher wins a \$50 gift card to Amazon, Kaladi Brothers or Cabela's







SPONSORED BY YOUR NLABC PTA
NLABC DRESS CODES AND RULES STILL APPLY

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, home rooms with 1002 participation will earn a ticket to be entered to win a pina party after the April 22 spirit day. The winning home room teacher will also receive a \$50 gift card to their choice of kaladi Brothers or Amazon. The more tickets earned, the greater your home room chances are to WIN!

On April 20th. Home Toom Wars will take place. The judges will be considering theme, participation involvement. Creativity, ambiance, and enthusiasm, to decide on the winning Home Toom class. The winning home Toom, will not only have bragging rights, but will also win a pirta party 4 700 theer floats, as well as the home Toom teacher will win a \$50 gift card to Amazon!

* Dates & Themes subject to changes *

SPONSORED BY YOUR NLABC PTA



Girl Scout Troop 315 is collecting the following items for Clare House in Anchorage:



- NEW twin size sheets
- NEW twin size blankets
- NEW standard size pillows

Please bring your items to the collection box in the foyer of Northern Lights ABC School

November 29 - December 10

Thank you for helping the families at Clare House have sweet dreams this holiday season.





NLABC 7/8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

IT'S GAME TIME



Boys Basketball starts January 5th, 2022 Go to: https://www.asdkl2.org/domain/4080, on our school website.

There you will find the packet that needs to be completed and turned into the front office before you can play.















AO NO. 2019 51(S), AS AMENDED

MUNLORG/ASSEMBLY

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.

3 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.

Reviewed by the Municipality of Anchorage Legal Department

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 Sevices

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

December 2021

GENEROSITY- The quality of being kind, understanding \$ unselfish

COMPASSION- Wanting to help someone who needs help



-End of Newsletter-