



Nunaka Valley News

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Welcome to our
new librarian,
Ms. Guldin



and our new
3rd grade
teacher Mrs.
Stewart.

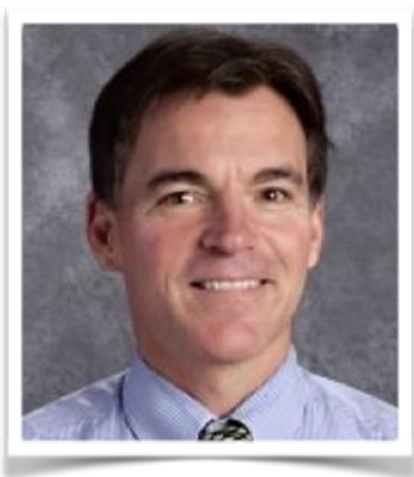


and our new
preschool teacher,
Ms. Draeger



**Every Friday
is Spirit Day
at Nunaka
Valley.**

**Wear your
Bear Pride
T-shirt to
show your
spirit.**



Dear Parents,

We're off to a great start this school year! Lots of exciting things going on here already. I look forward to seeing everyone next week at Open House on Thursday at 5:30 PM in the GYM.

One of our early tasks this fall here on campus has been to assess all of our K-5 students in reading. Students in grades K-2 participated in AIMSweb screening, and our 3-5 graders all took the MAP test.

AIMSweb: Grades K-2

The assessment measures early literacy, early numeracy, and math computation in grades K-2. The results are used to measure learning status and growth within the school year, to support identification of students who are at-risk and in need of interventions and/or enrichment, and for program evaluation and accountability.

MAP Growth: Grades 3-12

The assessment measures students' achievement on the standards and is designed to provide detailed information to better inform classroom instruction to include identifying students in need of intervention or acceleration. MAP Growth shows how much growth has occurred between testing events and projects proficiency on PEAKS.

Teachers will soon be sharing the results of our school-wide fall assessments. We'll use these results to better address the individual learning needs of all students. It will also help us formulate our WIN (What I Need) intervention groups. I encourage all parents to monitor their student's progress and standing relative to grade-level benchmark throughout the year.

As always, please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
Timothy Blake
Principal, Nunaka Valley Elementary



COACH'S CORNER



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W.I.N. Groups

W.I.N. stands for "What I Need." For 40 minutes each day classes will be broken down into smaller W.I.N. groups. The majority of these groups will be focused on building reading fluency and comprehension. If your child is meeting grade level expectations in all areas of reading, he/she may be placed in a group that focuses on a different area of need.

Our W.I.N. staff this year includes Kathy Bostock (Reading Interventionist), Teresa Bishop (AEL), Karen Gauthier (Title VI), all classroom teachers and kindergarten teaching assistants. Special education teachers and teaching assistants may also be working with groups during this time.

Data, data, data!

We have been very busy these last few weeks getting to know your child(ren)'s reading levels. All kindergarten children have taken an assessment that measures their knowledge of letter names and letter sounds. All first grade students have taken an assessment that measures their ability to read 2 or 3 letter nonsense (made-up) words using their knowledge of phonics. All second grade students have taken a reading fluency test that measures how many words they can read correctly in one minute. All students in grades 3-5 have taken the MAP reading and math test.

All students in grade 2 will also complete a comprehensive phonics screening assessment one-on-one. Currently we are done with about half of these assessments. After second grade is complete, we will assess all students in grades 3-5 that are struggling with reading.

Why do we complete so many assessments?

We do this so we can create a plan for every child that addresses his or her own individual needs in reading. These plans will be carried out by the classroom teacher, their "Walk-to-Read" teacher (if different from their classroom teacher, special education, Indian Education, ELA, and other reading instruction staff.

We will meet in teams this Wednesday to look at each child's data to determine the best W.I.N. group placement. If you are interested in learning about your child's data, feel free to contact their classroom teacher or me. We are happy to share current levels and things you can do at home to support your child's learning.



CRYSTAL STEWART...

Hello! My name is Crystal Stewart. I am currently teaching 3rd grade, and I am excited to be part of the Nunaka Valley team. I have previously taught 2nd and 3rd grades in Texas. I moved here last year with my husband, two children and my cat Peaches. I have been enjoying the beautiful Alaskan weather and am looking forward to playing in the snow again. It is my goal to instill a love of learning in all of my students and to ensure they have a positive experience at school.

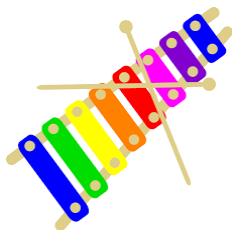


MEGEN DRAEGER...

Hi Nunaka Valley Family! I am thrilled to be a part of this amazing team. A little about myself... My name is Megen Draeger and I am 30 years old. I have a 10-year-old daughter (Jamie), a dog (Boo) and a cat (Missy). I was born and raised in Alaska and love the outdoors. My passions are child development, teaching, being a mom, arts and crafts, four wheeling, camping, hiking, fishing and learning something new every day! This summer I spent most of my time camping at my cabin in Soldotna.

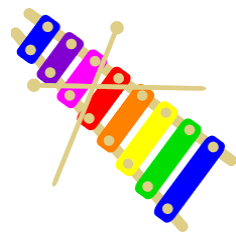
I graduated from the University of Alaska Anchorage with a teaching degree in Early Childhood Education and obtained a minor in Early Childhood Special Education. This is my first-year teaching, and I love the group of kiddos that I have the opportunity to teach. Last year I did my student teaching at Ravenwood Elementary in a first-grade classroom. I have also done many placements in pre-school settings.

I believe that children need to feel safe and loved to be successful in social, language and cognitive areas. My goal this year is to build trusting relationships with my students, ensure they feel safe and create an engaging/fun classroom environment.



Nunaka Choir

Grades 3-5 Permission slip
Teacher- Mrs. Downie



When..

Mondays and Tuesdays

9/17/2018 to 12/10/2018

Time..

3:35-4:05 p.m. both days

1.Singers will need to be at every practice unless excused in order to perform and go on field trips.

2.Singers will need to be kind , safe and respectful in practices in order to perform or go on field trips.

3.Singers will need to be picked up by 4:15p.m. If there are three late pick ups, the singer will no longer be in choir.



Yes, _____ can join the choir.
(child's name)

Grade _____ Teacher's Name _____

Parent or guardian's phone number and email

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent or Guardian's
Signature(required) _____

Thank you !!



Thursday, September 20th

1

SCHOOL PICTURES

Will be on
October 15th

2

CONFERENCES

will be
October 25 & 26

3

NO SCHOOL

October 19 and 26
Professional
Development days



**REGISTRATION
OPEN NOW!**

**SEASON BEGINS
SEPT 24, 2018**

**Ages: 8-12
U10-U12**

Boys & Girls Clubs - Alaska

FALL VOLLEYBALL

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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SPORTSMANSHIP TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT
BGC ATHLETICS

ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS – ALASKA VOLLEYBALL

The Goal with the Boys & Girls Clubs - Alaska Volleyball program is to provide its Members a safe, healthy, fun, and meaningful experience via regularly scheduled practices and games.

For more information on the Fall 2018 Boys & Girls Clubs - Alaska Volleyball Season, please visit athletics.bgcakalaska.org or call (907) 248-5437.

IMPORTANT DATES

Discounted Registration	June 1, 2018
Late Registration	September 10, 2018
Preseason Parents Meeting	September 17, 2018
Preseason Coaches Meeting	September 18, 2018
Practices Begin	September 24, 2018
Games Begin	Week of October 8, 2018
Season Ends	November 16, 2018
Postseason Parents Meeting	November 26, 2018
Postseason Coaches Meeting	November 27, 2018



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INDOOR SOCCER

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The Goal with the Boys & Girls Clubs - Alaska Indoor Soccer program is to provide its Members a safe, healthy, fun, and meaningful experience via regularly scheduled practices and games.

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Late Registration	September 10, 2018
Preseason Parents Meeting	September 19, 2018
Preseason Coaches Meeting	September 20, 2018
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Games Begin	Week of October 8, 2018
Season Ends	November 16, 2018
Postseason Parents Meeting	November 28, 2018

Nunaka Valley Elementary

Permission Slip

Activity: Flag Football (**Grades 4-5**)



Dates: Flag Football will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday 9/5
- Thursday 9/6
- Wednesday 9/12
- Thursday 9/13
- Wednesday 9/19
- Thursday 9/20
- Wednesday 9/26
- Thursday 9/27

Practice Time: 3:30-4:30

Practice Place: Nunaka Valley Field or Gym

Activity Coordinator: Mr. Mead

Note: Nunaka Valley brothers and sisters **may not** stay and watch practice unless accompanied by their parent(s).

A flag football Jamboree will take place at the end of our season. Jamboree Date is TBA. A separate permission slip will come out for the Jamboree.

If you have any questions please call Nunaka Valley at (907) 742-0366, or contact Mr. Mead via e-mail: mead_david@asdk12.org

Cut and return to Mr. Mead

I, _____, give permission for my child,
Parent/Guardian Printed Name

_____, to participate in **Flag Football**.
Student Name

I understand that certain risks are involved in any sporting activity and I release the activity coordinators, and the Anchorage School District from any responsibility should an injury occur.

() I will pick up my child at 4:30.

Please pick up at South entrance of building by loading dock

() My child will return to Camp Fire at 4:30.

() My child will return to 21st Century at 4:30.

() My child has permission to walk home. **Students who usually ride the bus may not walk home.**

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Hi! I'm Mrs. Dearborn

Counseling is an absolute *passion* of mine! I'm excited to work with you, your *child*, and your child's teacher as Nunaka Valley's *Counselor*. It's going to be a year full of fun *learning* and lots of *adventures*.

I thought you might like to know a little about *me* and the school counseling program (see the other side of this paper). *Counseling* has always been my career. I've spent 24 years in the *wonderful* world of social emotional learning. I began this adventure at *Willow* Elementary, one year at Begich Middle School and this year marks the beginning of my 1st year at Nunaka Valley.



I'm married to an amazing man, and between the two of us, *like heartbeats*, and I have 4 *children*: Wyatt (20), Ryan (18), Blake (16), & Charlie (7). We also have a step dog named, *Roy*.

This will be my *twenty-fifth* year with the Anchorage School District. It is my mission to help your child be a member of a loving, caring, safe learning environment, where all people matter & are included in our *school family*. Please let me know if you have any *questions* or concerns throughout the school year. *Communication* is key and I'm always happy to hear from you! I look forward to a great year together!



A few OF MY favorites:



COLOR:	Pink! light pink, HOT pink...any pink
SEASON:	Summer & Fall
FOOD:	Chicken & rice
DRINK:	Kaladi Brothers coffee
SONG:	Tim McGraw's <i>Humble and Kind</i>
BOOK:	Any of Dr. Becky Bailey's books, including <i>Shubert is a Star</i> , <i>Shubert Gets the Best</i> , and <i>Shubert Rants and Raves</i>
SPORT:	Baseball, Swimming & Running!

Nunaka's Counseling Program

This year, *Nunaka's Counseling Program* with *Mrs. Dearborn* has some exciting opportunities in store for your child and family!

1. We'll be fostering & supporting a *safe and positive* school climate where all students are respected & valued as individuals and as members of our School Family.
2. We'll continue to provide *Social Emotional Learning* lessons in the classroom that enhance academic, personal/social development of skills needed for everyday life.
3. Your child's teacher and I will be doing our very best to get (or keep) your children in the higher centers of their brain, learning about the brain & how to move from the lower centers to the higher executive functions! We will become *brain smart* & learn the brain smart principles.
4. We will be providing *small group* counseling experiences at lunch/recess to build personal development & leadership skills.
5. I'll be working with your child on learning *Kelso's Choices* & understanding the difference between a *BIG problem* & a *small problem*.
6. Counseling lessons will stress the importance of building our School Family & valuing each *unique member*.

If you would like to *volunteer* to help at the school, please let me know. I'd *love* to have you. I'm ready and *excited* about this coming year and committed to making our school a positive, safe, loving learning environment.

Your Counselor,
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