

February 16, 2024 Newsletter

Scenic Park Elementary

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Message from the Principal

Hello Scenic Park Families,

The days are getting longer, and the sun is shining. Let's hope the groundhog is correct in his prediction of Spring being around the corner. As we finish up the third quarter and move into testing, it is more important than ever that your child is at school and on time. Since returning from Winter Break (5 weeks), we have had **over 1000 students tardy** and **12% of our students absent**. Tardies and absences not only play a huge role in your child's learning, but also affect the routines in the classroom. Scenic Park is working on a school wide attendance/tardy incentive to help our students attend to achieve. We appreciate your support!

A huge shout out to Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. List, our Scenic Park PTO and the UAA Seawolves for supporting ice skating at Scenic Park. Our Skate-A-Thon fundraiser raised \$14,383. Those funds will be used to support the students, staff, and families of Scenic Park. Thank you, families, for your generous support. We will conclude ice skating for the year with our Family Skate Night, tonight, from 6:00-7:30. Come out and enjoy the fun!

The Anchorage School District online lottery system is open until March 21st. If you know of any families that live outside our zone and would be interested in attending Scenic Park, please have them apply for the lottery. <https://www.asdk12.org/lottery>

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for next week, February 20th-22nd. We will have an open house-style conference on Tuesday, February 20th from 4:00-6:00. Individual conferences can be scheduled following the conference scheduler link: <https://apps.asdk12.org/ConferenceScheduling/StudentScheduleStartExt.aspx> or reaching out to your child's teacher. Students will be dismissed on Wednesday and Thursday at 12:30.

The School Climate and Connectedness Survey is a voluntary statewide survey that measures school climate, how connected students feel to adults and peers, social and emotional learning, and observed risk behaviors at school and school events. Please take the time to complete this survey. We value your input. <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb/asdfamily>

Student and staff safety continues to be a top priority at Scenic Park. Along with our monthly fire evacuation drills, we will be conducting our quarterly ALICE Drill. We will practice our **ALICE Drill on Tuesday, March 5th**.

As we push through the last few weeks of the 3rd quarter, our Immersion students in 2nd grade through 5th grade will be participating in the STAMP test. This test will assess your child's reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in Chinese.

AK STAR testing begins March 26 - April 5th for our 3rd-5th graders. Please be sure your child is at school and well rested for the test. As always, thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Sincerely,
Marco Christian,
Principal

February 19th
No School, President's Day

February 20th, 21st, 22nd
Book Fair hours:

Feb. 20th 3:30pm-6:30pm
Feb. 21st 12:30pm-3:30pm
Feb. 22nd 12:30pm-3:30pm

February 21st/22nd
Parent/teacher
conferences. School
dismissal 12:30.

February 23rd
No school, in-service day

Important Announcement

PLC Mondays

Breakfast-9:40
First Bell- 9:50
Tardy Bell rings and
class begins - 10:00.
Dismissal- 3:30

Tues- Friday

Breakfast- 8:40
First bell- 8:50
Tardy bell rings and
class begins- 9:00.
Dismissal- 3:30

Message from the Nurse

It's National Children's Dental Health Month!

Join the Missing Tooth Club at Scenic Park. When your child loses a tooth at school, they can ask their teacher or the nurse for a tooth necklace and have their name placed on our club poster. When available, they will also receive a toothbrush and toothpaste to celebrate.

Protect those tiny teeth! Baby teeth are so important because of their key role of saving space for a child's permanent teeth. They stay in a child's mouth for 6-10 years and also affect their speaking, chewing, and, of course, smiling. Baby teeth can also indicate a child's overall quality of health. Untreated tooth decay can cause oral infections that enter the bloodstream and lead to other serious health problems, while also allowing bacteria to spread to new adult teeth. While brushing is important, the additional step of flossing will get to those pesky little areas that bacteria can hide in even after a good brushing.

Parents, did you know?

Early childhood tooth decay has become the most common chronic childhood disease, impacting more children than asthma. According to the ADA, more than 40% of children have tooth decay by the time they reach Kindergarten. Additionally, kids who suffer from poor oral health are three times more likely to miss school as a result of dental pain. For more on your children's dental health, visit www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/basics/childrens-oral-health

What you can do:

- Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.
- Help your child brush their teeth until they have good brushing skills.
If your child is younger than 6, watch them brush. Make sure they use a pea-sized amount of toothpaste and always spit it out rather than swallow.
- Ask your child's dentist to apply dental sealants when appropriate.
- Drink tap water that contains fluoride.



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JA-IN-A-DAY

Friday, April 12, 2024



Great news! We are bringing volunteers into classrooms to deliver Junior Achievement programs on financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. Students love JA for their interactive and fun lessons. Teachers love the way JA backs up core curriculum, encourages literacy, and provides a connection with the real world.

Here's what to expect:

- JA will provide the training and the JA kits have everything you need for a fun, interactive experience.
- Volunteers will deliver the 5-6 JA sections that make up their grade-appropriate JA program.
- Teachers remain in classroom all day to aid in classroom management as well as catch up on paperwork and planning.
- JA programs will take up the entire day, but younger grades may finish up early.



Sign up to volunteer !

www.engage.ja.org

Questions? Contact Rebecca at rhilton@ja-alaska.org