January 16, 2024 Newsletter

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Happy New Year Scenic Park Families!

I hope you all enjoyed the winter break with family and friends. It is great to be back at school and continue to observe the amazing learning happening at Scenic Park!

As we begin the second half of the school year, we will continue to focus our attention on student attendance and tardies. I can’t stress the importance of students attending school and arriving on time. Attendance and tardies will continue to be monitored throughout the remainder of the school year. We will utilize our School Resource Officers to help assist with this initiative. We appreciate your support in getting your child to school and on time.

Students will begin an ice-skating unit in PE class. Please see the flier with more information regarding appropriate gear for ice skating. We will culminate the ice-skating unit with our family skate night on Friday, January 26th, followed by our Skate-A-Thon. Please look for more information regarding these exciting events.

Thank you, families, for your patience and cooperation at student pickup/drop off. We’ve noticed it’s smoother both in the morning and afternoon. Again, thank you for your part in making this happen.

As always, thank you all for your continued support in your child’s education.

Sincerely,
Marco Christian,
Principal

Upcoming Events

January 15th
No School, Martin Luther King Day

January 19th
Family Movie Night
Flyer attached to this newsletter.

January 26th
Family Skate Night

February 2nd
Skate-A-Thon

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
News about Skating:

The ice rink is open for the season and conditions are just about right to have a great time. The Scenic Park staff and PTO have done great job helping get the ice rink up and running.

We will be kicking off 2024 with a skating unit in Physical Education classes. The three-week unit will be on the ice from Jan 22nd - Feb 9th (weather permitting). Skating can be a lot of fun and a great way to exercise but getting good at any endeavor will take practice.

When learning to skate, safety is always the number one concern. If you would like to send any safety equipment with your student(s) to school, that would be perfect. Helmets are a great idea for protection from the ice. Bike helmets work great if you don't have a hockey helmet. Students will need to dress in winter attire with gloves and hats (snow pants are always a good idea while on the ice). If student(s) have skates at home, feel free to bring them; please include guards.

It would be a huge help if any family member would be willing to assist with a class or just come and skate. **If you would like to volunteer or participate, YOU MUST fill out an ASD Volunteer application located at this link:** [https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13771](https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13771) The extra adult is nice to have especially with all the falling that will most likely happen. The K-2nd grade students will really need some extra time getting started. If you would like to come in or have questions, please contact Mr. Armstrong or homeroom teachers for PE times during the week.

Please come and skate with us!
Scott Armstrong
Linda List

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**Calendar for skating**

- **Armstrong**
  Email: armstrong_scott@asdk12.org

- **Jan 22nd - Feb 9th, skate outside**

- **List**
  Email: list linda@asdk12.org

- **Jan 22nd-26th, skate outside**

- **Jan 29th. Feb 2nd, skate outside**
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
January 19, 2024 @ Scenic Park Gym
- Doors open @6:00pm, movie starts @6:30pm.
- Bring a pillow and/or chair for comfortable seating. Food and snacks for purchase.
* Children must be accompanied by an adult.
* Adults must control and maintain custody of their children during the event. No roaming the hallways.