

March 23, 2023, Newsletter

Scenic Park Elementary

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Message from the Principal

Hello Scenic Park Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful Spring Break. It's hard to believe we are in the final quarter of the year. As we begin the 4th Quarter, I want to focus attention on attendance and tardiness. Tardiness disrupts instruction for the late students and the rest of the class. Please be sure that your child is at school and on time. Students enter the building at 8:50 and need to be in their classroom, ready to learn by 9:00am. Students not in their classrooms by the 9:00am bell will be marked tardy.

Regular attendance is expected of all students. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to read at grade level, earn passing grades in middle school, and graduate high school. Students need to be at school on time and ready to learn every day. If a student misses 10 percent or more of school days for any reason (excused or unexcused), he/she is considered to be chronically absent. This amounts to about two days of school per month. Chronic absence can have a negative impact on the academic and social progress of the absent student. If you have any questions regarding attendance/tardiness, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Each spring, Alaskan students are provided an opportunity to show what they know. When students show what they know, teachers and parents can partner to promote student success. AK STAR, the Alaska System of Academic Readiness, is comprised of English language arts and mathematics. These tests are administered to students in grades 3-9. The Alaska Science Assessment is administered to students in grades 5, 8 and 10. The purpose of a large-scale, summative assessment is to provide parents and schools with an overall picture of a student's progress in meeting the Alaska standards at grade level. Parents can locate resources for AK STAR test and the Alaska Science Assessment, including directions for Student Readiness (Practice Tests and Tutorials), student testing times and general assessment information on the ASD website at <https://www.asdk12.org/akstar>. Parents can also help by ensuring their children are well rested, eat a nutritious breakfast, and are at school on time for the days of testing. The testing window will be conducted between March 27th and April 7th.

The School Climate and Connectedness Survey is open until March 24th. If you haven't done so, please consider taking the survey at the following link: <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb/asdfamily>. We appreciate your feedback and input.

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

Sincerely,
Marco Christian,
Principal

Upcoming Events

March 27th

begins state testing. April 7th state testing ends.

April 7th

Family Movie Night - 7pm
See flier in this newsletter

April 13th

PTO Meeting, 3:45 pm

April 29th

Spring Carnival

Important Announcement

8:40- Students having breakfast only.

8:50- First bell rings, students enter building.

9:00- Tardy bell rings, classes begin.

11:15-1:05- Lunch schedule

3:30 - Dismissal

State "STAR" Testing
March 27 - April 7
Grades 3 - 5
Be ready by:

- Getting a good night sleep
- Eat a good breakfast
- Be in your seat by the 9 AM bell ready to begin

Message from the nurse:

This month's bulletin board theme is "Eat the Rainbow." Encouraging kids to eat fruits and veggies in all the colors of the rainbow. Eating healthy doesn't have to mean giving up your favorite foods. It simply means eating a variety of foods and cutting down on food and drinks high in fat and sugar such as sodas and sweets. Water is easy to overlook, but guidelines suggest drinking 6-8 cups of fluid a day. I encourage all students to bring their own water bottle to school every day. Keeping hydrated can prevent symptoms of thirst, headaches, dry mouth, and feeling tired. Be sure to label your student's water bottle with their name to help prevent accidental sharing.

For more information on dietary guidelines, please see <https://www.dietaryguidelines.gov/>

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News from our Health Teacher

Hello Scenic Park Families,

In health class, we had guest speakers from Alaska's Office of Boating Safety teach students about cold water immersion and the effects on the human body. They also taught about the importance of life jackets and preventative measures to ensure safety. The Alaska Office of Boating Safety is holding an optional poster contest. If your child would like to create a poster that inspires Alaskans to be safe around Alaskan waters, please see the flyer and link for more details. Posters must have student name, grade, school name, and teacher name (Ms. McLeod). Please submit posters to me or the Office of Boating Safety. Winners will receive a new life jacket!



More Important news from Art

Several students were selected from Scenic Park and will have their artwork featured in ASD's 51st Annual Art Show. The exhibit will run from March 3rd - April 7th, and the students' artwork will be displayed at the museum and/or other locations. Below are the selected pieces of art from Ms. Baker's class.



Library Alert!

Our Read-a-thon fundraiser starts next week!

It's Time For Our Read-a-thon Library Fundraiser!

Scenic Park Students will have something special to read for this spring. This year, we are excited to announce that we will hold our second annual Read-a-thon fundraiser.

Our Read-a-thon is a program that brings students together with family and friends to encourage reading and to build literacy skills. The main focus of the Read-a-thon is for everyone to know we are committed to improving reading skills. To that end, the Read-a-thon promises to be a fun, exciting journey for all participants as they begin a personal Reading Adventure that challenges each reader to complete 10 reading sessions over our 2-week event. Our Read-a-thon will start March 27, 2023.

Teachers will be sending home the easy sign-up instructions this week and students will begin logging reading minutes next Monday. There will be many exciting prizes for students who participate. Any student who signs up will be invited to a spring rootbeer float party, compliments of our amazing PTO. The top 15 readers and the top 15 fundraisers will be invited on a special field trip to the Imaginarium Discovery Center.

If you have any questions or need help please contact Ms. Brandt brandt_allison@asdk12.org



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DREAMWORKS

the BAD GUYS



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