

March 21, 2024, 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 continue 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.

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 school days for any reason (excused or unexcused), he/she is 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. Here at Scenic Park, we will continue to monitor attendance. Those students that have 90% attendance for the 4th Quarter, will earn a special lunch with the principal.

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 and is 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. We will be testing between **March 26th and April 3rd**.

The School Climate and Connectedness Survey is open until March 29th. If you haven't done so, please consider taking the survey at the following link: surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb/50650family. 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 25th

AK Star Testing Begins

April 3rd

AK Star Testing Ends

April 11th

PTO Meeting, Library

April 12th

Junior Achievement Day

April 19th

Closer Day No School

April 23rd

Kindergarten Roundup
5:00 pm-6:00 pm

April 27th

PTO Spring Carnival

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

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NEW

School Start Times
beginning in August 2024



PLC Monday Schedule	Start Time	Release Time
Elementary	9 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
High	9:45 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Middle (grades 6-8)	10:30 a.m.	4 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday Schedule	Start Time	Release Time
Elementary	8 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
High	8:45 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Middle (grades 6-8)	9:30 a.m.	4 p.m.

In some cases, preschool, charter and alternative programs may have different schedules.

START PLANNING NOW

New start times may affect schedules outside of school. Consider how it could impact your family and start thinking through changes you may have to make.

- Before-school programs
- After-school programs
- Transportation to/from school
- Sports and activities
- Childcare
- Teen after-school jobs
- Parent/guardian work start or end times



Point your phone camera to this QR code and then click the link for more information on changing school start times.



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asd.k12.ak.us/schoolstarttimes



Students at Scenic Park enjoyed meeting with the nationally renowned Alaskan children's author Brooke Hartman on Thursday, March 7th. Mrs. Hartman's visit was especially exciting because she was a former Scenic Park student and wore her Scenic Park class of 1991 t-shirt as proof. Principal Marco Christian with the help of the front office staff was able to locate the old yearbooks from Mrs. Hartman's Kindergarten and 6th grade years and quickly determined she has hardly changed a bit. In her presentation to students, she shared some of the literary devices she employs to make her books engaging and revealed some of the aspects of her life that inspired her books. Brooke Hartman's visit was a great success and hopefully will be the first of many!

Parents, if you have a bus rider, please verify in your parent connect account, your bus pick up and drop off times.

Message from the Nurse

As we look forward to the snow melting and seeing a real spring in Alaska, let's get prepared for seasonal allergies. A seasonal allergy is a type of allergic reaction that only occurs during a certain season and is caused by your immune system overreacting to something in the environment.

Springtime sees trees reemerge from their hibernation releasing tree pollens. Pollen is the most common trigger of seasonal allergies. If you experience allergy symptoms at only certain times of the year, then you may have a seasonal allergy.

The only way to know for sure if you have a specific allergy is to see a board-certified allergist. Allergy symptoms vary from person to person and each allergy. Symptoms of seasonal allergies include:

- Stuffy nose or runny nose, usually with clear or pale-colored mucus.
- Sneezing
- Coughing
- Red, watery eyes
- Itchy nose, mouth, or eyes
- Scratchy or sore throat

The best way to treat any allergy is to avoid exposure. When possible, limit time outside when your allergy triggers are the most active. You can also keep your windows closed and change clothes and shower after being outside.

Allergy & Asthma Network has developed a helpful tool to help you monitor pollen counts. <https://allergyasthmanetwork.org/weather/>

This can help you determine when your allergy symptoms may be at their worst. In addition to allergen avoidance, work with your allergist to develop an allergy treatment plan. This can include the use of over-the-counter and prescription medications.

Allergy medications can help reduce symptoms. Options include antihistamines, nasal sprays, and other medicines. If these medications are needed during the school day, please contact the nurse.

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Junior
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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

Before Spring Break, we kicked off a new initiative to strive for the 90% attendance. Students celebrated with a neon dance party!

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating. During the 4th quarter, students who have a 90% attendance will have a special lunch with the principal.

