

September 7, 2023, Newsletter

Scenic Park Elementary

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Message from the Principal

Hello Scenic Park Families,

It has been an exciting first few weeks of school. I am proud to see the amazing learning that is happening at Scenic Park. Our students will begin our fall benchmark assessments (mClass and MAP) this month. This data is crucial to identify the strengths and challenges of your child's learning and allows us to develop intervention groups to target those needs.

Your child's attendance is critical in their education. Please make every attempt to have your child at school, on time and ready to learn. Our goal is that every student will attend school at least 90% of the time. If your child must be absent, please notify the office and your child's teacher.

Safety is always at the forefront here at Scenic Park. We will continue to practice monthly evacuation drills and prepare our students with the ALICE safety protocols. This will include a school wide evacuation to our rally point, Cook Inlet Head Start (corner of Patterson St and Tudor Rd) on Tuesday, September 19th.

You can continue to help increase safety at Scenic Park, by following the directions of staff at the parent pickup/drop-off areas. This can be a challenging area, especially at the end of the day. Please be patient and again, work with the staff on duty to help with traffic flow. Remember, our parent drop-off/pickup area is a fire lane, and ALL vehicles must be occupied with a driver. It is in violation to leave your vehicle unattended in a fire lane. We thank you for your part in keeping our students and staff safe.

*Parent/Student Handbook: [Scenic Park Parent Student Handbook 2023:24.docx](#)

*mClass Assessment Information: Click the link [mClass Information](#)

*MAP Assessment Information: Click the link [MAP Information](#)

Sincerely,
Marco Christian,
Principal

Upcoming Events

September 19th
ALICE Drill

September 20th
Picture Day

September 21st
PTO Meeting in the library after school

September 29th
Jog-a-thon Fundraiser

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:

When to Keep Your Child Home from School

Guidance for when to keep your child home from school and when it's okay to send them to school. If your child requires medication to treat any of their symptoms, please complete the appropriate medication forms found at <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/7810>

Fever – A fever is a warning that the body is fighting an infection that could easily spread to others. A child with a temperature of 100.4 F should not be sent to school; your child should stay home until they are fever free for a minimum of 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications like Tylenol.

Colds – Colds are more difficult to assess. A slightly runny nose and occasional dry cough are not enough to keep your child home. However, if your child's nose runs constantly and/or the cough is frequent and wet, or your child is experiencing nausea or is too tired and uncomfortable to function at school it would be best to keep the child home for a day or two.

Cough – If your child has a severe cough, rapid and/or difficulty breathing, wheezing, or the cough is accompanied by a sore throat or not feeling well, the child should stay home from school.

Diarrhea – Diarrhea is defined as an unusual amount of very liquid stools compared to the child's normal pattern. Children should stay home until they are able to participate normally at school.

Ears – If your child has pain, swelling, drainage or difficulty hearing, please see your healthcare provider. Untreated ear infections can cause temporary or permanent hearing loss.

Eyes – If your child has red, itchy eyes with a clear, yellow or green drainage from the eye, it may be contagious and a sign of bacterial conjunctivitis (pinkeye). A child with pink eye can attend school as long as they are able to keep from touching their eyes and show that they can properly wash their hands after contact with the infected eye.

Rash – A rash might be the first sign of an illness. If your child has a rash with a fever and behavioral changes, or a rash that is oozing/open wound, or is tender with the rash worsening, your child should be evaluated by a healthcare provider.

Sore Throat – If your child has a sore throat, have the child gargle with warm salt water. If a child's behavior is normal and the child ate breakfast, it's probably safe to send your child to school. If your child has difficulty swallowing, or you notice saliva building up in your child's mouth because your child can't swallow, please keep your child at home. If you notice white spots in the back of the throat, please contact your doctor as this could be a sign of an infection. *Cough drops must be kept in the nurse's office and need a signed medication form to be given at school.

Vomiting / Nausea – Please keep your child at home if they are vomiting, have a fever or if they look or act ill.

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More Important News

Scenic Park is looking for a Crossing Guard/Noon Duty. If you are interested in one or the other positions, please call the school.



Pets are not allowed on school grounds due to allergies and because of their unpredictable nature. When picking up and dropping off your children, we ask for your cooperation in keeping them at home. If an animal comes to school with the permission of a teacher, it should be confined in a closed cage.

News from our Health Teacher:

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This letter is to let you know that your child's class will be receiving age-appropriate lessons on child sexual abuse and assault prevention education as required under the state's Alaska Safe Children's Act (Erin's Law).

Erin's Law Education is comprised of two lessons (one lesson at the beginning of each semester) taught during the health classes. The combined lessons meet the full requirements for students under the Alaska Safe Children's Act (Erin's Law) and are designed to help prevent childhood sexual abuse. These lessons will be presented in a non-threatening way, along with the skills needed for self-protection and will be handled in a sensitive, and respectful manner.

Information about the lessons can be viewed [HERE](#).

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J4mCSGZi6GBUv14WBpiO-7gsrj7DbXtA?usp=sharing>

If you do **NOT** want your child to receive the instruction under the Alaska Safe Children's Act, you must write a letter to the school principal requesting your child be excused from these specific lessons.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to provide learning opportunities to improve the safety and well-being of our students. Please email me at mcleod_denara@asdk12.org for any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Denara McLeod

K-6th Health Specialist

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We have new BENCHES!!



A big thank you to our awesome PTO for purchasing these wonderful new benches for our school! The students love them, and they add some much-needed seating space and curb appeal! Stop by and check them out.

CELEBRATING ANCHORAGE'S DIVERSE CULTURES

ANCHORAGE UNITED NATIONS 5K/2K RUN



Saturday, September 23, 2023 - 10:00am
Westchester Lagoon

register at www.anchorageunrun.org

The Anchorage United Nations Day Run is a fundraiser for the Anchorage School District (ASD) Immersion Programs. This is a fun 5K/2K run along the coastal trail open to all wishing to celebrate the cultural and linguistic diversity of the ASD.



MULTILINGUALISM AND THE UNITED NATIONS

There are six official languages of the United Nations: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The ASD offers classes in five of the UN's official languages. The mission of the ASD's World Languages and Immersion Programs Department is to prepare students for a diverse and multilingual global community. Languages represented in the department include: ASL, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, and Yup'ik.

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