

November 15, 2023, Newsletter

Scenic Park Elementary

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Giving Thanks



Thank you for all your support and patience with the remote online learning. We look forward to seeing you soon! Keep up the work!

Message from the Principal

Hello Scenic Park Families!

Ready or not, winter is here, and it came in with full force. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for recess. School district policy states that students will be outside for 30 minutes even when the temperature falls below 0 degrees. Make sure your child is equipped with snow pants, hats, coats, boots, and gloves. It is very helpful to label your child's winter gear with their name and classroom number.

Thank you all for following the expectations of parent pickup. Just a few reminders: please pull all the way forward to allow cars behind you to have room, follow the directions from staff on duty, and please do not leave vehicles unattended.

We strive to make Scenic Park a safe environment for staff and students. If you will be visiting during school hours, please be sure to use the Main Entrance and check in with the office. After the 8:50 bell, all exterior doors will remain closed and locked. Students arriving after 8:50 (9:50 on Monday) will need to enter through the front door. We will have our 2nd Quarter ALICE Drill scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st at 9:20am.

As part of The Alaska Reads Act, the State of Alaska requires that districts administer an early literacy screening tool three times a year to students in grades K-3 to identify potential reading difficulties to improve reading outcomes for students. Families can read more about this comprehensive K-3 reading policy at The Alaska Reads Act website: <https://education.alaska.gov/akreads>. We will be administering these assessments along with 3rd-5th grade MAP testing during the open window from December 4th-December 15th. Please make sure your child is at school and well rested during this testing window.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, please take the time to reflect upon the many things you are thankful for. I personally am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the Scenic Park family.

Sincerely,
Marco Christian,
Principal

Upcoming Events

November 15th
PTO Meeting, canceled

November 21st
Alice Drill

November 23rd & 24th
Thanksgiving Break

Friends of Chinese
Immersion Meeting has
been canceled.
Reschedule date pending

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:

Spending time in the kitchen can be a fun and worthwhile experience. Before children begin cooking, here are a few safety reminders to review with them:

- Ask an adult's permission before cooking.
- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Start with clean surfaces and clean cooking tools.
- Read recipe carefully and have ingredients, utensils and equipment ready before you begin.
- Fasten hair back if it is long.
- Wear clean clothes. Short sleeves work well.
- Be careful with hot surfaces and sharp utensils.
- Don't taste cookie dough or batter that has raw eggs or raw flour in it.
- Wipe up spills immediately.



Try these simple recipes this holiday season:

GINGER ALE GLAZED CARROTS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 bag carrots medium bag
- 1 can ginger ale

DIRECTIONS

1. Wash & peel carrots. Cut off and discard ends and tips. Cut into slices 1/4" thick.
2. Add carrots to greased frying pan on medium high. Brown for 2-3 minutes.
3. Add up to a full can of ginger ale to carrots. (You can start with half and if it looks like the liquid is not enough to cover the bottom of the pan, add more). Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 20 minutes.



Nurse Katie

More Important News

Just a reminder:

Make sure your student has a coat, snow pants, gloves, hat, and boots. Students will be going out to recess. We have LOTS of snow on the playground.

ROASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS



INGREDIENTS

- Pumpkin seeds
- Salt
- Olive Oil

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Rinse seeds in a strainer.
3. Dry seeds as much as possible.
4. Place dried seeds in a mixing bowl. Drizzle about a tablespoon of oil and mix. Spread your seeds on a sheet pan.
5. Season lightly with salt
6. Roast for 12-15 minutes or until edges have turned golden brown

Nurse Katie

CRANBERRY ROLLS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 packages of crescent rolls
- Can of jellied cranberry sauce

DIRECTIONS

1. Lay out the Crescents flat and scoop one spoon full of cranberry sauce on the wide end of each crescent.
2. Then roll them up and bake according to the package directions.



Nurse Katie

Please visit <https://foodbankofalaska.org/blessing/> for Thanksgiving Blessing dates and locations.

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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

