

## September 3, 2024, Newsletter

### Scenic Park Elementary

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#### Message from the Principal

Hello Scenic Park Families,

It has been an exciting first two weeks of school. I am proud to see the amazing learning that is happening at Scenic Park. Our students will begin fall benchmark assessments (mClass and MAP) this week. 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. Please see the links below with more information pertaining to mClass and MAP Benchmark Assessments.

Interested in being part of the Scenic Park family? We are looking for Noon Duty Support Staff to assist with student supervision during lunch and recess. It is a great opportunity to get out and play with the students. Hours are 10am-1:00pm and pay starts at \$15.00/hour. If you are interested, please contact the office.

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 17th**. 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 line and ALL vehicles must be attended with a driver. It is in violation to leave your vehicle unattended in a fire lane.

All exterior doors will be locked beginning at the first bell, 7:50am (8:50am on Mondays). If you need to enter the building after this time, please use the Main Entrance. We encourage parents to drop their children off at the front door or line up area and avoid walking students to the classroom. This will help with building routines and keeping our students and staff safe. We are having exterior doors being left open after the starting bell. We thank you for your part in keeping Scenic Park a safe place to learn and work.

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

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

Sincerely,  
*Marco Christian*  
Principal

## Upcoming Event

September 11<sup>th</sup>

Picture Day

September 12<sup>th</sup>

PTO Meeting, 2:45 pm

September 13th

Family Movie Night

September 27<sup>th</sup>

Jog-A-Thon

### Important Announcement PLC Mondays

8:40- Students having  
breakfast only.

8:50- First bell, students  
enter building.

9:00- Tardy bell, classes  
begin.

Lunch Schedule-  
2:30 - dismissal

#### Tuesday- Friday

7:40- Students having  
breakfast only.

7:50- First bell, students  
enter building.

8:00- Tardy bell, classes  
begin.

Lunch Schedule-  
2:30-dismissal

**Mission:** To foster  
resiliency and  
perseverance in all  
students.

**Vision:** Students and staff  
will recognize both  
successes and challenges  
as opportunities for  
growth.



Show your school spirit by wearing your Scenic Park shirt every Friday!

Order forms are available outside the front office with prices. Payment is by check or cash.

## Message from the nurse

### Scenic Park Eagles are hooked on health (and fishing!)

Summer might officially be over, but the fishing is still great! Salmon are being caught on the Kenai and many lakes around Anchorage have been stocked. Cheny lake, right near us, was last stocked with 4,721 Rainbow trout on June

12! Check [https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/FishingReports/index.cfm?ADFG=R2.ReportDetail&area\\_key=1](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/FishingReports/index.cfm?ADFG=R2.ReportDetail&area_key=1) for up-to-date fishing reports.

Did you know that there are lots of health benefits to eating fish? Two we're focusing on at school are the improvement to brain health and improving the quality of sleep. Ask your kiddo if they've read the bulletin board yet that explains why. **If you have a photo of your kiddo(s) fishing that you would like added to my bulletin board, please send them in!**

While out fishing, we need to be concerned about water safety. Do you always wear your life jacket? Show me a photo of your kiddo in their life jacket while fishing, boating, or swimming for a prize from the nurse's office.

We are off to a great start this school year. If you haven't already, please make sure your kiddo's health care provider sends a copy of their allergy/anaphylaxis or asthma care plans and you bring their emergency medication to the nurse's office. These will be required to participate in after-school activities. Stay tuned for information on upcoming flu-shot clinics.

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## Top Water Safety Tips:



### Open Water Safety Checklist

#### Tips for Families When Visiting Oceans, Lakes and Rivers

- **Watch kids when they are in or around water, without being distracted.** Keep young children and weak swimmers within arm's reach of an adult. Make sure older children swim with a partner every time.
- **Choose a Water Watcher.** When there are several adults present, choose one to be responsible for watching children in or near the water for a certain period of time, such as 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, select another adult to be the Water Watcher.
- **Teach children how to swim.** Every child is different, so enroll children in swim lessons when they are ready – consider their age, development and how often they are around water.
- **Make sure kids learn water survival skills.** Children should be able to do these five things:
  1. Step or jump into water over their head and return to the surface.
  2. Turn around in the water and orient to safety.
  3. Float or tread water.
  4. Combine breathing with forward movement in the water.
  5. Exit the water.



## CELEBRATING ANCHORAGE'S DIVERSE CULTURES



**Saturday, September 28, 2024 - 10:00am**  
**Westchester Lagoon**

**register at [www.anchorageunrun.org](http://www.anchorageunrun.org)**

The Anchorage United Nations Run is a fundraiser for the Anchorage School District (ASD) Dual Language 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: Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, and Yup'ik.

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- **Teach children that swimming in open water is different from swimming in a pool.** Know the hidden hazards of open water such as limited visibility, sudden drop-offs, uneven surfaces, currents and undertow.
- **Use designated swimming areas and recreational areas whenever possible.** Look for posted signs about open water hazards. Also look for signs that say when lifeguards will be present.
- **Wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when boating or participating in other water activities.** Choose a life jacket that is right for your child's weight and water activity. Weak swimmers and children who cannot swim should wear life jackets when they are in or near water.
- **Learn basic water rescue skills and CPR.** It is important to know how to respond in an emergency without putting yourself at risk of drowning.



**September 13, 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.



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## News from PTO

Hello members, PTO

The Parent Teacher organization (PTO) board wants to send a warm welcome to both new and returning families to Scenic Park Elementary. By joining the PTO you will have the opportunity to connect with other parents, volunteer for activities and support our amazing teachers. We are excited to partner with you to ensure a fun and successful school year!

### MEETINGS

The first meeting is September 12th at 2:45pm

PTO meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month at 2:45 in the Scenic Park Library with an option to join virtually via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out with the meeting agenda the day prior.

An email will be sent out a week before to remind everyone of the upcoming meeting.

### EVENTS

Our first event for the year is Movie night which is scheduled for September 13th at 6:00pm located in the Scenic Park gym. Please consider volunteering for this event.

A separate email will be sent with a sign-up link.

\* Please remember to fill out the ASD Volunteer application as soon as possible. This is required (each school year) before volunteering for any school event.

Here is the link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSft2SM758xCY0fkBu7cYj6vdYGO4RRJt7LFAqrCKaQDHMwPMg/viewform>

Attached you will find the 2024-2025 list of Scenic Park activities.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email us!

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Scenic Park Elementary PTO

President: Devin Finch

Co-Vice Presidents: Trina Resari-Salao, Brittany Francis


Treasurer: Melanie Wahl

Secretary: Jennifer Smith



Check out information about Battle of the Books and more on the Librarian's Newsletter. Click on link below...

<https://secure.smores.com/n/b6juz>



### Scenic Park Elementary Volunteer Information 2024-2025

We will be taking advantage of SignUp.com, an online sign-up, for our larger volunteer events: <http://bit.ly/SPEagleVolunteers>

If you are unable to volunteer for these events, please check with the teachers. Volunteering even 2 hours a month makes a HUGE difference.

A list of *some* of the events that we will be requesting volunteers:

EVENT	DATE
Picture Day	September 11, 2024
Jog-A-Thon *	September 27, 2024
Picture Retakes	TBD
Walk-to-School	October 2, 2024 (tentatively)
Family Movie Night #1	September 13, 2024
Book Fair (Fall)	October 22-24, 2024
Family Movie Night #2	November 15, 2024
Family Skate Night #1	January 24, 2025
Skate-A-Thon *	February 7, 2025
Book Fair (Winter)	February 25-27, 2025
Family Skate Night #2	February 21, 2025
Spring Carnival	April 25, 2025
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 5-9, 2025
Bike-to-School	May 7, 2025 (tentative)
Field Day	May 16, 2024 (tentative)

\*PTO fundraisers                      \*\*Dates are subject to change

PTO monthly meetings are primarily on the 2nd Thursdays @ 2:45pm in the school library.