

Coyote Howler

April 21

Mark Your Calendars!

April 25: Ready, Set, Kindergarten! 3:00-4:00 pm (parents of future kinders please join)

April 25: HOWL Book Character Parade

April 25 PTA Family Night - STEAM Night 6:00-8:00

April 29 Tastee Freez Take-Over 4:00- 9:00

May 3: Super Sweepers! City Clean-up. (Enter for a Prize)

May 6: Volunteer Appreciation 3:00-4:00 pm

May 7: Bike To School Day

May 5-9: Kindness Week

May 9: 90's Dance 6:00-8:00

May 13: Spring Pictures

May 14: Diamond High Grad Walk at 1:30 pm

May 15: Field Day

May 21: Last Day of School



Principal's Message

Dear Kincaid Families,

Later this week, registration will be open to all our returning students. It is very important that you take time to register as soon as it opens so that we will have accurate student enrollment numbers for next fall. Our student enrollment is how we decide how many classrooms are necessary per grade level.

All students must register annually for school. Our staffing depends on actual student enrollment. It is important that all parents/guardians take time to register students as soon as possible for the 25/26 school year.

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 24TH

Confirm your registration status in Parent Connect today: Login, select your student, and click ASD Quick Links to see if Online Registration is Complete or Incomplete.

Log in and register your student via [ParentConnect](#)

If you need your PIN and a new password, please visit the [Login Reminder Page](#)

Instructions for logging in and registering are available in the [Online Registration Guide](#)

For questions about your students' pre-enrollment or registration, please [contact your school](#).

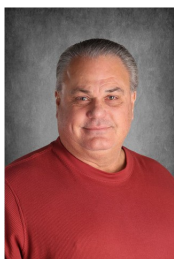
Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Zorea, Principal

Who's Retiring from Kincaid this year?

We love our staff and are losing several great educators to retirement this year. If you would like to send a card or a kind note to the teachers and staff who have made a difference in the lives of your children, you can drop it by our office or mail to:

Kincaid Elementary School
4900 Raspberry Road
Anchorage, AK 99502



Tim Akin

Mr. Akin has been with Kincaid for 18 wonderful years! He has brought so many events to Kincaid and the Anchorage School District. Many have become part of our Coyote traditions. He has made a significant impact helping students to find a passion for sports and healthy habits.



Bruce Fiske

Mr. Fiske has been with Kincaid since the early days! He has been teaching in ASD for 32 years with most of those years as a Kincaid Coyote! Mr. Fiske is loved for his great voices during Read-Alouds, teaching students about Alaska and raising salmon in the classroom.



Brenda Smith

Mrs. Smith has been teaching for 28 years in Alaska. Most of those years were in the Anchorage School District. Kincaid has had the privilege to have her teach in our special education program for the last 14 years. She has an incredible gift teaching students who need a little extra care.



Trina Terry

Ms. Trina started her career in ASD as a paraprofessional with extraordinary skills in special education classrooms. She continued her education and became a teacher at Kincaid Elementary School 7 years ago! Ms. Trina has mentored teachers and paraprofessionals to become the very best to serve our students in the Life Skills program. She has made a tremendous impact improving the lives of children in her care.



Susan Montgomery

Ms. Susan began her career with ASD 17 years ago right here at Kincaid Elementary! She has given years of service in our special education classrooms as a paraprofessional, providing important programming and support to many Coyotes over the years.



Jennifer Sylvester

Mrs. Sylvester is a beloved teacher at Kincaid. She retired a little earlier this year. Over the years, Mrs. Sylvester has given us wonderful traditions like the Kincaid H.O.W.L. and Book Parade. She worked closely with our PTA as our teacher representative and came to nearly all Family Nights.

Volunteer Appreciation

Calling all volunteers! Have you joined a classroom as a chaperone this year? Have you helped in the classroom? Have you volunteered to prep materials? If you have volunteered this year, we would like to show our appreciation! Please join us on Tuesday, May 6, in the Kincaid Library at 3:00 pm. We are a great school thanks to volunteers just like you!

CELEBRATING Volunteers



Kincaid Volunteer Day

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PLEASE JOIN US
AS WE SHOW OUR GRATITUDE TO
ALL OUR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS
MAY 6TH(TUESDAY) @KINCAID LIBRARY
3:00-4:00 PM



Moose's Tooth Pizza and light refreshments will be served to
honor all our school volunteers.



AK Solar Home

We had a group of Kincaid Coyotes compete at the Wind and Solar State Olympics a few weeks ago. Congratulations to our students who represented Kincaid. The solar home that they built won the elementary division and the team has been invited to compete at the National Level. They are taking donations to support with funding the trip to Arizona. If you or your business would like to make a donation please contact Ms. Fadwa at fadwa_edais@asdk12.org to find out how.

Our students will be raising funds on Friday night during STEAM Night.

mClass

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 in order to improve reading outcomes for students. Families can read more about this comprehensive K-3 reading policy at The Alaska Reads Act website: education.alaska.gov/akreads

mClass with DIBELS 8th Edition Assessments is the State of Alaska Department of Education's and ASD's Early Literacy benchmark screening and progress monitoring tool for students in grades K-3 in reading. mClass utilizes curriculum-based measures and is used by schools as part of the ASD Comprehensive Assessment System to support informed instructional decisions.

The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development explains the decision to adopt mClass as the statewide literacy screener here:

<https://education.alaska.gov/Alaska-Reading-Resources/Statewide-Early-Literacy-Screener>

mClass screening assessments will only be administered in-person during the benchmark window listed below:

- Spring 2025: April 21 - May 2

Results for K-3 students that were assessed during a benchmark window, will be available in Parent Connect by May 16, 2025 [ParentConnection Login Information and Reference Guide](#):
parentconnect.asdk12.org

H.O.W.L.

We are continuing this week with Helping Ourselves With Literacy. Students should be reading at home and recording their pages.

The annual H.O.W.L. Book Character Day is scheduled for Friday, April 25th. This fun event is designed to make reading fun and to encourage participation with H.O.W.L. Dr. Zorea will lead the entire school on a parade through the halls and classrooms. Students will be asked to come to school in costume on Friday, April 25th, dressed as a book character along with the accompanying book.

Your child may design a costume depicting a favorite book character. These can be as simple as some bear ears for The Berenstain Bears; braids for Pipi Longstocking; bunny ears for Bunnica; a striped shirt for Where's Waldo?; a plaid shirt, backpack and survival gear for Hatchet; or a teddy bear and night shirt for Ira Sleeps Over.

- Please no costumes depicting violence, horror or accessorized with weapons.
- Please no masks that cover the child's whole face or inflatable costumes.

Your child may wear their costume to school or send it marked with your child's name. The parade begins first thing Friday morning, just after announcements. Children may take their costume off or wear it the rest of the day. (Remember, children will still go out to recess, participate in gym, etc.) If possible, please send in the book for your child to display during the parade.

Happy Reading!

Ready, Set...Kindergarten!

Do you know someone who has a kindergartener starting next fall? Please send them our way this Friday between 3:00-4:00 pm. We are meeting in the library with information followed by a tour of Kincaid.

Ready, Set... Kindergarten!

Kincaid Elementary
Friday, April 25
3:00-4:00



Anchorage School District

STEAM Family Night

STEAM
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ART MATHEMATICS
Family Night

Join us for an evening of hands-on STEAM activities
as well as information and demonstrations!
STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art, and math!
Activities for all ages means fun for everyone!

Guests include:

- Alaska Botanical Garden
- Anchorage Public Library
- Campbell Creek Science Center
- And more!

Friday, April 25th
6-8pm

Tastee Freez Take-Over



**Tastee Freez
Take-Over
March 29**

**Our staff will
be serving
you!**

Yearbooks

We did order extra books so it is not too late to get your order in. Order your 24/25 yearbook through parent connect! **Yearbooks are \$20!**

We want to thank **Mr. Allen** for offering to be our yearbook coordinator this year. Yearbooks will be available in delivered in May.

About Us

We are the Home of the Kind Coyotes

Our Mission - To Develop kind, confident, capable and engaged learners.

Our Vision - To guide all students to thrive personally and academically.

Collective Commitments:

In order to achieve our shared vision, Kincaid staff agree to.....

- * Communicate learning targets and class activities clearly to students and families.
- * Provide positive and open communication to parents/guardians.
- * Interact positively with students and visitors and each other.
- * Be fully prepared for each lesson and provide effective engagement strategies.
- * Provide a safe place where students have a sense of belonging.
- * Be consistent and respectful and model school expectations.



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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KincaidElementarySchoolAnchorage/?ref=bookmarks>

Twitter: [@PrincipalZorea](https://twitter.com/PrincipalZorea)



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