

APRIL 2023 TIGER TALES

— TAKU ELEMENTARY · KAITLIN TALLMAN, PRINCIPAL —



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER, KAITLIN TALLMAN

Dear Taku Families,

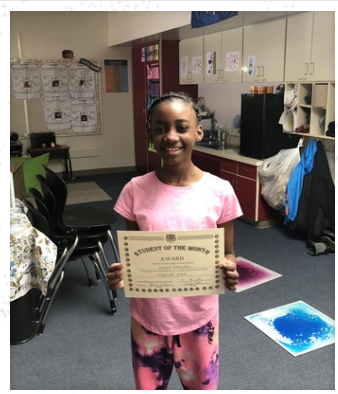
WOW! Thank you for everyone's contributions to our Student Council sponsored Food Drive! It was a huge success! Our goal was to collect 500 cans... and we ended up with over 1000!! Congratulations to our Primary classroom winner Ms. Dodson's Class and to our intermediate classroom winner Mr. Chatwell's Class.

It sure does feel like Spring outside! And with the warmer temperatures, we also get PUDDLES! Send your child to school prepared for the weather - cold and wet. Remember, students go outside every day for 30 minutes for recess! Remind them to be cautious on ice and avoid puddles.

Also with Spring, comes our longer Alaskan days, which leads to later bedtimes and potentially later start times at home. Please make it a goal to get students to school on time and ready to learn for the remainder of the school year.

Please reach out with celebrations, concerns, or questions. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Kaitlin Tallman
Principal



MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Pizza Lunch with Principal
Tallman



NURSE'S NOTE, LAURA BECKETT

It's spring which means spring cleaning! Are you cleaning out your child's closet of clothing they've outgrown or no longer wear? Please consider donating gently used pants and shirts to Taku! We are always in need of clothing to provide to students who might need a change of clothing during the school day. If you have items to donate you are welcome to drop items off at the office. If you have questions regarding items to donate please feel free to call the nurse's office.



PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Greetings, Taku Elementary Community,

It's my pleasure to share with you, pending final School Board approval, that Ms. Kaitlin Tallman will officially be Taku Elementary School's principal starting in the 2023-24 school year. Some of you may know Ms. Tallman, as the current Acting Principal of Taku. Prior to coming to Taku, she taught at both O'Malley and Fairview Elementary schools. She has served as an Assistant Principal at both Lake Hood and Creekside Park Elementary as well as Acting Principal at Susitna and Taku Elementary. Ms. Tallman has extensive training in best instructional practices for diverse learners and building cohesive school communities focused on student learning.

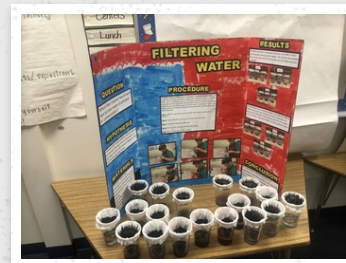
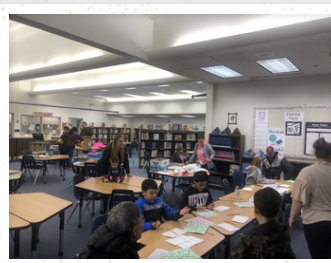
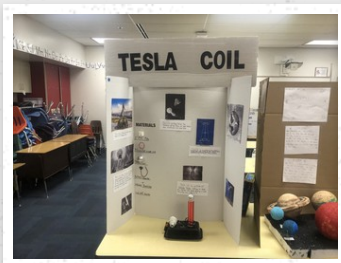
Ms. Tallman is thrilled to strengthen her relationship with the Taku community as the leader of Taku Elementary School. We will work with Ms. Tallman to plan an event before the end of the 2022-23 school year to allow the Taku community to officially meet Ms. Tallman.

Sincerely,
Mandy Clark
Director, Elementary Education



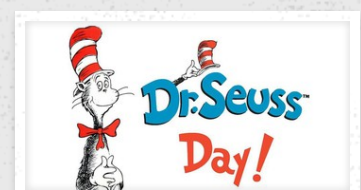
MARCH FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT SUCCESS!

Huge thank you to all the families that attended science night! The kids had fun and some wonderful science projects were on display!



DR. SUESS DAY FUN

On Dr. Suess Day (3/3) kids spent 30 minutes reading in the hallway. The students had fun reading their books together and enjoying a visit from our stuffed Cat in the Hat!





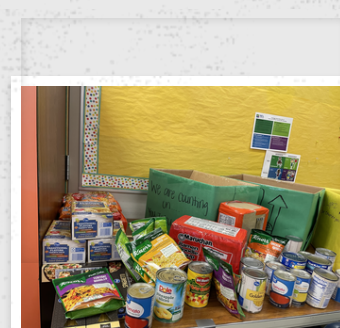
STUDENT COUNCIL MARCH CANNED FOOD DRIVE

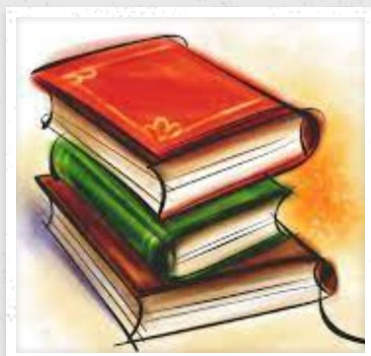
The Canned Food Drive is over! Amazing job to all classes in supporting our community! As a school we have collected 1502 cans! Our goal was 500, so we tripled our goal! Great work families!

The winner for the Primary grades PK - 2nd grade is Ms. Dodson's class with 349 cans! Closely followed by Mrs. Lopez's class with 320 cans!

The winner for the upper grades 3rd - 6th grade is Mr. Chatwell's class with 295 cans! Second place goes to Ms. Wolkoff's class with 127 cans.

Thank you all for your hard work. We are all really impressed with your care and dedication to helping those in need.





LIBRARY

Curriculum

For April, the genre, or style of writing, of the month is Poetry. In addition, highlights of what students at specific grade levels will learn during April include the following:

- K– Exploring Mother Goose and other poetry titles; Book handling, care, selection; Library locations; Parts of book; Fiction versus nonfiction
- 1 – Exploring various titles, with discussion of elements of a story (main and supporting characters, setting, plot); Fiction versus nonfiction; Call numbers; Dewey Decimal System
- 2 – Book discussion with emphasis on characters and setting; Dewey Decimal System; Call numbers
- 3 – Book discussion with emphasis on comprehension, character, and theme
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Happy Spring!

Sincerely,
Ms. Johnson, Taku Librarian

Hello Taku families!

Taku Tiger musicians in 2nd -6th grades have been learning about dynamics in music. Dynamics are how loud and soft music is. Ask your child what dynamics are and the Italian words for dynamics. 4th and 5th grade musicians have been learning about the Treble Staff to prepare them for Band and Orchestra in the future.



Sincerely,
Ms. Menapace, Music Teacher



PE

Physical Education News

Healthy Futures Log:

- April logs will be coming home on Monday, April 1st. They are due on the last day of the month.

Bike to School Day:

- Wednesday, May 3rd.
- Wear your Helmet and Bike to school safely!
- Sign in at the table by the flagpole to be entered to win door prizes!

Gym Shoes:

- Please ask your student about their gym shoes! This time of year, shoes tend to get small, and they may need a new size.

ART

In art, classes are finishing their clay artworks for the year. We want this work to get home safely. If you have any bubble wrap at home that you don't use, we could always use it in the art room.



Thanks!
Ms. Feucht



HEALTH

Welcome to Health class!

We have just wrapped up our unit on Substance Abuse and will be talking about Germs and Illness in Unit 8.

Be safe, Be kind!

Katrina Hill Rhodes



**TESTING 4/3
- 4/6 (3RD
-6TH GRADE
ONLY)**

Testing Make-Ups 4/7, 4/10 -
4/14



**4/18 - PTA
MEETING**

5:30pm in the Library



**4/28 - LUNCH
WITH THE
PRINCIPAL**

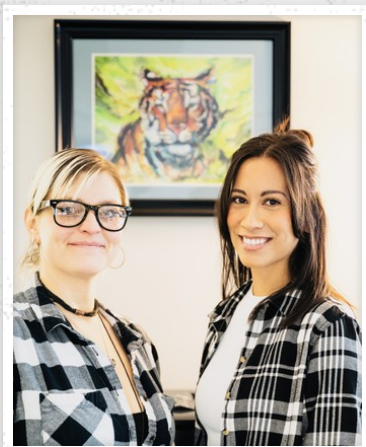


HELP US CELEBRATE



TAKU ADMIN STAFF

Kaitlin Tallman, Principal
Joy Gordanier, AA
Alexia Rickard, Secretary
Laura Beckett, Nurse



THE BULLETIN BOARD, OFFICE LADIES

Taku Families,

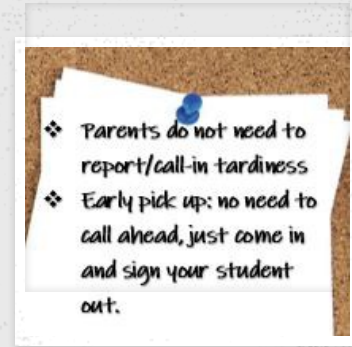
With spring comes, the promise of new growth. It's the season of renewal and new beginnings. It is the time of the year where we can clear any clutter whether literal or metaphorical. It is a time of reflection.

It is our hope that whatever season of life you are in right now that you will take the time to clear the clutter - reflect, clean, purge, forgive, dream, love and live. We promise to do the same!

Stay dry during this break up season, the summer days are near!

Sincerely,

The Front Office Ladies



PTA VACANCIES FOR 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR

The following PTA positions will be vacant for the upcoming 23-24 school year:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Teacher Representative
- Parent Volunteers

We would love to have you [join](#) the Taku PTA! If you are interested, please join us for the April and/or May PTA Meetings!

COMMUNITY EVENT - ANCHORAGE BIKE RODEO

WHEN

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 1-4PM

WHERE

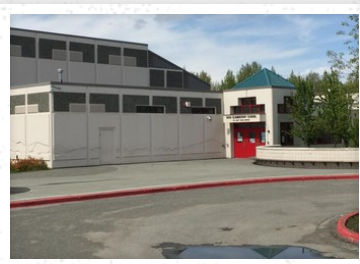
**1301 MULDOON ROAD
ANCHORAGE, AK**

MORE INFORMATION

Anchorage Parks and Recreation and the Anchorage Health Department are teaming up to hold our first-ever [Anchorage Bike Rodeo](#) at Chanshtnu Muldoon Park! Bring your kids and their bikes and join us for a day full of fun and learning! Kids will learn what they need to know to cycle safely in our community, including getting their helmets and bike fit, the rules of the road, using hand signals, and more!

This is a free event but does require registration:

- **Registration**: Reserve your timeslot and let us know you are coming by signing up online at signup.com/go/ueHYFNW. You only need to register participants that will be participating on a bike.



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