

Coyote Howler

December 2024

Mark Your Calendars

Important Dates

December 2: ALICE Drill at 2:00 pm

December 5: Choir Concert at 6:00 pm

December 12-18: Student Council Candy-Gram Sales

December 20: No School for Students - Teacher Grading Day

December 23-January 3: Winter Break

January 6: 1st Day of 3rd Quarter

[LINK TO OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)



Principal's Message

Dear Kincaid Families,

We are nearly midway through our school year with only three weeks left in this quarter. I encourage our students to finish strong by coming to school regularly and on time. Our school staff are prepared each day to provide engaging lessons. They add a little spice to instruction with special guests, events, and field trips.

I want to celebrate our overall attendance this year at Kincaid. We are up from previous years but are beginning to take a dip. Help us keep attendance strong in December. Thank you to Texas Roadhouse for providing our monthly attendance awards and a meal for students who have 100% attendance each month.

Kincaid student art will be on display at Tastee Freez during the month of December! Thank you Tastee Freez for your partnership and for opportunities to show off our student work.



I wish you all a merry Christmas and happy holiday season! Thank you all for trusting your children in our hands each day. I appreciate our Kincaid families for your dedication to your neighborhood school. It is my daily pleasure to serve as principal.

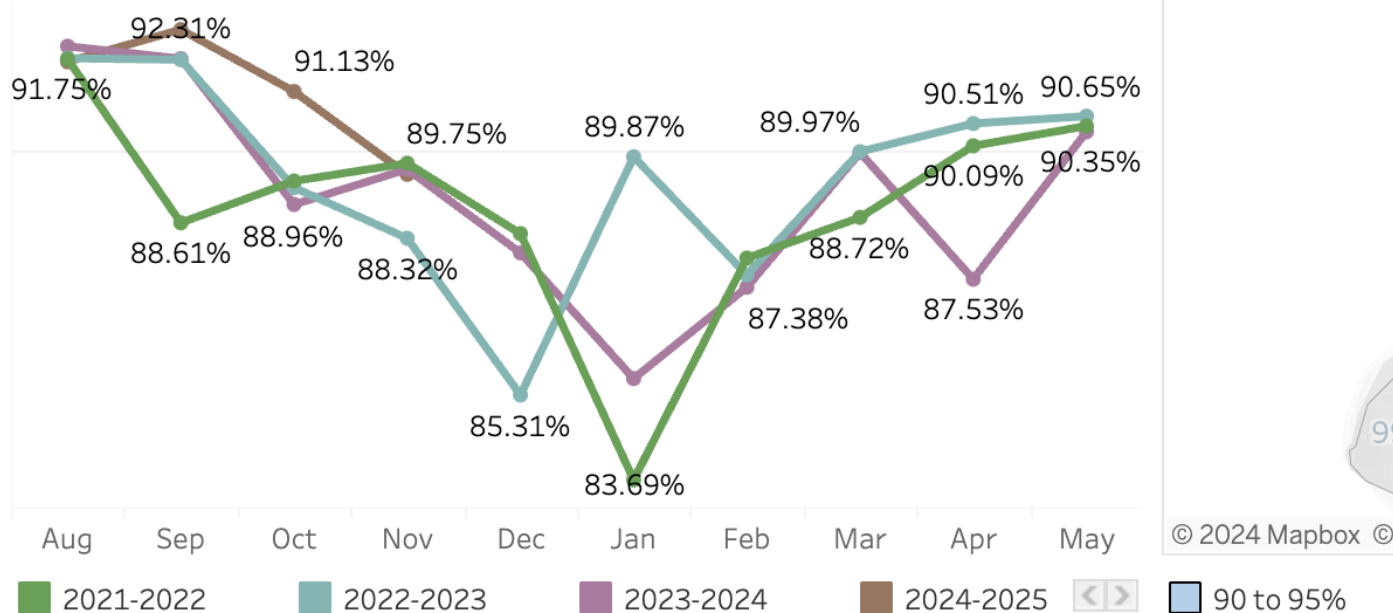
Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Zorea

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Kincaid Attendance - 4 Year comparison

Three year attendance comparison for All division, Kincaid Elementary school, All grade, All gender, All ethnicity, All Students



Yearbooks

You can now order your 24/25 yearbook through parent connect! Yearbooks are \$20!

Kincaid Angel Tree

Kincaid staff have identified families who may need a little more assistance during the holidays. There will be a tree near the entrance at Kincaid identifying an age/sex of a child in need this year. If you were willing and able, stop by and pick up a tag from the tree. Bring an un-wrapped gift back to school by Friday, December 13. You may contact our school counselor, Alisa Drake or our Migrant Ed Tutor, Fadwa Edias, if you have questions.

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Community Volunteers Needed

The Salvation Army will be serving 2000+ children toys this year for Christmas! We are in great need of volunteers to pack the toys for children. We have 2-hour times during the day and on the weekend.

Many students in the Anchorage School District will benefit from the Salvation Army during the holiday season. If you have time during the school day and would like to help, the information is located below.

Here is the link to sign up. I also have a flyer (attached) that has a QR code.

<https://volunteer.usawest.org/OpportunityDetail.aspx?ID=7805>



Hot Lunches in December

School Lunch Services Dec. 9 - 13

Kincaid will not have a hot meal service December 9-13.

We will provide alternative meals. Please note the following procedures and limitations:

1. Student Nutrition will provide lunch. These will be in the form of **self-contained, shelf-stable lunch kit with a shelf-stable milk.**
2. During this time, the shelf stable meals will be free to students and do not need to be counted.
3. The menu selection is limited and unfortunately there are no accommodations for any student who is allergic to any of the included menu items. Your school nurse will need to monitor children with allergies to any of the components. Those children who cannot eat any of the components should plan on bringing lunch from home.
4. During the time our school is on Shelf stable meal status, *students will not be charged, and the meals will be free.*

Winter Benchmarks

3rd-5th MAP Growth Dates

December 2-3. 5th Grade

December 4-5 4th Grade

December 6 and 9 3rd Grade

K-5 mclass Dates

December 11-12

Parent Pick-Up Tags

Please place your parent-pickup tags on your mirror after school.

This really helps our staff know who to call on the radio. It will keep us from knocking on your window to ask who your child is or who you are waiting for. If you need a tag, contact your child's teacher and they will make sure one is sent home.

We do not always have the same staff out. Substitutes do not know your vehicles. The tags make it much easier for us to identify who you are picking up.



School Business Partnerships



Kaladi Brothers on Jewel Lake

Kaladi Brothers on Jewel Lake has been a longtime friend and business partner with Kincaid Elementary School. They provide coffee and hot cocoa for special events.



Texas Roadhouse - Southside

Texas Roadhouse provides Kincaid with attendance and reading incentives. They support our staff with special recognition awards and dinners. We also have a great night of fun during our Texas Roadhouse Dine-In or Take-Out Events. This year we are scheduled for October 9 and March 5.



Jewel Lake Tastee Freez

Tastee Freez will showcase Kincaid student art in the months of December and April. Tastee Freez donates ice-cream for special activities such as City Clean-Up Super Sweepers, and gives us a great night of fun on our Tastee Freez Take-Over. This year it is scheduled for April 29.

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Free and Reduced Lunches



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Families with students at Kincaid are encouraged to apply for Free and Reduced Lunches. Please include all ASD students in your household in the student section on the meal application, regardless of where they attend school, so we may certify your family in one application together. You may apply at any time of the year if your circumstances change due to layoffs, adding

people to your households or decreased income.

To Apply for this program go here: [Free and Reduced Lunch Application](#)



Visitors and Volunteers

If you plan to volunteer this year in the classroom or on a field trip, you are required to have an application approved with ASD. We ask that all of our volunteers fill this application out now because it can take up to 7 days to get approved. [Volunteer Application](#)

All visitors must stop at the front office and check in with Kelly or Sandie. Visitors may not go to a classroom unless we have contacted the teacher to let them know you are on your way. Visitors may only enter the school through the front door. If you are dropping something off for your child or for the teacher, you may leave it at the office.



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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