

#### **Eaglets to Eagles We Soar on the Wings of Knowledge**

#### **Campbell's Corner**

Hello from Eagle River Elementary!

We are nearly halfway done with the 2023-2024 school year. This coming week we are starting our MAP assessments for grades 3-6 and mClass assessments for grades K-2. We will be sharing this assessment information with you along with report cards in January. Please make sure to regularly check Q to stay on top of your child's assignments and current progress.

Winter has certainly arrived, and it is only a matter of time before the temperatures start dipping low! Thank you for sending your students with weather appropriate clothing (hats, gloves, boots, and snow pants). If you need assistance with any of these winter clothing items for your child, please contact the front office and we will see what we can do! Being prepared to play outside helps students to burn off excess energy during recess. As a reminder, students need to have their legs covered during the school day. Please no shorts or dresses without leggings or tights, slip on or open toed footwear.

To celebrate the holiday season, Eagle River Elementary will be having our first annual Family BINGO Night on Friday, December 8th. It is free to play BINGO. Food sales start and the doors open at 6:00pm. Our first game starts at 6:30. Come and join us even if you can't make the first game! Flyers will come home soon. We hope to see everyone there!

This time of year is extremely busy for everyone. Attached is a calendar to help with of all the upcoming events. We hope you find it helpful. Winter Break starts December 22nd for students. Classes will resume January 8th.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or celebrations, please call, visit me in my office or e-mail me. I would love to hear from you. The connection between home and school is vital to our children's success. On behalf of the entire ERE School Community may this upcoming holiday break be a joyful and restful time for you and your family

#### **December Calendar**

There is a printable version attached at the end of this Newsletter

#### **Eagle River Elementary December 2023**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27	28	29	30	1
STEM Week				*ALICE Barricade Drill — Time TBD *FUN RUN/SLIME Assembly — Time TBD *Tree Lighting- Choir Performance 7:05-7:15
4	5	6	7	8
STEM Week  Benchmark Window Opens  MAP 4/5/6 Reading 10:15  Class Color Day — see below	MAP 4/5/6 Math 10:15	MAP Make Up Testing	MAP Long/Reynolds/Dolan Reading 9:15	MAP Long/Reynolds/Dolan Reading 9:15
Kindergarten- Rainbow colors  1st grade- Yellow  2nd grade- Green  3rd grade- Red  4th grade- Purple  5th grade- Blue  6th grade- Black OR pink  Staff- Orange				6:00-8:00pm Family BINGO Night
11	12	13	14	15
ART Week  Benchmark Window Cont.	Staff Meeting — SAEBRS Screener	Dawn out @ General Leadership all day	Testing Team PM	Testing Team all day
During WIN: K-RAN, 1-3 Spelling	During WIN: MAZE 2-6	During WIN: Vocab 2-5	2:30pm Band and Orchestra	Optional Craft Day 1-3pm
18	19	20	21	22
ART Week SPIRIT WEEK	9:15am Sing-a-long 6:30 pm Winter Choir Concert Holiday Wear	Crazy Sock Day	Pajama Day	No School
Twin Day		distribution core 11/192000		

#### **Candy Grams**

Student Leadership will be selling Candy Grams December 11th-19th during lunch time. The cost is \$0.25 each. Attached to this Newsletter is an order form if you would like to fill it out and send in the order form with your child. We will also be sending home a copy as well as have copies available at lunch. Here is a picture of what it looks like:

# Eagle River Student Leadership is Sponsoring a Candy Gram Sale

Each Candy Gram is \$0.25 and you can send as many as you want. Please fill out as many on this page as you want. Attach payment & return to your teacher by Dec. 19. **No Late Submissions will be accepted** 



#### **Introducing...ERE Family Dashboard!**

We have created a dashboard of quick links (shortcuts) to help our families find what they are looking for quickly and easily! More links will be added as different events happen throughout the school year. If there is a link you think would be helpful, please let us know! We want this to be a user-friendly tool. Please bookmark the Family Dashboard. It can also be found in the parent resources folder and on our school website.

### **ERE Family Dashboard - Quick Links**

#### We Need Your Help!

Our school will qualify for extra funds if we meet a certain percentage of families that qualify for free or reduced lunch. That doesn't mean your child needs to eat free lunch at school! What it means is, if you meet income qualifications, and have not applied, our school is missing out on the opportunity to better serve your child.

We are encouraging all families who may meet the qualifications to fill out an application ASAP. They will look at our qualification numbers after Winter Break and determine if we meet the threshold for obtaining extra funds. This could mean tens of thousands of dollars for us in additional funding.

ASD is still accepting applications for the Free/Reduced Lunch program. When applying for the program, please include **all ASD students in your household**, even if some students attend different schools. Families may apply for the free/reduced lunch program by going online to <a href="mailto:schoolcafe.com/anchorage">schoolcafe.com/anchorage</a>.

For questions and more directions on how to apply, please visit ASD Student Nutrition's main page about the program at <a href="https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13246">https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13246</a>.

# **Upcoming Events**

**Event Information** 

**Tree Lighting Ceremony - ERE Choir** 

Our ERE choir will be singing under the direction of our music teacher, Mr. Barton, at the tree lighting ceremony on December 1st from 7:05 to 7:15.

Here is the full schedule:

5:50-6:00 Fire Lake Elementary

6:05-6:15 - Chugiak Elementary

6:20-6:30 Alpenglow Elementary

6:35-6:45 Ravenwood Elementary

6:50-7:00 Birchwood ABC Elementary

7:05-7:15 Eagle River Elementary

7:20-7:30 Homestead Elementary

When?

Friday, Dec 1, 2023, 07:00 PM

Where?

Town Park Circle, Eagle River, AK, USA

**Event Information** 

**Choir Concert** 

When?

Tuesday, Dec 19, 2023, 06:30 PM

Where?

**Eagle River Elementary School** 

We need your help making sure students are not arriving to school before 8:45. There isn't any supervision for students until this time. If your child is a walker, please make sure they aren't leaving too early. If students are dropped off early, we will be calling home to remind families of drop off times. As a reminder, we do have the "Y" available for before and/or after care. They do have some available spaces. For those families that wait patiently in the drop of line until 8:45, thank you! You are ROCKSTARS!

#### Fun Run Fundraiser - THANK YOU!!!

We exceeded our goal of \$10,000 for our rock wall! This will bring decades of fun to ERE students. We are beyond thankful and are excited to start the process of ordering and installing the rock wall. We have rescheduled the Fun Run to Friday, December 1st due to our weather days. We will kick the Fun Run off with an assembly to recognize our top individual and class earners and to see which staff get to be SLIMED! Pictures to come!

Here are our TOP EARNERS!
Diana Zamora in Snell \$1,136
George Owens in Eads \$500
Jeremiah Owens in Spain \$500
Colt Bates in Cano \$360
Brayden Bundy in Jones \$340

#### **Snow Gear**

Well we certainly have a winter wonderland outside and it is incredibly beautiful! We take students outside every day for recess and they need to be prepared for the weather conditions. Please make sure your student has snow gear including; hat, gloves, boots, snowpants and a coat (hoodies are not a replacement for a coat). We have limited items to borrow if students forget. Thanks for helping your student be prepared to enjoy the outdoors!

#### **Job Openings at ERE**

We are currently looking for two SPED Paraprofessionals to work with our amazing SPED team! These are full time benefitted positions. We also have an opening for a kindergarten para which is a part time position of up to 6 hours a day and includes being a noon supervisor on a rotating basis. We also need a Cafeteria Manager. This is a full time position with benefits. If you are interested in one of these positions or know anyone who may be, please apply online and contact the front office. If you apply to the Cafeteria Manager Position, please indicate that you want to be at Eagle River Elementary!

#### **Fred Meyer Rewards**

It only takes a few minutes to sign up and choose Eagle River Elementary. This is a great way to earn funds to support student activities!



#### **Fred Meyer Community Rewards - Fred Meyer**

Learn more about how you can help raise funds for community schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations. Our community rewards program makes it easy. Learn more about Fred Meyer Community Rewards.

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#### Save the Date! Family Holiday Bingo Night!

We are excited to announce that we will be having a Family Holiday Bingo Night! This s a fun filled and free activity that will take place on Friday, December 8th. We will open up for food sales and handing out BINGO cards at 6:00 and BINGO will start at 6:30pm. You could win a gift card, gift certificate to a local business or even a turkey! Stay tuned for more information.



#### First Annual SOAR Event!

As a PBIS school (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) we are committed to supporting our students' success in academics, behavior and social/emotional areas. The more adults and other students each student connects with in a meaningful way the better! We had our first all school SOAR day where students had the opportunity to attend events planned and sponsored by our staff members. Staff offered events to include everything from, creating our own music, drawing, watercolor painting, free play, outside and indoor scavenger hunts, cooperative games, and team building activities. Students and staff alike had such a great time and because students were all mixed up from different grade levels and classes, everyone was able to meet new people and make new friends!





































#### **Cricket Club**

Mrs. Sorensen's class had a cricket tasting after reading some stories about bugs! I was invited to the tasting and along with Mrs. Sorensen was shocked at how many students not only had firsts, but seconds and thirds! My personal favorite flavor was salt and vinegar!











#### **PBIS Information**

#### **ALICE Drill - December 1st**

As part of Anchorage School District's safety plan, we will be practicing a required ALICE drill (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). We will be practicing barricading our rooms in the event we have an intruder in our building. Teachers will discuss, teach and practice ahead of time with students and will debrief afterwards. All ALICE drills are announced ahead of time as drills. Please let us know if you have any questions.

#### **Remote Learning**

What a great job we all did shifting to Remote Learning! You should have received an additional 2nd quarter packet from your child's teacher in the event we need to go to Remote Learning again. Please tuck it somewhere safe that you can quickly access if needed.

## **Remote Learning Resources and ZOOM Links**

#### Alaska Reads Act and Communication with Families

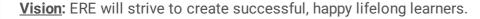
As part of the Alaska Reads Act, if your child is well below the benchmark, we will be communicating your child's progress with you throughout the school year on a more frequent basis. Your child's teacher will be sending home a progress monitoring update by November 22nd. Our benchmark testing window is December 4th-21st. We have a testing team coming on December 14th and 15th to administer any tests that need one-on-one proctoring. Please look for communication from your child's teacher about their progress before we leave for Winter Break.

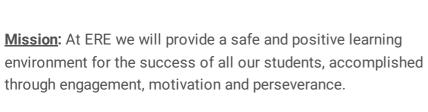


# \*The information below will remain on the Newsletter for your reference

# **ERE Mission and Vision Statements and Collective Commitments**

We have been working hard during our PLC time! It has been incredibly valuable to have this time each week to have collegial conversations and to collaborate to develop our mission and vison as well as our collective commitments for our students here at ERE! I am proud of the work our staff is doing and an excited for where we are headed.







#### **Our Collective Commitments:**

ERE is committed to strong core academic skills focused on math literacy and reading comprehension.

ERE is committed to ensuring students learn conflict resolution and emotional regulation skills and take personal responsibility.

ERE is committed to helping students develop a growth mindset, to focus, persevere and problem solve.

#### **Daily Schedule**

Below is Eagle River Elementary's usual schedule. Our schedule is subject to change without warning, but we will do our best to communicate any unanticipated, sudden schedule changes.

#### Monday:

- School doors open at 9:45 for students and school begins at 10:00. Students arriving before 9:45 will be directed to the MPR aka lunch room where they will wait until 9:45 with the option of sitting quietly or reading a book.
- Breakfast begins at 9:50 and is eaten in the classroom.

#### **Tuesday through Friday:**

- School doors open at 8:45 for students and school begins at 9:00. Students may not be dropped off early to wait.
- Breakfast begins at 8:50 and is eaten in the classroom
- 11:30-11:50 lunch for Hemphill, Eads, & Jones then recess 11:55-12:15
- 11:30-11:50 recess for Kindred, Cano, McCloud, Snell then lunch 11:55-12:15
- 12:25-12:45 lunch for King, Hahn, Spain, & Sorensen then recess 12:50-1:10
- 12:25-12:45 recess for Reynolds, Dolan & Long then lunch 12:50-1:10
- Dismissal is at 3:30 each day

School grounds are closed from 8:30 to 4:00. After dismissal, students must go home first and then are welcome to return after 4:00 to play on the playground.

#### **Arrival and Dismissal Procedures**

#### Arrival

On Monday, school begins at 10:00 am instead of 9:00 am. If your student arrives before 9:45 am on PLC Mondays, they will brought into the building and students will sit in the MPR/lunchroom with the choice to read or sit quietly until 9:45 am when the bell rings. Our breakfast service will continue and will start at 9:45 am.

On Tuesday through Friday, students will be let in at 8:45 and there will be no supervision until then. Students will not be allowed to wait before 8:45. Please time your child's arrival so they are here no earlier than 8:45. We appreciate your help with this so we can make sure students are supervised and safe!

- Student drop off will be at the stop sign at the front corner of the building and students will enter the front door. Students will not be allowed to be dropped off until 8:45
- All students enter through the front door

• Students will enter the building and sit on the floor outside their classrooms where they will be supervised by staff until the 8:50am (Kindergarten Students will sit in the front hallway)

#### Dismissal

- Car riders will be called by tag number from the MPR or classroom to the pick up lanes
- Walkers will be dismissed at the bell
- Tae Kwon Do and Bright Beginnings and Boys and Girls Club will be dismissed at the bell to wait at the front entry benches
- Student attending the Y go to the gym at the bell
- Bus riders will wait in groups by bus number outside weather permitting or wait in room 3
- If bus is out front at dismissal, office will let staff know.
- Students and families will not be allowed to return to classrooms after the dismissal bell

We need your help! If you are waiting for your child outside the front door with siblings, please remember that the blue concrete circles are for sitting only and not standing. Please also make sure that children are not climbing the blue columns outside the front door. Dogs may not be brought onto school grounds from 8:30-4:00 while students are present. If you walk your dog to school to drop off or pick up your child, please wait across the crosswalk or off school grounds.

#### **Breakfast/Lunch Menus and Payments**

Below is the link to access the breakfast and lunch menus for Eagle River Elementary, as well as the rest of ASD's schools. Please remember that there may be substitutions as needed.

Did you know you may qualify for free or greatly reduced lunch prices? To apply for the free/reduced lunch program, families will need to go online to <a href="schoolcafe.com/anchorage">schoolcafe.com/anchorage</a> and click "Apply for Benefits" after creating an account if you do not already have one. Paper applications may be mailed in to ASD Student Nutrition department or dropped off at the school/Student Nutrition Center. For more direct instructions please visit <a href="https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13246">https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13246</a>.

Families may add funds to a student's account by logging into ParentConnect/Q, clicking on their student's name, clicking "ASD Quick Links" and then "Online Payments". For direct instructions, please visit <a href="https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13241">https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13241</a>

Breakfast Cost: \$3.00 Lunch Cost: \$4.75

#### Menus via SchoolCafe

#### **Volunteering for ERES**

If you would like to be considered for volunteer activities at Eagle River Elementary, please submit an application at <a href="https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13771">https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13771</a>. All interested in volunteering MUST submit an application, regardless if you were and approved volunteer last year. Once received online, applications take approx. 7-10 days to process. We highly encourage online applications as paper applications can take even longer and we will not be approving volunteer applications on site.

To figure out what volunteer opportunities there are, please reach out to your student's teacher to let them know you are interested in volunteering. Otherwise, look for communication from the school and/or your teacher for open volunteer opportunities.

At this time, only approved volunteers, staff, and students (of course!) may enter the school past our front office. If you are not an approved volunteer, we unfortunately cannot allow you to volunteer that day. We will not be able to approve applications on site and last minute. Thank you families for your willingness to help out at our school!

# **Volunteer Sign Up**

#### **School Policy Reminders**

Eagle River Elementary's policy for late drop-off is that families must come in and sign late students in. If families are picking a student up before the end of the day, then they must come to the front office to sign students out. The office staff will not call students down before an authorized pick-up person is physically in the front office.

For late drop-off and early pick-up, the bus lane may be used <u>only</u> from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Families that use the bus lane after 3pm will be asked to relocate their vehicle before taking their student. We understand that the parking lot becomes congested in the afternoon and encourage families to plan accordingly. Additional parking is available in the empty lot across from the First Baptist Church on Monte.

We are unable to microwave food for students for lunch. Please plan accordingly.

Lastly, cell phone use in the front office is strictly prohibited to maintain student confidentiality and FERPA regulations. Visitors using cell phones in the office will be asked to end their conversation or step into the vestibule to finish. We appreciate your understanding!

#### **How is Your Student Getting Home?**

The safety of our students is of the utmost importance to Eagle River Elementary, and we want to make sure our students get home safely. Please plan out and communicate to your student and your student's teacher how they will get home every day.

Any changes to the way your student is getting home at the end of the day <u>MUST</u> be reported to the office by 3:00pm. The end of the day is a hectic time and last minute changes are extremely difficult to communicate to students. We ask families to communicate changes directly to the office, not to your student's teacher. Teachers are busy instructing students and may not see emails, Remind messages, etc. before the end of the day, thus resulting in your student not leaving how they need to be. If you have a change to how your student is getting home that is long term, please make sure to let your child's teacher know as well as the office.

To help students understand how/where they will leave the building at the end of the day, Eagle River Elementary uses three groupings to differentiate their dismissal routine: parent pick-up,

walkers, and bus riders. It is important families know the difference between these groups so students are not confused how they are getting home.

- If your student will be picked up in a car, then they are considered parent pick-up. Your student must be able to get in and out of your vehicle without assistance for parent pick-up. If they aren't able to do so, families will need to park and meet their student at the front.
- If your student walks home <u>or</u> you will meet them in front of the building, they are considered walkers.
- Students that ride a school bus, go to Bright Beginnings, Taekwondo, or go to the Boys & Girls
  Club are bus riders. Please make sure your student clearly understands how they are getting
  home.

ERES uses a car tag number system and each family is assigned a specific number. Please hang your car tag on your rear-view mirror so staff in the parent pick-up area know what students go to each car.

#### **Attendance/Arrival Policy Reminders**

Students who arrive after the 9AM bell are considered tardy and will need to stop in the office to get a tardy pass before being admitted to class.

Please call the main line and press "1" for the attendance line if your child will be absent. Absences must be reported by 10:00am to ensure your student's attendance is entered. Families may also submit attendance requests through Q/Parent Connect. Automatic attendance calls alerting for unexcused absences go out at 10:45.

When leaving an attendance message for your student please leave these important details:

- 1) Student Name
- 2) Date(s) of absence
- 3) Reason for absence
- 4) Teachers Name
- 5) Grade Level

Many messages are left saying the student will be out but do not leave a reason. Without a reason, the student is automatically marked unexcused. When you know you will be on an extended absence like a family vacation, we can put a prearranged unexcused absence in the system so you do not get a daily phone call.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 742-3000.

#### **ASD Attendance Guidelines**

Here are the District Guidelines for Attendance:

AM (starts at 9:00 am)

- Tardy up to 60 minutes after school starts
- Absent (.5 day) If a student misses more than 60 minutes.

PM (starts at 12:15 pm)

- Tardy arrives at or before 1:15pm
- Absent (.5 day) student misses more than 60 minutes

#### **Birthday Treats**

Please reach out to your child's teacher before sending/bringing in treats and they can fill you in on any classroom requirements including food allergies or sensitivities. Some teachers may prefer individually packaged items. In general, birthday treats must be store bought and pre-packaged (sealed store cupcakes for example).

#### **School Business Partners**





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**Subway** 

	EAGLE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL-WIDE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS								
MAIN	Arrival & Dismissal	Hallway	Lunchroom	Recess	Restroom	Success Strategies			
Safety First	Walk directly to my destination     Stay put     Talk softly     Keep my hands, feet, and belongings to myself     Arrive after 8:45	Walk directly to my destination     Have permission and a hall pass	Throw away my trash Clean up my space Stay in my seat Eat only my food	Dress appropriately     Follow recess     expectations     Report problems to     staff on duty     Follow adult directions     Line up quickly and     quietly	Get permission and a pass     Walk directly to destination     Allow for the privacy of others     Wash my hands     Report problems to my teacher	Talk to an adult Ask for help immediatey			
One Community We will	Respect others' space     Set technology for learning (personal tech turned off and in backpack before entering the building)	Walk     Keep quiet     Keep to the right	Be patient     Stay in line     Pitch in	Include others     Share     Care for our playground and equipment	Keep restroom clean     Conserve resources     2/2 Rule: 2 pumps / 2 towels	Move away from conflict or distractions     Use CHAMPS			
Accountability	Use appropriate conversation and/or language Secure items and leave them in my backpack Know my dismissal plan Know my bus/car number	Walk directly to my destination     Stay in line	Maintain a clean space     Use appropriate conversation and language     Keep food on tray and in my mouth	Return equipment     Use appropriate     conversation and     language	Get permission and a pass Use the sign out system Manage my time Go, Flush, Wash, Leave	Ask for help when needed     Calm body  Remember to:     Be positive     Be responsible     Be safe     Be respectful			
Represent Staff will	Supervise students at all times     Know locations of students     Set technology for learning (e-mail, lessons, Class Dojo, Remind)	Enforce safety     Monitor students by being at their doors and in the hallway     Provide passes	Drop off/pick up students on time     Walk students directly into cafeteria	Drop off/pick up students on time     Actively monitor students in their station     Set technology for safety	Establish and monitor sign out system     Provide passes	Practice expectations Be consistent Be engaged with students Communicate			

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