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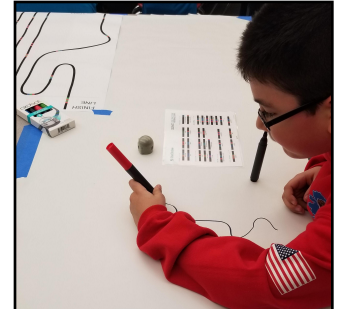
A Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that we are half way through December and almost half way through the school year! Wow, does time go fast! We are in our darkest time of the year and I just want to remind parents that reflective items on your child's outdoor gear and backpack are a great safety measure. Those items can be fun and stylish. Being out and about with varying road conditions, we want drivers to see children as soon as possible.

I want to commend my staff on their response to the earthquake on Friday, November 30, at 8:29 am. Fortunately, it was before school started so there were only a few students here. The first week we focused on routines...

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Ursa Minor and The Alaska Native Heritage Center hosted a family fun night on November 29th. Thank you to the families that came out and had fun learning more about Alaskan Native Culture!



•• SEL Star Winner ••

11/26 – 11/30

K- Soren Franks – Moses
1st- Haylee Jarvis – Feris/Music
2nd- Dakota Manikowski- Arriaga
3rd- Christopher Mellinger – Vecera
4th- McKayla Schoolcraft – Pieper
5th- Leyliann Nerys – Boes
6th- Nick Cook - Williams



Join us on December 17th for
our SEL Holiday Sing Along!

Each grade level has picked a
song to perform during the
Monday Morning Assembly.
Come join in on the fun!



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Moving over Winter Break?
Please be sure to stop by the front office to fill out withdrawal forms! Letting your teacher know is great but the office will need to also be informed as they are the ones that take care of your student's records. Thank you!

The Winter Band & Orchestra Concert was cancelled this year.



Instead, they will be hosting an open rehearsal for parents to come in and watch and listen to their child run through the songs that they would have played. This will be **December 18th at 9:05 AM**. Band will be in the portable and Orchestra will be in Room 6.



Holiday Spirit Week

Monday 12/17: School Spirit Day



Tuesday 12/18: Ugly Sweater Day

Wednesday 12/19: **Red** and **Green** Day

Thursday 12/20: Cozy Day (flannels or pajamas)



Lunch accounts:

As we get ready to head to break, please be sure to check your child's lunch account. If you have a negative balance, you can pay online on Zangle or you may come in and pay with cash or check. Start out the new year with a positive lunch account!

URSA MINOR PTA

Dates to remember...

Nov. 29 - Dec. 14 - Candy Cane Grams



EMAIL: URSAMINORPTA@GMAIL.COM

FUN FRIDAYS!

Dec. 7

Dec. 14

Bring in \$.50 for a delicious popcorn treat!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 30	 31			CANDY CANE GRAMS NOV. 29TH-DEC 14TH 		1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!	11	12 BAND & ORCHESTRA CONCERT: CANCELED	13  NATIONAL HOT COCOA DAY	14 *FUN FRIDAY	15
16 HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK	17 SEL SING ALONG 9 AM IN THE GYM *SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY	18 OPEN BAND & ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL 9:05 -9:45 AM *UGLY SWEATER DAY	19 *RED & GREEN DAY	20 *COZY DAY		22 
 23	 24	 25	 26	 27	 28	 29



REMINDER: students are to arrive at school **NO EARLIER** than **8:25** am for breakfast and **NO EARLIER** than **8:40** am for those waiting outside. There is **NO** adult supervision until **8:40** am.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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establish structure (safety), and the social emotional aspect of going through a natural disaster. Our aim is to build and instill resiliency. Students will face many challenges in their life and we do not want to perpetuate living in fear, which can be crippling. We want to plan and prepare for safety. We will be continuing to talk about safety, being prepared, and ready. I encourage families to develop and regularly review family safety plans and responses to earthquakes, volcanos, fires, etc. These events happen with little to no warning so the important response is to be prepared and know what to do.

On another note, it has come to my attention that a few parents are learning about and considering **Angelsense**. This is an item that can be clipped to a person with little detection, has a GPS, and the ability to listen in without detection. It cannot be removed without a tool. While I realize one thinks of keeping their child safe, it is important to know that this is against student and parents' privacy rights. If you are feeling that there is a safety concern at school, please contact me by calling 907-428-1311 or by email brons_wendy@asdk12.org to share your concern.

I want to say thank you for sending your child(ren) with the proper outdoor gear. I have been impressed with everyone having gear. We are having another great year with students prepared for the outdoors. If your child is missing clothing or outdoor gear, please come into the school and check out the lost and found. We have quite the collection of lost snow pants, jackets, hats, and other cold weather items.

This is the season for many families to give gifts. Please consider replenishing those school supplies most often used such as pencils, crayons and glue. Many students love to start the new year with a brand new set of supplies.

Please look through this newsletter or check the school website (asdk12.org/ursaminor) for special event days we have coming up!

Be safe and enjoy this enchanting winter season! Happy Holidays!

Wendy Brons, Principal
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