

# News From the Nest

OCTOBER 3RD, 2022

## EAGLETS TO EAGLES WE SOAR ON THE WINGS OF KNOWLEDGE

### CAMPBELL'S CORNER

Welcome to October and Happy Fall!

Have you been looking for an opportunity to work at our school or do you know anyone who would be interested? We are looking for substitute teachers and substitute paraprofessionals (TAs). If you are interested, please let us know and submit an application for subbing on the ASD website.

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up October 26th and 27th and we are looking forward to seeing all of you. Information will be coming home soon so keep an eye open.

This month I want to discuss school safety. Across the district every month, schools do Evacuation (Fire) Drills and quarterly we do Earthquake Drills, Stay Put Drills (threat is outside the school but we are safe inside,) and ALICE Drills – this is to prepare students in case of an active threat. Friday we practiced evacuating the school to our alternative safety site, First Baptist Church. We discussed in an age-appropriate way how to address the situation if there is an active intruder or threat in the building with your children. We explained to students that there are multiple ways to respond to a threat and that the teacher will make the best decision for the group. Depending upon the age of the children, we explained that the choices are to evacuate the area, fight back or hide. The Great Alaska Shake-Out (Earthquake Drill) will also take place on October 20 at 10:20 am.

At ERE, we strive to prepare to address any situation that should occur at school, and I want all our families to feel confident that as your Principal, that I will aggressively ensure that all efforts are made to prevent and/or address safety concerns immediately. Students can't learn when they don't feel safe.

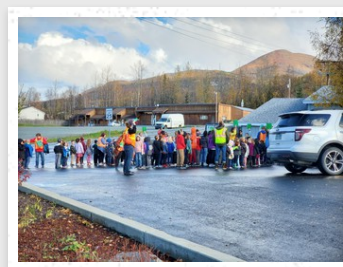
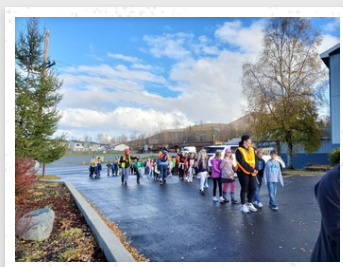
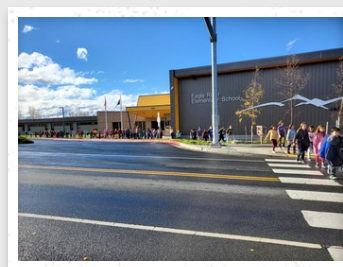
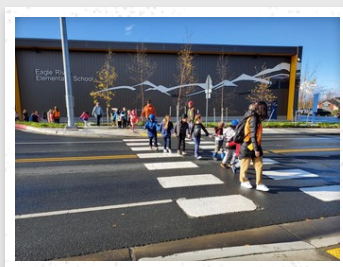
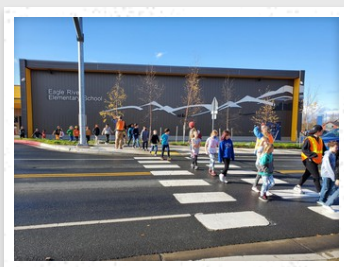
We want to make sure we are addressing any concerns right away. As situations arise where you have concerns or questions about your student or things happening in the classroom you are wondering about, please reach out to your child's teacher first. Families that reach out to

other staff with concerns will be directed to contact their student's teacher. If you have communicated concerns with your student's teacher and feel they haven't been addressed, please free to reach out to me.

Warmly,  
Dawn Campbell

## ALTERNATE SITE DRILL PRACTICE

Our Eagles did an absolutely AMAZING job!



## PICTURE DAY – OCT. 11TH

Eagle River Elementary will be having our fall Picture Day on October 11th. Physical ordering sheets have already been sent home with students, and reminder flyers will be sent out next week. Families may also order pictures online by going to [mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com) and entering our unique Picture Day ID Code: **EVTGK8Q77**. Families may also order pictures without the ID code by going to the same website and entering their student's ASD ID.

**ORDER PICTURES ONLINE AT MYLIFETOUCH.COM**

## FOOD DRIVE

We are having our annual ERE Food Drive the week of October 10th. We have a goal of 750 food items this year. When we reach our goal, students will have popcorn and movie. Thank you for supporting our ERE school families!

### EAGLE RIVER ELEMENTARY FALL FOOD DRIVE

October 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

Did you know Eagle River Elementary has its very own food pantry to help our Eagles soar?

**IT'S TIME TO RESTOCK THE SHELVES!**



PLEASE SEND IN CANNED FOODS AND NON-PERISHABLE GOODS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

Ideas of foods to donate include, canned beans, rice, uncooked pasta, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna, popcorn, boxed milk and alternate milks, instant mashed potatoes, spaghetti sauce, etc.

**OUR SCHOOL GOAL IS..**

**750 items!**

If we reach our goal, the whole school gets a popcorn and movie party!

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher conference time, and the end of the first quarter of the school year, is quickly approaching! Families will be able to schedule conferences online through various ways:

- ASD home page/Families Tab/Learning Section
- ASD home page via the web slider <https://www.asdk12.org/conferences>

- ASD Mobile App
- ParentConnection/Quick Links

The Conference Scheduler will be open and links available to families starting on Monday, October 10th through Tuesday, October 25th. If families need assistance accessing their ParentConnect account, please reach out to the front office team.

## **\*\* NO SCHOOL OCT. 21ST & 28TH \*\***

### **ASD BUSSING**

As a reminder, ERE's three weeks of bussing, Cohort #3, will be started today, Monday, Oct. 3rd and will go through Oct. 20th. Please log on to ParentConnect to view which bus your student will be riding, where your student's bus stop is, and what their pick-up/drop-off time is. Bussing information can be viewed under the ASD Quick Links after logging on to ParentConnect. If there is no information available for your student on ParentConnect, then your student does not qualify for bussing.

If your student will be riding the bus during our three weeks, this information must be communicated to your student's teacher as with any other changes to how students get to/from school. It is also recommended to practice walking to and from a student's bus stop so they are prepared.

For questions and assistance with ParentConnect login information, please reach out to our front office team.

For more information about the current bussing situation, families can go to <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/5419>.

### **MEET OUR MILITARY FAMILY LIFE COUNSELOR!**

Please join us in welcoming our new Military Family Life Counselor(MFLC), Heather Ward! MFLCs provide support by offering counseling, consultation and outreach to eligible faculty, staff, parents, children and youth on topics including (but not limited to): coping with deployment and reunification, self-esteem, parental separation, conflict resolution, and so much more. We are so excited to have Mrs. Ward join our team at ERES!

Here's a blurb about Mrs. Ward and the fun adventures she had this summer:

I love the Alaska summer and enjoy being outdoors. My husband and I love to hike with our dog, Aurora. This summer I had the opportunity to go to Military Spouse Camp at Camp K in Cooper Landing and on an ATV tour with my husband and 2 of my boys (the 3rd was at summer camp). I finally got to go to Valdez and go canoeing in Valdez Glacier Lake with my



family. I went to the Air Show on JBER and was excited to meet Miss America. We also love going to the Alaska State Fair. I love the show "American Ninja Warrior" and I'm a huge fan of Nick Hanson, the "Eskimo Ninja." My two younger sons got to train with Nick Hanson fellow Ninja Warriors at the fair.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – COMING SOON!

Our annual fall Scholastic Book Fair will be held on the half days during Parent-Teacher conferences, October 26th and 27th. Students will have the option to browse and purchase items during the school day 10:30am-12:30pm, and families will be able to shop with their students 12:30pm-6:00pm. For families wishing to shop online, below is a link to Eagle River Elementary's online Book Fair store. Our goal this year is to sell \$6500.00. Profits from purchases made at our Scholastic Book Fair and made using the online shop go directly to our school to buy more books for students. We thank you for your support!

Mrs. Campbell our librarian is looking for volunteers to help during the book fair this year. Anyone that is interested in assisting with the book fair should email Mrs. Campbell at [campbell\\_alison@asdk12.org](mailto:campbell_alison@asdk12.org). Volunteers must be approved by ASD before being able to participate. Information on how to apply to be an approved volunteer can be found farther down in this newsletter or on the ERE website.

### BOOK FAIR ONLINE SHOP

Shop Eagle River Elementary's online book fair store at  
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/eagleriverelemsch>

## NO EARLY DROP-OFF

*We need your help. We are working hard to accommodate our families by providing coverage at 8:35. Most schools are not providing supervision until 8:45. Please help us by*

*waiting until 8:35 to let students out of your car.*

Despite multiple Blackboard message and classroom communication, many students are being dropped off at school in the morning before 8:35 am, sometimes as early as 8:00 am. This creates an unsafe environment for students since we do not provide child care or supervision before school opens at 8:35am. Do not drop off your student until you see a staff member on duty with an orange vest at the stop sign AND it is 8:35. Our crossing guard sometimes goes out a few minutes early and some student get dropped off to go to the Y. When families see this they are letting students out of the car before there is coverage. If your child is lining up outside the front entry, they are here too early. This is especially important as the mornings get colder and darker.

## 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 the authorized pick-up person is physically in the front office.

For late drop-off and early pick-up, the bus lane may be used from 9:30am to 3:00pm only. 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 and park in the empty lot across from the First Baptist Church on Monte after 3pm.

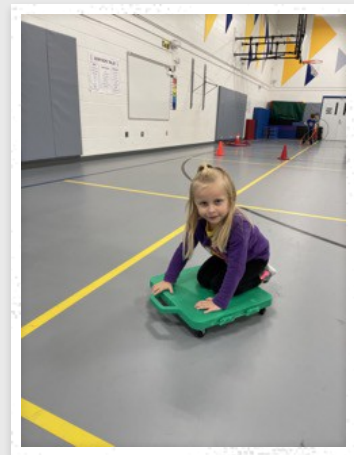
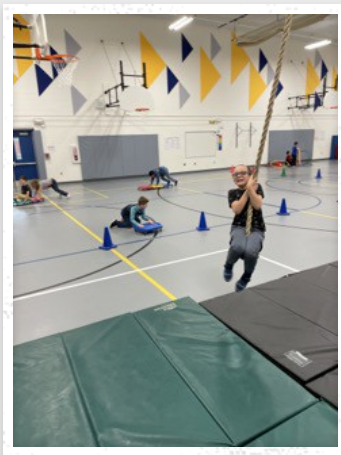
Lastly, cell phone use in the front office is strictly prohibited to maintain student confidentiality and FERPA regulations. Visitors using cell phones in the office will be asked to end their conversation or step into the vestibule to finish. We appreciate your understanding!

## P.E. FUN WITH COACH FULLMER

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the Beach Lake Running Jamboree. The students ran their hearts out and had a blast. I loved seeing all their smiling faces at the race and their medals worn proudly the next day at school. This past month we have been focusing on some of our soccer skills and introducing new equipment through stations.

With the end of the month upon us, I just wanted to remind all our parents about the Healthy Future program we are participating in. Each month, students can earn prizes by turning in their Healthy Future Log. Our goal is to have students participate in an hour of physical activity per day. If they are able to reach that goal 15 times throughout the month they can turn in the log to me and earn a prize. The physical activity they get at school through recess, P.E., and etc. all count towards their goal. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about it. I am attaching a copy of the log on the newsletter, or you can just make your own log on a piece of paper.

Thanks,  
Coach Spencer Fullmer



## FREE/REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

It's not too late to apply for ASD's 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 [schoolcafe.com/anchorage](https://schoolcafe.com/anchorage).

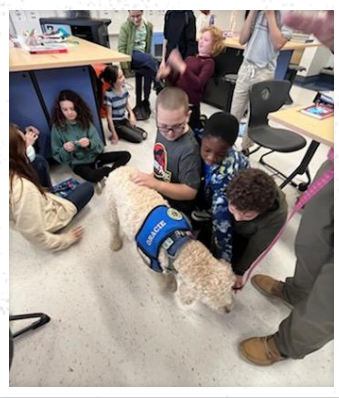
For questions and more directions on how to apply, please visit ASD Student Nutrition's main page about the program at <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13246>.

## EAGLE RIVER ELEMENTARY FALL CHOIR

Mr. Barton will be hosting a before-school choir club for interested 3rd-6th graders. Choir group will meet every Thursday and Friday morning at 8:00-8:50am. Attached to this newsletter is a PDF with more information and a permission slip. Signed permission slips must be returned no later than October 7th.

## PET PARTNERSHIP VISIT

We were so excited and thankful to have Dan and Gracie the Goldendoodle visit our school this week! Gracie is a certified service dog that specializes in providing therapeutic support. Mrs. McCloud's class and Mrs. Sorensen's class had a blast hanging out with her and getting to know more about what a service dog can do. We can't wait for Gracie and Dan to visit us again!



## \*THE INFORMATION BELOW WILL REMAIN ON THE NEWSLETTER FOR YOUR REFERENCE

### BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS AND PAYMENTS

Below is the link to access the breakfast and lunch menus. Please remember that there may be substitutions as needed.

ASD is not providing free breakfast and lunch for all students like last year. To apply for the free/reduced lunch program, families will need to apply online by going to [schoolcafe.com/anchorage](https://schoolcafe.com/anchorage). 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, families can visit <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13241>

Breakfast Cost: \$2.75 Lunch Cost: \$4.50

### MENUS

### VOLUNTEERING FOR ERES

If you would like to be considered for volunteer activities at Eagle River Elementary, please submit an application at <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13771>. 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.

At this time, only approved volunteers, staff, and students (of course!) may enter the school past our front office. 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

## LATE DROP OFF AND EARLY PICK UP PROCEDURES

If you drop off your child late, you must come inside to the front office and sign them in. If you are picking your student up early, please do not call the office ahead of time. We will call your child down when you are in the front office. This prevents students from sitting in the front office waiting to be picked up.

You may park out front in the Bus Lane from 9:30-3:00 to pick up or drop off. Outside of these times, there is no parking in the bus lane. Please park in the parking lot.

\*Please plan ahead if you need to pick up your child early. Due to the number of students being picked up since we do not have busing, we are unable to call students out of classes after 3:15. Remember that you must have ID to pick up your student and you must be on the approved contact list.

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

**Arrival** – Students will be let in at 8:35 and there will be no supervision until then. **Students will not be allowed to wait before 8:35. Please time your child's arrival so they are here no earlier than 8:35.** 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 8:35
- 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
- \* When we have bused - Bus riders will sit in the Intermediate and Optional Hallways separated by bus numbers
- If bus is out front at dismissal, office will let staff know, otherwise students sit in hallway. Office will announce arrival of buses.

## CHANGES TO HOW YOUR CHILD IS GETTING HOME

If you have a change to how your child is getting home for that day, please alert the front office as early as possible in the day. The end of the day is a hectic time and last minute changes are extremely difficult. Students being picked up from the front doors are considered walkers, and students being picked up in a car are considered car riders.

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.

## ATTENDANCE/ARRIVAL POLICY REMINDERS

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.

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

- 1) Students Name
- 2) Date(s) of absence
- 3) Reason for absence
- 4) Teachers Name
- 5) Grade Level
- 6) **If no reason is given it will always automatically be considered unexcused.**

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.

## 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



**2 BROTHERS  
AUTO DETAIL**



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