

# Coyote Howler

January 2025

## Mark Your Calendars

### Important Dates

January 6: 1st Day of 3rd Quarter

January 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

January 24: Family Bingo Night 6:00 PM

January 31: Yearbook Orders are DUE - Pay on Parent Connect.

[LINK TO OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)



## Principal's Message

Dear Kincaid Families,

Happy New Year! We are excited to begin our second half of the 24/25 school year.

Congratulations to Stacy Dayley for becoming our full time teacher for Health. Stacy has most recently been our English Language Learner tutor. Before that, she subbed in all areas in our building for many years. Stacy has a passion for health and fitness. She is excited to join Kincaid as our Health teacher.



Thank you Jolene Norris for filling in as a long-term substitute in our Health position during the first half of the school year. Jolene has taught in many positions at Kincaid including general education classrooms, special education classrooms, and most recently our Health classroom. All students at Kincaid know and appreciate Mrs. Norris. Staff appreciate her flexibility and dedication to Kincaid Elementary School.

Mark your calendars for our PTA family night that is coming soon! January 24, at 6:00 pm will be our BINGO Night! We love spending time with our families outside of the school day! I hope you can join us!

Stay safe out there on those icy roads. Today we missed our students at school and hope weather conditions improve soon!

Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Zorea

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## *Job Opening - English Language Learner Tutor*

Kincaid has one job opening for the [English Language Learner Tutor position](#). Please share with your friends who are seeking a job, and would be an excellent addition to our school.

The English Language Learners Tutor assists in teaching English skills to non-English speaking and Limited English Proficient (LEP) students on an individual or small group basis in order to improve their understanding of concepts being taught in the regular classroom. The position has a retirement association with the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

[Apply Here](#)

## *Yearbooks*

You can now order your 24/25 yearbook through parent connect! Yearbooks are \$20! If you wish to sponsor a yearbook for another student at Kincaid, you may pay for an extra one and let the office know it is a donation for a student who may not receive a yearbook due to economic hardships. We want to thank Mr. Allen for offering to be our yearbook coordinator this year. Yearbooks will be available in May.

**Please make payments for the yearbook by January 31** so that we know how many yearbooks to order.

## *Lottery and Tours at Kincaid*

The Anchorage School District offers additional schools or programs outside the typical neighborhood school. The District utilizes a randomized lottery system to provide equal opportunity for all students who would like to participate in one of these alternative schools or programs. To participate in a school or program outside your child's neighborhood school, a lottery application must be submitted during the following application windows.

- February 1, 2025, at midnight – Lottery opens for parents to submit applications.
- March 20, 2025, at 5pm – Lottery closes for applications
- March 21, 2025 – Lottery runs
- March 24-27, 2025 – Schools validate accepted and wait lists
- March 28, 2025, at 5pm – Parent notifications of Lottery results are released

Kincaid will be hosting school tours during the month of February every Tuesday from 8:30 am - 9:30 am. If you know a Kindergarten family who would like to join us, please let them know of this opportunity.

## *Health News: Human Growth and Development - 5th Grade*

### **Parents or Guardians of 5th Grade Students:**

During the 2nd semester, the Elementary Health curriculum, **The Great Body Shop**, will cover Human Growth and Development and Diseases.

### **5th grade will cover:**

- Unit 5 Growing Up
  - Lesson 1 Hormones and Your Body
  - Lesson 2 Puberty: Growing and Changing
  - Lesson 3 Hygiene and You-- Keeping Clean
  - Lesson 4 Growing Up With a Healthy Attitude
- Unit 8 - About Blood and Disease
  - Lesson 3 HIV, Enemy of the Immune System

For more information about lesson topics, student issues and videos, please visit the preview folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zTuTxyXfvva8JXUNPqjgYJgmiVUCp7xS?usp=sharing>

### **An OPTIONAL In-Person Parent Preview opportunity is scheduled for:**

Kincaid Elementary School  
Wednesday, January 8, 2025  
4:00 pm -5:30 pm  
Room: D109

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stacy Dayley

Health/SEL Specialist

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## *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.

Junior Achievement's proven lessons in financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship are shown to positively impact the lives of young people. These lessons align with national and state educational standards and are delivered to millions of students across the country with the help of our education partners and volunteers from the local community.



## 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

## Want to Volunteer?



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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