



MARCH ~ 2020/2021 PTARMIGAN ELEMENTARY

Dear Ptarmigan Families,

It is amazing to realize that Spring Break is just around the corner along with the start of 4th Quarter. To ensure we finish out our school year in-person, we will need our families support. Please keep your student home from school if they are not feeling well. When in doubt, keep them home and call our school to talk with our school nurse. A great way to help our school be symptom free is to ensure your students comes to school with several masks. This way students can change out their masks during the day when their mask gets damp.

Another way you can help our school is to complete the family survey. The survey takes about 20 minutes but the information that we get to help us plan for next year is important. Please use the following link. <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb/asdfamily>. The survey is offered in 5 languages. The drop down button to change the language can be found in the upper lefthand corner of the page.

We are excited for our first Family Engagement Event which will be held March 18th via zoom from 8:15am-8:45am. We are celebrating Literacy during this time so log in using the following link or information.

Meeting ID: 991 1737 0338

Passcode: **Ptarmigan**

Link: <https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/99117370338?pwd=NCTtVGfSWTFWSXhoZ2VodVZmTVQvUT09>

Our students in grades 3rd-5th will be completing our State Assessment called PEAKS. Each classroom teacher will be communicating with you regarding when and what days your student(s) will be testing in Reading, Math and Science. Only 5th graders will take all three tests. Within this newsletter you will find additional information on testing. Please let the front office know if your student will be absent for a long period of time at the end of March and April, so we can plan for make-up sessions that support our COVID mitigation plan.

Finally, just a reminder that even though it is getting lighter and a bit warmer outside, students still need to be dressed appropriately for recess. We still have lots of snow on the ground, so all students need to wear a coat, boots, snow pants, gloves, and a hat. Students go out for recess every day, unless it is below -10 degrees (or there is a moose on the playground). When the snow starts melting, our staff will try our best to keep them out of the puddles, but they still might get wet. Students may want to keep an extra pair of dry socks and/or pants in their backpacks just in case.

Sincerely,

Kelly Ramey

Principal Ptarmigan Elementary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

MARCH

- **GRADE REPORTING IN-Service/ NO SCHOOL:** 3/5/2021
- **SPRING BREAK- NO SCHOOL:** 3/8/2021 - 3/12/2021
- **QUARTER 4 BEGINS-** 3/15/2021
- **FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVENT:** 3/18/2021
(via ZOOM @ 8:15am-8:45am)
- **QTR 3 Awards Zoom Assembly-** 3/19/2021
Prek-2nd @ 10am-10:30am &
3rd-5th Grade @ 11am-11:30am

MARCH CONT'D:

- **SPRING PICTURES:** 3/23/2021
(Virtual Students can get their picture taken from 3:15pm-3:45pm)
 - **PEAKS TESTING BEGINS:** 3/29/2021
- ## APRIL
- **PEAKS TESTING ENDS:** 4/30/2021



2021 PEAKS State Assessment

Each spring, Alaskan students are provided an opportunity to show what they know. When students show what they know, teachers and parents can partner to promote student success.

The Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) is Alaska's summative assessment administered to students in Grades 3-9 (English language arts and mathematics) and grades 5, 8 and 10 (science) each spring. The purpose of a large-scale, summative assessment is to provide parents and schools an overall picture of a student's progress in meeting the Alaska standards at his/her grade level. The assessment is taken on the computer and is not timed, but each content area takes approximately 100-180 minutes.

Parents can locate resources for the PEAKS assessment, including directions for PEAKS Practice tests, called Online Tools Training and PEAKS Tutorials on the ASD website at www.asdk12.org/PEAKS.

Parents can also help by ensuring their children are well rested, eat a nutritious breakfast, and are at school on time for the days of testing. Please avoid scheduling appointments on your child's testing days.

The ASD PEAKS testing window below allows for school assessment scheduling flexibility. **Students! Get ready to show what you know during our school's**

2021 PEAKS Testing Window

March 29-April 30

(Make-ups: March 30-April 30)





Hosted by: Anchorage School District, Title I
Led by Love and Logic
Trained Facilitator
Meg'n Gall

Dates: Tuesday (3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4)

Time: Tuesdays: 6:00-7:30 Pm

Location: Zoom link will be provided weekly.

How to Register: Name
Child's school
Email address
Mailing address
Phone number

Questions and to register: Meg'n Gall
gall_megn@asdk12.org

Cost: Free

******Limited seats available**

You will find answers to:

- How do I get them out of bed in time for school?
- How can I stop my children to help with chores without arguing?
- Is there a way to discipline my toddler in public without creating a scene?
- How can I get my teenager daughter to come home at the agreed time?
- How do I get him to eat his dinner without complaining?
- And how many more day to day parenting challenges?

~ NEWS FROM NURSE BRITTANY ~

Screenings are here at Ptarmigan!

Did you know that our school nurse screens Ptarmigan students yearly for hearing, vision, and height and weight? Elementary school nurses across the district screen PreK, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th grade as well as any students new to our district. You may have already seen a letter from the nurse in regards to a vision screening we conducted in mid-February with the Lion's Club. If you received a vision screening form, that means there is something not quite right with your student's vision. Please contact your eye doctor with the information. If you need help finding an eye doctor or help with resources to see an eye doctor, our school nurse would be glad to help you with that. Give her a call!

The nurse is also working on hearing screenings. If your student does not pass the hearing screening, and they have multiple chances to try, you will be contacted by ASD Audiology. The Audiology Department will schedule a time with you for further screenings.

Both screenings do not take up much class time for your students. If you would prefer that your student was not screened, please let the nurse know. If you have concerns about your child's vision or hearing, you are welcome to call the nurse and get your student's most recent vision and hearing information.

~ Brittany Bretz, BSN, RN, NCSN

Ptarmigan Elementary School Nurse

PH: 907-742-0417 ~

Kindergarten Round-Up

Is your child starting kindergarten in the
Anchorage School District in the 2021-22 school year?

- Learn how to help prepare your child for kindergarten
- Activities to do at home to support kindergarten readiness
- Enrollment information and requirements

Join us!

April 6 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

April 12 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

April 22 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

April 26 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.



<http://bit.ly/KindyRoundUp>



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"Notes" From the Ptarmigan Music Room.



As we move into the final quarter for this year, I wanted to take a moment to remind you of some wonderful resources on Canvas for music. The music department has put together some strong online learning opportunities for your students in Music. If you do not know how to access these Canvas resources, please reach out to your classroom teacher. The lessons are designed to be self-driven and are very user friendly.

In my recorded lessons moving forward you will see lessons on cumulative songs and one of my favorite subject s... "Wiggle Week". Although I am not "live" zooming into your student's classroom, I continue to provide recorded lessons that classroom teachers have access to. Ptarmigan student's will be exploring the music from Rossini's William Tell Opera (think the Lone Ranger Theme) and they will continue to have opportunities to play rhythms and make music with body percussion. Each week we are highlighting a different instrument and I have enjoyed sharing the large variety of beautiful music that highlights each instrument.

Remember to share music with your family. Sing together, dance together and make music together. The best way to learn about music is to play music.

In Harmony, Mrs. Benton Classroom Music Specialist



Timberwolves Drop-off & Pick-up Etiquette for SAFETY

First and foremost, THANK YOU for bringing your child/children to Ptarmigan for in-person learning!

We are all committed to the children's health and academic well-being!

It truly takes a village to keep the kids safe and ready to learn the best that we can.

To ensure the utmost safety, we need your help during arrival drop-off and dismissal pick-up each day.

Please:

Follow all instructions given by the staff and follow the traffic signs accordingly.

Unload and Load at the designated area which is located after the sign reading:
*Student Drop-off and Pick-up
Starts here*

Please DO NOT use your phone while in line.

Please stay in the line.

Do not drive past other cars that are waiting in line to drop-off or pick-up
your child, unless instructed to do so.

Consider walking with your child to & from school each day.

Together we can keep our students safe!!

Thank You.



BOOKSHELF BULLETIN

Hi Ptarmigan Students & Families,

Wow! I can't believe it's the fourth quarter. Although students are not able to visit the library right now, the books are still available for check out. Make sure to visit the library page (on your canvas home page) to reserve books that are available, and I will deliver them to your classroom.

New non-fiction books have been added to our collection, in addition to some new graphic novels. I encourage you to go take a peek at some of our new books.

If you cannot remember how to reserve library books online, watch the video tutorial and it will walk you through the steps. You are more than welcome to reach out to me by calling the school or through email if you need assistance in getting resources. Happy reading! 😊

Alyson Tucker Teacher-Librarian



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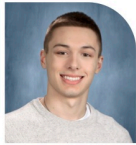
PICTURE DAY IS COMING



Order your school pictures
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Tuesday, March 23, 2021
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Tuesday, March 23, 2021 \ martes, 23 de marzo, 2021
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-Positively PE-

There couldn't be a more perfect time to start the Spring 2021 Healthy Futures Challenge than during Spring Break. The challenge goes from February through April. Students fill out a monthly physical activity log and turn it into me at the end of each month. I then enter the names into the Healthy Futures database. Students are eligible for monthly prizes (must meet requirement of 60 minutes a day for at least 15 days out of the month) and for the grand prize (if they turn in all 3 months of logs & meet the 60 minutes a day and 15 days out of the month requirement). PE and recess time counts towards the 60 minutes of physical activity in a day.

<https://healthyfuturesak.org/the-challenge/elementary-schools/>

Stay safe, stay healthy,

Chad Garner

Ptarmigan Elementary P.E. Teacher

Month: _____

Student name _____

Teacher _____

Signature _____

Physical Activity Log

Be active **60 minutes** or more at least **15 days** per month. Write down your activity or color in the boxes for the days you are physically active for at least 60 minutes. **Get Out and Play, Every Day!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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www.healthyfuturesak.org

MEET PTARMIGAN'S NEW 3rd GRADE TEACHER



MRS. HAUPT

As a graduate of the Anchorage School District (go Eagles!), I couldn't be prouder to have returned as a 3rd grade teacher! I moved to South Carolina for college and remained there until late 2019. After earning a degree in US History, I worked at a historical site where I taught people of all ages about the history of the site and the area. My favorite was the school and youth groups that came from all over the country to visit us. This led me to the decision to follow my heart and become a teacher. I graduated in 2018 with a degree in early childhood education and then long term subbed until returning to Alaska. I enjoy reading, hiking, and I love to travel! I'm so excited to be a timber wolf and honored to teach such amazing kids!

DRIVE-IN SLIDE SHOW

Art Connects Us

SERVICE
HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH 5, 2021
AT 7 P.M.

TUNE IN TO 95.9 FM



49TH ANNUAL STUDENT ART SHOW
in celebration of March – National Youth Art Month

DRIVE-IN SLIDE SHOW

Art Connects Us

EAST
HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH 12, 2021
AT 7:30 P.M.

TUNE IN TO 95.9 FM



49TH ANNUAL STUDENT ART SHOW
in celebration of March – National Youth Art Month

Anchorage School Board:

Elisa Vakalis (President), Margo Bellamy (Vice President), Andy Holleman (Clerk), Starr Marsett (Treasurer), and Members Deena Mitchell, Dave Donley, and Alisha Hilde. ASD Superintendent, Dr. Deena Bishop.