



MAY ~ 2021/2022 PTARMIGAN ELEMENTARY

Hello Ptarmigan Families,

We have almost made it to the end to another unusual school year. I know it has been difficult at times, especially with changing COVID protocols, but together we did amazing things.

May is full of several notable events. Our first is Bike To School Day on **May 4th**. Student with the permission of their families can bike to school (wearing a helmet) and don't forget to bring a lock. Look for additional information from Mr. Garner or your classroom teachers.

Another is our choir performance. The Ptarmigan Choir will conduct an in-person performance of the "Island in the Sun" on **May 6th**. There will be 2 performances for our students at 9:30am or 2:15pm, and an evening performance that very same day at 6pm.

Our final event is our 4th quarter assemblies on May 17th. We will have two separate assemblies and they will be in-person and parents are welcome. K-2nd grade will be at 9:30am and PRE-K & 3rd-5th grade will begin at 2:30pm.

Registration for next school year opened on April 25th. Parents of students that are returning to Ptarmigan will need to go into ParentConnection and complete the registration process for each student. If you cannot remember your PIN and/or password, you are able to get that info directly from the ParentConnect login page @ <https://parentconnect.asdk12.org/production/parentportal>.

When families wait to register, we potentially lose teachers to other schools which could result in your student having more kids in their class. So, to encourage early registration, **Ptarmigan will be conducting a raffle for parents who register their returning students before May 17th**. The enrollment process for New-to-District students, including Kindergarteners, begins July 15, 2022 with the Pre-Enrollment process, by **clicking on the following link:** <https://www.asdk12.org/enrollonline>.

Have a safe and restful summer, with hopes to see you next school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kelly Ramey
Ptarmigan Elementary Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

MAY

- **BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY:** 5/4/2022
- **CHOIR PERFORMANCE @ 6pm:** 5/6/2022
- **4th QTR Assemblies:** 5/17/2022
(K-2nd) @ 9:30am
(PRE-K & 3rd-5th) @ 2:30pm
- **5th Grade Promotion @ 2:15pm:** 5/19/2022
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:** 5/19/2022

'Island In The Sun'

A Musical Featuring the songs of Irving Burgie

*Performed by
The Ptarmigan Elementary Choir
under the direction of Mrs. Benton*



Friday May 6th! At 9:30am, 2:15pm, and
6:00pm



"Notes" From the Ptarmigan Music Room



May 6th is the date for the choir musical "Island In The Sun". 3rd-5th grade choir students have been memorizing 8 songs and lots of lines for this performance. We hope you get a chance to see the performance on Friday, May 6th at 6:00pm. There will also be two performances for Ptarmigan students on May 6th during the day. This delightful musical will put you in the mood for sunshine and summer.

5th graders are learning a song for their promotion ceremony. "Forward" is a peppy song about dreams and possibilities. They are also finishing up work on the recorder. Many are starting to get a nice tone out of their instruments and beginning to put together songs.

K-4th grades are learning a song "Good Wishes" for the fifth graders, 'parade' the school. They will be serenading them on the last day of school, wishing them good luck as they head to 6th grade.

I hope you keep music in your summer activities. Sing with your children and share some of your favorite artists with them. Singing games can be great to use in the car on those long trips to go fishing and camping. I look forward to more musical moments next year with your students.

Happy Summer!

In Harmony, Mrs. Benton Classroom Music Specialist

BOOKSHELF BULLETIN



The end of the school year is fast approaching!

Last day for students to check out any library books is on Friday, May 6th. Also, all library materials must be returned by May 13th.

Mrs. Rachel Rosenberger
Long Term Library Substitute



Hello from the Art Room! Spring has sprung! It's amazing to see the growth of each student this year. As we wrap up the year, classes will be finishing up their clay projects. This has been a fan favorite throughout the classes.

Congratulations to the following students with work at the Ed Center and Muldoon Library!

- ~ Pulou Tauanuu
- ~ ZaTreyvion Brown
- ~ Josie Xiong

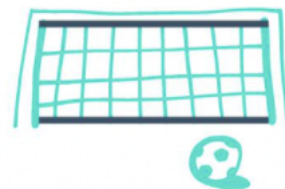
May Creative Challenge:

Using the two lines below, complete the picture. Steps: Find a blank sheet of paper and draw two lines on your paper as seen below. Your goal: you must incorporate those two lines and create something out of them!

Cheers! Ms. Walker

5. Add imagination no. 2

Sport! This time, create as many ideas as you can by looking at the two lines, thinking about different sports.





~ Health Over the Summer ~

This summer there will be so many opportunities to get out and stay active and healthy! Some ideas for active, safe, healthy family fun:

Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
Alyeska Resort, the Aerial Tram
Eagle River Nature Center
Anchorage Museum
Tony Knowles Coastal Trail
Chugach State Park
ALL the public parks!
Alaska Sealife Center
Hiking Flattop
Glacier/Wildlife cruises
Camping
Bike riding
Concerts in the parks
Alaska Museum of Science and Nature
Dog sledding
Alaska Botanical Garden

Westchester Lagoon
Alaska Railroad
Eklutna Lake
Byron Glacier Trail
Crow Creek Mine
Thunderbird Falls
Alaska Native Heritage Center
Chalk art
Alaska Zoo
Dave and Buster's
Potter Marsh Bird Sanctuary
Have a picnic
Kincaid Park
The Ulu Factory
Skating at Dimond Center Mall
Anchorage City Trolley Tours

Have fun this summer, and I'll see you in the fall!

Mrs. Jamie Wolfe
Health Specialist Teacher
Ptarmigan/Baxter Elementary



BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL

Ptarmigan Elementary

is participating in Bike to School Day on
Wednesday, May 4th, 2022

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate
the benefits of walking and bicycling.

About our event:

Ptarmigan families and students,

Our school will once again be participating in Bike to School Day 2022! If you have a bike or a scooter, please join us Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 by riding it to school. Students who participate will be eligible for raffle prizes plus there will be safe and secure storage of your bike/scooter in the lower gym/MPR inside the school during the day. The event will be similar to last year which means families and their students will be dropping off/picking up their bikes/scooters at the North exit of the lower gym/MPR. There will be signs to guide you to the correct location. Ptarmigan staff are excited to see each and every one of you roll up to school on your bike or scooter on Wednesday, May 4th!

Please make sure that your students are wearing a helmet. If they do not have a helmet, please let their classroom teacher know and we can find a helmet for them to wear.

Learn more at walkbiketoschool.org

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by
the National Center for Safe Routes to School.





PTARMIGAN EARTH DAY & SCIENCE FAMILY NIGHT

WE HAD SUCH AN AMAZING TURNOUT FOR OUR
LAST FAMILY NIGHT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR





NEWS FROM NURSE JESSIKA



Immunizations:

Summer is almost here! This is a great time to catch up on outstanding immunizations. The last couple of years have been crazy, so as a community, the number of students that are behind on immunizations has risen. To prevent outbreaks of eradicated diseases, please be sure to get any immunizations this summer (or turn in an Immunization Religious Exemption form in the fall). Here is a link to the required vaccines for school and the religious exemption form: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/6617>

Dental:

There has been an uptick in students with dental pain/discomfort who are not regularly going for checkups and are coming into the clinic. Here is a great link that talks about how much dental hygiene/dentist visits impact your child's physical/mental health:

<https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/basics/childrens-oral-health/index.html>

Summer safety tips:

Getting kids outside to enjoy our beautiful Alaskan summers is so wonderful for their health. I wanted to share the following information on common small injuries that can occur. It gives a snapshot of some useful first aid tips and good ways to prepare for injuries that may occur:

<https://www.sutterhealth.org/health/childrens-health/summer-safety-tips-for-kids>

Hope everyone has a great summer!

Mrs. Jessika Harman, RN
Ptarmigan School Nurse

Over just one week in April, our students collected and donated over 1500 food items to New Hope Food Pantry for our Student Council Food drive. We couldn't be prouder of our Timberwolves!!



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