

Coyote Howler

NOVEMBER 23, 2022

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Kincaid Families,

From all of us to all our Coyotes, we wish you well during this time of thanksgiving. We are ever so thankful to be here to serve our students and this community. Thank you for trusting us with your precious children each and every day.

Kincaid Elementary is currently serving 468 students. We have faced some challenging times staffing all our positions this year and ask your continued support in spreading the word. Currently we have 5 open paraprofessional positions open and one cafeteria manager position open. With any shortage, our current staff fill the holes by giving of their time in addition to their regular job duties. Without our current staff giving extra each and every day, we would not be able to have outdoor recess since we currently have three open positions. We are stretched very thin each day.

Kindergarten Paraprofessionals: These positions work with a classroom teacher. They often work with individual students who require extra support. They may prepare materials for the teacher and provide assessments. They also are our recess managers and spend four 30 minute recesses outside to supervise students during outdoor play. We have three open positions.

Special Education Paraprofessionals: We have one opening in our Life Skills program and one opening in our Resource program. Paraprofessionals work under the supervision of a special education teacher to work with individual or small groups of children who have special education services.

Cafeteria Manger: ASD has had a shortage of mangers this school year. We may not serve hot meals until we have a trained manager assigned to our kitchen.

[Click Here For Complete Job Descriptions and to Apply.](#)

Sincerely,

Wendy Zorea
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

November 24-25: Thanksgiving Holiday

November 28: PTA Meeting @ 6:00 pm (Via Zoom--See details in this newsletter)

December 9: Jog-A-Thon Top Class Prizes

December 5-6: Fastbridge Assessments

December 8: Kincaid Choir Winter Concert @ 7:00 pm

December 16: Jog-A-Thon Ice-Cream Party

December 22: In-Service- No School for Students

December 23-January 8: Winter Break

January 9: 3rd Quarter Begins

January 16: MLK Holiday

BUS SERVICES: MESSAGE FROM OUR ASD SUPERINTENDENT

As you prepare to break for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend I have some good news to share!

Parallel to our rigorous academic goals for this school year, the District faces two immediate challenges - budget and bus transportation. After months of hard work from our Transportation Department, **I can say with confidence the District is prepared to return to full bus service beginning Monday, December 5. The cohort system will dissolve at that time.**

We have successfully onboarded 50+ new bus drivers since the start of the school year. They have answered the call and joined our team of already committed bus drivers and attendants. The recent increase in wages will pay transportation staff more competitively for the important work they do, and will help with driver retention.

Sincerely,
Jharrett Bryantt, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Anchorage School District

MAP AND FASTBRIDGE WINTER BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS

6th Grade: November 30 and December 1

5th Grade: December 2 and December 5

4th Grade: December 6-7

3rd Grade: December 8-9

FASTBRIDGE:

- K-3rd Graders
- December 5-6

PTA MEETING

We have a PTA general meeting this coming Monday, November 28th at 6pm?

It will be virtual.

The link is below.

Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89185790820?pwd=d25lYzc4YVZoUUlsQ296UmJ0aS9aQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 8579 0820

Passcode: 984554

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You don't have to distribute the agenda or survey.

But, we would like to remind parents that we are meeting.

Thank you,

Melissa

Kincaid PTA

KINCAID ANGEL TREE

Hello Kincaid Families,

We are excited to have nearly 50 Kincaid students nominated for this year's **ANGEL TREE GIVING!**

We are always grateful for the generosity of our Kincaid families who so graciously give to our Kincaid students who might benefit from a little extra blessing this Christmas!

Instructions:

STEP ONE: Choose a SNOWMAN from the ANGEL TREE in the Kincaid Lobby. Each snowman has a gender and an age to help guide your search.

STEP TWO: Purchase a gift(s) with an approximate value of \$25-\$30.

STEP THREE: DO NOT WRAP!

STEP FOUR: Return your gift(s), *on or before December 13th*, to the Counselor's office or the Front Office *WITH* the Snowman Tag attached to it.

BONUS STEP: Donate a (new or partially used) roll of holiday wrapping paper as an extra bonus blessing!

Thank you! If you have questions, please reach out to:

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or

Fadwa Edais (Migrant Ed Coach)
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PHOTO GALLERY





3RD GRADE PE SKIING CLASS

It's the season to cross-country ski! Our 3rd graders enjoyed such a great PE class today! | By Kincaid Elementary School | Facebook

AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Did you know that our PTA sponsors After School Activities and Programs (ASAP)? Currently we have students participating in basketball and cross-country... | By Kincaid Elementary School | Facebook



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 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.

THANK YOU SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERS



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Mission Statement: Kincaid Elementary School is a neighborhood school that provides a safe, structured, positive learning environment to meet the unique needs of our students. We believe in a strong academic program that is centered on the child and their specific developmental needs. It is our mission to provide a solid educational program while at the same time nurturing our students to become kind humans in our larger community. We will facilitate a learning environment in-school and online to support **ALL** students to become kind, respectful, responsible and safe citizens.

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