

# URSA MINOR

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## A Message from the Principal

Hello! It is great seeing families in the school! Please remember to come to our family night tonight even if it is for a short time. There will be activities for students to engage in and the PTA is holding the Scholastic Book Fair open for tonight. They will be taking it down so it will not be open Friday.

I want to thank PTA for all of their support and work behind the scenes. We are fortunate to have the PTA board because they are leading the PTA in doing awesome things for the school, such as purchasing items for the music department

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**Math-Whizz**  
by whizz EDUCATION

Parents, I encourage students to take time to work on **Lexia** (reading) and **MathWhizz** (math) computer tutor or enrichment programs. It is also helpful to set aside time during the day for students to read. Here is some information shared at our leadership meeting earlier this year.

-A Student who reads 20 minutes per day is exposed to 1,800,000 words per year and tends to score in the 90% on standardized tests.

-A student who reads 5 minutes per day is exposed to 282,000 words per year and tends to score in the 50% on standardized tests.

-A student who reads 1 minute per day is exposed to 8,000 words per year and tends to score in the 10% on standardized tests.

**"The more you read, the more things you will know,  
the more you learn, the more places you'll go"**

Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

## •• SEL Star Winner ••

### 10/15 – 10/18

K- Elizabeth Alvarez - McAllister  
1<sup>st</sup>- Natalie Hicks – Tucker  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Keith Byrd – Arriaga  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Drew Oliver – Vecera  
4<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Riddell – Vecera  
5<sup>th</sup>- Leah Kim – Dunlap  
6<sup>th</sup>- Michael Garcia – Williams

### 10/22 – 10/25

K – Kiana Byrd – McAllister  
1<sup>st</sup>- Jacob Smith – McComas  
2<sup>nd</sup>- Joey Hester – Larson  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Zaylee Helton – Vecera  
4<sup>th</sup>- Ella DeGroot – Vecera  
5<sup>th</sup>- Aedan Korensky – Boes  
6<sup>th</sup>- Kobi hernandez - Williams

*please  
join us*

October 25, 2018

6:00 - 7:30 PM

for

*Ursa Minor Elementary Literacy Night*

*This a family event full of hands-on literacy activities. Stations include Sight Word Bingo and a Book Walk. The PTA will also have the book fair open for your last chance to stop by and shop!*



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## ASD SCHOOL BOARD

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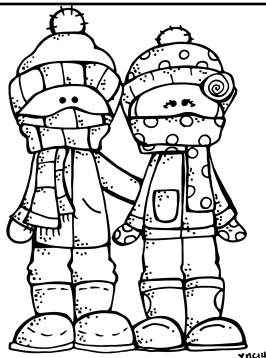
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We are losing more and more daylight making the mornings are very dark. If your child walks to school, please have a conversation about being vigilant with wildlife. A reflective belt and/or some sort of reflective material is highly encouraged to keep kids safe on their walk to and from school.



October 18 at 10:18 Ursa Minor was one of many ASD schools who participated in the Great Shakeout. The Great Shakeout is an earthquake drill we practice, also known as a duck, cover, and hold drill. We practice this drill frequently so our students and staff know what to do in the event of an earthquake. For more information on the Great Shakeout, visit [shakeout.org/alaska](http://shakeout.org/alaska).



Meet Milo the Moose

Every month the ASD Student Nutrition Department will be holding a caption competition. By the 25th of each month, the SN Department will publish pictures of Milo in an activity and how it relates to eating school breakfast and lunch. On the provided 3x5 cards, students can write a caption that applies to the latest Milo picture. Cafe Managers will submit all entries by the 5th of the next month. Student Nutrition staff will select the winning entry and the contestant who is chosen will receive a pair of Regal Cinema tickets. All of the winners will be entered into a drawing pool for a random selection at the end of the year, where the winner's class will receive a pizza party! Be on the look out for Milo the Moose and we can't wait for the creative captions!



### Parents and Guardians!

*Please be sure to check Zangle regularly to check and pay your child's lunch account balance. If you need your Zangle pin and password, please call or visit the front office! Unpaid balances are paid from the school funds that could go to other items needed throughout our school!*

## URSA MINOR PTA

### Dates to remember...

Oct. 25 - Box Tops due  
Nov. 3 - Country Fair  
Nov. 9 - Pies for Patriots @ 3:45 PM  
Nov. 14 - PTA Meeting @ 6 PM  
Nov. 16 - Dominos Night

Keep collecting your Box Tops! Fall deadline is October 25th!

Stop by the Country Fair at Buckner Gym and visit the PTA's booth!



EMAIL: [URSAMINORPTA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:URSAMINORPTA@GMAIL.COM)

### FUN FRIDAYS!

Nov. 2  
Nov. 9  
Nov. 16  
Nov. 30  
Bring in \$.50 for a delicious popcorn treat!

# Nurse's Notes

It can be difficult to decide when your child is too sick to attend school. The following is a guideline for parents and guardians to use to determine if you should send your sick child to school.



## ATTENDANCE: HOW SICK is TOO SICK?

In general, children are too sick to come to school when:

- They are contagious.
  - Their symptoms are serious enough to prevent them from focusing on the tasks they need to do there
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- Does your child have a rash that is undiagnosed and could be contagious?
  - Does your child have a persistent, phlegmy cough?
  - Does your child have a stomachache accompanied by fever, vomiting, diarrhea, pain or hard belly?
  - Does your child have a sore throat with fever, headache, stomachache, or swollen glands?
  - Are your child's eyes crusty, bright red, and/or discharging yellow or green fluid?
  - Does your child have diarrhea?
  - Does your child have a fever above 101° F?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please keep your child home from school and consider seeking medical attention. Your child could have a serious or contagious illness. Keep your child home until he or she has been symptom free for at least 24 hours or until a doctor indicates that he or she can return to school. If children have a cold, headache, or stomachache that is not accompanied by fever, vomiting or diarrhea, he/she is welcome to come to school. If a child has a rash, it could be contagious. Please seek medical advice before allowing your child to come to school. Earaches are not contagious. Children can come to school as long as they can concentrate on their work.

## Try this after school snack!



### Hot Molten Blobs

#### Ingredients:

- 1 (12 oz) can buttermilk biscuits
- 2 tablespoons fat-free mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons yellow mustard or 2 tablespoons honey mustard
- 24 pieces ham, cubes cut into 3/4 inches cubes
- 36 pieces low-fat cheddar cheese, cubes

#### Directions:

- Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees
- Coat muffin tins with non-stick cooking spray.
- Place a biscuit in each of the 10 sections.
- In a small bowl, combine mayo and mustard and stir until well blended.
- Using thumbs, press down center to make deep indentations in each biscuit.
- Spoon equal amounts of the mayo mixture in each, about 1 tsp each.
- Top with ham cubes, then with cheddar cubes.
- Place muffin tin on foil-lined rack in oven.
- Bake until biscuits are golden and puffed, and overflowing with cheese, or about 10-12 minutes.
- Remove from oven and let stand 3 minutes before removing from tins.
- Serve while hot.




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## November



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	29	30	 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	1	2 *FUN FRIDAY	3 COUNTRY FAIR @ BUCKNER GYM
4	5	6	7	8	9 PIES FOR PATRIOTS 3:45 PM IN MPR *FUN FRIDAY	10
 11 Veterans Day	12 NO SCHOOL	13	 14 PTA Meeting @ 6 PM	15	 16 DOMINO'S FUNDRAISER NIGHT *FUN FRIDAY	17
18	19	20	21	 22 NO SCHOOL HAPPY THANKSGIVING	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 *FUN FRIDAY	



**REMINDER:** students are to arrive at school **NO EARLIER** than **8:25** am for breakfast and **NO EARLIER** than **8:40** am for those waiting outside. There is **NO** adult supervision until 8:40 am.



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and various classrooms to support support learning, buses for field trips, Red Ribbon bling, and a UAA performace for Ursa Minor students in November. Thank you again to Ursa Minor PTA!

We have had a big influx of families joining Ursa Minor and I want to extend a warm welcome! We look forward to getting to know you and share this awesome adventure in learning. I want everyone to know that if you have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me by email or calling the school at 907-428-1311.

Families who are leaving us, please contact the office so we can start withdraw papers as assisiting you in this process. Morgan Cook, Secretary, or Danielle Daigrepoint, Administrative Assistant will be happy to help.

Attendance is very important! There is a correlation to a child's attendance and school success or grades. There is no worksheet that can make up for a child's absence. It is also important that students arrive on time, before 9:00 am and stay the full school day, until 3:30 PM. Tardies and early dismissal from schoolare disruptions to your child's school day. We understand there are appointments that cannot be avoided, I am just encouraging parents to be mindful of the number of tardies and early pick-ups.

We are starting our second quarter, as you review your child's report card, find an area(s) of celebration and then make some goals and how you can check the progress on meeting the goals. These can be academic, behavioral, and or health (eating healthy, more activity, etc.)

I want to invite you to our Monday morning SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Assembly that we have every Monday there is school starting at 9:05 AM. It is overby 9:30 AM. We review our SEL standard for the week, birthdays for the week, "SEL Star" students exchange, a short lesson, and ending in the pledge. We meet in the gym. Please join us if you can. We also have morning announcements where we share words of wisdom and a saying we have to start our day is "Make it a great day or not, the choice is yours". This reminds me of a quote "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it".

Warm regards,

Wendy Brons, Principal