



Principal's Corner



Chris Opitz, Principal

Dear Taku Families,

I hope this finds you well. The temperatures have dropped and it is really cold outside. Please be sure to send your student with winter gear. We go outside for recess every day unless it is -10 degrees or lower.

Great news! All busses will be running permanently beginning on Monday, 12/5. It is very important to check your students' bus route at this [LINK](#). With the change, it's possible that some bus numbers or times might change. Please login to Parent Connect and confirm your bus and times.

It is with mixed emotions that I need to share an upcoming change at Taku. I have accepted a new position with the Anchorage School District and will be moving on as of January 9, 2023. Elementary Education will be announcing a new principal here at Taku. The new principal will be an experienced administrator and you can expect to receive that communication soon. I love our Taku community and so many good things are happening at our school. The students, families, and staff are amazing and I know our school will continue to grow in positive ways.

We continue to work on our attendance at Taku. It is so important for your student to be in school every day. Students who miss more than 10% of school are at high risk of falling behind. Thank you for getting your student to school every day.

We have just under four weeks until winter break. Let's finish strong. As always, please reach out with celebrations, concerns, or questions. It is a true honor to serve the Taku community.

All The Best, Chris



Special Guest:

Johon

Echohawk

Atkinson

November -
Alaska Native and American
Indian Heritage Month

ASD
Indigenous
Fashion
show





Nurse's Note



Laura Beckett, Nurse

A reminder to our families –

It's still slippery and cold outside!
Please make sure your student brings
their winter gear to school and stays
safe when walking outside. If you need
help with winter clothing, don't
hesitate to contact me in the nurse's
office.



December Features



Basketball Season at Taku!

Basketball season is underway! Our 4th, 5th and 6th
graders will be playing against schools around the
district. Let's go Tigers!!

Schedules:

[Basketball Practice Schedule](#)

[Lower League Schedule](#)

[Upper League Schedule](#)

Huge thank you to Coach Chatwell and Coach
Corral!!



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The Bulletin Board



Joy Gordanier, Admin. Asst.

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Colder days are here now,
Winter's in full swing,
Darker days and slick roadways,
Cause longing for the spring...

But let's enjoy it while we can,
It only lasts so long.
With hats, and gloves and snow
pants too ... And boots, you can't
go wrong!



Brrr.... It's cold outside! Please
send your students to school
with all necessary winter gear!



TAKU TIGERS

Interested in Volunteering
at Taku?



SCAN ME

- ❖ Early Arrival: No earlier than 8:40am
- ❖ Early Pick-Up: No later than 3:15pm
- ❖ Please report absences through parent connect
- ❖ Remind your students to keep toys at home
- ❖ Students who have cell phones must keep them off during school hours

Join our PTA!

[click this link to join](#)

Our next meeting is 12/13 @ 5:30pm



Taku Specialist News December 2022

Library



Happy winter, all -



To make December extra cozy in the library, we'll snuggle in and share Folk and Fairy Tales for the month. We'll also study holidays from a variety of cultures.

Wishing you and your family a lovely Holiday Season and a bright and joyous Winter Solstice.

Sincerely, Ms. Johnson

Music



Hello Taku families! We are learning and having so much fun in music class. We have been focusing on singing, reading rhythms, and playing instruments. Taku Tiger musicians are awesome!



PE



Our Healthy Futures program began in September. This program encourages kids to be physically active for at least 60 minutes a day and then log it on the exercise logs. Students can get incentives for doing at least 15 days in the month and turning in the log.

K-3 Logs came home

4-6 Logs stay in PE Class

Gym Shoes:

- Reminder: your student needs a clean, non-marking pair of gym shoes to leave at school for PE class.

Thank you, Mrs. Washington

Art

We've had an exciting fall of painting, watercolor, and collage in the art room.

In December, we will continue painting. The 5th and 6th graders will even begin some sewing!

Ms. Feucht

Health

Welcome to Health class! We have just wrapped up our unit on Healthy Habits and will be examining talking about identifying and managing emotions together in Unit 5.

Be safe, Be kind!

Katrina Hill Rhodes



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ASD Education Center Art Show 2022

Taku has 3 student artists featured at the ASD Education Center on the corner of Boniface and Northern Lights Blvd. Their art will be on display from now through January 23. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to go see it along with all of the other art from around the district. Congratulations, artists!



Abrielle Kuahuia Castro
Ms. Dodson's Class
"the Dot"

Le'Aoni Smith
Ms. Burnworth's Class
Roller Coaster



Savannah Indiongco
Ms. Lopez's Class
"the Dot"

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 PTA Mtg @ 5:30pm	14	15 Molly of Denali at Taku!	16 Band & Orchestra Concert	17	18
19	20 2 nd Qtr Awards Assembly	21 Sing-A-Long Assembly 2:30pm Last Day of School	22 Winter Break Begins!	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	