

## Principal's Corner

Dear Taku Families,

I hope this finds you well. Great things are happening at Taku Elementary.



- **Strive for 8:45 Drop Off.** Thank you for being on time.
- **Weekly Attendance Winners!** Every Monday we announce our weekly attendance winners. Students who are in school every day on time for the week before are entered to win a fun prize. Congratulations to our winners from the past three weeks: Austin S., Charmille, Lita, Nevaeh, Rhian, Eli A., RJ, Amelia, Aiden Y., Isaiah M., Xavier, AJ, Brenda, Angel, Ethan A., Simisi, Bailey, Christian, Alaric, Annabelle, Avery, Mason, Olga, Michel W.
- Teachers are reaching out to parents about **Summer Learning opportunities**. If your student qualifies, I encourage you to consider this amazing opportunity. It could be the difference your student needs to catch up.
- **Taku Title 1 Goals**
  - **Goal #1: Improve attendance and reduce the number of students with chronic absences**
  - **Goal #2: Improve on time arrival and reduce the number of late arrivals**
  - **Goal #3: Increase reading proficiency by 5% at all grade levels.**
  - **Goal #4: 70% of all students will feel that others care about them or feel there is a positive peer climate at school. This is measured by the school climate survey in February.**
- **Kindergarten Round Up for 2022-23 School Year.** Do you have a kindergartener entering school next year? Check out these [RESOURCES](#).

**Do you know your student's grades? Is your student missing work?** Parents can check their student's grades and work at any time using Q Parent Connect.

Login into [Q Parent Connect](#)

- [Reset your parent password](#) - use this link to reset your password if needed.

If you need assistance, please call the office and we can help you get access.

I am proud to serve our Taku community. Please call or email anytime if you have questions, concerns, or celebrations.

All the best,

Chris Opitz, Principal

# Taku Specialist News

## April 2022


### Library



April brings color, migrating animals, flower and tree buds, thoughts of gardening, and poetry studies in the library. Let's explore rhyme, rhythm, and imagery as we learn about different kinds of poetry this month.

Happy Spring!

Ms. Johnson

**Music**   
*Hello Taku families! Did you know that students at Taku only get 1 hour of music a week?! I wish it was more and so I really value my time with them. Here at Taku we have been encouraging students to have good attendance and the benefits of being at school. Ms. M*



**PE**



#### Healthy Futures Logs:

- April Healthy Futures logs will be going home by April 1st and are due May 1st.

#### 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**

#### Save the Date!

April 28th will be our final Family Night and Art Show for the school year. Mark your calendars to come see your child's latest artwork, and please take it home with you at the end of the evening!

Ms. Feucht

### Health

In Health class, we are discussing drugs, alcohol, and smoking and how to avoid these dangerous, addictive habits by making smart, healthy decisions.

Be safe, Be kind!

Katrina Rhodes







Taku Artists met Ms. Feucht at the Anchorage Museum to see our mural!



Kaia Washington, Library Helper, in action!

## Congratulations Science Fair Winners!







## Taku Basketball

Mr. Corral and Mr. Chatwell would like to thank parents and students for an awesome basketball session. They had a great time!





**Taku PTA Needs YOU for School**

**Year 2022-2023!!!!**

Here's how you can help. We need:

- Parent voices to guide our decisions on how best to serve our students' educational goals.
- Someone to serve in the vital role of Vice President on our PTA Board.
- A coordinator for Taku's Yearbook and Picture Days, if we hope to continue offering these events.
- Volunteers to help with Fundraising activities we have planned.
- A Jog-a-Thon coordinator.

In order to continue offering all the financial and educational support our PTA provides to Taku, it is critical that we secure participation from our parents, families, staff, and community. Without this participation, our PTA, and all the benefits Taku PTA provides our students, families, and staff, may cease to exist. Please come to our last two PTA meetings of this school year and get involved.

April 12, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Taku School Library

May 10, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Taku School Library

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Taku is proud to host the Girls on the Run celebratory 5k this year! It will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, with the race starting and ending at the school. We are looking for volunteers to help out on race day. Below are links to sign up if you are interested! Please call Nurse Beckett if you have any questions.

**Volunteer Link:** <https://www.pinwheel.us/volunteer/index/E2O4PF7MCM676K2>

**Community Runner:** <https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/SpringAKrun>

**Running Buddy:** <https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/SpringAKbuddy>



### **April 2022**

4/12 - PTA meeting 5:30 pm Library

4/28 – Multicultural Night 6:00-7:30 pm

### **May 2022**

5/10 – PTA meeting 5:30 pm Library

5/19 – Classes end

5/20- Teachers' last day

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## Multicultural Family Night

Email a favorite family  
recipe or two to  
[foster\\_christina@asdk12org](mailto:foster_christina@asdk12org)

Or bring recipes to multicultural  
night. These will be compiled  
into a document that will be  
emailed to families after the  
event.



Activities, Songs, Games,  
Storytelling, and more!

Thursday, April 28th

6:00-7:30

We encourage families to wear clothing that represents  
your culture.

Email recipes to: [foster\\_christina@asdk12org](mailto:foster_christina@asdk12org)