

## Principal's Corner

Dear Taku Families,

I hope this finds you well. Great things are happening at Taku Elementary. I hope you have a wonderful spring break. Please review the updates below.



- **MASKS Optional in Building.** Beginning Monday, February 28, masks will be optional in all ASD buildings. Please talk with your student about your expectations for them. Staff will not ask students to put on a mask. If a student wants a mask, they will need to ask a staff member and we'll be happy to provide one.
- **MASKS required on busses.**
- Please complete our [School Climate Survey](#). Your feedback is really important. We use your ideas to help us set goals and improve our school. Thank you.
- **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 two weeks: Liam, Ezra, Jazmine, Jayren, Kieran, Blake, Estrella, Uluaao, Robby, Tyler, Dean, Odin, Cristina, Maria, Lauilo, and Titan.
- **Report cards** will come home the week after Spring Break.
- **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.**

**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

Chris Opitz, principal

# Taku Specialist News

## March 2022

### Library



In March, let's time travel together through the world of science fiction. We'll visit the future - through the eyes of talented authors who predict what life will be like, based on current science. Let's see what the future may hold! 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:

- March Healthy Futures logs will be going home March 1st and are due April 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

March is Youth Art Month in Anchorage. Taku has 8 individual artists featured in displays around town, and all of the 1st and 2nd graders contributed work to a large banner that will hang at the museum. We are so proud of our students!

We continue to work on our clay projects and want them to get home safely! If you have bubble wrap at home from packages and you plan to throw it away, we would love to have it here in the art room instead!

Thank you! --Ms. Feucht

### Health

In Health class, we are discussing diseases, viruses, germs and illnesses and how to prevent them. Cover that cough, and wash your hands!

Be safe, Be kind!  
Katrina Rhodes





**Congratulations to the following Taku artists!**



**Karsyn Brower**  
3rd Grade  
Northern Lights  
Midtown Mall



**Joseline Cortez-Castaneda**  
5th grade  
Notan  
ASD Education Center



**Emma Gordanier**  
2nd Grade  
Abiyoyo  
Muldoon Library



**Zachariah Afusia**  
Kindergarten  
Monster Attacking Zachariah's Castle  
Midtown Mall



**Phoenix Poynter**  
3rd grade  
Fire Phoenix  
Anchorage Museum



**Essence McGhee**  
6th Grade  
Snowflakes  
Anchorage Museum



**Alaric Backford**  
1st Grade  
Lion Tiger  
Loussac Library



**SPIRIT WEEK FUN! 3/14- 3/18/22**

**MONDAY (3/14) - DISNEY DAY**



**TUESDAY (3/15) - WACKY HAIR DAY**

**Hat Day!**



**WEDNESDAY (3/16) - FUN HAT DAY**



**THURSDAY (3/17) - ST. PATTY'S  
DAY (WEAR GREEN)**

**FRIDAY (3/18) - PAJAMA DAY  
(COMFY AND APPROPRIATE)**







**March 2022**

3/4 - **No school** (State released grade reporting day)

3/7-3/11 – **No school** (Spring Break)

3/14-3/18 – Spirit Week

3/15 – PTA meeting 5:30 pm Library

**April 2022**

4/12 - PTA meeting 5:30 pm Library

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

**May 2022**

5/19 – Classes end

5/20- Teachers' last day

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**Taku Family Night Skating Fun! Thanks to everyone who came!**



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