

# JANUARY, 2024 TIGER TALES

Taku Elementary

Kaitlin Tallman, Principal



## Principal's Corner, Kaitlin Tallman

Dear Taku Families,

Thank you for a wonderful first half of the school year! We are fortunate to live and work in such a supportive and caring community. As we step into 2025, we're excited to continue partnering with you to make this year a great success for our students.

### Reminders For Families:

**Winter Weather Gear:** Please ensure your child comes to school dressed for outdoor recess with coats, gloves, hats, boots, and snow pants.

**Attendance Matters:** Let's start the year off strong! Regular attendance is key to academic success. If your child is feeling unwell, please notify the office as soon as possible.

### Upcoming Events / Dates:

January 20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

February 6th - Family Night! More info to come...

Go Tigers!

Warm regards,

Kaitlin Tallman, Principal

Sara Kriz, Assistant Principal

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**Need Snow Gear?**

If your student needs snow gear, let us know! Students go outside every day for 30 minutes, and we want them to be warm and dry. [AskTaku@asdk12.org](mailto:AskTaku@asdk12.org)

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## Parking Lot Safety

Safety for our students is our number one priority.

If you are picking up or dropping students off, please stay in your vehicle when going through the car line. If you need to get out of your car, please park, and walk up to our parent waiting zone to pick up your child(ren).

Also, please stay off phones while driving in the parking lot at Taku during pick up and drop off.

Thank you for your assistance with this!

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## Santa Express Fire Truck!



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## Santa Visited Pre-School!





# Specialist News

## Library with Amy Johnson

December and January @ Your Library

### Curriculum

For December, the genre, or style of writing, of the month is Folk and Fairy Tales. In January, all students will study the genre of Fantasy.

### Activities

Recess Read-Aloud for 4th and 5th grade students, and Maker Space for 2nd and 3rd grade students, will continue through December and January, and for the rest of the school year.



All of us at Taku Elementary School wish you and your family a fabulous winter holiday.

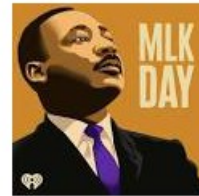
Sincerely,

Amy Johnson  
Taku Librarian

# Important Dates



**INDIGENOUS  
EDUCATION**



## **Indigenous/Migrant Ed Tutoring - 1/13**

Indigenous/Migrant Ed  
Tutoring club starts back up on  
1/13.

## **PTA Meeting - 1/14**

Come and join our PTA  
meeting from 5:30pm - 6:30pm!

## **Martin Luther King Jr Day - 1/20**

No School!

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## **Thank you Great Alaska Pizza Lake Otis Pkwy**



A big thank you to Great Alaska Pizza Co. for their generous donation of pizza for our Students of the Month! We're proud to celebrate these amazing students and their accomplishments.



**TOYOTA**

We are thrilled to acknowledge the generous contribution from Toyota, who has donated \$500 to our cause. Thank you, Toyota, for being a valuable partner in our mission to make a difference!"



A huge thank you to Dimond PetSmart for donating 300 stuffed animals for our students this holiday season! Your generosity means so much!

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## THE BULLETIN BOARD, Office Ladies

HI TAKU FAMILIES!

Just some friendly reminders:



- Absences can be reported in parent connect. If you are planning a vacation please let the office know so we can enter a pre-arranged absence.
- Students who arrive to school at or after 8am need to come through the front office to get marked tardy. We have breakfast in the office for late students.
- We are striving to achieve an attendance rate of 90% or higher. Please take a moment to review the procedure, and let's keep attendance on point—because every day counts!  
[Attendance Procedures](#)
- Our Lost and Found is filling up! If your student is missing any items, please encourage them to check there first.
- If you're coming into the office at dismissal, please park in a designated spot and avoid stopping in the pick-up lane. This helps keep traffic moving smoothly. Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Rachel **Musselman** (AA) and Rachel **Ketchum** (Secretary) ~

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## Volunteering at Taku

If you are interested in volunteering at Taku this upcoming year, please fill out the volunteer form ASAP. This must be done every school year. Parents who filled out the form last year will need to reapply.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSft2SM758xCY0fkBu7cYj6vdYGO4RRJt7LFAqrCKaQDHMwPMg/viewform>

We encourage families to do this now, that way, as events, field trips and other volunteer opportunities arise you won't have to scramble last minute. The volunteer process includes a background check and can take up to 5 business days before ASD's Office of Equity approves or denies your application. Once we have received the approval/denial we will email you to let you know.

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## PTA Vacancies for 24-25 School Year

The following PTA positions will be vacant for the upcoming 24-25 school year:

- Teacher Representative
- Parent Volunteers
- Vice President



We would love to have you [join](#) the Taku PTA! If you are interested, please join us for the September PTA Meeting!

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## Taku Elementary

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