

# COYOTE HOWLER

## Principal Zorea's Blog

Dear Kincaid Families,

We love more than anything seeing our parents and guardians participating with us in the education of students. This happens in so many ways including phone calls, emails and face-to-face meetings with teachers. Unfortunately, this spring, our parent/teacher conferences days have been canceled. We always look forward to this time together to share how our students are progressing. We enjoy hearing from parents their thoughts and concerns regarding their children. Conferences have been canceled this year due to the loss of instructional days following the earthquake. We will have full days of school on February 20, 21, and 22. These days were originally set aside to meet with parents in the afternoon. In place of conferences you can expect a letter from teachers with information on assessment data and progress in school. If you have any questions once these letters go home, please contact your child's teacher. Kincaid teachers are always willing to conference by phone or meet with you.

We also love seeing parents joining us for lunch and recess. Right now, our ice rink is open for 3rd- 6th grade during recess. All students who use our ice rink during recess or school hours must have a permission slip turned in at the office. As we find support with the younger classes in helping with getting skates on and off, this opportunity could become available to those grades as well. If you are looking for a way to volunteer, consider helping at recess.

I wanted to thank our PTA for generously providing \$5,300 to install several new projectors. We have been slowly updating the projectors in our building. By the end of this year, all projectors will be updated.

Sincerely,

Wendy Zorea

Principal

### Dates To Remember:

**Feb 18**-No school- Presidents Day Holiday

**Feb 20, 21, 22**- Full days of school for students- No parent teacher Conferences

**February 26**- 4th Grade NAEP testing

**March 8**-State Release Grading Day, no school for students

**March 11-15**- Spring Break

**May 22**-Last Day of school for students

### School Business

#### Partners



# Nurses Notes:

## Winter Safety Tips

Winter is here and with the holidays comes ice and snow. Please make sure your child comes to school equipped with the right winter weather gear to enjoy their recess time. Boots, snow pants, an appropriate weight jacket, hat and gloves are all winter essentials. Students will be going out to recess sun or snow until it is -10 degrees.

Follow these basic tips to help your child enjoy and stay safe in the winter season:

\* Layer up!. Dress your child in several layers, and make sure their head, neck and hands are covered.

\* Check in on warmth. Before kids head outside, tell them to come inside if they get wet or if they're cold. Then keep watching them and checking in. They may want to continue playing outside even if they are wet or cold.

\* Use sunscreen. Children and adults can still get sunburned in the winter. Sun can reflect off the snow, so apply sunscreen to exposed areas.

\* Use caution around fires. Wood-burning stoves, fireplaces and outdoor fire-pits are cozy but can present danger – especially to small children. Use caution and put up protective gates when possible. If you've lost power or heat and are alternative heating methods like kerosene or electric heaters, be sure smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working.

\* Prevent nosebleeds. If your child suffers from minor winter nosebleeds, use a cold-air humidifier in their room. Saline nose drops can help keep their nose moist.

\* Keep them hydrated. In drier winter air kids lose more water through their breath. Offer plenty of water, and try giving them warm drinks and soup for extra appeal.

\* Watch for danger signs. Signs of frostbite are pale, grey or blistered skin on the fingers, ears, nose, and toes. If you think your child has frostbite bring the child indoors and put the affected area in warm (not hot) water. Signs of hypothermia are shivering, slurred speech, and unusual clumsiness. If you think your child has hypothermia call 9-1-1 immediately.



Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB)

2019 School Climate and Connectedness Survey

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Anchorage School District is partnering with the Association of Alaska School Boards to conduct the School Climate and Connectedness Survey, a statewide survey that measures how students and staff view their school climate, and how connected students feel to adults and peers. These are all factors directly linked to improved academic achievement and reduced risk behaviors.

This survey will be administered to students in grades 3-12 at participating schools and to school staff during the week(s) of January 18 – February 1, 2019.

The survey measures student perceptions of: school safety, expectations for learning, student involvement, caring adults, respectful climate, how peers treat each other, connections between school and the community, and observations of other students' risk behaviors at school and school events.

The survey is voluntary, anonymous, confidential, and does not ask questions about students' families. The survey and information describing its purpose and benefits to the district are available at the school office, at the Assessment & Evaluation Department (Education Center) and on our website if you wish to review them. If you do not want your child to take the survey, please notify the school office in writing.

Results of this survey will help students, parents, staff, and the community to better understand the interactions and relationships among students, teachers, and staff that constitute each school's social and academic climate, and to identify ways we can improve our schools to be more supportive, caring, and productive places for all students.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Sincerely,

Wendy Zorea-, Principal

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## Honor Band

### 6<sup>th</sup> Graders that made Honor Band

Mackenzie Straw- Flute

Beatrix Bosse-Flute

Tatianna Bunton-Flute

Kaelyn Nickell- Clarinet

Ayla Ertekin-Clarinet

Paige Hays-Clarinet

Tana Carlson-Alto Sax

Sophie Ritzinger-French Horn

Cooper Brunton Tenor Sax

Rese Korynta-Percussion

Logan Ehrhart-Percussion

Sophie Kendall-Percussion

### Alternates for Honor Band

Rex Brimhall- Alto Sax

Michael Roth-Trumpet



## Anchorage School Board

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## Calling All BOX TOPS.....

Please keep collecting and bringing in your Box Tops!! We do collect and send those in for reimbursement. Please bring them to the office!



## PTA News:

The PTA has helped out school by providing funds for a lot of different activities as well as the installation of class room equipment. Recently the PTA purchased badminton equipment for our physical education department which will also be used for PE classes as well as some after school activity programs. Please consider joining our fabulous PTA if you are not a member already. Membership is 15 dollars. All are welcome!!!

## Upcoming PTA Events:

February 8<sup>th</sup>- Family Skate Night 6:30-8:30pm at Kincaid

Music, Hot Chocolate, Sledding and Ice Skating

February 26<sup>th</sup>- Art Show Awards

February 27<sup>th</sup>- Science Fair Awards

February 28<sup>th</sup>- STEAM Night Activities and Presentations

Looking for Contributors for STEAM night, Science-Technology-Engineering and Math activities and sponsors

Kincaid Yearbook is looking for a Coordinator! Please contact the PTA if you are interested in helping out. We are also looking for any pictures you may have from school events, assemblies, class projects, field trips, or any other school functions that we can add to the yearbook. Please send any pictures you may have to [kincaidyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:kincaidyearbook@gmail.com)



## Student Council News

Congratulations to Mr. Boydston's 4th grade classroom for collecting the most canned food for the Food Bank of Alaska. As a school, Kincaid overfilled 12 big barrels with items to help feed our Alaskan community. We collected 2,047 pounds of food! Generosity and citizenship are two attributes that embody our Student Council. A heartfelt thank you to all who were able to give!



Upcoming Events Sponsored by Student Council:

### **Kindness Week- February 11-15**

This will be a week filled with activities centered around kindness. We will have spirit days, a kindness check list, kindness murals, kindness grams, kindness quotes, kindness announcements and much, MUCH more! Be on the look out!

### **Movie Night- February 15 from 6:30-8:30**

Student Council will be hosting a family movie night. We will be selling concessions, and a percentage of our proceeds will go to support a community service project. We will vote on the movie and the service project we will fundraising for during the next Student Council meeting. More information to follow, but be sure to SAVE THE DATE!

President: Evan Hamey  
Vice President: Avrey Campbell  
Secretary: Elaine Engle  
Treasurer: Rex Brimhall