

# COYOTE HOWLER

## Principal Zorea's Blog

Dear Kincaid Coyote Families,

During the last month of school attendance is very important. Our teachers are working hard each day to make sure they provide lessons that prepare your child for the next grade level. We also have a number of fun activities planned for the end of the year that students do not want to miss out on. Let's keep our momentum strong up to the very last day of school.

We are coming down to the last month of school and it will fly by! Parents often ask me what they can do over the summer to help their children continue learning. The first priority in the summer is to make sure you are providing opportunities for your kids to get outside and explore the great outdoors Alaska has to offer.

Dr. Claire McCarthy lists "6 reasons children need to play outside" in the Harvard Health Blog. Her list include:

- the importance of sunshine (Vitamin D)
- exercise (good for all of us!)
- increasing executive function (trouble shooting and creative play)
- taking risk (jumping from rock to rock, learning to ride a bike, etc.)
- socialization (games with a friend such as tag, kickball, )
- appreciation of nature

All these skills are important as students continue to grow and mature. Our long summer days in Alaska allow us the perfect opportunity for outdoor exploration. We get to enjoy camping, biking, hiking, fishing, and times to play in our local parks.

Parents also ask me about what to do to continue to grow in academics. Exploring the public library can be a fun and adventurous activity during the summer. Primary students still love being read to. If your child is reading on their own, it is a good idea to ask them how their book is going and what they like or don't like about it. Sometimes it is fun to read the same chapter book as your child so you can talk about it together. You can talk about the conflict, setting, and the characters of the story. Asking questions helps your child build comprehension.

If your child needs practice with math, make it fun! For young kids, counting objects and adding or subtracting these objects can be a game you play with familiar items in the house (or outside!). In grades 3-6, multiplication and division are very important skills that need to be mastered to do all the other mathematical equations. Focus on those skills first. Khan Academy is a free online site that you can use at home. Parents can set up an account at [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

Sincerely,

Wendy Zorea, Principal

### Dates To Remember:

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**-Kindergarten round-up 12:30pm-2pm

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**-Talent Show 1:30pm

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade car wash 10am-2pm at the school

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**-Spring Picture Day, Bike to school Day

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**- Choir Concert

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**-Field Day

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**-Last day of school

### School Business

#### Partners



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraisers

### Car wash -Saturday, May 4th!

We will be at Kincaid from 10 AM to 2 PM, and all proceeds go to our field trips and graduation.  
May the suds be with you!



### Greenhouse Certificates

You can purchase Greenhouse certificates from one of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders for yourself or to donate to the Greenhouse here at school



## 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!



## **Anchorage Bike Rodeo**

The Bicycle Shop, Dimond

Saturday, May 4th @ 12:00 PM

Prepare your bike for Bike to School Day!

- \*Challenge your child's skills with our obstacle course
- \*Free bike safety checkups
- \*Free helmet adjustments
- \*Free reflectors
- \*AND meet Reflectosaurus!



**May 8th is Bike or Walk to School Day!**

**Ride your bike and enter your name to win a bicycle and other prizes!**



## Its Spring!- Lets Get Gardening

Gardening season has begun! Kincaid's Garden Club is currently supporting students learn about seeds and what they need to help them grow. We are working in the greenhouse starting plants and getting the garden ready for the transplants. A big **Thank You** goes to Mr. Gaskov, of Green Acres and parent, who donated 3 TONS of compost to help renew our garden beds.



## From the Kincaid Library

My first year as the teacher-librarian at Kincaid has been amazing! I have really enjoyed working with your children.

**Please double-check with your child that he/she doesn't have any overdue library books.** Reminder notices were sent home Friday, April 26.

If one of your child's library books is lost or damaged, you can

1. Pay the fine listed on the overdue notice,
2. Purchase a replacement of the book locally or online,
3. Donate a similar title in good condition, OR
4. Contact Ms. Heather if this presents a hardship, or with any questions/concerns.

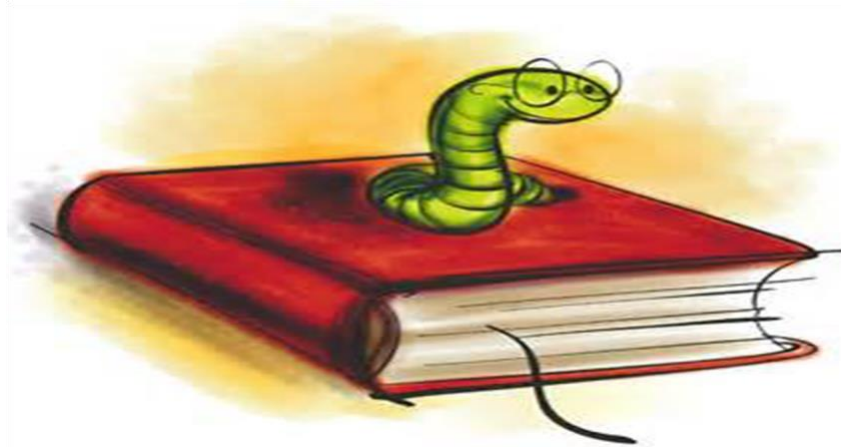
Beginning the week of May 6 to May 10, I will provide a small prize to individual students that have turned in all their library books. Thank you for your help in getting all of our books returned to the library to ensure that students have access to materials they need next year.

**I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Shelly Schwenn** for volunteering each week in the library. She helps to make sure students can find the books they are searching for!

In May, I will talk to students about summer reading opportunities available through the Anchorage Public Library. For more information, go to the public library website at <http://www.anchoragelibrary.org/>

Have a wonderful summer!

Heather Tierney



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