

# Coyote Howler

AUGUST 4, 2023

## BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Kincaid Families,

Thank you for being patient with us during construction. Our office is still working out of the library as crews continue to complete many projects. Our hallway floors are finished along with a few classroom floors! Our office has counters, new carpet and new doors! Next week we hope to get furniture and cabinets installed. I appreciate the crews that have been working long days and weekends to get these projects complete.



We are so excited to welcome you back to school for the 2023/24 school year! We look forward to seeing all of our students and their families on **Wednesday, August 16th between 4:30-5:30 for Popsicles on the Playground and Meet Your Teacher Night**. Class lists will be posted on the brick wall on the playground and also by the front doors to our school. Thank you to our PTA for providing the popsicles!

**We have great news!** We have a cafeteria manager assigned to Kincaid this year! This means our students will have a hot lunch program! Our new manager is receiving extensive training so our hot food service will begin on September 8th. We are pleased to welcome Traci Gimarc as our new cafeteria manager. Shelf stable meals will be served between August 17 and September 7.

We are also pleased to announce that ASD Student Nutrition is excited to provide our **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)** at Kincaid Elementary. Our program will operate twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and will begin on September 5th.

As you know, we have some exciting new things happening this year. Grades K-3 will be using a new reading curriculum entitled Core Knowledge Language Arts, or CKLA. This program is tied closely with the Science of Reading and will help to equip our young readers with reading skills for life! Next year (2024-2025), grades 4 and 5 will transition to the new program.

**PLC Mondays** passed with the school board in May of 2023. This means that every Monday, school will begin at 10:00 starting fall 2023. (**Student drop off will begin at 9:40 on MONDAYS. It will remain 8:40 with a 9:00 start the rest of the week.**) Teachers and staff will be able to engage in meaningful collaboration to support our Professional Learning Community around our reading, math and behavior goals. To find out more click here:  
<https://www.asdk12.org/schoolstart2023>

Our first day back with our 1st-6th grade students is Thursday, August 17th. We strive to have all students in their classroom every day by 8:50 am. That gives students a few minutes to get their things put away before the tardy bell rings at 9:00 am.

This Coyote Howler is full of important information. Take note of the immunization requirements and new bus schedules. Lunches are no longer free for all students. If you think your child will qualify for free or reduced lunches, please fill out the required application.

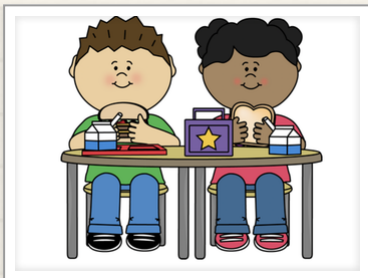
We have a busy calendar of events during the first quarter of school. We hope that your family will be able to participate in several school events this year.

Sincerely,

Principal Wendy Zorea

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## FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES

Families with students at Kincaid are encouraged to apply for Free and Reduced Lunches. Please include all ASD students in your household in the student section on the meal application, regardless of where they attend school, so we may certify your family in one application together. You may apply at any time of the year if your circumstances change due to layoffs, adding people to your households or decreased income.

To Apply for this program go here: [Free and Reduced Lunch Application](#)

## IMPORTANT DATES

**August 16:** Meet Your Teacher-Popsicles on the Playground 4:30 pm

**August 17:** First Day of School for grades 1st-6th - Arrive 8:40-8:50 am



**August 24:** First Day of Kindergarten

**September 4:** Labor Day Holiday. No School.

**September 13:** Picture Day

**October 20:** Teacher Inservice Day. **No School for Students.**

**October 25-26:** Parent/Teacher Conferences 1/2 days.

**October 27:** Student release professional development day.



## FITZGERALD PHOTOGRAPHY



## PICTURE DAY

*Wednesday, September 13*

**Want to know when your pictures are  
ready to view & purchase?**

Simply click the link below or scan the QR code and enter your  
student's information to receive a notification.

**[CLICK HERE TO BE NOTIFIED WHEN  
PORTRAITS ARE READY TO PURCHASE](#)**



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## VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

If you plan to volunteer this year in the classroom or on a field trip, you are required to have an application approved with ASD. We ask that all of our volunteers fill this application out now because it can take up to 7 days to get approved. [Volunteer Application](#)

All visitors must stop at the front office and check in with Kelly or Sandie. Visitors may not go to a classroom unless we have contacted the teacher to let them know you are on your way. Visitors may only enter the school through the front door. If you are dropping something off for your child or for the teacher, you may leave it at the office.



## ASD BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

The Anchorage School District has created a page that has information for you as we start our 2023/24 school year together. You will find information about bussing, lunches, immunizations, registration, and more. [Just Click Here.](#)

## SUPPLY LISTS

You can locate [Class Supply Lists Here.](#)

Teachers also appreciate donations of extra supplies for the class and Kleenex Boxes. Once you find out who your child's teacher will be this year, they will send additional information home about class needs. Thank you so much for supporting Kincaid students!



## IMMUNIZATIONS

**Before Admission to School, the Parent/Guardian Must:**

1. Provide an immunization record from a physician, health department, or other health care provider showing dates (month, day, year) of required immunizations

**OR**

1. Obtain required immunizations. If there are medical or religious reasons a child cannot be vaccinated, call the school nurse for further information.



See the [State of Alaska Child Care & School Immunization Requirements Packet](#) for required vaccinations.

For more information go here: [Immunizations](#)

## KINCAID DAILY SCHEDULE

**MONDAY is a LATE START:** Drop off is at 9:40 am. Students enter at 9:50. Class starts at 10:00.

### TUESDAY- FRIDAY

8:40-8:50 Drop Off (All students should be at school no later than 8:50 am)

8:50 (Teachers invite students into the building from outside classroom doors)

9:00 am Tardy Bell

3:30 Dismissal.



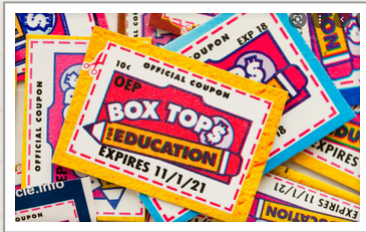
**BACK TO School**

**It's Time to Get Ready!**

**Mondays Start One Hour Later**

[asdk12.org/BacktoSchool](http://asdk12.org/BacktoSchool)





## YES TO BOX TOPS

Remember it's hip to clip! We do collect BoxTops. You can also use the Box Top app to support our school.

[Box Tops for Schools](#)

## LUNCH AND RECESS

Parents and Guardians,

We could really use volunteers to help monitor our students during recess. If you are able to give up some of your time to volunteer during your child's recess, we would really appreciate the help. Even if it is once a week on a specific day. Please let your child's teacher know if you are willing to commit to a schedule to help us to plan supervision. Outdoor recess is vital to the social and physical development of our students. If you would like to be a regular volunteer, please fill out the [VOLUNTEER APPLICATION](#).

	Lunch	Recess
Kindergarten	11:30-12:00	11:00-11:30
5th	11:15-11:45	11:45-12:15
6th	11:15-11:45	11:45-12:15
1st	11:50-12:20	12:20-12:50
2nd	11:50-12:20	12:20-12:50
3rd	12:25-12:55	12:55-1:25
4th	12:25-12:55	12:55-1:25



## VOLUNTARY STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

### Student Accident & Sickness Coverage

*This is a reminder that Anchorage School District does not provide medical coverage for student injuries. However, ASD has made available an option for families to purchase a low-cost student accident insurance program. Information is available at your school's front office, online at [www.myers-stevens.com](http://www.myers-stevens.com), or by calling 800-827-4695. Bilingual services are available.*

*See letter attached for more information.*



# WELCOME TO NEW KINCAID STAFF

## New to Kincaid..

Sonja Daum- Resource Teacher

Maria Oblig - 6th Grade Teacher

Teonita Ong - Life Skills Teacher

## Aaron Hensley - Music Teacher

Kim Reed - PE Teacher

Cathy Larson - Health Teacher

Traci Gimarc - Cafeteria Manager

Olivia Funk - Life Skills Paraprofessional

Lacy McGrew- Life Skills Paraprofessional

Rex Lacson - Noon Duty Supervisor

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT KINCAID

**APPLY HERE** for the following:

- Kindergarten Paraprofessionals/Noon Duty Supervisors
- Special Education Paraprofessionals
- Library Paraprofessional



# PARENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Students should exit the vehicle on the curb side only. We have signs designating where parent pick-up and drop-off begins and ends. We ask that you pull as far forward as you can, closing all gaps in the line. Our staff will help guide you. They are out there to keep our students and visitors safe.

**Students may not be dropped off in the parking lot to walk alone.** If you do park in the parking lot, we ask that students are escorted safely through the cross-walk to the sidewalk area.

At the end of the day, students will wait by their grade level cone for parents. If you are in the parent pick-up line, they will be excused as soon as we see you. If you are in the parking lot, you must walk to the cones to pick your child up.



## KINCAID PTA

We love our PTA! Get involved! Join a great group! For more information on how to become a member, you can email the PTA.

**Kincaid PTA**

[kincaidschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:kincaidschoolpta@gmail.com)



# PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES - WHY WE ARE DOING LATE START MONDAYS IS EXPLAINED.

## Professional Learning Community Mondays



## HOME OF THE KIND COYOTES

 Facebook  @PrincipalZorea

**Mission Statement:** Kincaid Elementary School is a neighborhood school that provides a safe, structured, positive learning environment to meet the unique needs of our students. We believe in a strong academic program that is centered on the child and their specific developmental needs. It is our mission to provide a solid educational program while at the same time nurturing our students to become kind humans in our larger community. We will facilitate a learning environment in-school and online to support **ALL** students to become kind, respectful, responsible and safe citizens.

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