

Coyote Howler

SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Kincaid Families,

Thank you to our community for spreading the word about our staffing needs. As of today, we are nearly fully staffed for the 23/24 school year. We are very grateful to our Super Subs: Mr. Steve Beardsley, Mr. Mike Steed, Mrs. Jolene Norris, Mrs. Courtney Chapman and Mrs. Jessica LaChapelle. They are reliable and flexible substitute teachers who are dedicated to Kincaid. All have been a part of our school community for many years. They know our staff and our students very well.



We still have one position to fill in our life skills program. The application for the Life Skills Paraprofessional position can be found here: [APPLICATION](#).

Our hot lunch program will begin on September 8th. If you think you might qualify for a free or reduced lunch please apply here: [Free or Reduced Lunch Application](#). The first meal that will be served is Creamy Mac and Cheese and Broccoli. To view the menu click here: [MENU](#)

Many of you have noticed our new secure vestibule design at the office. All visitors must come through the office and sign in before going to a classroom. We love our parent volunteers. In order for you to qualify as a volunteer for classroom or field trips or activities, you must first be screened and on our approved list of volunteers. Sandie at the front office has the approved list. If you are wondering if your application has been processed and you are approved, please email Ms. Sandie at forceskie_sandra@asdk12.org

If you have not yet applied to be a volunteer you can do so here: [Volunteer Application](#)

Sincerely,

Principal Wendy Zorea

COYOTE CLASSIC SEPTEMBER 9

This Saturday, September 9th is the "2023 Coyote Classic" here at Kincaid. This race is open to all kids in Elementary school grades K-6. The following is a list of times for each grade:

K-2 - 10am $\frac{3}{4}$ mile

3-4 - 10:30am 1.5 miles

5-6 - 11am 1.5 miles

Registration forms can be picked up in the office or from Mr. Akin. Also, you can register the day of race, just find the registration table and fill out the form. There will be pins and refreshments for the runners at the end of the race.



NOTE: You do not have to be in the Cross Country club to run and parents can run too! See the attached registration form.

Hope to see you at the race!

Coach Akin
Kincaid XC



2023 COYOTE CLASSIC.docx

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SEPTEMBER KINCAID TOP COYOTE

Each month a staff member is recognized by their peers for being a team player, supporting others, and enhancing our overall school climate. For the month of September, we would like to recognize Ms. Sandie in the front office. She has demonstrated kindness, dedication, and flexibility during the start of the school year. Ms. Sandie will receive a dinner for two from our school business partner, Texas Roadhouse, special Top Coyote parking in the parking lot, and an award presented to her by our school staff. Congratulations **Ms. Sandie Forceskie!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 9: **Coyote Classic** akin_tim@asdk12.org for more information

September 12-13: 4th Grade Field Trip to the Sea Life Center

September 13: School Picture Day (October 12 is retake day. 4th graders will take on Oct 12)

September 14: Author Bethany Barton Visit

September 18: PTA General Meeting 6:00-7:00 in the Library kincaidschoolPTA@gmail.com for more information

September 29: Jog-A-Thon kincaidschoolpta@gmail.com for more information.

COUNSELOR NEWS: MRS. DRAKE

I would like to get some feedback from staff and parents in regards to needs they are seeing with their kids/students that the school counseling program might be able to help address.

Here is a link to the questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/kKdSB9tRyjgFHEuw5>

VISITING ARTIST: SEPTEMBER 14

Bethany Barton is an award-winning author and illustrator of children's book for Penguin Random House. Her STEM picture books have won the Children's Choice Award, been named an Amazon Best Book of the Year, and were featured in the New York Times. She's won over a dozen state literacy awards and travels around the world to visit schools and inspire young readers. Bethany's mission is to empower kids to explore STEAM – and life – using facts, humor, and empathy. When she's not creating books, Bethany works on major television shows like *Obi-Wan Kenobi*, *The Muppets*, and *Westworld*.



Bethany will be signing books when she visits. If you would like an autographed book, check out the attached handout for where to order. Mrs. Barbosa is willing to keep the books safe until Bethany arrives.

The PTA will be coordinating a potluck for Bethany's visit as well. More about that later.

To learn more about Bethany, you can visit:

Website: bethanybarton.com

Instagram: [@bethanybarton](https://www.instagram.com/bethanybarton)

Twitter: [@awesomebarton](https://twitter.com/awesomebarton)

If you would like an autographed book:

- 1. Buy her books (paperback or hardcover). Suggestions of where you can find her books to order below.*
- 2. Put your child's first and last name and their teacher's name on the book.*
- 3. Send it to school on or before Thursday, September 14th. It will be kept safe in the library until Bethany arrives.*

Where you can order Bethany Barton's books:

<https://www.bethanybarton.com/books> - She goes through an independent bookstore in Southern California.

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/s/bethany%20barton>

The Anchorage store does not have books in stock, but you can order online

*Penguin Random House

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/authors/229008/bethany-barton/>

and of course, Amazon

*Clicking on the link not working? Copy and paste the link to the URL bar.

Or simply search "Bethany Barton books".

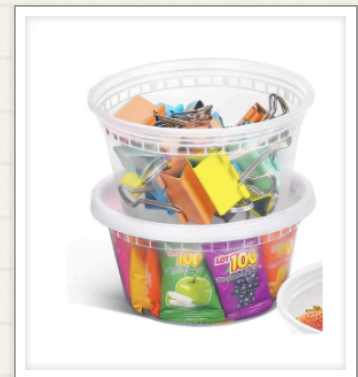
ART NEWS

Hello and Happy September!

The Kincaid Art room is in need of 12-ounce **clean** deli containers (the kind that salsa or dips come in) that have the universal lid (like the picture below). If you have some that are empty and **clean**, please feel free to send them and their lids with your student to drop off in Art.

Thank you!

Ms. Ambrose, Art Teacher



PARENT PICK-UP AND DROP OFF

- **Place sign with child's name and grade and teacher on the dash.** (signs were sent home with students but you may also make your own)
- **No Cell Phone Usage** in our pick-up line by drivers.
- Always **pull forward** and fill the gaps so that many students may load at once.
- **5 MPR** is the speed limit (It is very slow to keep students, staff and visitors safe).
- Students **MUST load and unload on the curb side** only. Students must be escorted to the sidewalk in the morning if you park in the parking lot. The parking lot is not a drop-off zone.
- Students are not allowed to go to the parking area to load without an adult escorting.
- Everyone **MUST use the cross walk** to get to and from the parking lot. Please do not walk between cars or other non-designated areas.



BUS RIDERS

Riding the school bus is a privilege. Students must follow the bus rules in order to continue the privilege. Please review these expectations with your child if your child rides the school bus.

- Must always stay seated while the bus is moving.
- Follow the bus drivers instructions.
- May NOT eat, drink, or chew gum on the bus.
- Phones are stored in backpacks unless the bus is late and student is communicating with a parent via phone or text.
- Phones are not used for entertainment on the bus.
- Use a soft spoken voice to talk quietly to people in the same seat.



CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL AND ON THE SCHOOL BUS

All cell phones must be turned off and stored in student backpacks during the school day. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen phones. Phones that are used during the school day without direct teacher permission will be turned into the front office for parents to pick up.



Students who ride the school bus are required to keep phones stored in their backpack during the ride home. Phones may not be used for entertainment on the bus. Students have permission to call or text parents if the bus is running late.

If you have questions about phone usage during the school day or on the bus, reach out to Mrs. Zorea at zorea_wendy@asdk12.org.

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](#)**



Questions? Email: Alicia@FitzgeraldPhotos.com Visit: www.FitzgeraldPhotos.com

KINCAID PTA

We wouldn't be doing our job if we didn't invite you to join in on the fun of PTA!
PTA membership takes many forms.

You can pay your dues and leave it at that, if you want.
But paying dues means you get voting right and a voice on our PTA activities.
It also means getting a discount on ASAP activity fees.

PTA provides volunteer opportunities that help you develop relationships with teachers, staff,
and fellow families.

You can volunteer in as few or as many activities as you want!

We try to offer opportunities for things that happen during school, in the evenings, or in your
own time (do we have that as parents?!)

We'll happily welcome you at whatever level you are comfortable!

If you haven't joined, and we've convinced you, you can join online by visiting



STUDENT ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK

Please review the [Anchorage School District Elementary Student Handbook](#).

SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERS



JEWEL LAKE TASTEE FREEZ

- Student Art will be on Display in October and April
- We will pick a day in April for our Staff to take-over.
- 10% of sales are donated back to our school on the take-over night.
- Ice-Cream is provided at Cost for school events.



TEXAS ROADHOUSE SOUTHSIDE ON OLD SEWARD

- Provide Awards for Students.
- Monthly Staff Awards
- Dine-In and Take-Out Nights 10% of Sales donated back to our school
- Staff Luncheons
- Reading Incentives



GREAT ALASKA PIZZA CO ON JEWEL LAKE

Great Alaska Pizza Co. on Jewel Lake often works with the school to provide discounted and special rates on pizza parties and deliveries.



HOME OF THE KIND COYOTES



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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