

# Coyote Howler

February 7, 2024

## Principal's Message

Dear Kincaid Families,

We are excited to invite every parent/guardian to school to meet with your child's teacher later this month. Please sign up on the [Conference Scheduler](#) soon to secure your time. Parent/Teacher conferences are an excellent time to share information about your child and to learn about how your child is progressing at school. Expect to hear about student performance and behavior. Teachers will be sharing assessment data and progress monitoring data. In this Coyote Howler I am including videos and information about reading. Teachers will be discussing progress/non-progression with parents if your child has scored far below benchmark in reading during Winter Assessments.

We also know that attendance is a factor in student performance. At Kincaid, only 58% of our students attend school 90% of the time or better. This means that 42% of our students miss more than 10% of their school days. Children are considered chronically absent with more than 10% absences each semester. We are asking for all parents to help increase our attendance performance. When students are here, they receive instruction, interventions, and support from our school staff. Strive to be at school every day by 8:45 am. Do you know your child's attendance rate? If not, sent me an email at [zorea\\_wendy@asdk12.org](mailto:zorea_wendy@asdk12.org) or call me at 907-245-5530.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Zorea  
Principal

### Attendance Incentive - 90% or Higher

Students who attend school at a 90% rate or higher will earn an award and meal from Texas Roadhouse. Thank you Texas Roadhouse for helping us reward strong school attendance. Awards will be given at the end of February, March, and April



*100% Attendance in Mrs. Shrein's Class today! Whoo Hooo!*



## *Mark Your Calendars*

**February 13-16** Student Council Friendship Grams

**February 14** Spirit Day - Wear Red, Pink or white

**February 20 to March 1:** Student Council Canned Food Drive

**February 21-22** 1/2 Days for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Student release at 12:30.

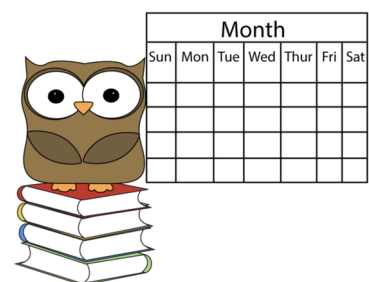
**February 23** Student Release Day/Professional Development for School Staff.

**March 1:** School Spirit Day - Camo Day

**March 6:** Spirit Day - Wacky Wednesday - Wacky Clothes, hair, socks and shoes.

**March 6:** MEARS Open House 6:00 pm for future middle schoolers

**March 8** Student Release Grading Day. No school for students.





**March 11-15.** Spring Break

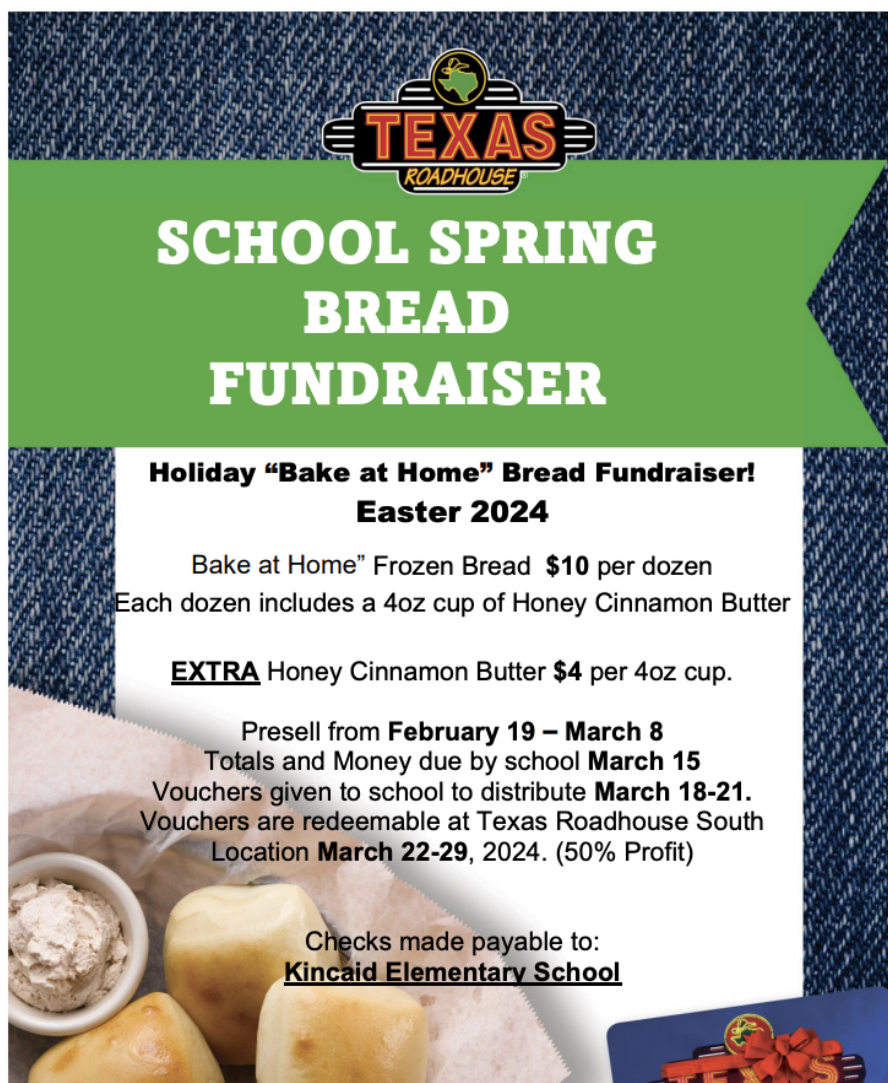
**March 27** Texas Roadhouse - Kincaid Night Out

**April 5** Family Event - Bread and Beyond 6:00-8:00 pm.

**April 23** Tastee Freez Take-Over

## *5th Grade Fundraiser*

Do you love the Texas Roadhouse breadrolls? Here is an opportunity to order bread rolls and support our 5th graders trip the Kenai Challenger Learning Center. Check in with a 5th grader or Ms Curry, Mr. Goetz or Mr. Allen to place your order.

A promotional poster for a Texas Roadhouse School Spring Bread Fundraiser. The top features the Texas Roadhouse logo. Below it, a green banner reads "SCHOOL SPRING BREAD FUNDRAISER". The main text area, set against a white background with a blue denim border, announces a "Holiday 'Bake at Home' Bread Fundraiser! Easter 2024". It details the price of "Bake at Home" Frozen Bread at \$10 per dozen, which includes a 4oz cup of Honey Cinnamon Butter. An "EXTRA" option for Honey Cinnamon Butter is priced at \$4 per 4oz cup. The presell period is from February 19 to March 8, with totals and money due by March 15. Vouchers are given to the school from March 18-21 and are redeemable at the Texas Roadhouse South location from March 22-29, 2024, for a 50% profit. At the bottom, it states that checks should be made payable to Kincaid Elementary School. The bottom of the poster features an image of bread rolls and a small Texas Roadhouse logo with a red bow.

## *Student Concil Update*

- **FRIENDSHIP GRAMS: February 13th - 16th**
  - They are 50 cents each, please remind kiddos we cannot take \$10s or \$20s.
    - 1-4 grades: before school @ 8:50-9:10
    - 5-6 grades: during their lunch outside the MPR
    - Kindergarten: we are coming to you at 3pm!
- **SPIRIT DAY: Wednesday, February 14th**
  - Wear red, pink, and white for the day of hearts and flowers





- **CANNED FOOD DRIVE: February 20th - March 1st**

- The Kincaid Canned Food Drive starts on February 20th and ends on March 1st
  - 1st place will win a pizza party
  - 2nd place will win an ice cream party
  - 3rd place will win popsicles
- Student Council is partnering our Canned Food Drive with the Mountain View Food Pantry to help families in need of food for their families - please consider donating!
- I ordered colored fliers from the Print Shop and they should be here soon - please pass them out when you get them 😊

- **SPIRIT DAY: Friday, March 1st**

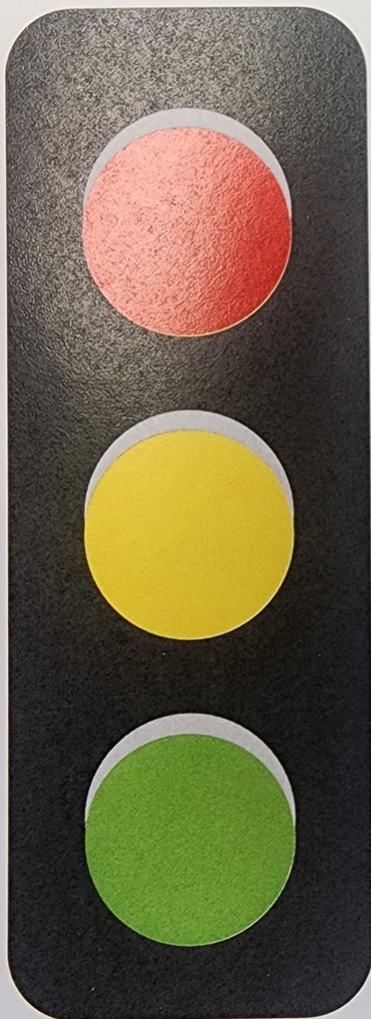
- In honor of Mr. Fiske, we have heard his request and will be holding Camo Day!

- **SPIRIT DAY: Wednesday, March 6th**

- It's Wacky Wednesday! Show us your wackiest combos - clothes, hair, socks, shoes, the works!

As always, thank you for supporting your Student Council! We cannot do this without all of you ♥

## Attendance Matters



**RED** – Your child is now considered chronically absent with more than 10% absences during the semester. Please schedule a meeting with your child's teacher to come up with a plan.  
**(9 or more absences per semester)**

**YELLOW** – Your child is now at risk with 5 – 10% absences during the semester. It's time to come up with a family plan.  
**(5–8 absences per semester)**

**We miss your child when they're not here.**

**GREEN** – Your child is under 5% absences so far this semester! You're doing great, keep it up!  
**(4 or less absences per semester)**



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Educating All Students for Success in Life

Support Student Success by Tracking Attendance

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## *Parent/Teacher conferences Feb 21-22*

Parent conferences are a valuable tool in the education of any child. During conferences, the teacher and parent or guardian have the opportunity to talk about important information that will help the student throughout their education. Active participation of parents is essential!

Communication between home and school is one of the best ways to ensure that a child's school experience is successful. For more information on Student Led Conferences, please contact your school.

Please sign up on the [Conference Scheduler](#) soon to secure your time.

## *Reading, Reading, Reading!*

### **Why the focus on reading?**

Reading proficiency is foundational for students' academic journeys, future opportunities and overall success. Research shows that students who aren't proficient readers by the end of third grade are more likely to drop out of high school and are less likely to be able to find a job that will support their families. Students who are able to read proficiently by the end of third grade are on track to not only excel academically, but also unlock a world of possibilities for their futures.

[You can find more information provided by the Anchorage School District Here.](#)

Progression Vs. Non-Progression

**PROGRESSION  
VERSUS  
NON-PROGRESSION**

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

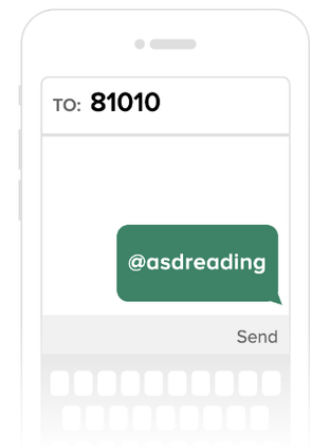
## Need help coming up with ways you can help at home?

Sign up for a weekly K-3 reading activity text message.

Each week, we'll send one text message with an activity idea or tip you can practice at home with your child to help support their reading.

To opt-in for weekly activities, text **@asdreading** to the number **81010**.

*\*Message and data rates may apply, depending on your cellular plan.*



Teaching students to read with proficiency by the end of the third grade is a very important goal in the elementary schools in the Anchorage School District. In order for children to understand what they read, they must learn about the sounds in words and the meaning of words. They must learn to read with fluency.

*Here are ways parents can help in this important work!*

- Read aloud to your child every day.
- Let your child see you read and let your child know that you enjoy reading.
- Be involved in your child's reading progress. Ask your child's teacher what you can do to help your child.
- Surround your child with books and other reading material.
- Limit television. Show your child that reading, writing, drawing and playing games together are even more fun than television. Carefully choose the shows your child does watch. Watch and discuss programs together.

When your child learns to read, listen to him/her read for a few minutes every day. The more a child reads, the better reader he/she becomes.

*Every single time a child reads something, he/she is changed by it.*

*—Stephanie Harvey*



# MEARS MIDDLE SCHOOL

We have some great things planned for you

Parents and Guardians of future middle schoolers, please mark your calendars! MEARS is offering an Open House to future students! [CHECK THIS OUT](#)

**Event Information:** Mears Spring Open House Event

**When?** Wednesday, Mar 6, 2024, 06:00 PM

**Where?** 2700 West 100th Avenue, Anchorage, AK, USA

## *Migrant and Indigenous Education*

### **AK Reads Parent Meeting**

Migrant and Indigenous Education invites parents to AK READS PARENT MEETING.

**WHEN:** Tuesday Feb 13

**Time:** 5:30-7:00

Light dinner will be provided from 5:30-6:00 pm

Childcare for children under 10 years.

## *Student Celebrations!*



Congratulations to our Kincaid Battle of the Books Team, KC 27, for taking 10th place!



Congratulations to 5th grade Coyote, Declan Tegge! He won the Fur Rondy Booster Button Design contest.



Congratulations to our very own Kincaid Coyote, Jaqueline P. in 5th Grade! The bookmark that she designed won the [Anchorage School District](#) Bookmark Competition.



Congratulations to our Kincaid Coyote, Juniper Souphanavong and her competitive cheer team! Midnight Suns took first place at the Top Of The World Championship this past weekend.



Congratulations to our Kincaid Coyotes! They competed in a ski competition in Mt. Hood this weekend! Kalsin took 1st! Evan took 2nd! Alex took 3rd!



Kincaid Coyotes skiing with the HART team at Hilltop. Way to enjoy a beautiful Saturday.



5th and 6th Graders represented Kincaid at the Battle of the Books today!



Kincaid Varsity Basketball



Kincaid JV Basketball





*Help is Available!*





## Is your student **STRUGGLING** with Reading?



### Are you interested in **FREE** tutoring?

Alyeska Reading Institute (ARI) is offering tutoring services for K-2 students who are struggling with reading.



ARI tutors can provide services during the school day, before or after school, and during the summer break.

ARI provides intervention materials & tutoring services at no cost.

[Fill out this form](#) to start the application process.

[Learn more about ARI tutoring.](#)



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## *Job Opportunities at Kincaid*

### **Special Education Paraprofessional**

**Bargaining Unit:** TOTEM

**Work Year:** 9 months

**Work Day:** 7.0 hours per day

**FTE:** Full time, .875 FTE

**Salary:** T-10, \$16.13 to \$16.98 per hour, DOE

This position receives an additional \$2.00 per each hour worked, not to exceed 8 hours per day.

The successful candidate will receive a 2% increase to their base hourly pay rate once the state of Alaska qualification for paraprofessionals has been met and approved by ASD Talent Management.

### **Job Summary**


The Special Programs Early Childhood & Elementary Paraprofessional Educator implements special education services and supports under the direction of a special education teacher. The paraeducator provides instruction assistance to special education students primarily in special education classrooms, but may support students in other settings within the schools. The position has a retirement association with the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

[APPLY HERE](#)



## Community Opportunities

AFWC Wrestling.



A promotional poster for the Anchorage Freestyle Wrestling Club (AFWC) celebrating its 30th anniversary. The top features the club's name in large, stylized letters with stars. Below are three action shots of wrestlers. The central text provides practice information for various age groups and times, along with a QR code for registration. Logos for Alaska USA Wrestling and USA Wrestling are at the bottom, along with a disclaimer.

**AFWC**  
ANCHORAGE FREESTYLE WRESTLING CLUB


30th ANNIVERSARY

COVERAGE PRESENTED BY

**Practice Information:**

- Ages 5 to 18 years of age
- February 5th – May 4th
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Practice for K – 5th grade: 5:30pm to 6:45pm
- Practice for 6th – 12th grade: 6:45pm to 8:30pm
- Salvation Army Community Center: 1701 C St, Anchorage, AK 99501

**Register Here!**



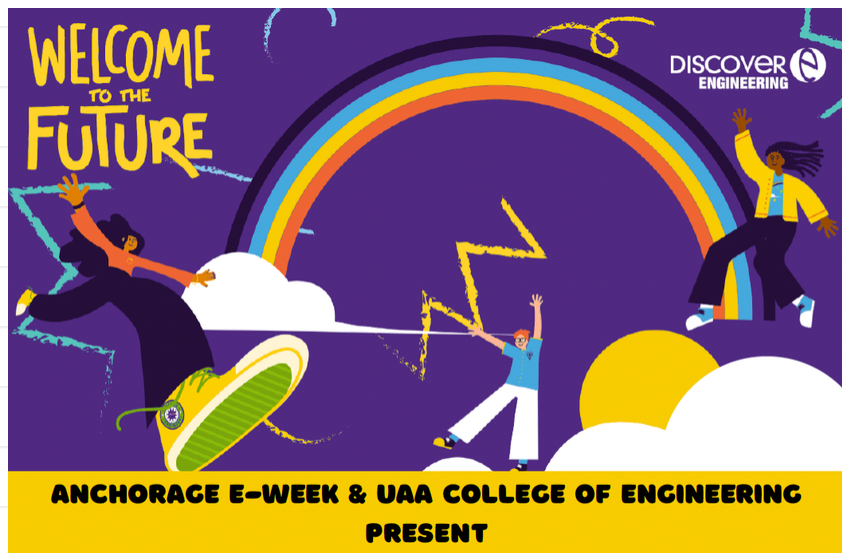
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USA WRESTLING

*"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them"*

**USA**  
WRESTLING

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UAA Engineers Week



## ENGINEERS WEEK STUDENT COMPETITIONS

**SAT, FEBRUARY 17  
10AM TO 3PM**

**UAA ENGINEERING &  
INDUSTRY BUILDING  
(2900 SPIRIT DRIVE)**

A **FREE** science, technology,  
engineering, & math event  
that is perfect for students in  
elementary & middle school

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### Kincaid Elementary School

**Mission:** Develop kind, confident, capable and engaged learners.

**Vision:** We will guide all students to thrive personally and academically.

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