

MARCH ~ 2018/2019

PTARMIGAN

ELEMENTARY

Dear Ptarmigan Families,

It is amazing to realize we have started the final quarter of this school year. We have accomplished many things this school year, yet there is still so much to do before we close out another wonderful school year. Our 3rd quarter assembly is on March 20, 2019. The 3rd-5th grade assembly is from 9:30-10:00am and our K-2nd grade assembly starts at 10:15am.

On March 25th, we start our PEAKS testing with our 5th grade. Within this newsletter you will find additional information on testing and the dates different grade levels will be testing. If your student will be absent for a long period of time during the testing window, please notify the classroom teacher so we can make adjustments. Testing all students is important for our school score. Also, remember to prepare your students for the test by having them get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast or have them eat breakfast at school, and arrive to school on time.

Finally, just a reminder that even though it is getting lighter and a bit warmer, students still need to be dressed appropriately. We still have lots of snow on the ground, so every student needs to wear a coat, boots, snow pants, gloves, and hats. Students go out for recess every day unless it is below -10 (or there is a moose on the playground). When it starts melting, our wonderful noon duties will try to keep them out of the big puddles, but they still might get wet. Students may want to keep an extra pair of dry socks or pants in their backpacks just in case they get wet.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ramey



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No te pierdas los recuerdos escolares de este año.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

MARCH

- **SPRING BREAK:** 3/11/2019 - 3/15/2019
- **Q3 Attendance Assembly:** 3/20/2019
3rd-5th Grade @ 9:30am-10am
K-2nd Grade @ 10:15am
- **PEAKS Testing:** 3/25/2019 - 4/26/2019
(see testing schedule on page 5)

APRIL

- **KINDY ROUND-UP:** 4/16/2019
@ 9:15am-10:50am
- **SPIRIT DAY:** 4/26/2019
National Superhero Day



One of Ptarmigan's amazing teachers has been awarded Alaska Society for Technology in Education (ASTE) Teacher of the Year!!

Way to go Mrs. Maegan Villarreal, We are so proud of you!!



MULTI-CULTURAL ASSEMBLY



DR. SEUSS SCHOOL WIDE READ-IN



Staff, students, parents, and community members have the opportunity to provide information about teacher and administrator performance. The input forms are shared with the person's immediate supervisor. Forms are available now until May 3.

Parents, members of the public, and employees can complete the web-based input form anonymously by visiting <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/7965>



"Notes" From the Ptarmigan Music Room

It is Music in Our Schools Month. Celebrate the joy and importance of music in your student's academic life. At Ptarmigan, students enjoy learning about many different types of instruments. They dance, sing and create in the music room every day. This month we are focusing on Celtic music and we are learning about the rich tradition of this beautiful style.

Kindy, 1st and 2nd grade will be playing on many different types of percussion instruments. They are also beginning to explore on xylophones and metallophones. Its Mallet Madness in March!

Third graders will begin playing on recorders this month. I have enough instruments for all third graders but if you want to purchase one for your child it really helps. You may get recorders from:

The Music Man
521 W. Tudor Rd
PH: 561-7011

Or

The Horn Doctor
1000 Ingra Street
PH: 272-4676

Fourth and Fifth graders will be drumming and composing this last quarter. My goal is for the fifth-grade students to be very prepared for middle school Orchestra, Band or Choir. Wonderful opportunities open up for Middle School students in Music.

Please Mark your calendar for May 3rd. **Argh! Pirates II**, The Hidden Treasure will be a rollicking fun filled show for all. Those spirited pirates are back for another adventure on the high seas. Hope to see you at this Ptarmigan Choir Production.



Also, just a reminder, to please turn in those Boxtops!

In Harmony
Mrs. Benton
Classroom Music Specialist



MULTI-CULTURAL



FAMILY NIGHT



CHOIR PERFORMANCE



~ Health / Social Emotional Learning ~

The March wind brings us the Iditarod, spring break, 3rd quarter report cards, and more daylight! However, please remember that the cold and flu season is still in full force. Setting examples for healthy eating include fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein (chicken, fish, legumes, nuts, and occasionally red meat) It is recommended to try and exercise at least 60 minutes daily. This will help to reduce stress, which will increase your immune system. **Mandated Personal Safety lessons will also be taught in March according to the Alaska Child Safety Act.**

The following information will inform you of your child's **GREAT BODY SHOP** Health lessons being taught in March:

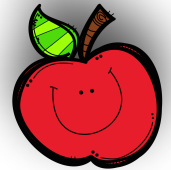
- * K Keeping Clean and Healthy
- * 1 Happy, Sad, and In Between
- * 2 Babies...and How You Grew
- * 3 Your Family, My Family
- * 4 Be Cool, Keep Clean
- * 5 Growing Up (**parent permission signed at registration**)
- * * 5th -If you **opted your child out** of these units, they will have alternate assignments for Health.

All grade levels will be taught Personal Safety Lessons in March. This is in accordance with the Safe Children's Act.

Here's to making healthy choices!

Ms. Anny Hunsucker - Health/SEL Specialist

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2019 PEAKS State Assessment Reach new PEAKS of learning!

Each spring, Alaskan students are provided an opportunity to show what they know. When students show what they know, teachers and parents can partner to promote student success.

The Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) is Alaska's summative assessment administered to students in Grades 3-9 (English language arts and mathematics) and grades 4, 8 and 10 (science) each spring. The purpose of a large-scale, summative assessment is to provide parents and schools an overall picture of a student's progress in meeting the Alaska standards at his/her grade level. The assessment is taken on the computer and is not timed, but each content area takes approximately 100-180 minutes.

Parents can locate resources for the PEAKS assessment, including directions for PEAKS Practice tests, called Online Tools Training and PEAKS Tutorials on the ASD website at www.asdk12.org/PEAKS.

Parents can also help by ensuring their children are well rested, eat a nutritious breakfast, and are at school on time for the days of testing. Please avoid scheduling appointments on your child's testing days.

The ASD PEAKS testing window below allows for school assessment scheduling flexibility. **Students! Get ready to reach new peaks of learning and earn a PEAKS sticker set for showing what you know during our school's PEAKS testing dates**

2019 ASD PEAKS Testing Window
March 25-April 5
(Make-ups: March 26-April 26)





Ptarmigan PEAKS Testing Schedule

March 25 th	4 th /5 th (Rosenthal) and 5 th Grade (Ehlers)
March 26 th	4 th /5 th (Rosenthal) and 5 th Grade (Ehlers)
March 27 th	4 th Grade (Imhof and Schneider)
March 28 th	4 th Grade (Imhof and Schneider)
March 29 th	Makeups
April 1 st	3 rd Grade (Fisher, Daniels, Seliger)
April 2 nd	3 rd Grade (Fisher, Daniels, Seliger)
April 3 rd	4 th Grade Science
April 4 th	Makeups
April 5 th	Makeups



CREATIVE CORNER



March is Youth Art Month!

The Anchorage School District will be presenting its 47th Annual Student Art Show in multiple sites around town. The show will run from March 1st - April 5th. A grand reception was held on March 1st at the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center but you can view all of the art displayed at all of the other exhibition sites including the Eagle River-Chugiak Library, Loussac Library, Anchorage City Hall, and Midtown Mall. This is such a great opportunity to celebrate youth art! We are excited to announce that we have 4 Ptarmigan artists with artwork on display.

A Huge Congratulations goes out to:

Stanley Johnson	1st Grade
Josie Xiong	1st Grade
Lina Ausage	1st Grade
Cindy Yang	5th Grade

Here is what we are in the process of creating right now in the art room:

Kindergarten - Texture crayon rubbings and using watercolor paints.

1st Grade - Texture crayon rubbings and cutting different types of lines to make paper collages.

2nd Grade - Examining the unconventional art of Lee Bontecou, neutral colors, and making a paper strip relief sculpture.

3rd Grade - Learning about landscapes, ground lines, and how to show depth in a work of art. We are using cut paper to create our imaginary landscapes.

4th Grade - Using chalk pastels to draw the northern lights.

5th Grade - Starting our clay unit.

Thank you,

Katie Winkelman
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Ptarmigan Multicultural Family Night



Anchorage School Board:

Starr Marsett (President), Deena Mitchell (Vice President), Alisha Hilde (Clerk), Elisa Snelling (Treasurer), and Members Mark Foster, Dave Donley, and Andy Holleman. ASD Superintendent, Dr. Deena Paramo.