



APRIL & MAY ~ 2018/2019

PTARMIGAN

ELEMENTARY

Dear Ptarmigan Families,

Well, we are almost to the end of the school year. I cannot believe how fast this year went. I really enjoyed getting to know the students and the parents of this wonderful school. Together we made positive changes to our school climate.

A huge shout out to our 21st Century Spacewolves Robotics Team for placing first in the Robotics Olympics. It was great to see Dr. Bishop award the team their trophy and be acknowledge for all their hard work on April 8th. I would also like to give a big thank you to Nurse Brittany, her husband, and Jamie Hobson for coaching and supporting the students.

Parents, our teachers need your help. If you know your student(s) are returning to Ptarmigan Elementary, we need you to take time and go into Q/Zangle ParentConnection accounts to register your child for the 2019-20 School Year. Registration is open from **April 29th - August 23th**. You will need a PIN and a password. If you cannot remember your PIN and/or password, please call the office and they will share that with you. **Early Registration is extremely important because the number of students we have directly relates to the number of classroom teachers we will have.** So, please take time to register your children that are returning to Ptarmigan Elementary or another ASD school. Kindergarten students or students new to the district will need to register in-person at their school during districtwide registration in August.

Again, thank you for another super year and I hope to see you at our final awards assembly on May 21st starting at 1:30pm for K-2nd grades and 2:15pm for students in grades 3rd-5th.

Have a safe and restful summer with hopes to see you next school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ramey

IMPORTANT DATES TO

REMEMBER

In Person Registration Dates For Kindergarten & New to the District:

(Returning ASD Students will be registered online)

July 30th, 2019 (9:00am-3:00pm)

July 31st, 2019 (9:00am-3:00pm)

& (5:00pm-7:00pm)

August 1st, 2019 (9:00am-3:00pm)

2019/2020 School Start Dates:

August 20th, 2019 (1st Grade- 5th Grade)

August 27th, 2019 (Preschool & Kindergarten)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

APRIL

- **Online Registration Window Open for
2019/2020 School Year:** 4/29/2019 - 8/23/2019

MAY

- **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ENDS:** 5/2/2019
- **Spring Choir Concert**
(@ 2:30pm and @ 6:00pm) 5/3/2019
- **"Dress Like a Pirate" Spirit Day** 5/3/2019
- **"Star Wars" Spirit Day** (May the 4th be w/ you) 5/6/2019
- **4th & 5th Grade Kickball Tourney:** 5/15/2019
- **Yearbook Signing @ 2:30pm** 5/17/2019
- **Field Day** 5/20/2019
- **END OF SCHOOL YEAR ASSEMBLY:** 5/21/2019
- **5th Grade Promotion @ 2pm:** 5/22/2019
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:** 5/22/2019

DRESS LIKE A PIRATE DAY

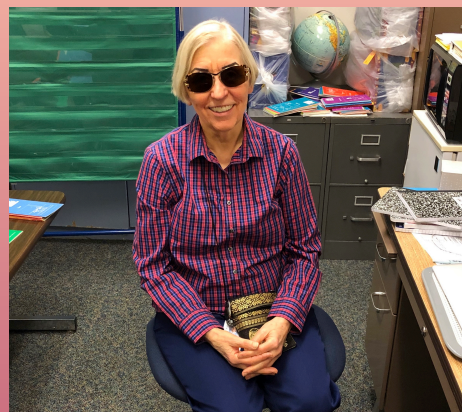


"PIRATES 2- THE HIDDEN TREASURE"

*Please join us in saying farewell to the following
Ptarmigan Staff*



Maura Morson - 20 years w/ ASD



Paulette Missal - 34 years w/ ASD



Robin Greer - 13 years w/ ASD



Fred Braden - 27 years w/ ASD



"Notes" From the Ptarmigan Music Room

Arrrgh! Get your 'pirate' on and come enjoy Ptarmigan Choir's Pirate II musical. These funny pirates are searching for the lost treasure and they end up on a deserted island. As any good story goes...a Talent Show is created to save the day. Mark your calendars for May 3rd to enjoy this event. Performance times are 2:15pm and 6:00pm.

The upper grades are finding their inner rhythms with some African Drums. You can hear the wonderful beats coming out of the music room. Drumming rhythms and ensembles help with focus and are fun.

D = dedication
R = respect
U = unity
M = all through music

Our third graders have been playing the recorder and are starting on the ukulele next. If you play and would be willing to come in and share your talent with the students, please just email me.

Primary grades are continuing their musical journey at Ptarmigan playing on xylophones and creating music. With the sun coming out these little ones need to move and music class offers them a chance to dance and create.

Hope to see you at the Pirate Musical!

In Harmony
Mrs. Benton
Classroom Music



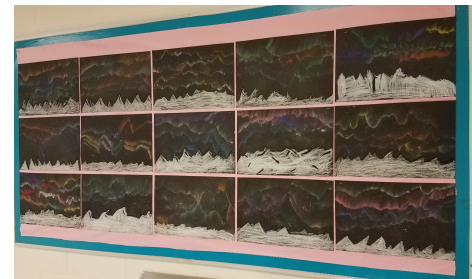
CREATIVE CORNER



1st Grade Cut Paper Line Designs:



4th Grade Northern Lights w/ Chalk Pastel:



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

- **Kindergarten** - Reading "Harold and the Purple Crayon" and making adventure drawings of our own. Next, we will be learning about alphabet art.
- **1st Grade** - Designing hot air balloons, drawing bunnies, and finally we will be creating dessert art.
- **2nd Grade** - Learning about the shape art by Paul Klee and tracing different geometric shapes to make our own designs. Next, we will be painting our clay fish.
- **3rd Grade** - Learning about abstract art by Pablo Picasso. We will use oil pastel to draw our own abstract self-portrait. Next we will be painting our clay fish.
- **4th Grade** - Finishing up our OP art inspired by Victor Vasarely. Next we will be drawing unique patterns similar to Zentangle.
- **5th Grade** - Making a clay animal mug, glazing, and the finally we will begin printmaking.

Feel free to contact me through email:
winkelman_katie@asdk12.org
Thank you, Katie Winkelman

ANCHORAGE BIKE HELMET PROJECT 2019



Safe Kids Alaska, led by Providence Alaska Medical Center, is once again partnering with the Anchorage Fire Department for this community outreach program.

2019 is the 14th summer season of the Anchorage Bike Helmet Project.

This program is intended as a resource for families who could not otherwise obtain bike helmets for their children.

With generous funding from Providence Alaska Medical Center, bicycle helmets will be available at all AFD stations for children and teens.

Beginning May 1st, families are welcome to stop by any AFD station, 7 days per week, between the hours of 10:00am and 7:00pm, to have children fit with helmets.
(AFD Crews may be off-site at any time conducting emergency responses.)

- *No appointment necessary**
- *Children MUST BE PRESENT to be fit with a helmet**
- *Helmets are provided at no cost to children & teens**
- *Helmet supply is limited to stock on hand**
- *AFD Stations will NOT distribute helmets to groups/programs**

Groups should contact Safe Kids Alaska at 907-212-3194 or safekidsak@providence.org



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A HUGE Congratulations to our 21st Century
Afterschool Program Robotics Team, The Ptarmigan
SPACEWOLVES!! They won the Lego Olympics!!





Dr. Bishop joins Ptarmigan Elementary while they celebrate their Robotics Olympics winners.

Dear Colleagues,

Spring is an exciting time of year in ASD. Our students and staff are crossing off goals and creating new ones. We watch the snow melt and enjoy longer days. I can almost smell the campfire burning!

Congratulations to our five BP Teachers of Excellence-Natasha Bergt, Antara Brewer, Kelly Corrigan, Karen Gordon, and Trena Rose. It was wonderful to be able to surprise you with the good news and to witness appreciative students and coworkers applauding you for the differences you make in their lives.

I was so thankful to be at Ptarmigan Elementary School this week to award students with a trophy for their accomplishments during last weekend's Robotics Olympics. It is quite special to see young students beaming with pride because their achievement did something positive for their whole school.

I cannot tell you enough how much I enjoy your good news! You remind me every day that ASD is a great place to be.

Have a joyful weekend, you might even need your sunglasses :)

Cheers,

Dr. Deena Bishop



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