

GIRDWOOD NEWS

Happy Fall Girdwood K-8 Families,

Our K-6 grade students are just wrapping up intensives and our 7th and 8th grade students are diligently working in their classes. Parents recently received a robo call and email regarding PEAKS, our state summative assessment. The PEAKS assessment was administered to students in grades 3-8 last Spring. The PEAKS assessment covers English language arts and mathematics across grades 3-8 and science in grades 4 and 8.

If your child was a student in grades 3-8 last Spring, you can view their PEAKS results by

- Logging into Parent Connection: <https://parentconnect.asdk12.org/production/parentportal>
- Select the child you wish to view, if you have more than one student
- Select "Testing Results" on the left side of the screen

As I mentioned at our Open House in early September, we have a wonderful school and it wouldn't be the same without all the hard work and dedication from the students, parents and staff. The PEAKS data is one unit of information that describes the academic progress of our students and school; however, it's not the only data point. Student satisfaction, climate survey's, grades, teacher's observations and other sources tell us how well a student is progressing at our school and how well our school performs.

Girdwood English Language Arts: 69.05%

Advanced	Proficient	Below Proficient	Far Below Proficient
23.02%.	46.03%	24.60%.	6.35%

Girdwood Math: 72.44%

Advanced	Proficient	Below Proficient	Far Below Proficient
24.41%.	48.03%	25.98%	1.57%

October is also National Bullying Prevention Month, and Monday, October 1st, is Wear Blue Day. Wear Blue Day #BlueUp's goal is to encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on children of all ages. Please encourage your student to wear blue on Monday in an effort to stand up and show that we are part of the solution.

Thank you for supporting your child's education and your child's teachers in so many ways each and every day.

Kind regards,

Erik Viste
Principal



Upcoming Events

10/1-10/31 National Bullying Prevention Month

10/1 Anti-Bullying Day
WEAR BLUE!!

10/1 Middle School Cross Country Meet @ Kincaid

10/4 Middle School Cross County Meet @ Kincaid "Think Pink" All Schools Relays

10/5 Sports Day

10/8 School Picture Day

10/9 School Store

10/10 Middle School Cross Country Championships @ Kincaid

10/16 Student Government After School Movie: Hotel Transylvania

10/17 Staff Student Soccer Game 2-3pm

10/17 PTA Meeting 3:15-4pm

10/18 School Spirit Day: Grizzly Wear

10/19 End of 1st Quarter Inservice Day—No School for Students

10/22 Play: "New Kid" 3-4pm

10/22-10/25 Red Ribbon Week

10/24 Parent Teacher Conferences 1/2 Day for Students

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10/26 Inservice Day—No School for Students

10/31 Happy Halloween!!

BE KidSafe

Moose Safety

Parents—teach kids to Be KidSafe around moose:

- Remember that moose are wild animals
- Don't scream and run
- Never get between a mother moose and its calf

Stay away from moose:

- Keep at least 100 feet away (2 houses) from any moose and twice as far from one with a calf
- Get behind something big if a moose comes toward you
- Avoid moose: go back home, to school, to the nearest Safe Home or find a different, safe walking route
- Don't try to pet or feed moose
- Don't throw snowballs or objects at moose

Signs of a moose ready to attack:

- It dashes around, its ears go down, it will lick its lips, and the hair goes up on the back of its neck. You are too close if you can see all this!



Anchorage School District
Accounting and Finance for Schools 10/1/10



Membership forms were distributed at Open House and you can send them in to school with your child filled out with \$10 attached (cash or check). Parents can also join the PTA via FVCS registration by following either of these links:

[Single Member PTA Membership \\$10](#)

[Two Member PTA Membership \\$20](#)

2018-2019 Girdwood K-8 PTA Board

President: Melissa Ahern
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Secretary: Maxine Potter

At Large: Cary Lukes
Alicia Hall
Special Events: Brigid Kuber



New

Anchorage School District Mobile App

Connect with your child's school through our mobile app.

The ASD mobile app allows parents and families to stay connected in real time.



Student academic performance



School calendars



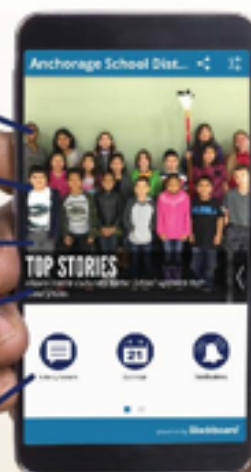
Account balances and lunch menus



Timely updates and push notifications



News, photos and more



Pick your schools and stay connected!

Step 1:

Download the app from the App Store or Google Play



Step 2:

For parents/guardians

Click "Student Info" and login using the email associated with your Q ParentConnection account. Your app password was sent to that email, if you lost it or haven't received it, click "Forgot Password" in the app.

Learn more at www.asdk12.org/mobileapp



SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Girdwood K-8 is no longer sending lunch menus home with our students. To access the current menu click on the link below. First click on the top header *Nutritional Menus*, then *Alternative School*, then *Girdwood*, then *Lunch*. This will take you to the current month's menu. If you would like to receive a copy via email from Student Nutrition also click on the same link below to access school menus and be sure and check the **alternative school** option. Student Nutrition will email you the menus at the beginning of each month during the school year. If you need a hard copy, feel free to come in to the office, and we'll be glad to print one up for you.

<http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?page=automenu&sid=1492190521926>



Free and Reduced Priced Lunch Program Meal Applications Apply now for the 2018-19 School Year

Last school years eligibility expires October 1st. An application is due every school year after July 1st of that year. Apply early and avoid unnecessary meal charges.

The online application can be found on asdk12.org under the *Families* heading, navigate to *Services* and click on *Student Nutrition and Menus*, then click on *Apply Online and Pre-payment Options*. For any questions, please call the Girdwood K-8 office at (907)742-5300 or call Student Nutrition at (907)348-5145.

Dear Parents and Families:

Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about **1.8 million words** per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science, and history!

Encourage your child to read books for fun by attending our upcoming **Scholastic Book Fair**. Allow your child to choose the books they want to read! It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Mark your calendar!

Book Fair dates: **October 24-25, 2018**

Shopping hours: **Wednesday 8– 4 pm, Thursday 8-3 and 5- 8 pm**

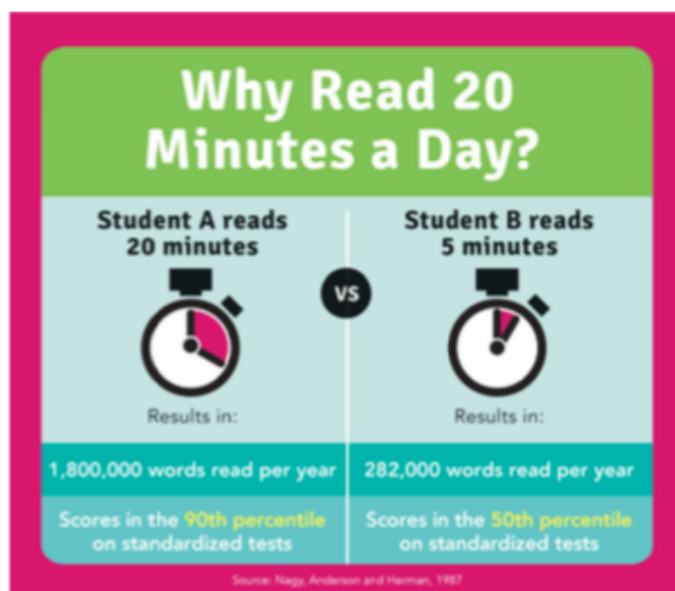
If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our Online Fair at scholastic.com/fair. Our Online Fair is available from **October 22-October 26**.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school. Thank you for supporting our readers!

Sincerely,

Erik Viste
Principal

Girdwood School K-8



HOW TO USE YOUR ASD LIBRARY NUMBER

ASD EBOOKS

Ebooks and audio books can be downloaded right from the ASD website. Log on to www.asdk12.org and select "ASD Library Catalog" from the Student drop-down menu. Select OverDrive eBook catalog.



SORA READING APP

Read free downloaded books on your device! Search for the SORA app in your app store and enter your school name and library ID number to sign up. You can also access SORA on the ASD eBook sign in page.



AT ANCHORAGE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Visit the Anchorage Public Libraries and check out up to 3 items with your ASD library number.



ANCHORAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY ONLINE CATALOGS

Log on to anchoragepubliclibrary.org and select "Download a book." Select any of the options listed under eBooks and use your ASD library number to access the services.



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Download books, music, and audio books, plus learn a new language all using your library card number on the Anchorage Public Library catalog!



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Girdwood School Parents:

Glacier Valley Transit is providing an after school activities service at The Girdwood School. The GVT bus will stop at the Girdwood School Mondays through Fridays, at 4:40 pm heading toward Alyeska Resort and looping back toward the Seward Highway.

There is no charge for this service.

For more information about Glacier Valley Transit and for current bus stops and schedules please visit www.glaciervalleytransit.com or contact Sam Marshall, Operations Manager, at 907-382-9908.



TEXT MESSAGES

Sign Up and receive text messages from ASD regarding school closures and late busses. You must opt in. They are not automatic. Visit ASD's website to learn more about receiving text messages: <http://www.asdk12.org/textupdates>.



Girdwood's School Store will be open from 11:40 am until 12:30 pm on the following Tuesdays:

September 25

October 9

November 6 and 20

December 9 and 18

The Girdwood School Store has school supplies available for you to purchase.

Supplies cost anywhere from .25 for a pencil to a few dollars for a notebook. Stop by on Thursdays at recess for your school supply needs.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Drop-Off Bin

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska has provided Girdwood with an additional donation drop-off box. This bin is located in the over-flow parking lot on the right hand side of Hightower Road, before you get to the school. Please donate gently used clothes, shoes, and cloth items only. To donate household items, please call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 563-1997 to set up a time for pick up. This service is provided for free by Big Brothers Big Sisters. These donated items are used to stock local Value Village locations and the proceeds of the items are given to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska in order to help them reach their yearly goal of serving 2,000 children across Alaska.

After School Playground Use

On sunny afternoons, students enjoy playing with friends and classmates on the school playground. We enjoy having them here, but cannot provide outdoor supervision after 3:15 p.m. School dismisses at 3 p.m. and, for safety reasons, students are expected to head for home, FVCS classes, or after school care on buses, bikes, feet or in a parent vehicles by 3:15. School doors will be locked promptly at 3:15.

Students are more than welcome to stay on the playground if they are with a supervising adult. This is true for all students, including middle school. The only exception is when students remain to participate in school or FVCS supervised activities. Thank you for your help in keeping all the children in our valley safe and supervised.



Girdwood K-8 and the Girdwood PTA are on Facebook. Please check our pages out and **"LIKE"** us! We will be posting frequently and our pages will have the latest school information.



We would like to shout out a big THANK YOU to Subway and the Ice Cream Shop, Girdwood K-8's school business partners! If you know of anyone else who would like to be our partner, please let us know.

OCTOBER 2018

Nurse Notes



Free Flu Shots

Flu shots will be available to students on Friday October 19th. Please note there is no school that day. If you would like to have your student(s) vaccinated this year please come to school between 10am and 2pm.

#KeepItTeal

Help all kids to have a safe and fun Halloween this year by providing non-food treats for trick-or-treaters! #KeepItTeal

October is the start of a season of sugar: trick or treat candy. It continues into Thanksgiving and through winter holidays with many sugary treats. Consider offering non-food treats to encourage healthy choices and lower sugar consumption.

According to the American Heart Association children should limit consumption of added sugars: 3 to 6 teaspoons or 12 to 25 grams daily depending on their size. A 2.6 oz bag of skittles contains 47g of sugar, a fun size contains 11g. A full size snickers bar contains 30g of sugar, a fun size contains 8g. One or two fun size candies may top the recommended amount of added sugars your child should have for the day.

Offering non-food treats helps to include children with food allergies in Halloween fun and provides a sugar-free alternative for all kids.

Happy Halloween!

-Nurse Raquel & Nurse Summer

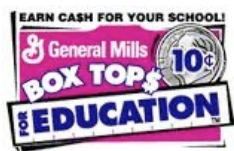
We would like to share a **big thank you** to **our teachers** who participated in the Girdwood School annual safety training for our Emergency Action Plans (EAP).

Non-food ideas for trick-or-treaters

- Vampire fangs
- Glow sticks
- Pencils, pens, crayons or markers
- Whistles, kazoes, or noisemakers
- Bubbles
- Playing cards
- Spider rings
- Temporary tattoos
- Stickers
- Mini slinkies
- Bouncy balls
- Bracelets or necklaces



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Box Tops for Education

We are continuing to collect **General Mills Box Tops For Education**. Mrs. Bethanie, in the front office, will be working again with the students to collect boxtops for their classrooms. She will keep track and post the number of Box Tops for the individual classes each month. The class that brings in the most Box Tops by the end of April will win a root beer float party. For each Box Top a student brings in, Girdwood K-8 School receives ten cents for the purchase of miscellaneous items, including Grizzly Buck supplies. Please continue to cut out those Box Tops and send them in. Our first submission is due Nov. 1. They can be found on boxes of cereal, Ziploc baggies, and many other items in your pantry.

Sign up for FVCS Classes!

Four Valleys Community Schools has classes going on now and will be rolling out lots of new ones in the next few weeks for community members of all ages. If you feel unable to take any of our classes due to class costs, please contact Catherine at cmcdermott@fourvalleys.org or by phone at 907.742.5317. We have financial aid, scholarships, and payment plans available.

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ASD Statement of Non-discrimination
for ASD Publications

The Board is committed to an environment of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, economic status, union affiliation, disability and other human differences. No person shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, any academic or extracurricular program or educational opportunity or service offered by the District. The District will comply with the applicable statutes, regulations, and executive orders adopted by Federal, State and Municipal agencies. The District notes the concurrent applicability of the Individuals with Disabilities Act, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the relevant disability provisions of Alaska law.

Inquiries or complaints may be addressed to the District's Compliance/Equal Employment Opportunity Executive Director, who also serves as the Title IX and ADA/ADAAA Coordinator, ASD Education Center, 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage, AK 99504-3135 (907) 742-4132, or to any of the following external agencies: Alaska State Commission for Human Rights, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Director of the Office for Civil Rights-U.S. Department of Education or Office of Civil Rights-U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

GENTLE REMINDERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

At the beginning of each year, we like to send a reminder to parents about the procedures we have in place to insure our school is a safe learning environment with as few disruptions as possible. Please take a moment to help us out by reading over the procedures below.

Visitors and Volunteers: Please sign in to the visitor/volunteer log in our office each time you visit the school. In addition, please sign out when you leave. It's important for us to know who is in our building during the school day.

Picking Up and Dropping off Students During the School Day: Please make sure to sign your student(s) in or out if they are coming to school late or are leaving early. The sign out log is in the office. Please do not call ahead and ask us to have students come to the office before you arrive. Although we know it is unintentional, often students wait in office for long periods of time before parents arrive, missing class and important instruction. We are more than happy to call them down when you come in to sign them out. In addition, please help us minimize classroom disruptions by having the office call your child down, rather than picking them up from the class yourself.

Delivering Student's Belongings: Please drop off lunches, homework, and other forgotten or needed items in the office. We will be happy to deliver them to the student, again in an effort to decrease classroom disruptions.

After School Plans: If your child has a change in their regular after school plans (visiting a friend's house, taking the bus to a different location, going to scouts, etc), please send a note to school with your child in the morning. It is often very difficult to get last minute phone messages to students and can result in confused children and worried adults. We ask that you not call the school with a change of plans unless it is an emergency. Notes from home really are a necessity and insure your children get to the right after school location.

Birthday and Party Invitations: Because children's feelings are often hurt when they do not receive an invitation to a party, we request that invitations to any event be delivered outside school hours and away from the campus.

Lost & Found



Our Lost and Found Cart is filling up. Belongings are left at school and on the playground everyday and most of these items don't have names in them. We put them in the Lost & Found but they are more likely to make it back faster to your child if they have their names in them. Sharpies work best and silver Sharpies work better on dark clothing. Please label all coats, shoes, backpacks, lunch boxes, and other item that your child may walk away from. If your kiddo is looking for lost items, the school Lost & Found cart is located in the mini-commons between the primary and secondary classrooms. We will donate the all items left behind at the end of every quarter.



YOU CAN HELP THE GIRDMOOD K-8 SCHOOL EARN DONATIONS JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!

Fred Meyer donates over \$2 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Girdwood K-8 School at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number **GP641**.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping the Girdwood K-8 School earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.



Indoor Soccer for Grades 1-6

Enjoy the fast paced game of indoor soccer during this 6 week session. Develop your dribbling, passing and shooting skills, learn good sportsmanship, and have fun playing on a team. Practice 1 hour a week (sign up for Wed or Thurs) and play games on Saturday between 9am and 1pm. Practice begins the week of Oct 3rd. Practice and games at the Girdwood School gym.

Cost \$60



Stars Over Girdwood

**Orientation meeting at
the Girdwood School
Thurs, Oct 11th, 7-8:30pm**

This is a FREE class, but please register at
www.fourvalleys.org
so that we can pass your information to the instructor.



SKI & SPORTS SWAP

@ ALYESKA DAYLODGE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

SALE NOON-4P



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