

URSA MINOR

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A Message from the Principal

It has been a great start to our 2018 - 2019 school year.

Students have been learning school procedures and guidelines for success. When I have been walking through classrooms I have been seeing students working together and engaged in what is the learning task at hand.

It is September and this is a great time of year to plan and purchase gear for winter.

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Welcome Back to Ursa Minor! Let's stay connected!



We strive to stay in contact with our families through as many avenues as possible. Along with this biweekly newsletter, we have a couple of options for you to keep up to date:



- Facebook (Ursa Minor Elementary School and Ursa Minor PTA)
- School Website (asdk12.org/ursaminor)
- Download the Anchorage School District app in the App Store or Google Play

For school closures you may also check the district page at asdk12.org.

Keep up to date with your student by logging into Zangle. In this account, you will be able to check the lunch menu and their balance, assignments and grades entered, pay for lunch and field trips, and view a calendar of students days off.

This account is found on asdk12.org > I want to... > Access Zangle/Q > Parent Connection

If you need your pin and password, please call 907-428-1311 or stop by the front office and they will be able to assist you!

•• SEL Star Winner ••

8/27 - 8/31

K- Quinn Bodenheim- Moses

1st- Julia Mathys- Tucker

2nd- Brooklynne Cox- Larson

3rd- Zaylee Helton- Vecera

4th- Deyton Raether- Pieper

5th- Bryson Diola- Dunlap

5th- Jaden Terre- Williams

9/4 - 9/7

K- Emma Crelia- Moses

1st- Collin Holman- McComas

2nd- Zaiden Stuppy- Arriaga

3rd- Christopher Mellinger- Vecera

4th- Masu Idiokitas- Pieper

5th- Jenny M. - Boes

5th- Taylor Baez- Dunlap

Mark you calendars for

PICTURE DAY!
September 28, 2018

Be on the look out for order forms!!



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Educating All Students for Success in Life

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Meet Our New Staff Members



Mrs. Arriaga - 2nd Grade



Mr. Feris - Music



Mrs. Boudreau - Nurse



Mrs. McIntyre - Ignite



Wanda Doxstader - Noon Duty



Ruth Schwartz - Orchestra



Chao Kue - AEL



Jessica Schoolcraft - Noon Duty



Moira Yanik - Speech

URSA MINOR PTA

Dates to remember...

- Sept. 4 - Labor Day - No School
- Sept. 19 - PTA Meeting @ 6 PM
- Sept. 21 - Domino's Night
- Sept. 28 - Picture Day

Keep collecting your Box Tops! Fall deadline is October 25th!

The first Domino's Fundraiser Night will be on Sept. 21st!

No Fun Friday on Sept 28th due to picture day!



EMAIL: URSAMINORPTA@GMAIL.COM

FUN FRIDAYS!

Sept. 7

Sept. 14

Sept. 21

Bring in \$.50 for a delicious popcorn treat!



PARENTS, GUARDIANS, SITTERS:
PLEASE BE AWARE THAT 6TH STREET IS NOT A DROP OFF AREA. IT IS UNSAFE TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO EXIT A CAR FROM A BUSY STREET. PLEASE USE THE CAR LANE IN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING THAT ALLOWS CHILDREN TO EXIT NEAR THE PRIMARY DOORS. THANK YOU!



At Ursa Minor, we encourage students to ride to and from school on their bicycles. We would like to remind our riders to wear helmets, walk their bikes when they enter school grounds, and we strongly recommend they use a bike lock.



This month in **Elementary Health**, your child will study **safety**. Students are learning about a variety of general safety topics including Personal Safety as well as Internet Safety. Please visit the links below to view a Parent Bulletin detailing more about each grade-level-specific topic for this month.

Monthly Theme: Safety

Grade Level	K	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade	6 th Grade
Topic	How to Stay Safe	Look Out!	Let's Stay Safe	Safe At Home, Safe Away	Community Safety	First Aid Facts	Keep This Body Safe
Link to Parent Bulletin	http://go.o.gl/TN98oY	http://go.o.gl/mOsR20	http://go.o.gl/iKp7yT	http://go.o.gl/bYxdwe	http://goo.gl/mld10t	http://go.o.gl/qklFCs	http://go.o.gl/RBIVq2

Richelle Lay
 K-6 Health/SEL Teacher



Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten:
 Recess 11:30 - 11:50
 Lunch 11:50 - 12:10

5th & 6th Grade:
 Recess 11:45 - 12:05
 Lunch 12:05 - 12:25

1st Grade:
 Recess 12:00 - 12:20
 Lunch 12:20 - 12:40

1/2 Combo & 2nd Grade:
 Recess 12:15 - 12:35
 Lunch 12:35 - 12:55

3rd, 3/4 Combo & 4th Grade:
 Recess 12:30 - 12:50
 Lunch 12:50 - 1:10

Parents are welcome to join their child/ren for lunch. Please be sure to sign in at the office before heading to the lunch room!

For a menu, head to asdk12.org.

Best of luck!

Ursa Minor's Cross Country runners will be participating in jamborees on September 13th and September 20th. We would like to wish everyone the best of luck! Thank you to Mr. Linderman, Mrs. Arriaga, and Mrs. Dunlap for their help and support this season!

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September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30						1
2	3 LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL	4	5	6 OPEN HOUSE 6-7:30	7 *FUN FRIDAY-FREE	8
9	10	11 PATRIOT DAY	12	13 CROSS COUNTRY JAMBOREE @ CHUGIAK	14 *FUN FRIDAY	15
16	17	18	19 PTA MEETING 6 PM IN THE MPR	20 CROSS COUNTRY JAMBOREE @ BARTLETT	21  DOMINO'S FUNDRAISER *FUN FRIDAY	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 PICTURE DAY	29



**BREAKFAST REMINDER: STUDENTS WHO ARE EATING
BREAKFAST SHOULD ARRIVE NO EARLIER THAN 8:25 A.M. AS
THERE WILL BE NO SUPERVISION BEFORE THAT TIME.**

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for winter. Warm boots, jacket, hat, gloves and waterproof pants will be needed. I encourage you to label your child's gear, even the older students, with their name so if lost we can help find it and get it back to the rightful owner. Look for reflective outside gear or add-ons that will make your child more easily seen in the dark along the roads. We go outside to -10 degrees so we want all students dressed for the conditions. Students will need a doctor's note to stay inside due to injury or other health concerns.

School and home working together, as a team, provides the best support for your child's education. Parent involvement comes in many ways. Talking about the importance of education and how it will help them reach their hopes and dreams is one place to start. Providing a regular academic time to complete homework, unfinished school work, read or practice other skills, helps reinforce that learning doesn't stop when you leave school. Also, providing an opportunity for extra curricular activities as in organized sports, drama, or music enrichment.

Many of you may have heard me mention or talk about Social Emotional Learning. Ursa Minor staff infuses many strategies or methods into their teaching and classroom environment that promote the development of social emotional skills for our students. Today I would like to talk about developing a growth mind set in our students. If you are looking for a great book to read, read *Growth Mindset* by Carol Dweck. It may change how you interact with your children. One of many web sites that you can visit to get information on growth mindset is: <https://www.mindsetworks.com/parents/growth-mindset-parenting>. Here you will see different ways things to say to your children to reinforce that success comes from knowing that mistakes are part of learning and we learn from mistakes. It takes hard work to learn and grow, we can grow our brain, and much more. Look in our newsletter for some others ways to praise your children to get yourself started! I am excited about this and if you want to talk more about it, let me know. I would be happy to share what I know.

As the school year progresses know that we are here to support and help if needed. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher, our office staff, counselor, or me if you have a question, need more information, or have a concern. I look forward to this school year and having the privilege of being your child(ren)'s principal!

Warm regards,

Wendy Brons, Principal