

# URSA MINOR

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## A Message from the Principal

February is almost here and the days are getting longer! This is also the time of year when many Alaskans are looking forward to Fur Rendezvous. This Anchorage winter festival will take place February 22 - March 3. More information can be found at <http://www.furrondy.net/> for this very cool Alaskan winter event!

We have a fundraiser going on right now, Pennies for Patients, and donations go to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society that exists to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients. They are the voice for blood cancer patients and work to ensure access to treatments for all blood cancer patients.

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### Benefits for children:

- Express thoughts and feelings
- Increased self-confidence
- Positive relationships with others
- Comprehensive program with focus on all areas of development: social and emotional, physical, language, cognitive, math, and literacy
- Family engagement
- Home visits
- School readiness

## Anchorage School District Preschool Programs

**Apply online now!**

[www.asdk12.org/Preschool/gened](http://www.asdk12.org/Preschool/gened)

### Program Details:

- Part day programs
- Various locations
- Child must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2019
- Transportation may be provided
- Preference given to families that live in the school zone of the program (exceptions apply)
- Other criteria may apply

If you have additional questions, contact Chelsea Mauro, ASD Preschool Director, at 742-4140.



COMM-2381 (01-19)



## •• SEL Star Winner ••

- 1/14 – 1/18
- K- Zane Zarlino – McAllister
  - 1st- Deliah Cox – McComas
  - 2nd- Tristan Skorkey – Arriaga
  - 3rd- Darion Gray – Cole
  - 4th- Xander Washington – Vecera
  - 5th- Ayden Sorensen – Dunlap
  - 6th- Eleazar Richards - Williams



**The Ursa Minor Spelling Bee is still in need of volunteers for judging and a pronouncer! Please help us make sure these students have this opportunity to showcase their skills!**



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### ASD SCHOOL BOARD

- President: Starr Marsett
- Vice President: Deena Mitchell
- Treasurer: Elisa Snelling
- Clerk: Alisha Hilde
- Dave Donley
- Andy Holleman
- Mark Foster
- Superintendent: Deena Bishop

COMMUNITY  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
NEEDED



You can make a difference in our schools!

Volunteers can take on many roles including helping at school events, assisting in the office, working with students directly, etc.

Contact:  
Paula Perry-Edwards, Volunteer Specialist  
perry-edwards\_paula@asdk12.org  
742-4418



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**Lost and Found**

Is your child missing clothing items? Be sure to stop by the lost in found in front of the office to claim lost items!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Please remember that ASD has changed February 20, 21, 22 to full instructional days. Parent Teacher Conferences will be by parent request. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



**Field Trip Zangle Reminder**

If your student is going on a field trip, their ticket must be paid online through their Zangle account. This is the only accepted payment method for the student ticket. If you have not logged onto your child's account, please call the front office for your pin and password.

Also, please keep in mind that not all grade levels go on the same field trips so do not pay for a ticket until you have seen a permission slip come home.

**URSA MINOR PTA**

**Dates to remember...**

- Feb. 8 - Movie Night @ 6 PM - The Lorax
- Feb 19 - 22 - Book Fair
- Feb 25 - March 1 - Dr. Seuss Week



**FUN FRIDAYS!**

Feb. 1

Feb. 15

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

EMAIL: [URSAMINORPTA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:URSAMINORPTA@GMAIL.COM)

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## February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>Visit Our Schools Month.</b> Every Tuesday 9:30 am All February			1 *FUN FRIDAY	2
3	4 *SEL SKIT - MOSES	5	6	7	8 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT @ 6 PM THE LORAX *NO FUN FRIDAY	9
10	11 *SEL SKIT - MCALLISTER	12	13	14 	15 *SPELLING BEE *PENNIES FOR PATIENTS ENDS *FUN FRIDAY	16
17	18  *NO SCHOOL	19 *BOOK FAIR	20 *BOOK FAIR	21 *BOOK FAIR	22 *BOOK FAIR	23
24 	25 *SEL SKIT - MCCOMAS	26 VISIT OUR SCHOOLS EVENING SESSION 6 PM	27	28		



**REMINDER:** students are to arrive at school **NO EARLIER** than **8:25 am** for breakfast and **NO EARLIER** than **8:40 am** for those waiting outside. There is **NO** adult supervision until 8:40 am.

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They also drive research in areas of unmet medical need and help to bridge the gap between academic discovery and drug development. LLS identifies and funds the most promising blood cancer research projects and forges partnerships with academic institutions, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical companies to accelerate the development of new therapies. Giving back to the community is an important concept that we try to reinforce with our students. We appreciate any of your support for these charities.

Every Tuesday in February is Visit School Month from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Please let families who have a pre-school age child that will be going to kindergarten in the 2019-2020 school year know about this opportunity to check out neighborhood schools, charter, or optional schools. There will be an evening session Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. We are reviewing and working on safety.

In the past we have seen heightened discipline concerns and office referrals during the month of February. Please review with your child(ren) your expectations. This pertains to behavior, academic work, and performance. Peaceful problem solving, making sure that you are making the right choice, and completing work are some of the topics that are a great place to start. Older students also need to be monitoring their language that they are using at school. Our most challenging area and time is on the playground during recess. We will be looking to parents for support as we address this concern.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) standards are interwoven throughout our teaching and student learning. Our students learn skills that make them ready for the 21<sup>st</sup> century work force and skills they will use in their daily interactions with others. You can find more information on SEL by going to the ASD website under parents, curriculum, and then click on Culturally responsive education or go to: <http://www.asdk12.org/CulturalResp/>. Parents are also welcome to join us every Monday morning for our SEL Monday Morning Assembly where we start out our week as a whole school family. Each week a classroom is responsible for putting on a skit for the school community.

Enjoy your weekend and warm regards,

Wendy Brons, Principal