

Mountain View Elementary

Newsletter

September 2019



A Note from Mr. Woodward



Hello everyone. I am very happy to be beginning my twelfth year as the principal of our great school. As this is the first newsletter of the year, it is a big one that is full of important information. Please take a little time to check it out—I promise that you'll learn something from it.

I'd like to start by thanking all of the parents and students who attended our recent ice cream social just before school started. We had a great turnout and it was really nice to spend some time with all of you.

The next chance for us all to get together will be at our open house this Thursday, September 6th from 5:00 to 6:30, which is probably the day you will be receiving this newsletter. This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers and other school staff and to learn about the education process and daily routines at our school. I hope to see everyone there.

At the open house, we will also have our Title 1 Annual Meeting. I will share some data with you, explain what Title 1 is all about, and we will take a look at our School-Wide Plan and Family Engagement Plan. I will also be recruiting parents to join our Title 1 Leadership Team to take a closer look at these plans. Please watch for more information on that.

We have several new staff members this school year. I'd like you all to join me in welcoming them. Please see some introductory notes from them in this newsletter.

It is getting cold out there—especially when it rains! Winter is not here yet, but please make sure that your students are dressed appropriately for the chilly and often damp mornings of an Alaska fall season.

Speaking of mornings, we've had a few kids showing up much too early for school lately. While we are happy to see them, we are not able to provide supervision until 8:40 AM, which is when we would like to have them arrive. The doors open at 8:50 to allow students into the building.

Please consider this to be an open invitation to all parents and community members to pay me a visit whenever you have time. You are welcome to make an appointment if you have something specific to discuss, but I really enjoy all of the informal conversations that I get to have every day. My door is nearly always open, so please feel free to stop in to say hello.

Important Dates

Thurs, Sept. 5
Open House
5pm - 6:30pm

Mon, Sept. 9
First day for
21st Century

Mon, Sept. 9
MAP Math Testing
for all Students
Grades 3-5

Tues, Sept. 10
MAP Reading
Testing for all
Students Grades
3-5

Tues, Oct. 1
Student Council
Speeches
10:15-10:45

Nurse Notes

School Nurse Tammi Bailey

Happy School Year for 2019-2020!!

We are so excited to see our returning students and meet our new students! As always, if you have any needs or questions please call or come see me.

This year we are eliminating pork from all of our meals! There will still be occasional beef but most meals will be poultry or vegetarian. Our dietary staff can make no substitutions so if your child doesn't eat beef please send their lunch with them. Menus are posted on-line at asdk12.org, and we will have a few printed menus each month if you have questions.

HOWEVER, the food bags that come home on Fridays may still have pork products so please check the contents. The food bags are from The Children's Lunchbox, not from ASD.

If your child has an allergy or asthma, please be sure I have the paperwork for that. I can hold inhalers in the Nurse's office and administer as needed.

Immunization compliance and screenings, (height, weight, vision and hearing) will start this week. I will be contacting parents if a student is missing an immunization.

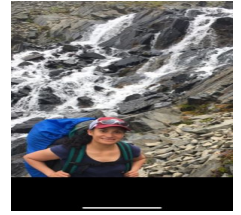
As always, let's get our students to school on time every day so they can make the most of their time in school. We appreciate how difficult mornings can be for families and are so grateful when the students are on time!

Come see me any time with questions or concerns!



Counselor's Corner

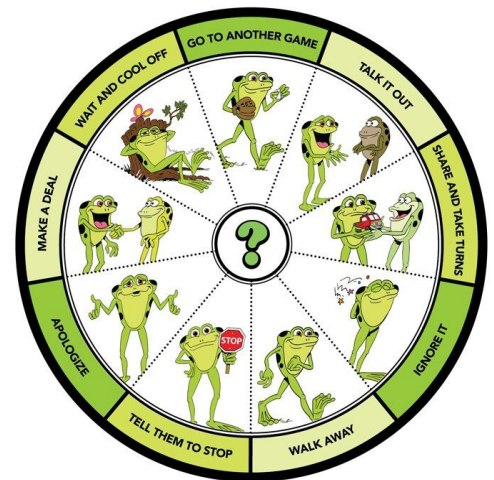
School Counselor Laura Tufi-Gho



Hello! I'm excited to be the new school counselor here at Mountain View Elementary School. I was previously the school counselor at Northwood and Girdwood Elementary Schools. I look forward to getting to know all the students and their families throughout the school year.

I will be teaching guidance lessons at least twice a month (if not once a week) in each classroom.

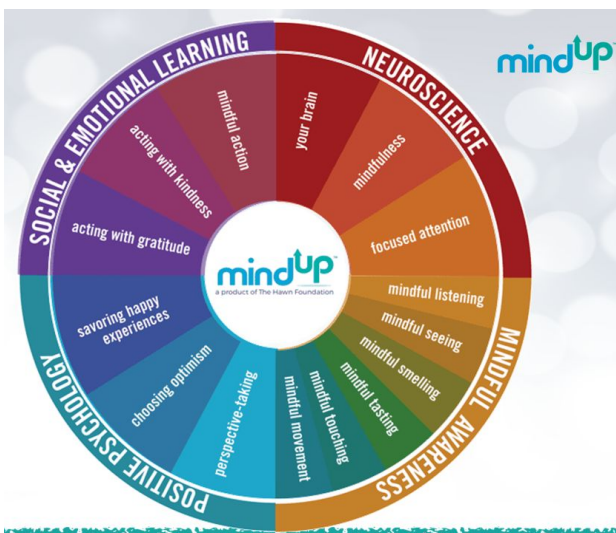
I will be focusing on Kelso's Choices for grades K-3. We will be learning that students are smart enough and strong enough to handle small problems all by themselves by using Kelso's Choices. When there is a big problem, they can ask a trusted adult for help.



I will be teaching from the Mind Up Curriculum in grades 4-5. We will learn more about the parts of

our brains that are in charge of our emotions, feelings, and problem solving skills and how it affects our behavior and the decisions we make. Learning more about our brains can help us to be in better control of ourselves.

If you have any questions, please come see me!





Ms. Brittany Hanson, Library Media Specialist

Welcome Back Everyone! I am so excited for another fun year in the library with your students. This year we will be focusing a bit more on digital citizenship, trying to help ensure that all students have been properly educated on how to stay safe online, as well as making sure students are completely aware of the expectations for technology use while they are at school.

In October, during Parent Teacher Conferences we will once again be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Look for more information to be coming towards the end of September.

Please take a moment to look around your house to ensure that you don't have any wayward library books, even if they are for another school. If so, please bring them to school and I will help them find their proper home.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 907-742-3906

Reading Matters!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF
READING 20
MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and scores in
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and scores in
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
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and scores in
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

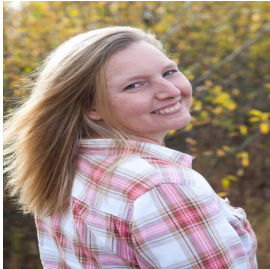
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Joining our Mountain View Team this year

- Laura Beth Sircy, Instructional Coach
- Laura Tufi-Gho, School Counselor
- Ardis Mutini, 21st Century Coordinator
- Christina Hare, 1st Grade Teacher
- Conner Brooks, PreSchool Teacher
- Rozlyn Grady, PreSchool TA, Mr. Brooks
- Cassie Potter, PreSchool TA, Ms. Anna
- Hilda Jaimes, PreSchool TA, Ms. Babylon
- Maria Cornado, School Psychologist
- Kassie Van Alst, Speech Pathologist



Hello, my name is Christina Hare and I have lived in Alaska for 3 years. I have been a substitute teacher for the last 3 years and this year I am happy to be teaching 1st grade at Mountain View Elementary.

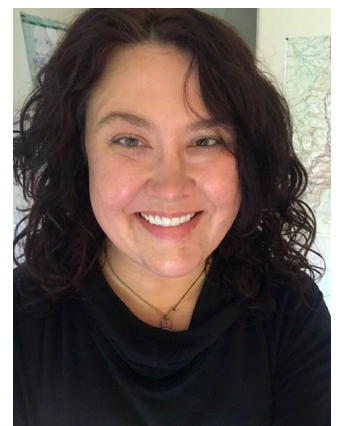


Hello. My name is Kassie Van Alst. I moved to Alaska from Michigan one year ago. I am very excited to be the speech-language pathologist at Mountain View Elementary!



Hello! My name is Ardis Mutini. I am very excited to be the 21st Century After School Program Coordinator at Mountain View Elementary this year. I have previously worked in ASD at Fairview Elementary as a Family School Service Coordinator (FSSC) and as a 21st Century After School Program Coordinator for the last three years. I have also taught in the AEL Department as a Bilingual Advisor at Airport Heights and Denali Montessori Schools for seven years.

Hello! My name is Laura Beth (LB) Sircy, and I am the new Instructional Coach. I am originally from a small town north of Nashville, TN. I taught 3rd-6th grades for 13 years in Tennessee, and the Washington, D.C. area. Moving to Alaska last year was a plan I have had since my early years of college. Outside of work, I am pretty adventurous (which makes me an average Alaskan). I am excited to work with all of the fabulous Mountain View students, parents, and staff!



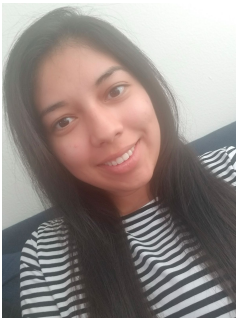


Hello! My name is Ms Cassie and I live in Mountain View with my family and one cat. I have been a noon duty for 2 years here at Mountain View Elementary, but this is my first year as a TA. I am so excited to be working in Ms Anna's class doing new things this year.

My name is Conner Brooks and this is my first year at Mountain View Elementary School. I grew up in Indianapolis, IN, and received my Bachelor's Degree from Montana State University, where I student taught in an inner city kindergarten classroom in Detroit. Following college, I headed to Denver, CO, and taught a second grade classroom at a public charter school. Since moving to Alaska, I have taught kindergarten at Fairview Elementary School and enrolled in the Special Education Master's Program at the University of Alaska Southeast, where I plan on continually discovering how to improve my teaching.



While outside of the classroom, my two dogs and I enjoy adventuring throughout the wilderness of Alaska. Although we have mainly spent our time in South Central Alaska, we plan on making several trips North this fall and winter. On our adventures, we camp, fish, hike, and explore new towns. Although I have only been in this great state for a short period of time, I plan on becoming more invested in the Anchorage Community.



Hi! My name is Hilda Bustos Jaimes. I have an Associates in Early Childhood Education. I've worked with the North Carolina Public School system for the past three years. I just recently moved to Anchorage with my husband. I am excited to start a new journey at Mountain View working with preschoolers.



**BE AN
ATTENDANCE
H.E.R.O.**

HERE

EVERYDAY

READY TO WORK

ON-TIME

Being at School is
IMPORTANT! Did
you know that
missing just 10
minutes per day
adds up to almost
1½ weeks of school
over the year?

Students are
considered

chronically absent if they miss just 10 days of
school per year.

Students who are chronically absent are more
likely to struggle in school.

Just remember NINE IS FINE, BUT LESS
THAN EIGHT IS GREAT!

Be an Attendance HERO!

Mountain View Elementary
21st Century Community Learning Center
"Soaring Beyond Expectations!"
Ardis Mutini, Coordinator
Phone 742-3938, Cell: 310-4503

Hello and Welcome!

The 21st CCLC Afterschool Program starts on **Monday, September 9th, at 3:30pm.**

Program runs Monday - Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30pm Sept. 9th - April 30th.

What is the Afterschool Program: The 21st CCLC is a federally grant funded, after school program designed to extend your child's educational experience beyond the regular school day. The grant has a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) focus. The Afterschool Program provides academic skills practice, enrichment activities, and recreational opportunities. The program's primary focus is to assist students who have academic and social needs. The Afterschool Program is **NOT** a day care program and there is no charge for students who are selected to attend.

Who may attend: Enrollment is limited to 84 students in grades K-5. Student selection will be based on the following considerations:

- Teacher referrals
- Student level of achievement based on state test scores and grades for the previous year
- Migrant Education eligibility status
- Child In Transition status
- English Language Learner status
- Attendance

Attendance

• Once a student has been referred to the program and the family has accepted a spot, it is expected that he/she will attend the program daily for the semester. Students will be re-referred by their teachers at the semester break for enrollment into the program second semester.

- Call 742-3938 before 3:00 if your child will not be attending on a particular day.
- Call the program cell 31-4503 between 3:00-6:00pm to reach the coordinator.
- 3 unexcused absences can result in your child being dropped from the program.
- The children are expected to stay until 5:30pm Monday through Thursday.
- **Please do not ask to pick them up early unless it is an emergency.**

Dismissal

- The front door will be locked until 5:25
- Students must be picked up by 5:30.
- Come into the school building and sign your child out of the Afterschool Program.
- **Only persons listed with the school's front office may pick up students.**
- **ID cards are required for pick up.**
- Repeated failure to pick up students by 5:30 may result in students being dropped from the program.
- Students who regularly walk home will be dismissed at 5:30.

There will be **NO PROGRAM** on the following dates:

October 21 - 25 Parent/Teacher conferences	January 20 MLK Jr. Holiday
November 11, In-Service, Nov. 25 - 29 Thanksgiving holidays	February 10 - 13 Parent/Teacher conferences
December 16 - 20 Semester re-referral by teachers	February 17 President's Day Holiday
December 23- January 9 Winter break and semester re-enrollment period	March 9 - 12 Spring Break



Anchorage School District

Student Nutrition

1307 Labar Street • Anchorage, AK 99515 • 907-348-5142 • asdk12.org/studentnutrition

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are pleased to inform you Mountain View will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (C.E.P.) program for the 2019-2020 School Year. The CEP program is part of the National School Lunch and Special Breakfast Programs families to access free healthy breakfasts and lunches.

All enrolled students at Mountain View are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to you or your household, every day of the 2019-2020 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) at Mountain View will be able to participate without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

This program includes a full meal. Second meals, a la carte meals or a la carte milk are not covered under the program.

If your child(ren) changes schools during the school year to a non-CEP school, you will need to apply for our free and reduced lunch program to see if you qualify for continued benefits. Applications are available online at <https://asdk12.org/studentnutrition>

If we can be of further assistance, please contact us via email at snadmin@asdk12.org or at 907-348-5142.

Sincerely,

Andrew Mergens
Senior Director, Student Nutrition

