

Mountain View Elementary

Newsletter

November 2019



A Note from Mr. Woodward

Hello Everyone. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who was able to attend our recent parent-teacher conferences. We had a very good turn out for conferences and I enjoyed all of the great conversations I had with parents and other family members. Parent involvement is very important to the success of our students, so it was encouraging to see and speak to all of the parents who came for conferences.

Speaking of parent involvement, I'd also like to thank everyone who attended our recent Lights on After School Family Night and Parent Leadership Meeting. We had some great SEL themed activities for kids and parents, as well as an opportunity to look over our School-Wide Plan and our Family Engagement Plan. I appreciate all of the constructive input I received.

We have some very exciting news! Thanks to a very generous donation from DiTomaso's Fruit and Vegetables, and a big discount from 6th Avenue Outfitters, we are going to be able to purchase a quality winter coat for each one of our students this year. Our younger students will also be getting a pair of snow pants. The distribution date will be some time later this month—probably around November 20th. Please watch for more information about that.

Speaking of generous donations, our awesome friends at Carlile Transportation Systems will be donating hoodies to all of our students and staff again this year. The tentative distribution date for these is December 10.

Carlile will also be sponsoring our perfect attendance awards again this year. Each month, the parents of students with perfect attendance for that month will be entered into a drawing. The winner will receive a \$100 gift card. These awards will begin at the end of November.

Please remember that my door is nearly always open and I encourage visitors, so please stop in to see me if you have time.

Christopher Woodward, Principal

Important Dates

Nov. 7
Assembly for
grade 3-5

Nov. 11
In-service
NO SCHOOL

Nov. 20
Picture Retake Day

Nov. 25-29
NO 21st Century
After School Program

Nov. 28-29
Thanksgiving Holiday
NO SCHOOL

Nurse Notes

School Nurse Tammi Bailey

Be Safe, Be Seen, Be Warm!!

Mountain View Elementary is designated as a "Walking School" by the Anchorage School District. This means that nearly all of our students either walk to school or are transported by their parents. As safety is our number 1 priority, we encourage families to speak with their children about walking safety. Here are some safety tips from The Partnership for a Walkable America.

- Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Dress for Alaska's unpredictable weather.
- Remain alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
- Bring a flashlight or headlamp, reflective gear is important during Alaska's dark winter months.

We also want to encourage drivers to be patient and vigilant as children walk or bike to and from school.

- Avoid distracted driving, keep your phone in your bag/pocket - A new ordinance (law) passed by the Anchorage Assembly on June 20, 2019 makes it unlawful for a driver of any vehicle to talk on a mobile communication device while driving a vehicle within an active school zone or on school grounds, unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.
- Slow down - Speeding gives you less time to react and increases the severity of an accident.
- Pay attention to road signs - When in school zones, lights flash to indicate times when students are traveling to and from school. When lights are flashing, drivers must reduce their speed to 20 mph.
- Know your vehicle's blind spots.
- Pedestrians have the right of way.
- Always have your headlights on - Having your headlights on makes it easier for other vehicles and pedestrians to see you.

Mountain View Elementary is also trying to get reflective tape for coats and backpacks from the Alaska Department of Transportation. We will let you know if we get reflective tape for the students.

Have a great November!!



Counselor's Corner

School Counselor Laura Tufi-Gho

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Hi everyone! I want to talk about the importance of attendance. Did you know that missing 10% (18 days) of the school year can make it harder to learn to read and stay at grade level? Attending school on a regular basis helps children to do well in school and feel better about themselves. It's important to build this habit early because good attendance will help children do well in middle and high school, college, and whatever work they choose to pursue.

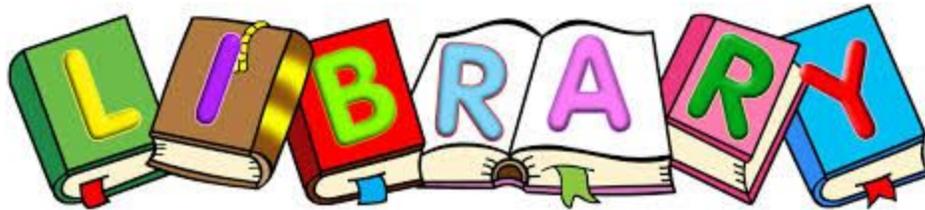
For the month of October, 69.7% of all the students at Mountain View had a 90% attendance rate or higher. We can do better than this. Having 9 or fewer absences in a school year is a great goal to have and will enable students to stay on top of their studies and gain a good education. We are proud of our students who attend school regularly. Classrooms who have perfect attendance have an opportunity to earn different prizes. Carlile will be sponsoring our perfect attendance awards again this year and each month, the parents of students with perfect attendance for that month will be entered into a drawing. The winner will receive a \$100 gift card. This will begin at the end of November.

So what are some things you can do to help your child/children attend school regularly?

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she/he is truly sick.
- Have back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Please let me know if you have any questions about your child's attendance or their progress in school. Thank you!

Laura Tufi-Gho
School Counselor



Ms. Brittany Hanson, Library Media Specialist

Thank you so much for helping to support our Mountain View Elementary School Library Book Fair. This year we were able to raise enough money to purchase several new books for your kids to enjoy in our Library.



Got Talent? Audition!

- ★ **Who?** All students and staff—musicians, singers, dancers, rappers, actors, comedians, magicians, athletes, poets, Masters of Ceremonies, etc.
- ★ **What?** Talent Show auditions!
- ★ **Where?** Mountain View Music Room
- ★ **When?** Auditions: December 11th, 2019 at 3:45 PM
Talent Show: January 29th, 2020 at 2 PM
- ★ Need help or have questions—see Mr. Niessner or Ms. Bondarenko (preschool)



Dear Parents & Guardians of ASD Students:

Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the parents of students attending Title I schools have the right to request the professional qualifications of their children's teachers. I can assure you that all teachers in the Anchorage School District meet strict state standards and are indeed qualified to teach, but you also have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development has issued an Alaska teacher's certificate for the grade(s) and subject(s) he or she teaches.
- Whether the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development has decided that your child's teacher can teach without being certified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether any classroom aides or other paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like specific information about your child's teacher or paraprofessional, please contact me at 742-3900. For general information about ESEA, please contact Zareena Clendaniel, Compliance Coordinator for the school district at 742-7819.

I know you want the very best for your child. All of the educators in the Anchorage School District join me in wanting to make sure every child succeeds in school. We look forward to working with you to make sure all students get the quality education they deserve and all schools are successful.

Chris Woodward, Principal
Mountain View Elementary



**Anchorage School District, Title I
Central Parent Advisory Committee (CPAC)**

- Do you have a child who attends a Title I School?
- Have you ever wondered what it means to be in a Title I School?
- Are you looking for an opportunity to meet with other parents to talk about your child's education and the direction of Title I?

Then CPAC is for YOU!

Purpose

- Review Title I program details.
- Represent and express the ideas and opinions of the parents from your school.
- Share Title I information with parents and the general public.
- Evaluate how the family engagement program is working and determine what steps need to be taken to improve it.

Meetings Dates & Time:

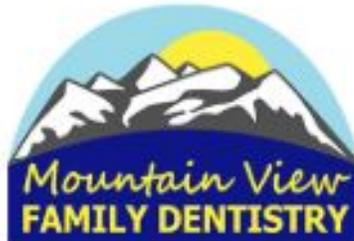
Thursday, November 14 th	6pm-7:30pm, ASD, Ed. Ctr., 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.
Monday, February 24 th	6pm-7:30pm, TBD
Monday, April 27 th	6pm-7:30pm, TBD

Dinner and Childcare Provided!

Contact your school principal, FSSC or Glen Nielsen at nielsen_glen@asdk12.org, or call - 742-4494 for more information.



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A huge  to our School Business Partners for your continued support of our school and our students! We are so fortunate to have your support.