

Mountain View Elementary

Newsletter

December 2019

Words from Mr. Woodward



As this is the last newsletter before winter break, I'd like to start by wishing everyone happy holidays and a joyful, safe vacation. This month, I have some important notes on a variety of topics.

New Coats!

As you should know, we were able to give a new, high-quality winter coat to every student in our school. This was made possible by a sizeable donation from our awesome business partner DiTomaso Fruit and Vegetables. We also received a big discount from 6th Avenue Outfitters. We had lots of parent and community volunteers who also helped to make this happen. A HUGE Mountain View thank you to everyone who made this possible.

Winter Clothing

Please make sure your kids are dressed appropriately for the weather every day. Winter is finally here and we have had some very snowy and cold days. We know that our students all have coats now, but they will need a full outfit of snow gear in order to enjoy recess and other outdoor activities. We do have a very limited supply of these items, so please contact the office if you are truly in need and we may be able to help.

New Hoodies!

Our wonderful friends and business partners at Carlile Transportation Systems are donating new hoodies to every student and staff member again this year. Several Carlile employees will be here on Tuesday, December 10, to personally give the hoodies to the students. I'd like to offer another HUGE Mountain View thank you to all the awesome folks at Carlile for their generosity over the last many years!

Family Night

Thursday, December 12, is the date for our Family Literacy Night. Please see more information elsewhere in this newsletter. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and having a really fun evening!

Please remember, my door is nearly always open so please feel free to stop in to see me if you would ever like to learn more about our school.

Christopher Woodward, Principal

Important Dates

Dec 10
New Hoodies
From Carlile

Dec 12
Family Night
5:30-7:00

Dec 14
First Lego League
Competition at
Begich MS

Dec 16-Jan 9
No 21st Century
After School
Program

Dec 20
NO SCHOOL
In-Service Day

Dec 23 - Jan. 3
Winter Break
NO SCHOOL

Jan 6
School Resumes

Nurse Notes

School Nurse Tammi Bailey

Happy winter days to all!

Please remember our students need their winter gear every day as they will be going outside for recess.

Winter is a busy time for colds and flu. Fever, fatigue, achiness, headaches and nausea are common symptoms of the flu. If your student has a fever they cannot be in school. Please don't send sick children to school as it exposes other kids to their cold or flu and they may become sick also.

Here are some tips for kids and adults with the flu:

- Stay home and get plenty of rest
- Drink fluids, but not sugary drinks
- Treat aches and fever with acetaminophen or ibuprofen
- Try a hot steamy bath or shower for congestion and achiness
- Run a humidifier in the house

Antibiotics don't work on colds and flu because they are caused by a virus. Treat your student at home UNLESS they have a fever OVER 102 degrees, difficulty breathing, chest pain or trouble waking up.

Hand washing is the number one way to stay healthy! Let's all have a healthy and safe winter!

Nurse Tammi



Counselor's Corner

School Counselor Laura Tufi-Gho

I hope everyone is enjoying the winter season and staying warm! I have enjoyed working with all your children as I teach SEL (Social Emotional Learning) lessons every week in their classrooms. I look forward to getting to know each of them better throughout the school year. I am impressed with many of our students who work hard at school and come with a good attitude in spite of challenges they may be facing. Thank you for all you do to help your children!

Attendance matters!

For the month of November 2019, only 59.33% of students at Mountain View had a 90% or higher attendance rate. This is the lowest monthly attendance rate we have had in the last three years at our school. This is very concerning, as our students need to be here in order to gain a good education. Let's work on bringing the attendance rate up, for the month of December. The new year is around the corner and a wonderful goal for January is to have improved attendance for the rest of the school year.

Our great friends at Carlile Transportation are sponsoring attendance awards again this year. Students who have perfect attendance for the month will be entered for a drawing. The winner will receive two tickets to H2Oasis Water Park and a Perfect Attendance Certificate. Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart.

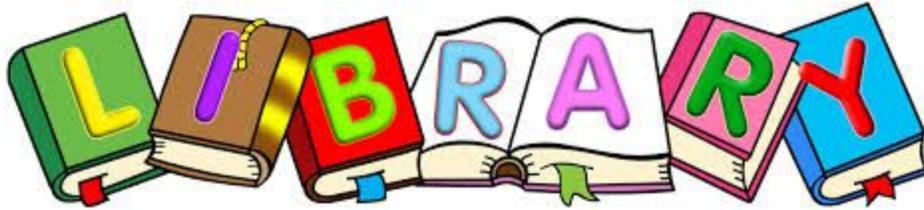
Remember "Nine is Fine, but Eight is Great." There are 9 months in a school year and having 90% attendance means that you only miss one day a month, which is why missing 9 days out of the school year is fine, but missing less than nine is even better.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you and your child(ren) with their attendance and educational needs.

Happy Holidays!

November Perfect Attendance Winner!





Ms. Brittany Hanson, Library Media Specialist

During the month of November students in grades 3-5 were introduced to SORA, the district's online catalog of ebooks and audiobooks that are available for all students to check out. All ASD students have access to this catalog, as well as any resources available through the Anchorage Municipal Library as well.

To access SORA from your home:

Go to www.asdk12.org

Click on the STUDENTS Tab at the top of the page

Select ASD Library Catalog

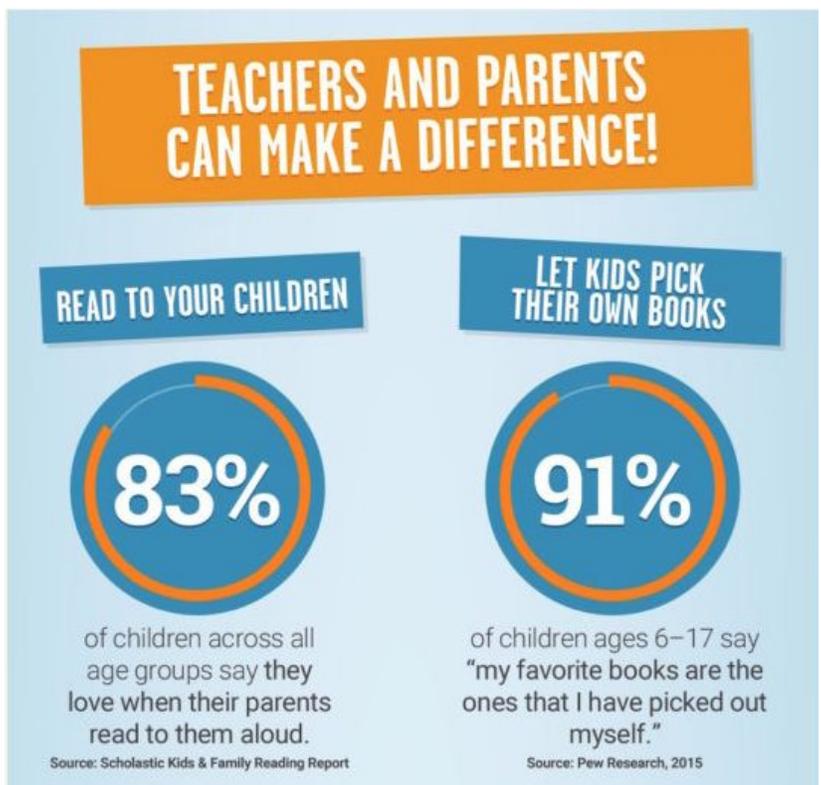
It will direct your student to LOG IN to their ASD account.

This is usually their lastname.firstname@asdk12.org, if you or your student are unsure as to what their username is, please contact your student's classroom teacher.

Once in the catalog they are able to browse through titles available. If the link next to the book says BORROW, the book/audiobook is available for checkout and can be read on any tablet, phone or computer.

Students also have the ability to visit any Anchorage Municipal Library to check out books and resources. They will just need to tell the librarian that they are an ASD Student and their information can be retrieved. Please be careful though, as any book from the Municipal Library has a set due date and fees can occur if you exceed this date.

Read to your child and with your child. Ask them about what they read, ask them to read to you, their siblings, their pets, their toys. Just Read!



SAEBRS

This year, our school is using an evaluation screener to look at school-wide systems of support for social emotional learning and behavior. This screener, much like our academic Universal Screeners (FastBridge and MAP Growth), will be completed for all students three times a year.

Teachers evaluate students relative to various behavioral risk factors. The evaluation tool is called the Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener (SAEBRS). The tool helps teachers identify students who may need additional supports to increase their academic and social emotional success.

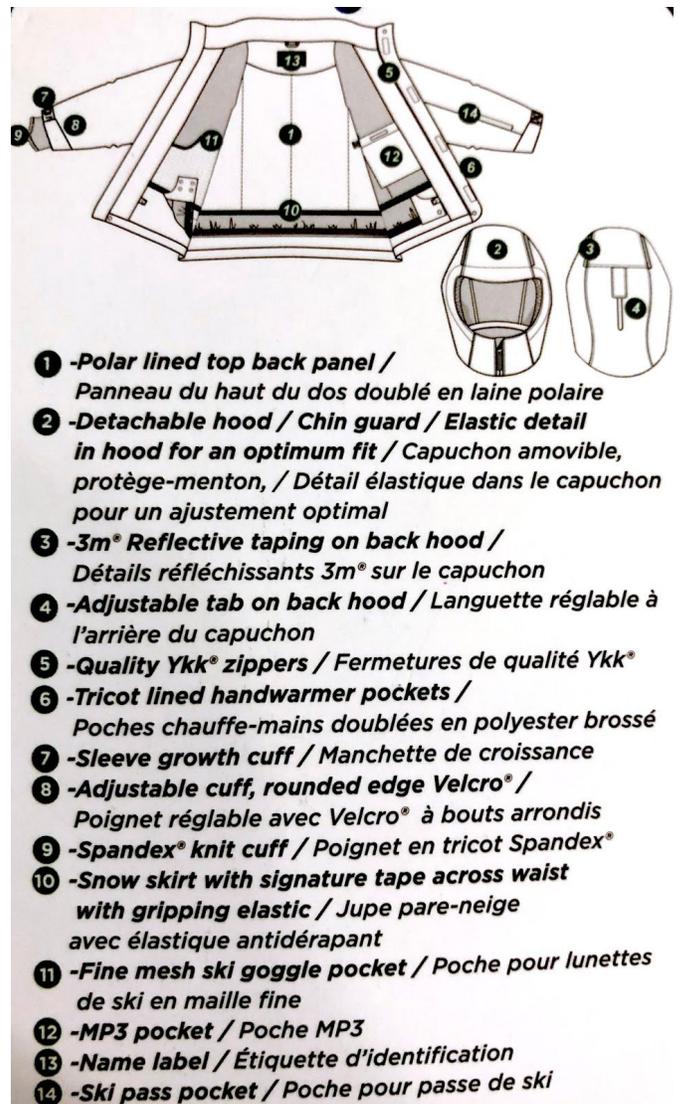
This screening is completed only by teachers and will not involve lost instructional time for students and will be completed in the next several weeks. Should you have any questions about the use of this universal screener, please don't hesitate to contact your building principal.

WINTER COATS FOR ALL!

Thanks to a generous donation from DiTomaso's Fruit and Vegetables and a big discount from 6th Avenue Outfitters. We were able to give quality winter coats to each one of our students. These were sent home and are yours to keep.

Many of these coats have some special features to them that are shown in the picture.

Due to the purchase of these items, we will not be able to purchase gloves, hats or snow boots beyond what we already have in stock. Please do what you can to provide these items for your child. If this is truly an issue please contact the office and we will see what we can help with.





Family Night!



Join us for activities and games that support building Literacy Skills.

Mountain View Elementary School
Thursday, December 12th 5:30-7pm

Pizza will be served!

Students must have an adult with them to attend
Family Night.
All family members are welcome!





**21st CCLC After School Program
Announcement!**

Coordinator: Ms. Ardis Mutini

Happy Holidays!



There will be NO

After School Program on

December 16, 2019 – January 9, 2020

Program will resume again on

January 13, 2020

from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Thank You!



Mountain View Winter Festival

INCLUDING:

Sledding*

Live reindeer

Hay rides

Santa's Express

Hot Cocoa & Goodies

And more!

Sunday, December 15, 2019

2-4pm

@ Mountain View Elementary

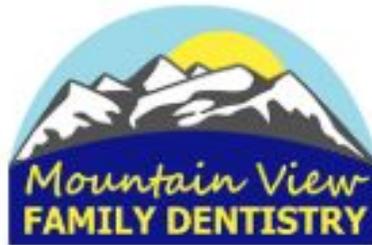
4005 McPhee Ave.

Join us for this **FREE** community event!

hosted by:  **HOPE** www.mvhope.org
— COVENANT CHURCH —

*weather permitting

Mountain View Elementary School Business Partners



"Thank you"

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