



Mountain View Elementary Newsletter January 2020



A Word from Mr. Woodward

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone in the Mountain View Community!

We have several big THANK YOUs for local businesses who donated items to help support our community during the holiday season. We would especially like to thank Liz Hayes and The Gap store at the Dimond Center, Jennifer Linnel and the Unity Home Group, The Anchorage Home Builders' Association, The Mountain View Lions, Mountain View Hope Church, Gateway Rotary Club, and Christian House of Prayer. We greatly appreciate your support!

Report Cards: First semester report cards were sent home with students this week. Please contact your student's teacher if you have any questions about grades, or if a report card did not make it home to you.

Winter Weather: We have sent several messages lately about students needing appropriate winter clothing. Winter is definitely here and our students spend time outdoors every day. It is of vital importance that they are dressed appropriately for the weather! Also, please remember that the doors to the school open at 8:50 each morning. Students should not arrive before this time, as they will usually have to wait outdoors until the school opens. Please contact the office if your family needs assistance with providing winter gear for your students.

We have many school events coming up in the next several weeks and I hope to see you all at a few of them. Please watch for more information our school-wide awards assembly, STEM night, the talent show, parent/teacher conferences, Visit Our Schools Month, and a few half-days and three day weekends.

Please remember that my door is nearly always open and I enjoy having visitors. Please stop in to see me if you have questions, comments, or suggestions.

Christopher Woodward, Principal

Important Dates

Mon. Jan 13
21st Century After School Program Resumes

Tue. Jan 14
1:30 PM
First Semester Awards Assembly

Sat. Jan 18
State Lego Robotics Competition @ Dimond HS

Mon. Jan 20
NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY

Thur. Feb 6
5:30 - 7:00
STEM Family Night

Wed. Feb 19
Talent Show
10:30

21st Century Community Learning After School Program Spring Semester 2019-2020

"Soaring Beyond Expectations!"

Coordinator: Ardis Mutini



What is the 21st CCLC Program?

The 21st CCLC is federally grant funded, after school program designated 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. Program runs Monday-Thursday from 3:30-5:30 pm Sept. 9th-April 30th.

Reminder

Dismissal:

- The front door will be locked until 5:25 pm.
- Students must be picked up by 5:30 pm.
- Come into the school building and sign your child out of the Afterschool program.
- Only persons listed with the school's front office and on the Parent Agreement form may pick up students
- 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 pm.

Exciting News

On December 14th, 2019, we are proud for our students who participated in the FIRST LEGO League State Qualifier tournament at Begich Middle School. Our team received a Rising Star Award and it was given the opportunity to participate at the State Championship on January 18th.

In second semester, teams at each 21st CCLC site will be preparing for our Robot Olympics event on April 11th. We are excited to have fun with the robots on a new adventure.

Updates & Upcoming Field Trips

- January 13th - Program resume
- January 22nd - Alaska Public Lands Field Trip
- January 28th - Campbell Creek Science Center Field Trip 2

Vital Information

There will be NO Program on the following dates:

- January 20th - MLK Jr. Holiday
- February 10th -13th Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 9th - 12th President's Day Holiday
- March 9th - 12th Spring Break

Nurse Notes



School Nurse Tammi Bailey, RN
907-742-3901

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FAMILIES!!

We are starting 2020 with COLD weather. As per ASD policy all students will be outside for recess and PE Class unless the chill factor/temperature is less than -10 degrees. They MUST have adequate winter gear: coat, hat or hood, snow pants, boots and gloves. Mountain View Elementary did supply a warm winter coat to all students enrolled at our school in November. So, we have limited funds left but please contact the front office if you need assistance with winter gear for your student and we will help in any way we can. It is not safe for kids to be outside without proper winter clothing.



Upon arrival students will be brought into the building if the temperature is zero degrees or below because they are just standing in line, not running and playing. We will continue to have outdoor recess to the point of negative 10 degrees (-10) as it states in the ASD student handbook. All of our students need a playful recess to refuel and refresh to finish the school day.



Also, be aware of cold and flu season. Wash hands and drink fluids. If your student is sick, please keep them home to avoid spreading their illness. No fever for 24 hours, no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours, no sloppy cough or sneezing for 24 hours please before you send them back to school.

In this case, "sharing is NOT Caring"!

Make sure your "back up" resources are available to help with sick kiddos if it is hard to miss work!

Let's work together and get through to warm and beautiful Spring!!



 *Mountain View Elementary* 
Third Annual
Talent Show



Wednesday, February 19th, 2020, 10:30 AM

Luncheon: After the show, lunch will be provided to all parents who would like to participate in a brief presentation by our fabulous counselor Ms. Tufi-Gho.

Note: All Talent Show participants are welcome to come to practice with Ms. Anna in room 25 before or after school (8:30-9:00 or from 3:00-4:00).

Dress-rehearsal: all participants must attend a dress-rehearsal on **February 18th** from 10:30-11:30 in the music room.

Need help or have questions please contact Ms. Anna at bondarenko_anna@asdk12.org or Mr. Niessner at niessner_eric@asdk12.org



Counselor's Corner

School Counselor Laura Tufi-Gho

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful winter break. With the new year comes an opportunity to reflect on one's life and think of changes or goals one would like to make. My first SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) lesson I facilitated this year in your child's classroom was on setting goals or new year's resolutions (promises to one's self). We discussed things they wanted to get better at and a few of the goals that were repeatedly mentioned were that they wanted to do better in school, be kinder, and be more respectful. We shared our goals with one another and the importance of writing our goals down on paper and then practicing and working on them consistently. Messing up and making mistakes is going to happen because that is part of the process. The most important thing is to never give up and keep trying over and over again until you achieve your goals.

Attendance Matters!

For the month of December 2019, only 59.7% of students at Mountain View had a 90% or higher attendance rate. This is very concerning as our students need to be here in order to gain a good education. This new year is a fresh start and I hope students who need to improve on their attendance in school will make it one of their goals.

As we mentioned last month, 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. We have our Perfect Attendance winner for the month of December and will announce it at the awards ceremony on Tuesday, January 14th. Remember "Nine is Fine, but Eight is Great." Missing 9 days out of the school year is fine, but missing less than nine is even better.

For those who are interested, there is a Love and Logic parenting class being offered by the Anchorage School District and led by trained facilitator, Meg'n Gall. It will be held on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 pm starting on January 29th through March 4th at the ASD building (5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd). If you have any questions, you can contact Meg'n Gall at (907)742-6036 or by email: gall_megn@asdk12.org
The cost of the class is free!

As always, please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you and your child(ren) with their attendance and educational needs. Thank you for all you do!



Ms. Brittany Hanson, Library Media Specialist

Happy New Year! As we begin 2020 please take a moment to look around for any missing library books that may have gotten overlooked in your home. Currently we have more than 250 books that are currently overdue. When students check out books, they have two weeks to read and return their books. They are more than welcome to bring me any books they are finished reading or they have found any time they are allowed by their teachers.

Should you know that your child's book(s) are truly lost or gone for good, there are options:

- 1.) Pay the fine.
- 2.) Buy a suitable replacement book (this book must be something your child and others would want to check out of the library, preferably something in a hardcover). Some good quality replacements books can be purchased from Value Village at a fraction of the price.

For help with the future, set a designated place where library books go in your home that is safe from the hands of smaller children and pets. This way children have a routine as to where to find their books and adults can help remind them to bring them back to school when it is noticed that they have been there a while.

Coming in February we will have our Spring Book Fair. Flyers will be going home soon with some of the options that will be available. The Fair will be open for two weeks beginning on Monday, February 10th and will be open extended hours during conferences. Remember that any proceeds go a long way to help to bring in more books for our library and our students.

We are always willing to take donations of good condition books or even spare lego parts that you and your family are no longer in need of. Just bring them to school and let the office know you have a donation for the library. Books will be sorted and either find a home in the library, a classroom or with a new family. Legos will be cleaned and used for classroom activities, Lego Robotics and more.

As always, thank you for all you do for our students and our school and here is to a great new year!

A HUGE thanks to our friends at Carlile for our new Mountain View Hoodies!



On December 10th each child should have received their brand new Mountain View Hoodies, thanks to our friend and business partner Carlile. As there are approximately 300 of these nearly identical hoodies in our school please make sure that your student has placed their name, initials or some other identifying marks on the tag of the sweatshirt, in case they take it off at school.



Mountain View
**STEM
NIGHT**

Join us for

Science,
Technology, Engineering and
Math activities



Mountain View Elementary School
Thursday, February 6th 5:30-7:00pm

Games and activities!

Pizza and Prizes!!



**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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ weeks of
school over the year?

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

Missing only 10 minutes
per day adds up quickly
as well. 10 minutes of

missed instruction = 50 minutes per week and approximately an
entire WEEK of school.

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 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.

