

JULY, 2023 TIGER TALES

== TAKU ELEMENTARY · KAITLIN TALLMAN, PRINCIPAL ==



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER, KAITLIN TALLMAN

Dear Taku Families,

It's that time of year where we start to think about coming back to school! You still have a couple weeks of summer vacation, but I wanted to share some important information with you.

You will start to hear from the office staff in the upcoming days regarding registration for your student(s). They are available to answer any questions you may have or help walk you through the online registration process. We will also be hosting In person registration at Taku. Feel free to stop by the office to register on August 1st, 2nd, or 3rd from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

I would also like to introduce to you our new Assistant Principal, Christine Homan. Mrs. Homan is joining us this year after serving the District a number of years as a classroom teacher and mentor. We are excited to have her!

Like our new Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/taku365> !

Kaitlin Tallman
Principal, Taku Elementary



A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Hello, Taku Elementary School Tigers!

My name is Christine Homan, and I am thrilled to be working with your families for the 2023-2024 school year as your Assistant Principal.

For the past ten years, I have served as a classroom teacher, mentor, and child advocate across many grade levels and in many different capacities. My personal academic journey began with the Anchorage School District, eventually leading me to earn a degree in Early Childhood Education from UAA. I returned to school to pursue a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction and, finally, a Master of Science in Educational Leadership. Education is a lifelong journey, and I strive to model that for our students. As we get to know each other more this school year, you'll learn that I love connecting with people and I am always ready to hear a good story. My husband and I have two wild but hilarious sons and two ridiculous Labradoodles. I spend most of my free time reading and playing outdoors with my family, and during the summer months, you can almost always find me at a baseball field.

I believe anyone can achieve their goals with a growth mindset, positive attitude, and good character. My goal is to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment that challenges our children to surpass their expectations and become lifelong learners who will make our world a better place. I look forward to learning with them and partnering with you, Ms. Tallman, and the Taku learning community this school year as we celebrate their social, emotional, and academic growth.

REGISTER NOW!

Who is a returning student?

- **Currently enrolled students who intend to return next year**
- **Students changing divisions - Elementary to Middle, Middle to High**
- **Students who have moved from one ASD zone to another ASD zone (you will need to provide proof of residency at your new school)**
- **Incoming Kindergartners who attended an Anchorage School District preschool program**

Returning students can be registered through Q/[ParentConnection](#) for the 2023-24 school year.
* *The Online Registration System works best in Chrome/Firefox/Safari browsers.*

[Register Returning Students Now](#)

Parents can register returning students online to save time, but middle and high school students will still have an opportunity to visit their school to pick up class schedules, locker combinations and parking permits, and to get ID photos taken. If you have questions about online registration, please contact us at 907-742-5940.

BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Come meet your teacher and learn more about our school goals at our Back to School Open House!

Join us on August 16, 2023, from 5:30-6:30.

Class lists will be available to view, and you can enjoy a sweet treat provided by our PTA.

LATE START MONDAYS!

Just a reminder that our school start times for the 23 - 24 school year is a bit different.

Mondays will now start later than usual. Drop off begins at 9:40am and the first bell rings at 9:50am. Instruction begins at 10:00am. Student release time will remain the same at 3:30pm.

Tuesdays - Fridays, are normal drop off and pick up times. Drop off begins at 8:40am and the first bell rings at 8:50am. Students enter their classrooms to eat breakfast and get organized. Students are considered tardy after 9:00am. Student release time remains the same - 3:30pm.

Plan your pick up and drop off routine in advance so students know how they are getting home.

If you have any questions about school start and ending times, feel free to contact the office. 907-742-5940.





REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

In person registration available at Taku August 1, 2, 3 from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

You can also register ONLINE:
[Register Returning Students Now](#)



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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

First day for 1st through 6th graders at Taku August 17, 2023!

PTA VACANCIES FOR 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR

The following PTA positions will be vacant for the upcoming 23-24 school year:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Teacher Representative
- Parent Volunteers

We would love to have you [join](#) the Taku PTA! If you are interested, please join us for the September PTA Meeting!

VOLUNTEERING AT TAKU

If you are interested in volunteering at Taku this upcoming year, please fill out the volunteer form ASAP. This must be done every school year. Parents who filled out the form last year will need to reapply.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSft2SM758xCY0fkBu7cYj6vdYGO4RRJt7LFAqrCKaQDHMwPMg/viewform>

We encourage families to do this now before school starts, that way, as events, field trips and other volunteer opportunities arise you won't have to scramble last minute. The volunteer process includes a background check and can take up to 5 business days before ASD's Office of Equity approves or denies your application. Once we have received the approval/denial we will email you to let you know.

Thank you to all the volunteers from last year! We look forward to seeing you and some new faces this school year!



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