



# The Woodchuck Review

Parents, Teachers and Students Working Together  
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PRINCIPAL, NICK STRAW

Gladys Wood Community,

Happy Mother's Day!

As we race to the end of the school year with final learning, activities, and celebrations, I want to recognize the amazing staff at Gladys Wood elementary. A number of staff members reached milestones of years of service to ASD. Gladys Wood really does have an incredible and committed staff. Last week was Teacher/Staff Appreciation and I wanted to thank all of you who support our PTO who put together goodies last week for teachers to acknowledge their hard work. Many smiles and happy bellies left the staff lounge over the course of last week!

**Online registration for the 2023-24 school year opened for returning students on April 24th.** New to District students can do pre-enrollment starting July 15th. In person registration is August 1, 2, and 3rd. It is important that our Gladys Wood families register early to provide ASD leaders a clear picture of our enrollment numbers.

Please make sure to register your child as soon as you can, as enrollment drives our staffing allocation. If you need your Parent Connect information, you can request your pin number or reset your password using this link:

<https://parentconnect.asdk12.org/production/parentportal>

Please call the office if you have any questions or need assistance.

We want to continue to recognize those students who have sought out adult help when they've seen something this year that concerned them online or during face to face instruction. ASD has a catchy phrase that we use in these situations. **If you see something, say something!** This applies to any situation where someone is being unsafe. Thanks for talking with your children about getting help and knowing that when safety is involved, it's the right action to take.

I also want to highlight the need to supervise your children on the Gladys Wood playground after school hours. We've had a number of alarming activities that have occurred in the evenings and weekends when there is no adult around. Even if your children are in 6th grade, it's a good idea to plan to be with them. Our playground becomes a municipality park after hours starting at 4pm and anyone is able to come and go from it including much older students and young adults.

Thank you also for dropping your children off between 8:40am-8:45am and picking up at 3:30pm. We start supervising the grounds at 8:40am.

The Straw family wants you to know we continue to keep all of the Gladys Wood community in our thoughts and prayers over the summer and are thankful to be a part of your school family!

Have a great summer Gladys Wood!

Mr. Straw

## Mark Your Calendars

### May

5/12 Crazy Hair Day

5/16 Band/Orchestra Concert 2:30

5/22 Field Day

5/23 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony

### July

7/15 Pre-Enrollment for 2023/2024 Opens

### August

8/1 In-Person Registration 9am - 3pm

8/2 In-Person Registration 9am - 3pm and 5 - 7pm

8/3 In-Person Registration 9am - 3pm



### Anchorage School Board Members

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## Parents and guardians:

Gladys Wood Families,

The office will be closing on May 25, 2023. Online registration for the 2023/2024 school year is open throughout the summer. Please register your students online as soon as you can.

The office will reopen on July 21st, Pre-Enrollment for **new to district students** starts July 15th. In person registration will be held on August 1, 2, and 3.

## Message from the Office:

Gladys Wood has an attendance e-mail, if your student is ever absent please contact us:  
[gw\\_attendance@asdk12.org](mailto:gw_attendance@asdk12.org)

## After School Activity

No After School Activities

## ASD Preschool 2023/2024

Preschool applications for the fall of 2023/2024 school year is now open please use the link:  
<https://www.asdk12.org/preschool/gened>

### Eligibility:

- Children must be 4 years old on or before **September 1, 2023** (There is on early entry exception)
- KCI Head Start Collaborative programs require families to meet [Head Start income eligibility guidelines for Alaska](#)
- Selection for neighborhood programs is based on families experiencing hardships and risk factors

### Program Schedule

- Programs operate 11:30am - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday
- All programs follow the ASD district calendar
- Transportation is not available for general education preschool programs**

### Program Selection

- Second round of selection:** Families will be notified of selection results beginning July 21, 2023

Please return  
your library  
materials!



## 23/24 Battle of the Books List for Grade 3/4

If your 3/4 grade student is interested in Battle of the Books the following is the book list for next school year 23/24.

3rd/4th	Allergic	Lloyd, Megan	Graphic Novel, Realistic, Pets	978-1-33856-890-5	4.4	234	\$12.95
3rd/4th	Aven Green, Sleuthing machine	Bowling, Dusti	Mystery/Detective	978-1-45494-180-4	4	119	\$5.99
3rd/4th	Balto of the Blue Dawn	Osborne, Mary Pope	historical, Alaskan, adventure	978-0-553-51088-1	3.9	117	\$5.99
3rd/4th	Chicken Squad: first misadventure	Cronin, Doreen	previous, humor	978-1-44249-677-4	3.3	92	\$7.99
3rd/4th	Jasmine Toguchi, mochi queen	Florence, Debbi	realistic, diversity	978-0-374-30834-6	2.7	115	\$5.99
3rd/4th	King of the ice	Lyons, Kelly	Sports, Realistic, family	978-0-593-38349-0	2.9	80	\$6.99
3rd/4th	Lincoln project	Gutman, Dan	Adventure, humor	978-0-06-237442-4	4.9	224	\$6.99
3rd/4th	Magician's elephant	DiCamillo, Kate	Adventure, fantasy	978-0-7636-8088-6	5.5	201	\$8.99
3rd/4th	Mouse and the motorcycle	Cleary, Beverly	Previous, Classic	978-0-380-70924-3	5.1	189	\$7.99
3rd/4th	Spy penguins	Hay, Sam	Mystery, Animal	978-1-25021-104-0	4.5	225	\$6.99
3rd/4th	Used to be best friend (Jo Jo)	Quigley, Dawn	Realistic, Friendship	978-0-06-301538-8	2.3	62	\$4.99
3rd/4th	Wishtree	Applegate, Katherine	Fantasy, Multicultural	978-1-25023-389-9	4.2		\$8.99
alt	Dragons in a bag	Elliott, Zetta	Fantasy	978-1-52477-048-8	5.2	154	\$7.99
alt	Lost stone	Quinn, Jordan	fantasy	978-1-44249-690-3	3.4	114	\$6.99
alt	Secret explorers and the lost whales	King, SJ	Animals, Science	978-0-7440-2105-7	4	127	\$6.99
alt	Sideways stories from Wayside school	Sacher, Louis	Previous, Fantasy, School	978-0-380-69871-4	3.9	124	\$7.99

# School Nurse News

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May 2023

*Communication is key  
to a safe and healthy  
school!*

Thank you for connecting with me about your student's health-related concerns and questions regarding your student's participation in school activities this year. Keeping me updated on these matters has helped keep our students and community healthy, safe, and ready to learn. Thank you for your support. I wish you all a safe and healthy summer full of fun and sun.

## End of year Medication Pick-Up & Prep for Next Year

All medications provided to the school health office **MUST** be picked up by, the last student day (Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>). **Medications not picked up by the end of the day will be destroyed.** Medications must be picked up by parent/guardian and **will NOT be sent home with students.**

**In preparation for next school year**, please remember that all Care Plans (Asthma, Allergy, Diabetes, Seizure...), and Medication Forms, **MUST be renewed/updated and turned back in at the start of every school year.**

[Click HERE for Care Plans you may need for next school year.](#)

[Click HERE for Medication Forms you may need for next school year](#)

## No Shots, No School- Get Vaccinations Updated Over the Summer

The **NEW Fairweather Childhood Vaccination Clinic** is open at 1130 N Muldoon, Suite 110 (in the Tikahtnu Commons shopping plaza next to the Pita Pit restaurant). **This clinic is open to the public, free of charge, 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.** Take advantage of this free resource to get your and your children's vaccinations up to date. Lines at this clinic will be long at the start of next school year so get your students vaccinations updated over the summer break.

Click [HERE](#) for more [information and resources regarding immunizations from ASD health Services.](#)

## Social Media and Mental Health

Without the social experience of school, it is easy for students to relay on social media for their connection to friends over the summer. Engage in your children's "on-line" life. Inform yourself of the risks of social media and facilitate summer as a time to get outside and spend time "in person" with friends and family.

[Click HERE for guidance on Parenting, Media and Everything in Between](#)

[Click HERE for a discussion on What Teens are Facing and Adults are Missing](#)

[Click HERE for info on social media and Mental Health](#)