

# News From the Nest

NOVEMBER 3RD, 2022

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### CAMPBELL'S CORNER

Dear ERE Families,

Here we are in November and already off to a great start in our second quarter of school. We had such a fun time at our "Trick or Treat the Hall" event last week and want to thank our families who helped with candy donations, decorating doors, and handing out candy! We couldn't have done it without you!

With snow making its arrival, a reminder all students go outside every day for recess until the temperature hits -10 F. We want to make sure all students are dressed appropriately for the cold weather. If you do not have cold weather gear please let us know. Your child's safety is our number one concern.

Thank you for another terrific Parent Teacher conference! It was great to see and talk to so many. I enjoyed seeing our students and families engaging with teachers about student progress, both academically and socially. As a team we can accomplish tremendous goals!

Thanksgiving Break is right around the corner. I would like all to take a moment, during this Thanksgiving holiday, and recognize what we are truly thankful for. I am thankful for the health and safety of my family. I am grateful for the community that I am honored to serve every day here at Eagle River Elementary.

Volunteers are wanted, needed, and loved! Every school year we need you to fill out an online application to be approved to volunteer in ASD schools. Once you are approved, you can reach out to your child's teacher for volunteer opportunities. Your child's teacher must then put your name on our volunteer calendar. If you arrive and are not on the volunteer calendar, sadly we will have to turn you away and trust me, we do not want to have to do this!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 742- 3000 or email me: [campbell-dawn@asdk12.org](mailto:campbell-dawn@asdk12.org).

Joyfully!

Dawn Campbell

## **\*\* NO SCHOOL NOV. 8TH & 11TH \*\***

### **ERES MONTHLY CALENDARS**

Attached to this newsletter is a detailed calendar for November and December. There are several events with times as well as after school clubs, scheduled breaks, and more. Please pay close attention and mark your personal calendars with these important dates.

### **ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING ON NOV. 8TH**

Due to many schools being polling stations, all ASD students will work from home on November 8th. Please look for communication from your student's teacher with expectations for school work.

### **ERES SPIRIT-WEAR: OPEN FOR ORDERS!**

We are so excited to finally launch our ordering platform for ERES spirit-wear! Families and students have the option of ordering long sleeve shirts, t-shirts, or hoodies in either royal blue or light grey. To pay homage to our original spirit-wear design, the front of each item has the original eagle design and a custom-made design by Coach Fullmer is on the back.

Online ordering is open now and will be open until November 18th. All orders must be placed and paid for online. We will not be ordering any extras nor will we be taking orders in-person. Once the order window has closed and all items made, spirit-wear will be shipped to and distributed from the school. Click the link button below to submit your order, or go to <https://www.customink.com/g/ayh0-00cp-4eec>

**\*\*Please note that the as-seen design online is off on its size and location. Upon printing, the front and back design will be size and location appropriate.\*\***

**CLICK HERE TO ORDER ERES SPIRIT-WEAR**



T-Shirt Front Example



Hoodie Front Example



Long-sleeve Back Example

## COUNSELING GROUPS

Our counseling groups started this Monday and are fully up and running! We are excited for the opportunity for students to work with Ms. Victory to strengthen their social and emotional skills.

## ASD BUSSING

ASD will be continuing utilizing a Cohort system for bussing due to the lack of available bus drivers. Eagle River Elementary will have full bussing December 5th - 21st. Please log on to ParentConnect to view which bus your student will be riding, where your student's bus stop is, and what their pick-up/drop-off time is. Bussing information can be viewed under the ASD Quick Links after logging on to ParentConnect. If there is no information available for your student on ParentConnect, then your student does not qualify for bussing.

For questions and assistance with ParentConnect login information, please reach out to our front office team.

For more information about the current bussing situation, families can go to <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/5419>.

## PE FUN & BASKETBALL CLUB

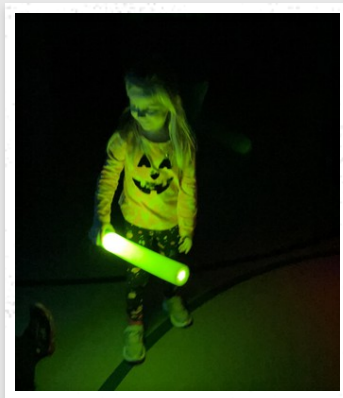
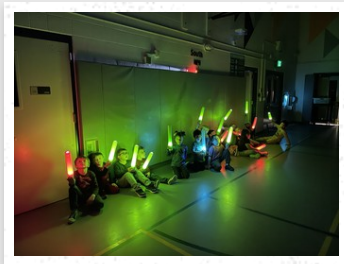
Dear ERE Families,

For the month of October, our students have worked hard on improving their chasing, fleeing, throwing, and catching skill sets. We practiced these skills by playing some games such as pumpkin snatchers, clean up your backyard, and some flashlight tag. With the snow upon us and more boots being worn, please be sure to talk with your student about leaving/ bringing P.E. shoes to school. I have had several students wearing boots in the gym, and we want to make sure that nobody gets hurt and the floor remains in good condition as long as possible.

We will also be offering an after-school basketball club on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30PM starting next week. I sent permission slips home with all who were interested in it. Mondays will be for our 5th /6th graders and Wednesdays will be for our 3rd / 4th graders. This club will last until December 8th when students can participate in a 3vs.3 basketball tournament at Homestead Elementary. Feel free to email and reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Coach Spencer Fullmer



## PICTURE RETAKE DAY NOV. 15TH

### NO EARLY DROP-OFF

*We need your help. We are working hard to accommodate our families by providing coverage at 8:35. Most schools are not providing supervision until 8:45. Please help us by waiting until 8:35 to let students out of your car.*

We have sent multiple Blackboard message and classroom communication regarding early drop off. Many students are being dropped off at school in the morning before 8:35 am, sometimes as early as 8:00 am. This creates an unsafe environment for students since we do not provide child care or supervision before school opens at 8:35am. Do not drop off your student until you see a staff member on duty with an orange vest at the stop sign AND it is 8:35. Our crossing guard sometimes goes out a few minutes early and some student get dropped off to go to the Y. When families see this they are letting students out of the car before there is coverage. If your child is lining up outside the front entry, they are here too early. This is especially important as the mornings get colder and darker.

### UPCOMING CLUBS

ERES has several after school clubs starting throughout the next few weeks. There is a monthly calendar attached to this newsletter with dates and times for each club: Basketball club, Chess Club, and Drum Corps. Please pay close attention to which grades are on specific days and times. We are so thrilled with all of the interest in our clubs, and we can't wait for them to start!

## SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

Eagle River Elementary's policy for late drop-off is that families must come in and sign late students in. If families are picking a student up before the end of the day, then they must come to the front office to sign students out. The office staff will not call students down before the authorized pick-up person is physically in the front office.

For late drop-off and early pick-up, the bus lane may be used from 9:30am to 3:00pm only. Families that use the bus lane after 3pm will be asked to relocate their vehicle before taking their student. We understand that the parking lot becomes congested in the afternoon and encourage families to plan accordingly and park in the empty lot across from the First Baptist Church on Monte after 3pm.

Lastly, cell phone use in the front office is strictly prohibited to maintain student confidentiality and FERPA regulations. Visitors using cell phones in the office will be asked to end their conversation or step into the vestibule to finish. We appreciate your understanding!

## \*THE INFORMATION BELOW WILL REMAIN ON THE NEWSLETTER FOR YOUR REFERENCE

### FREE/REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

ASD is still accepting applications for the Free/Reduced Lunch progra. When applying for the program, please include **all ASD students in your household**, even if some students attend different schools. Families may apply for the free/reduced lunch program by going online to [schoolcafe.com/anchorage](http://schoolcafe.com/anchorage).

For questions and more directions on how to apply, please visit ASD Student Nutrition's main page about the program at <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13246>.

### BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS AND PAYMENTS

Below is the link to access the breakfast and lunch menus. Please remember that there may be substitutions as needed.

ASD is not providing free breakfast and lunch for all students like last year. To apply for the free/reduced lunch program, families will need to apply online by going to [schoolcafe.com/anchorage](https://schoolcafe.com/anchorage). Families may add funds to a student's account by logging into ParentConnect/Q, clicking on their student's name, clicking "ASD Quick Links" and then "Online Payments". For direct instructions, families can visit <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13241>

Breakfast Cost: \$2.75 Lunch Cost: \$4.50

## MENUS

## VOLUNTEERING FOR ERES

If you would like to be considered for volunteer activities at Eagle River Elementary, please submit an application at <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13771>. Once received online, applications take approx. 7-10 days to process. We highly encourage online applications as paper applications can take even longer and we will not be approving volunteer applications on site.

At this time, only approved volunteers, staff, and students (of course!) may enter the school past our front office. We will not be able to approve applications on site and last minute. Thank you families for your willingness to help out at our school!

## VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

## LATE DROP OFF AND EARLY PICK UP PROCEDURES

If you drop off your child late, you must come inside to the front office and sign them in. If you are picking your student up early, please do not call the office ahead of time. We will call your child down when you are in the front office. This prevents students from sitting in the front office waiting to be picked up.

You may park out front in the Bus Lane from 9:30-3:00 to pick up or drop off. Outside of these times, there is no parking in the bus lane. Please park in the parking lot.



\*Please plan ahead if you need to pick up your child early. Due to the number of students being picked up since we do not have busing, we are unable to call students out of classes after 3:15. Remember that you must have ID to pick up your student and you must be on the approved contact list.

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

**Arrival** – Students will be let in at 8:35 and there will be no supervision until then. **Students will not be allowed to wait before 8:35. Please time your child's arrival so they are here no earlier than 8:35.** We appreciate your help with this so we can make sure students are supervised and safe!

- **Student drop off will be at the stop sign at the front corner of the building and students will enter the front door. Students will not be allowed to be dropped off until 8:35**
- All students enter through the front door
- Students will enter the building and sit on the floor outside their classrooms where they will be supervised by staff until the 8:50am (Kindergarten Students will sit in the front hallway)

### **Dismissal**

- Car riders will be called by tag number from the MPR or classroom to the pick up lanes
- Walkers will be dismissed at the bell
- Tae Kwon Do and Bright Beginnings and Boys and Girls Club will be dismissed at the bell to wait at the front entry benches
- Student attending the Y go to the gym at the bell
- \* When we have bused - Bus riders will sit in the Intermediate and Optional Hallways separated by bus numbers
- If bus is out front at dismissal, office will let staff know, otherwise students sit in hallway. Office will announce arrival of buses.

## CHANGES TO HOW YOUR CHILD IS GETTING HOME

If you have a change to how your child is getting home for that day, please alert the front office as early as possible in the day. The end of the day is a hectic time and last minute changes are extremely difficult. Students being picked up from the front doors are considered walkers, and students being picked up in a car are considered car riders.

If you have a change to how your student is getting home that is long term, please make sure to let your child's teacher know.

## ATTENDANCE/ARRIVAL POLICY REMINDERS

Many messages are left saying the student will be out but do not leave a reason. Without a reason, the student is automatically marked unexcused. When you know you will be on an extended absence like a family vacation, we can put a prearranged unexcused absence in the system so you do not get a daily phone call.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 742-3000.

When leaving an attendance message for your student please leave these important details:

- 1) Students Name
- 2) Date(s) of absence
- 3) Reason for absence
- 4) Teachers Name
- 5) Grade Level
- 6) **If no reason is given it will always automatically be considered unexcused.**

Please call the main line and press "1" for the attendance line if your child will be absent. Absences must be reported by 10:00am to ensure your student's attendance is entered. Families may also submit attendance requests through Q/Parent Connect. Automatic attendance calls alerting for unexcused absences go out at 10:45.

## ASD ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Here are the District Guidelines for Attendance:

AM (starts at 9:00 am)

- Tardy - up to 60 minutes after school starts
- Absent (.5 day) – If a student misses more than 60 minutes.

PM (starts at 12:15 pm)

- Tardy – arrives at or before 1:15pm
- Absent (.5 day) – student misses more than 60 minutes

## BIRTHDAY TREATS

Please reach out to your child's teacher before sending/bringing in treats and they can fill you in on any classroom requirements including food allergies or sensitivities. Some teachers may prefer individually packaged items. In general, birthday treats must be store bought and pre-packaged (sealed store cupcakes for example).

## SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERS





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## SUBWAY



Basketball Club permission slip.docx

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