

News From the Nest

December 6th, 2022

Eaglets to Eagles We Soar on the Wings of Knowledge

Campbell's Corner

Dear Eagle River Elementary Families,

I hope the Thanksgiving Break was a joyful and restful time for you and your family! I can't believe we are nearly half way done with the 2022-2023 school year. The students and teachers have been working diligently on learning and applying grade level knowledge and we are proud of what has been achieved so far. Some teachers are sending out Progress Reports, but you can always check Q to see how your student is doing. Please feel free to discuss your student(s) progress with your teachers as your partnership is critical to student success.

Last week started our MAP assessments for grades 3-6. They will continue this week as well. FastBridge assessments for grades K-2 were last Friday. Teachers will be sharing this assessment information with you along with report cards in January.

Winter has arrived and the temperatures are dipping low! We have recess until the temperatures reach -10. Thank you for sending your students with weather appropriate clothing (hats, gloves, boot, and snow pants). If you need assistance with any of these winter clothing items for your child, please contact Nurse Jen. The countdown to vacation can be an emotional time and students need to burn off excess energy during recess. As a reminder, students need to have their legs covered during the school day. Please no shorts or dresses without leggings or tights.

Classes will resume January 9th. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions or celebrations, please call, visit me in my office or e-mail me. I would love to hear from you. The connection between home and school is vital to our children's success. On behalf of the entire Eagle River Elementary School Community, may this upcoming holiday break be a joyful and restful time for you and your family

Wishing you well!
Dawn Campbell
Principal

**** Winter Break Dec. 23 - Jan.8 ****

ERES Monthly Calendars

Attached to this newsletter is a detailed calendar for December and January. 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.

Bus Information

All buses are back! Please follow the link above if you have any questions about the bus routes. The route numbers and some stops have changed.

Spirit Wear Update

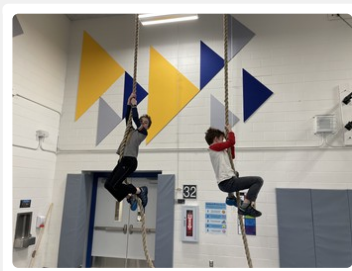
Spirit wear is expected to be delivered no later than December 19th. We will send home orders with students at that time. We are excited to have new spirit wear to show our Eagle River pride!

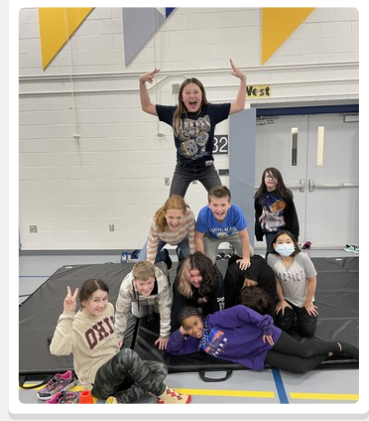
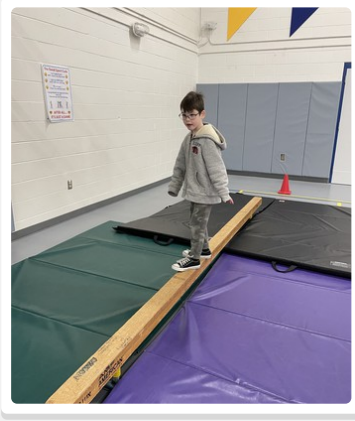
PE Fun & Basketball Club

Hello ERE Families,

With basketball club coming to a close, we are excited to watch our students compete at the three-on-three basketball Jamboree at Homestead Elementary on December 8th. Students have been improving their basketball skills and are moving into learning how to play as a team. During P.E. we started working through stations to improve our gymnastic ability. Some of our favorite stations include partner balancing and climbing the rope.

Spencer Fullmer
ERE Elementary P.E. Teacher





Student Leadership & Spirit Days

Student Leadership is up and running! Congratulations to the following students, and thank you to all of our students that put themselves in the running for Student Leadership positions:

- Student President: Brooklynne Haigh; Runner-up Isabella Minnette
- Vice President: Annika Hosselkus; Runner-up Aerin Hosselkus
- Secretary: Tatum Sohn; Runner-up Danilyn Nielsen
- Treasurer: Aurora Gage & Lilliana Noonan; Runner-up Luci Elzinga

We have some fun spirit days coming up the next few weeks. See the flyer below for days and descriptions of our upcoming spirit days!

ERES Spirit Days

12.09 **Winter/Holiday Character Day**
From the Grinch to Rudolph to Buddy the Elf, dress as your favorite winter/holiday character!

12.16 **Ugly Sweater Day**
Rock your favorite crazy, kooky, silly, ugly holiday sweater!

12.21 **Pajama Day**
Let's get cozy with your favorite comfy jammies! Please no slippers, blankets, or stuffed toys

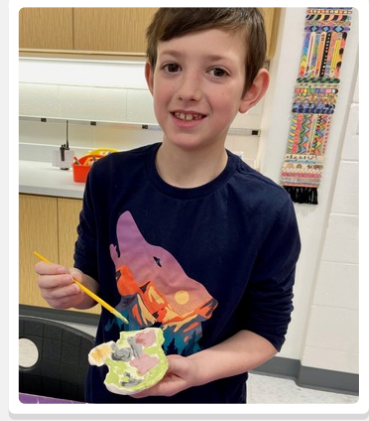
****All outfits must be school appropriate****

Art Spotlight

For the past several weeks, kids have been building with ceramic clay and learning about glazes. Our shiny, new digital kiln has been put to good use! Watch for these beautiful clay creations coming home soon!

~Ms. Allen





IGNITE Update

Joseph Campbell's ubiquitous hero's journey has been the main area of focus in our past unit. Students will be wrapping up the unit by choosing 1/3 options in which to showcase their knowledge of the hero's journey.

Cheers,

Thomas Houska

IGNITE Instructor

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Readers Theater Fun in the Library

Our Librarian, Mrs. Campbell, has lunchtime opportunities for 3-6 grade students to have fun reading Readers Theater scripts during recess. Mrs. Campbell has a green screen they are using for fun holiday backgrounds!





Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Choir Performance

We are so proud of our ERE choir for their wonderful performance at the 2022 Winter Wonderland Celebration and Tree Lighting Ceremony this year! Mr. Barton and his choir has been working hard this year and they did such an amazing job Friday night.





***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 program. 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.

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. 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

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!

No Early Drop-off

We are 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.

When students are dropped off before 8:35am, this creates an unsafe environment for 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.

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).

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EAGLE RIVER, AK

11 DECEMBER, 4 P.M.

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