

News From the Nest

February 2nd, 2023

Eaglets to Eagles We Soar on the Wings of Knowledge

Campbell's Corner

Greetings Eagle River Elementary Families,

Welcome back to the second semester of school and Happy New Year to you all! We hope this year brings nothing but health and happiness your way.

We started off our spring semester in data meetings to analyze the progress of our students and to collaborate the placement of students in the appropriate intervention or enrichment WIN groups. We take your children's academic success very seriously and are stepping up our efforts to make sure all our Eagles are getting every opportunity to succeed. We have an all hands on-deck philosophy and utilize all staff members to provide extra support and practice application of skills. Together with our families we are an amazing team!

Due to adding an additional 30 minutes added on to our school day, we are asking for snack donations. If you are able to donate snacks, you can drop them at the office or send them in with your child and we will make sure they are distributed to classrooms in need. You can send in snacks directly to your child's classroom. Thanks for helping our students push through the end of the extended academic day!

ASD is not holding February conferences to make up for our weather closure days, so we will be talking as a staff and communicating a plan to families about how we will be sharing students' progress in a meaningful way. You can always check your child's progress on Q through the parent portal.

Remote Learning packets were sent home with your child with 2nd quarter report cards. Please make sure you have put them in a safe place. There will be a follow-up Blackboard message sent out to families with links to online remote-learning packets in case we end up having a remote learning day and you are unable to locate your child's packet. If you are unable to print them off, students can still do many of the activities. We will be sharing an updated Remote

Learning Plan to include Zoom support sessions with your child's grade level cohort. Stay tuned!

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Noon Supervisors including our kindergarten paras. Being a noon supervisor is an incredibly challenging and vital position in schools. They keep our children safe and help them to make positive choices during the most unstructured part of their day. They care about our students, develop personal relationships with them and help them navigate through conflict and solving problems with peers. Ours are the BEST!

A reminder that students are not to be dropped off in the neighborhood across from our school. This is a private road, and it creates dangerous situations for students as well as traffic. We want to be good neighbors! Kudos to our families that use or drop off and pick up lane before and after school. This system runs smoothly because of your patience and cooperation, as well as our wonderful staff on duty after school outside and those supervising students to be sent out to car pick up. You are all ROCK STARS!

Best,
Dawn Campbell
Principal

ERES Monthly Calendars

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

Extended School Day & Calendar Changes

Anchorage School District previously announced that the school day will be extending an extra thirty minutes from January 30th through March 9th to make up time missed during snow days. This means school will now dismiss students at 4pm instead of 3:30pm. Please keep in mind this also means students who ride the bus home will arrive half an hour later than they usual do.

February 22nd and 23rd will be full school days instead of half days as Parent-Teacher conferences were canceled. February 24th will also be a full school day instead of no school for staff professional development.

Valentine's Day Coming Soon

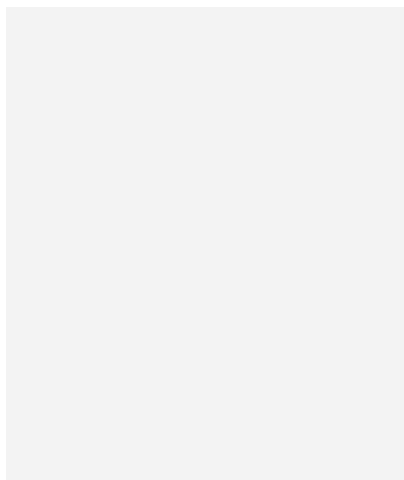
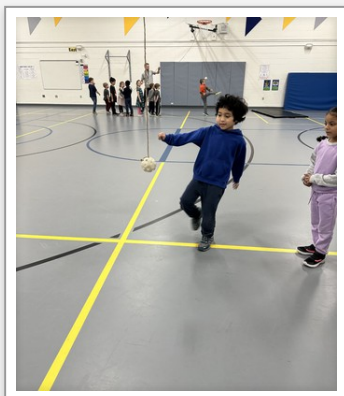
With Valentine's Day coming up, please look for communication from your student's teacher regarding how or if they will be celebrating. Please do not send in any food items without prior

approval from your student's teacher.

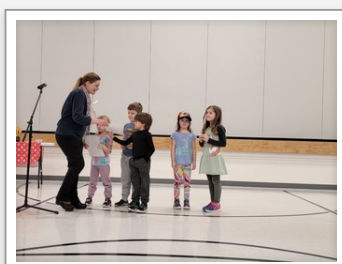
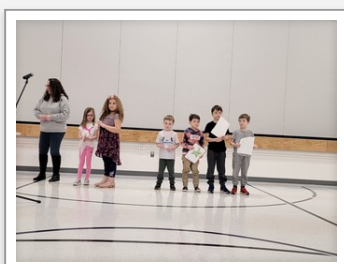
Mrs. Beatty's Kindergarten Class

Kindergarten is celebrating their 100th day of school on Valentines Day! This is such an exciting time for our kinders. Please give them a high-five for being 100 days smarter!

Also, we are having so much fun with Coach Fullmer learning all about the Native Youth Olympics!



Second Quarter Awards





Penny Drive for AARF

This past two weeks, Student Leadership held a school-wide penny drive to fundraise money in support of AARF, Alaska Animal Rescue Friends. AARF is a non-profit corporations dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming dogs all across Alaska.

To help incentivize our students, we offered a otter pop party to the class the collected the most change during the penny drive. Congratulations Mr. Hahn's class, and thank you to ALL our classes for coming together!

At the end of the penny drive, our school raised over \$350.00 for AARF! We are so floored and appreciative to all the support ERE families have shown, and we are so excited to be able to support AARF's mission.

Monday Night Moose Visit



Photo credit to Kalesha Dolan

Note From Nurse Jen

Please do not send medications to school with children to take on their own. Any medications must be given to the nurse and administered by the nurse with parent consent. Please complete the appropriate medication forms found at <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/7810> and call or email me at brusehaber_jennife@asdk12.org or 907-742-3005.

Medications NOT accepted for ILLNESS symptoms are medications like Tylenol, Motrin, Ibuprofen, etc. Please do NOT give your child pain medication for illness symptoms and send them to school as this covers many symptoms while the student may be contagious. Thank you!

Student Leadership Fundraiser - Friendship Grams

Student Leadership will be selling Friendship Grams during lunches February 6th - February 13th for \$0.25 a piece. On February 14th, Student Leadership will deliver the grams to

classrooms at the beginning of the day for teachers to hand out later in the day. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of an order form for families to use.

ERES Food Pantry

Did you know that we have our very own food pantry here at Eagle River Elementary? If you should ever find yourself in need of food support, please do not hesitate to reach out to Blake Beatty. She would love to help you and your family! beatty_blake@asdk12.org

Speaking of the Food Pantry, we are currently accepting donations of the following items:

- Spaghetti sauce
- spaghetti noodles
- mac and cheese
- breakfast cereals & other non perishable breakfast items
- boxed milk
- and canned vegetables

If you have the capacity to help us stock the shelves, we so greatly appreciate you helping our Eagles soar.

Engineers Weeks - Student Competitions

Families from across Southcentral Alaska are invited to participate in the E-Week Student Competitions, a carnival-like event with a variety of fun and challenging competitions, free swag, and one simple goal: to help inspire the next generation of homegrown engineers!

- **When:** Saturday, February 18th, 10am-2:30pm. Prize ceremony begins at 3pm.
- **Where:** UAA Engineering and Industry Building (2900 Spirit Dr.)
- **Who:** K-12 students and their families. Parent, guardian, or authorized adult **MUST** accompany minors.
- **How Much:** FREE

This event is organized by the UAA College of Engineering, the E-Week Planning Committee, and the professional organizations and companies that are hosting the following competitions.

- **Tower Shaking and Breaking Competition** – Presented by ASHRAE
- **Newspaper Tower Competition** – Presented by SPE
- **LEGO Long-o Competition** – Presented by ITE
- **Paper Airplane Distance Competition** – Presented by HDR
- **Floatable Moatable Competition** – Presented by SAME
- **Egg Drop Competition** – Presented by SWE
- **Marshmallow and Spaghetti Tower Competition** – Presented by ConocoPhillips

If you have questions about the student competitions or if you would like to volunteer, please contact the lead organizer, Joe Selmont, at jselmon1@alaska.edu. Joe is the Director of K-12 Outreach for the UAA College of Engineering.

***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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