

# News From the Nest

APRIL 3RD, 2023

## EAGLETS TO EAGLES WE SOAR ON THE WINGS OF KNOWLEDGE

### CAMPBELL'S CORNER

Dear Eagle River Families,

As I am typing this newsletter in the sun, my fingers are crossed that Spring may have actually sprung! We appreciate you sending appropriate outdoor clothing for recess so students can stay dry and enjoy their outdoor play. Water protected clothing is always a good idea when spring arrives as this process is very wet.

Today marks the first day of the state AK Star testing for grades 3-6. We are hoping for healthy students and very few absences. A good night's sleep and breakfast will get them off to the right start. We know our students are prepared to do their best! Thank you for partnering with us to support our students and teachers during what can be a very stressful time. Thank you to our business partner Subway, who will be treating the students participating in state AK Star testing with a subway sandwich the first day of testing.

Do you have an incoming kindergartener or know an Eagle River family who does? If you have an incoming kindergarten student, please indicate so on the Student Placement Survey that was sent home with your child. If you know of a family who has an incoming kindergartner that doesn't have a student currently attending Eagle River, please encourage them to call the front office for registration details.

When the sidewalks begin peeking out from underneath the snow, students start itching to ride bicycles to school. We are asking that families wait until we announce that bicycles are allowed at school before allowing students to ride to school. A helmet is required, and locks are highly encouraged to avoid theft. The school is not responsible for missing bicycles. Stay tuned!

Reminder that we do not have supervision until 8:35am in the morning. Please do not drop off your student until then. If your child walks to school, please make sure they are leaving at a






time that will get them to school after 8:35. With the increased light, we are starting to see students arriving earlier and earlier.

Please let me know if you have any comments, questions, or concerns. I would be happy to assist you.

Happy April!  
Dawn Campbell

## ERES MONTHLY CALENDARS

Attached to this newsletter is a detailed calendar for April. 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.

17	18	19	20	21
 Sports Day 	Twin Day 	Tie Day Day 	Pajama Day 	CrAZY hAIR/hAt DaY!

## ERE FUNDRAISER KICK OFF

We are excited for our first ever ERE Fun Run Fundraiser! We we will be using the funds for field trips, buses, gardening supplies, and PE, STEM and Music needs. This is an online fundraiser and the best part is it can be shared with family and friends near and far. We appreciate all of your support!

1ST ANNUAL

# ERES FUN RUN



**GET READY TO LACE UP YOUR SNEAKERS FOR OUR FIRST ANNUAL FUN RUN & OBSTACLE COURSE!**

RAIN OR SHINE (AND HOPEFULLY NO SNOW!), WE WILL RUN, WALK, GALLOP, OR SKIP ON **MAY 5TH** FOR 30 MINUTES TO RAISE MONEY IN SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL

## HOW CAN I DONATE?

GO TO  
[HTTPS://APP.99PLEDGES.COM/FUND/ERES](https://app.99pledges.com/fund/eres)

- TO DONATE TO A STUDENT, TYPE THEIR FIRST NAME + LAST INITIAL
- TO DONATE TO A CLASSROOM, TYPE THE TEACHER'S NAME
- THIS WILL TAKE YOU TO THE STUDENT'S OR THE TEACHER'S DONATION PAGE



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**YOU CAN ALSO DONATE DIRECTLY FROM THE MAIN PAGE, OR BRING CASH/CASHIER'S CHECKS TO THE OFFICE!**

**STUDENTS WILL BE COLLECTING FLAT DONATIONS FROM NOW UNTIL MAY 5TH.**

## WHAT WILL YOUR DONATIONS GO TOWARDS?

**FIELD TRIPS & BUSES  
ERE GARDEN  
PE EQUIPMENT  
MUSIC EQUIPMENT  
& SO MUCH MORE!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL AND STUDENTS!**

**ERES FUN RUN - DONATE HERE!**

## WALL OF HONOR - WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!

April is "Month of the Military Child" and in recognition, we are creating a **Wall of Honor**. We will be showcasing the military family members of our students and staff. You can submit photos by e-mailing the front office staff, your child's teacher or sending in a photos(s) with a sentence telling us who is in the photo and their military branch and we will print them and add them to our board. We are looking forward to celebrating our military children and families!

## FIELD TRIP PAYMENTS

We need your help! We have over \$300 in field trip funds that are owed to the school. As a school we are required to prepay the field trip invoices in order to hold seats for students and parents and then we are reimbursed when you pay through parent connect or when chaperones pay with cash to the front office. We have asked teachers to reach out to parents with outstanding balances. If you are experiencing hardship with paying for the field trip, please communicate this with your child's teacher. Any unreimbursed funds come from our already limited teachers supply budget. Thank you!

## AK STAR TESTING

### ***2023 AK STAR and Alaska Science Assessment***

Each spring, Alaskan students are provided an opportunity to show what they know. When students show what they know, teachers and parents can partner to promote student success. The State of Alaska Department of Education has partnered with NWEA to align and connect the English language arts (ELA) and mathematics tests with the MAP Growth benchmark assessments students take in fall and winter.

This balanced assessment system targets instruction to better support meeting students' individual learning needs. In addition, students will take only one assessment per content area (ELA and math) and be provided two scores as follows:

1. Summative assessment result at grade-level
2. MAP Growth interim benchmark result , including growth from fall to spring

AK STAR, the Alaska System of Academic Readiness, is comprised of English language arts and mathematics and is administered to students in grades 3-9. The Alaska Science Assessment is administered to students in grades 5, 8 and 10. The purpose of a large-scale, summative assessment is to provide parents and schools an overall picture of a student's progress in meeting the Alaska standards at grade level.

Parents can locate resources for AK STAR test and the Alaska Science Assessment, including directions for Student Readiness (Practice Tests and Tutorials), student testing times and general assessment information on the ASD website at <https://www.asdk12.org/akstar>.

Parents can also help by ensuring their children are well rested, eat a nutritious breakfast, and are at school on time for the days of testing. Please avoid scheduling appointments on your child's testing days.

The ASD AK STAR and Alaska Science Assessment testing window allows for school assessment scheduling flexibility. Students! We will be testing the next two weeks until April 14th. Make-up testing will be through April 28th.

## PARENT INPUT FOR PLACEMENT

Attached to this newsletter is an input form for neighborhood K-6 class placement for next year. Teachers are sending home a paper copy for you to fill out. Please indicate if your child

is returning and anything you would like for us to consider when creating classes. Please do not request specific teachers.

## PTO - ARE YOU INTERESTED?

We would love to get a PTO (similar to a PTA) up and running here at ERE! This will take some time and commitment, but the pay off will be worth the hard work. I am willing to help get a PTO up and running. Please let me know by reaching out to the front office by phone or by e-mailing me at [campbell\\_dawn@asdk12.org](mailto:campbell_dawn@asdk12.org) before April 14th. Thank you!

Dawn Campbell

## YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST AND ORDERS

Calling all 6th grade students! Our yearbook cover contest is open and we are excited to see the entries this year. The contest is open to 6th graders only. We will select a design for the front and the back and all other entries will be featured inside. See below for information and attached flier. We will be sending home yearbook order forms by the end of the week. Keep your eyes open!

*\*The yearbook cover contest is open to 6th graders only.*

*\*All submissions are due April 21st. No exceptions!*

*\*Designs must be on white 8.5x11in. unlined paper*

*\*Must be full color and outlined with black*

*\*Your cover must have Eagle River Elementary and 2022-2023 included somewhere in your design*

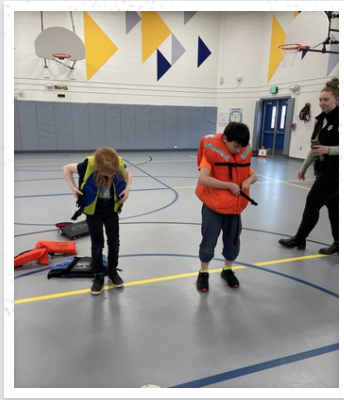
*\*The cover design can be anything you want but should represent our school in some way!*

## KIDS DON'T FLOAT

We were very thankful for the Kids Don't Float Program to come and share with us how to be safe on boats and around the water. The students came up with great questions and enjoyed practicing their cold-water survival skills. We have also spent some time doing floor hockey this past month. In the next couple weeks, we will be finishing up some of our last units and preparing our students for field day games.

Hopefully the snow can start melting quick so we can get some time outside on our field before the school year ends. Thanks for all your support and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,  
Coach Fullmer



## Food Pantry



The food pantry is currently seeking donations of breakfast staples! Please consider donating to the school so we can help our Eagle soar!

## 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@ask12.org](mailto:beatty_blake@ask12.org)

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

## NEIGHBORHOOD KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES



### Join Us For: **Pancakes for Parents!**

Kindergarten Families,

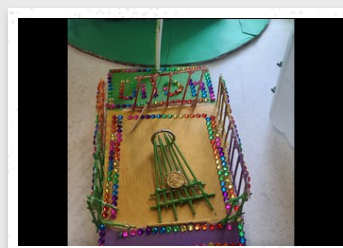
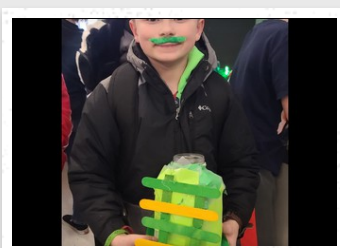
We want to say **THANK YOU** for being our first teachers!

You love, care for, and help us learn & grow everyday.

Please join us on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30 in the lunchroom for a pancake feast honoring you.

## PET PALS & LEPRECHAUN TRAPS

Last week Mr. Dan and Gracie visited some of our classes, including Mrs. Hemphill's. Our students always love when they come to visit! Mrs. Hemphill's class also built intricate contraptions in attempt to catch a leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day. What fun designs they came up with!



# \*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](https://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

## 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).

## SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERS



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