

# NEWS FROM THE NEST

**MAY 1, 2023**

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

### Campbell's Corner

Dear Eagle River Elementary Families,

Once again as we enter the last month of the school year, we have a flurry of activities happening! This week students will be enjoying salsa made with ingredients grown in our very own salsa garden. The air is filled with anticipation as students wait for ducks and chicks to hatch, and butterflies and ladybugs to make an appearance!

We have wrapped up our AK STAR assessments with 100% completion! WOW! This was no small feat! Well done to our students who persevered and gave their very best efforts and to staff for ensuring students had the best testing environment possible.

The last day of class for students is Thursday, May 23rd . As this date approaches, we will remind students that they are to leave their backpacks at home on the last day of school. They will take their personal belongings home in the days prior to Tuesday. Please ask your child/children to stop by the lost and found a few times before the end of the school year to claim any missing or lost items. We have some very nice clothing items that I am sure are missed!

Join us on Saturday for the Super Sweepers event! We will have hotdogs and for every bag of garbage you collect and drop off in the bus loop, you will get a chance at a Fred Meyer's gift card. More information is below in this Newsletter.

Please see below for registration information for next school year and a chance to win a \$50 Walmart gift card! We have a jam-packed May ahead of us. Please make sure to keep the attached calendar handy. There is a lot to keep track of as we button up the 22/23 school year!

Here's to sunny days of spring!

Dawn Campbell

Principal



## Staff Appreciation Week - May 1-5

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1st-5th. Here at ERE we recognize our whole staff for Staff Appreciation Week; teachers, paras, noon supervisors, specialists, and super subs! It takes the whole team to working together to help students achieve the greatest success!

Our entire staff works tirelessly every day to ensure that our students receive the best possible education. They devote countless hours to planning lessons, grading papers, and providing individualized support to each of their students. They supervise students in the lunchroom and recess, they run small intervention groups and provide enrichment opportunities, they run clubs and so much more!

This is a wonderful opportunity to show our staff how much we appreciate all that they do. Whether it is a handwritten note, a small gift, or a kind gesture, every act of recognition and appreciation can go a long way in showing our teachers that their hard work and dedication is valued and appreciated.

I encourage you to take a moment to express your gratitude to our teachers during this special week. Your kind words and gestures will not only brighten their day but will also serve as a reminder of the important role they play in the lives of our students and the Eagle River community.

## Eagle River Businesses are AMAZING!

WOW! Did our community come through to show our staff some love this coming staff appreciation week! The following business generously donated gift cards: Matanuska Brewing, Lexie's Cafe, Jalapenos Mexican Restaurant, Jitters, Tinker's Rainforest Deli, Starbucks,

Blondie's Espresso, 2 Brother's Auto Detail, Subway, and Anchorage businesses, Great Harvest Bread Company and Moose's Tooth!



## Only a Few More Days for our ERE Fundraiser !

Our fundraiser ends on Friday, May 5th. Our goal is \$3,000 and we have currently raised \$810. There is still time left to share this online fundraiser with family and friends! We will be using the funds for field trips, buses, gardening supplies, and PE, STEM and Music needs. Thank you to all who have supported us!

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!**

Super Sweepers City Wide Clean Up: Saturday, May 6th (9am-2pm)

Join our Student Leadership students along with, Mrs. Sorensen (Student Leadership sponsor), myself and our BBQ crew, our BPO Mr. Jeff and Mr. Sorensen from 9am -2pm in the bus loop. We will have hotdogs available from 11:30-1:00. For every bag returned to ERE, you will get a ticket to enter a drawing for a gift cards from Fred Meyers and Kaladi Brothers and the satisfaction of beautifying our community! Please use your household trash and we will send home

home with interested students on Friday, May 5th and will have more bags available at the event.

## 23/24 Registration is OPEN for returning students! Register now for a chance to WIN!

For those families who will be returning in August, online registration is now open. Please register now! The earlier you register the better. It helps us to secure our teachers and do our best planning when we know who will be returning.

New to ASD students, including kindergarteners who were not enrolled in an ASD preschool, can pre-enroll online now as well. If you need your Q log in, please contact the front office at 742-3000 and we will be happy to help!

***\*\*\*We will enter each family that completes registration, whether you are a returning student or not, in a drawing for a \$50 Walmart card! The drawing will take place on May 22nd.***

If you will be attending a different school in ASD next year, you must register online as an ERE student and then contact the new school to change the school site. They will ask for address verification unless accepting a lottery spot or your child will be attending middle school. Please click the link below to get started!

**REGISTER HERE!**

## Field Day - Volunteers Needed

With the school year coming to a close in the next coming weeks, it's time to celebrate our amazing students and have some fun outside with field day. Field day will be held on May 18th. We will be having two different sessions. One in the morning for our older grades (3rd-6th) and one in the afternoon for our younger grade levels (k-2). This special day is not possible without your help. We are looking for volunteers to help run out different stations and activities. I am attaching a link to sign up. Feel free to sign up for one session or two. I have left some slots open for those who can fill in and just be there to help monitor students. If you see the slots all full and you still want to help out, just email me and let me know. We can find a spot for everyone.

If you do volunteer, you must have your ASD volunteer waiver filled out. I am also adding that link at the bottom for those who haven't filled it out already. It only takes a few minutes to do and takes a few days for the district to get all the paperwork ready to go. You won't be allowed to participate and help out if you are not on the approved list. Thanks so much for all your help.

Thanks,  
Coach Fullmer

**FIELD DAY VOLUNTEER SIGN UP**

**ASD LINK TO APPLY TO BE AN APPROVED  
VOLUNTEER**



Thank you Subway!

We are so thankful to have Subway as our business partner! They are providing our whole school with sandwiches on Field Day again this year! How amazing is that!

Field Day Donations

We are looking for field day snack/chip donations! Subway will be catering lunch for the entire school and we will be providing drinks & cookies. Any donations of chips would be greatly appreciated. Variety packs, large bags, we're not picky. Thank you for your support!

Bike to School Day - Wednesday, May 3rd

ERE is one of many schools across the District that will be participating in this fun and energizing event. Safety is the priority for any Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day event. Please keep an eye out for bicyclists in your communities.

Students and staff will be riding their bikes to celebrate Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 3. For this day only we are allowing skateboards and scooters. They will need to be

placed in the front hall for safe keeping as classrooms do not have storage.

**Students must wear a helmet to participate** and should wear bright clothing. A bike lock is highly recommended as we are not responsible for theft.

The Municipality of Anchorage [Safe Routes website](#) has maps that can help families plan for this event.

## Bike Rodeo - Anchorage Parks and Recreation

From the Website: Anchorage Parks and Recreation and the Anchorage Health Department are teaming up to hold our first-ever Anchorage Bike Rodeo at Chanshtnu Muldoon Park! Sign up for a FREE timeslot to bring your kids and their bikes and join us for a day full of fun and learning! Kids will learn what they need to know to cycle safely in our community, including getting their helmets and bike fit, the rules of the road, using hand signals, and more! Even though this is a FREE event, please be sure to sign-up so we know how many folks to expect!

### **BIKE RODEO REGISTRATION**

## Jump For Joy Kids Closet Opening May 7th, 1pm-3pm

Jump for Joy Kid's Closet at Joy Lutheran Church is for families in our community who may need for clothes as their children grow! Much like the food pantry located in Eagle River, this is a FREE service for those families in need!

The first event will be May 7th at Joy Lutheran Church. Though this is a ministry of Joy Lutheran Church there isn't a religious agenda/music/pamphlets/etc involved with the community Jump for Joy Kids Closet and EVERYONE is welcome.

This will be a reoccurring event the first Sunday of every month, same time, same place!

## ERES Food Pantry - Clean out for Summer!

We have many food items that will be expiring over the summer or soon after we come back to school. Please contact the front office if you would like to be included on our list to receive food at the end of this school year.

A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Beatty who has managed our food pantry the last two years! She helped coordinate events to stock our pantry, packed many boxes, created a cook book,

delivered food and took amazing care of our families. She is officially on leave as she waits to welcome her new little one!

## From the Library Desk

May 1st – 5th will be the final week for students to check out books. All books are due back in the library no later than May 19th.

Students will be planting potatoes in our school garden during library classes the week of May 15-19th. Students are welcome to bring their own gardening gloves for this activity! Garden glove donations are welcome. If you would like to volunteer and help plant potatoes, please email me! Students will harvest the potatoes during library classes when we return in the fall. Be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities for the harvest when we return.

Please help support our library gardening project by signing up to water and weed the garden during the summer! Click on the link to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084FAFA82CA1FA7-watering1>

Thank you! I'm looking forward to harvesting with students in the fall!!

Sincerely,

Alison Campbell

[campbell\\_alison@asdk12.org](mailto:campbell_alison@asdk12.org)

## Kindergarten Pancakes For Parents

The annual, "Pancake for Parents", event was a syrupy success! Just look at those smiling faces!







## Open Optional Expansion and Staffing

Have you heard the wonderful news! We are expanding our Open Optional Program here at ERE by adding another teacher!

This year we will be taking a full class of kindergarten students and this means we will have some limited spaces in some of our other grades. Next years we will have the following grade levels: two - K/1 classrooms, and one each of the following: 2/3, 3/4, 5/6.

We hope to expand again the following year when 6th grade students start attending middle school. The goal is a total of six teachers with two classes at each of the following grade levels: K/1, 2/3 and 4/5. If you know families in our community who may not have applied due to limited spaces in the past, please encourage them to apply for the upcoming lottery. We are excited to offer more opportunities for choice to the whole Eagle River community!

We will be welcoming Heather King as the 5/6 teacher next year. She currently teaches 5th grade at ERE and is our former Ignite teacher. She is over the moon excited and will be an excellent addition to the program! Mrs. Spain will be joining our neighborhood program as a teacher in an intermediate classroom and will continue to be an incredible asset to all the children she teaches!

# EAGLE RIVER OPEN OPTIONAL ARTS & EXPLORATION



## 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 May 15th. Thank you!

Dawn Campbell

## Note From Nurse Jen

Spring is arriving ~I love all the sunlight and warmer weather, and the melting snow! **Strep A** is being seen a lot in our school and our community and it is a quickly advancing illness. It cannot go away on its own so it requires antibiotics then is no longer contagious after 24 hours of antibiotics. People have better outcomes with quicker treatment. It has the potential to lead to life-threatening illnesses and infections if not treated. If you have the symptoms below, please go to a healthcare office.

### Common symptoms may include:

- Fever.
- Pain when swallowing.
- Sore throat that can start very quickly and may look red.
- Red and swollen tonsils.
- White patches or streaks of pus on the tonsils.
- Tiny, red spots on the roof of the mouth, called petechiae (pronounced pi-TEE-kee-eye)
- Swollen lymph nodes in the front of the neck

Unfortunately for some, spring is also the start of the airborne allergy season. Symptoms include red, itchy, watery eyes, runny nose, headaches, a possible increase in asthma symptoms. If you or your child suffers from airborne allergies now is the time to prepare.

Please make sure you have all over the counter or prescription allergy medications filled and on hand at your home. Give your child his/her allergy medication at home prior to school unless you plan to have a long-term form signed by your physician and medication brought to my office to be given at school. Prescribed medications can also be given for a 15-day period only if brought to school in the original containers and a short-term form is filled out and signed by the parent.

Over the counter allergy medication can be given at school by the nurse with only a parent signature through the end of the school year. Dosing must comply to age and FDA approved use. Again, please supply me with the medication in the original container.

Please call me at 742-3005 if you have any questions. For ASD medications at school policies, please visit <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/7810>.

Sincerely,  
Nurse Jen 😊

## **\*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](http://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>

## 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,

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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