

NEWS FROM THE NEST

February 25th, 2025

Eaglets to Eagles, We Soar on the Wings of Knowledge

Principal's Corner

Dear ERE Families,

Our teachers are working extremely hard to prepare for conferences and are excited to share your child's successes and set goals. Next week brings us to the end of the third quarter. It will be a short week as Friday is an in-service day for teachers. I can't believe we are headed into 4th quarter!

When we return from Spring Break, students in grades 3-5 will begin to take the state AK STAR assessment. This is an online computer assessment. Students will be assessed in language arts and math. Our fifth graders will also be assessed in science. An information flyer is attached to this newsletter. I encourage you to read about AK STAR and to check out the information on our District website.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out. I hope you have a relaxing, spring break. Make memories!

Dawn Campbell
Principal



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**Half Day for Parent/Teacher Conferences
02/26 & 02/27; Dismissal @ 11:30
No School 02/28 or 03/07**



School Climate & Connectedness Survey

We want to know what you think about our school. Your answers will help us understand how we can improve!

All families that complete the survey will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card!

To participate, scan the QR Code or go to tinyurl.com/ASDClimateSurvey

Click here to take the survey!

**Pre-order photos at mylifetouch.com with
Picture Day ID EVT4FKZBF!**

Spring Picture Day is almost here! Next week on March 5th we will be taking class photos as well as individual photos as well. Families can pre-order photo packages at mylifetouch.com and entering their student's ID or the Picture Day ID EVT4FKZBF.

Lifetouch.

SPRING PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA FOTO DE PRIMAVERA!

Wednesday, March 05, 2025
Eagle River Elementary School



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How it Works:



Pre-order on
mylifetouch.com using
your Student ID or
Picture Day ID:

EVT4FKZBF



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day



Orders will be sent
home with your student
after Picture Day

Cómo funciona: Encarga de manera anticipada en mylifetouch.com usando tu ID de estudiante o la ID del Día de la Foto. Los estudiantes son fotografiados el Día de la Foto. Los pedidos serán enviados a tu casa con tu estudiante después del Día de la Foto.

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-us. Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.
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A Note From Nurse Jen

Spring is just around the corner! Unfortunately for some, spring is the start of the airborne allergy season. Symptoms include red, itchy, watery eyes, runny nose, front of head 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 the nurse with the medication in the original container. Please call me at 742-3005 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Nurse Jen

EAGLE RIVER & SUBWAY
ELEMENTARY *present*

FILL THE STAGE!

FEB. 24TH - MAR. 7TH

ITEMS NEEDED

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Shelf-Stable Milk
- Cereal & Oatmeal
- Microwave Meals
- Snacks of ALL kinds
- Rice & Noodles
- Granola Bars

DROP OFF @

EAGLE RIVER ELEMENTARY
OR AT SUBWAY - 12110
Business Blvd

THE CLASS THAT HELPS
COLLECT THE MOST
ITEMS WILL WIN AN
EXTRA RECESS



Thank you to our Subway business partners for helping our students SOAR!

ASD's Summer Learning Program: Register TODAY!

The Elementary Summer Learning Program is for students Kindergarten and First Grade who need additional focused reading intervention based on their benchmark assessments. If your student meets the qualifications to participate in this summer learning activity, their teacher will reach out to you directly. If you are interested in having your student participate after being contacted by their teacher, please call or stop by the front office to complete the required registration! This is ONLY for Kindergarten and First Graders, and if your student qualifies for a different program, the program leads will reach out to you directly.

**DID YOUR STUDENT QUALIFY
FOR ASD'S SUMMER
LEARNING PROGRAM?
REGISTER TODAY!**

June 2nd - 27th



**Monday
thru Friday**

**8:30-11:30 or
12:30-3:30**



This program provides targeted and engaging reading instruction to students in Kindergarten and First grade who are below or well below grade level in foundational reading skills. Lunch and recess will be provided!

**Anchorage location TBD
Bussing will be provided!**



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Yearbook Pre-Orders Now Open!

Help commemorate your student's year here at Eagle River Elementary and pre-order a yearbook today! Yearbooks are \$15 each and printed in full color. If you would like to order a yearbook, families can pay online through ParentConnect or by sending in exact cash to the front office. **ALL orders MUST include an order form regardless of method of payment!**

Make sure to get your order in by April 11th - we won't be ordering any extras!

ERES 24-25 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 11!



Pay via exact cash OR online* on ParentConnect/Q, no checks!

**please return order slip even if paying online*

ORDER YOUR FULL COLOR YEARBOOK TODAY!

No extra yearbooks will be ordered, so be sure to order yours before the deadline

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	TEACHER NAME

Exact cash attached

Paid online

Total Payment (# of yearbooks x \$15)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

Yearbook Cover Contest

We want to showcase how amazing and talented our Eaglets are on our yearbook, so every year we hold a cover contest for the front and back cover of our yearbook. 5th Graders can submit a design for the front cover, and all grades are welcome to submit a design for the back! We have a few rules that must be followed to qualify, and all entries must be submitted by April 11th - no exceptions!

ERES 24-25 YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

RULES

- 5th grade will design the front, **ALL** grades are welcome to submit a design design the back
- All designs must be on 8.5 x 11" plain paper, **NO** lined paper
- Must include full school name Eagle River Elementary
- Must include 2024-2025 or 24-25
- Design should represent/embody our school/our school's motto:
"Eaglets to eagles, we soar on the wings of knowledge"
- Must be an original design with student's full name on the back, be as creative as you like!
- Design should be colored **AND OUTLINE**, use any medium! (for example: crayons, colored pencils, markers, paint, etc)
- All sketch/graphite pencil marks **MUST** be removed prior to submission

Please submit completed designs to Ms. Katy in the office

**SUBMISSIONS DUE BY
APR. 11TH, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

IDITA-READ MAR. 1ST-28TH



We are excited to announce that the PTO is sponsoring the IditaRead program this year for 2025. IditaRead will run from March 1st to March 28th. Students will get a trail map reading log to track their reading. K-3 students will color in a box for every 5 minutes of reading and 10 minutes for 4-5 students. Reading can be independent reading, being read to, or listening to audiobooks

Starred checkpoints (prize checkpoints) require an adult signature verifying the reading was done. Reading logs will be collected and stamped by PTO volunteers on the mornings of March 6th, 21st and 28th. The last day to turn in any reading logs will be the 28th.

Students will receive prizes and a raffle ticket at each earned checkpoint, and any student who completes the journey to Nome will also earn a pizza lunch! Additional prizes will be raffled off after the completion of the IditaRead. Students can turn in raffle tickets to the PTO prize cart or to the front office.

If you have any questions, please contact the PTO by emailing them at ereaglespto@gmail.com

The information below will remain on the newsletter for your reference

ERE Mission and Vision Statements and Collective Commitments

We have been working hard during our PLC time! It has been incredibly valuable to have this time each week to have collegial conversations and to collaborate to develop our mission and vision as well as our collective commitments for our students here at ERE! I am proud of the work our staff is doing and an excited for where we are headed.

Mission Statement: At ERE we will provide a safe and positive learning environment for the success of all our students, accomplished through engagement, motivation and perseverance.

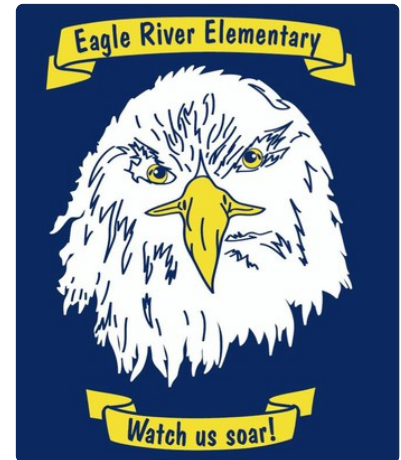
Vision Statement: ERE will strive to create successful, happy, lifelong learners.

Our Collective Commitments:

- ERE is committed to strong core academic skills focused on math literacy and reading comprehension.
- ERE is committed to ensuring students learn conflict resolution, emotional regulation skills, and to take personal responsibility.
- ERE is committed to helping students develop a growth mindset, to focus, persevere, and problem solve.

School Colors: Blue and gold

Motto: *"From eaglets to eagles, we soar on the wings of knowledge!"*





EAGLE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL-WIDE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

	Arrival & Dismissal	Hallway	Lunchroom	Recess	Restroom	Success Strategies
S Safety First <i>I will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk directly to my destination Stay put Talk softly Keep my hands, feet, and belongings to myself Arrive after 7:45 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk directly to my destination Have permission and a hall pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throw away my trash Clean up my space Stay in my seat Eat only my food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress appropriately Follow recess expectations Report problems to staff on duty Follow adult directions Line up quickly and quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get permission and a pass Walk directly to destination Allow for the privacy of others Wash my hands Report problems to my teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Stop and Think" Talk to an adult Ask for help immediately
O One Community <i>We will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect others' space Set technology for learning (personal tech turned off and in backpack before entering the building) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk Keep quiet Keep to the right 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be patient Stay in line Pitch in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include others Share Care for our playground and equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep restroom clean Conserve resources 2/2 Rule: 2 pumps / 2 towels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move away from conflict or distractions Use CHAMPS
A Accountability <i>I will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate conversation and/or language Secure items and leave them in my backpack Know my dismissal plan Know my bus/car number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk directly to my destination Stay in line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a clean space Use appropriate conversation and language Keep food on tray and in my mouth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return equipment Use appropriate conversation and language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get permission and a pass Use the sign out system Manage my time Go, Flush, Wash, Leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask for help when needed Calm body <p>Remember to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be positive Be responsible Be safe Be respectful
R Represent <i>Staff will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise students at all times Know locations of students Set technology for learning (e-mail, lessons, Class Dojo, Remind) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforce safety Monitor students by being at their doors and in the hallway Provide passes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop off/pick up students on time Walk students directly into cafeteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop off/pick up students on time Actively monitor students in their station Set technology for safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and monitor sign out system Provide passes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice expectations Be consistent Be engaged with students Communicate Be positive!

SOARING TO SUCCESS AS A TEAM!

Daily Schedule

Below is Eagle River Elementary's usual schedule. Our schedule is subject to change without warning, but we will do our best to communicate any unanticipated, sudden schedule changes.

Monday:

- School doors open at 8:45 for students and school begins at 9:00. Students arriving before 8:45 will be directed to the MPR aka lunch room where they will wait until 9:45 with the option of sitting quietly or reading a book.
- Breakfast begins at 8:50 and is eaten in the classroom.

Tuesday through Friday:

- School doors open at 7:45 for students and school begins at 8:00. Students may not be dropped off early to wait.
- Breakfast begins at 7:50 and is eaten in the classroom
- 11:00-11:50 Recess then lunch for Dyches, Jones, Cano, & Dente
- 11:00-11:50 Lunch then recess for Sorensen, Reynolds, Hatmaker, & King
- 12:00-12:50 Lunch then recess for Hahn, Spain, Long, & Seebold
- Dismissal is at 2:30 each day

School grounds are closed from 7:30 to 3:00. After dismissal, students must go home first and then are welcome to return after 3:00 to play on the playground.

ERE Family Dashboard

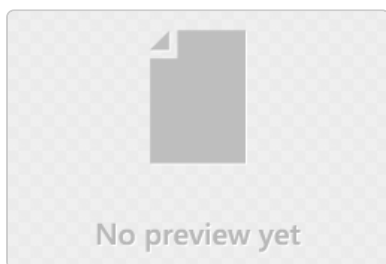
We have created a dashboard of quick links (shortcuts) to help our families find what they are looking for quickly and easily! More links will be added as different events happen throughout the school year. If there is a link you think would be helpful, please let us know! We want this to be a

user-friendly tool. Please bookmark the Family Dashboard. It can also be found in the parent resources folder and on our school website.

ERE Family Dashboard - Quick Links

Fred Meyer Rewards

It only takes a few minutes to sign up and choose Eagle River Elementary. This is a great way to earn funds to support student activities!



Fred Meyer Community Rewards - Fred Meyer

Learn more about how you can help raise funds for community schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations. Our community rewards program makes it easy. Learn more about Fred Meyer Community Rewards.

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Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

-Arrival:

- **On Monday, school begins at 9:00am instead of 8:00am.** If your student arrives before 8:45am on PLC Mondays, they will be brought into the building and students will sit in the MPR/lunchroom and sit quietly until 8:45am when the bell rings. Our breakfast service will start at 8:45 am.
- **On Tuesday through Friday, students will be let in at 7:45am.** There will be no supervision until then. **Students will not be allowed to wait before 7:45am. Please time your child's arrival so they're here no earlier than 7:45am.** 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 7:45am.** 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 7:50am bell (Kindergarten students will sit in the front hallway.)

Eagle River Elementary's policy for late drop-off is that families must come in and sign late students in. Students who arrive after the final bell are considered tardy and must be signed in by their adult before going to class.

-Dismissal (please see farther down for preschool): **To help students understand how/where they will leave the building at the end of the day, Eagle River Elementary uses three groupings to differentiate dismissal routines: parent pick-up, walkers, and bus riders.**

- If your student will be picked up in a car, then they are considered parent pick-up. ERES uses a car tag number system and each family is assigned a specific number. Please hang your car tag on your rear-view mirror so staff in the parent pick-up area know what students go to each car. Pick-up will take place in our main parking lot. There will be two lines- if you turn left out of the parking lot after picking up your student(s), then you will need to join the left lane and join the right lane if you turn right.
- If your student walks home **or** you will meet them in front of the building, they are considered walkers.
- Students that ride a school bus or go to Taekwondo are considered bus riders. Bus information is available on ParentConnect for stop location and pick-up/drop-off time.

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 an authorized pick-up person is physically in the front office. Please be sure to bring valid identification to pick up your student. **After 2:15 pm, we will not call students down from the classroom for early pick-up.**

It is incredibly important that any changes to how your student is getting home are communicated to the office before 2:00 pm. The end of the day is one of the busiest times in the office. Please be sure to communicate same-day dismissal changes directly to the office and not your student's teacher.

Thank you for helping us to get your student home safely!

Any long-term or permanent changes to how your student will be going home need to be communicated to their teacher as well as the office.

Preschool: Dismissal for preschool is 12pm each day. At the end of the day, preschool families will park in the bus lane for pick-up. Please pull all the way forward to the end of the bus loop (not around the turn), park, turn off your vehicle, and stay seated inside your car until you see the preschool students exit through the middle doors. Once the preschool students have exited the building, families may then come to pick up and sign out their student. Families are required to sign their student out with the preschool staff each day.

Breakfast & Lunch

Eagle River Elementary serves breakfast and lunch each school day for students that would like to purchase meals at school. Breakfast is served starting at 8:50am Monday/7:50am Tuesday-Friday, and is eaten in the classroom. Families may view the breakfast/lunch menu by going to schoolcafe.com/anchorage, clicking "Guest Account", and using the drop-down menu to select our school. For any food allergy concerns,, please contact our school nurse Jennifer Brusehaber by calling (907) 742-3000.

For students who bring their lunch to school, please be sure your student is able to open their lunch. There are lunch supervisors to assist and monitor students, but assistance is limited when there are over a hundred students in the lunchroom. It is important, especially for the younger students, to practice opening their lunch boxes, containers, and food packaging to be independent and successful during their lunch time. Eagle River Elementary does not offer microwaves for student use.

Did you know you may qualify for free or greatly reduced lunch prices? To apply for the free/reduced lunch program, families will need to go online to [schoolcafe.com/anchorage](https://www.schoolcafe.com/anchorage) and click "Apply for Benefits" after creating an account if you do not already have one. Paper applications may be mailed in to ASD Student Nutrition department or dropped off at the school/Student Nutrition Center. For more direct instructions please visit <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13246>.

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, please visit <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13241>

Breakfast Cost: \$4.00, \$0.30 reduced; Lunch Cost: \$5.75, \$0.40 reduced

Two Brothers Auto Detail & Subway: Special Deal for ERES

Here at Eagle River Elementary, our two main partners are Subway and Two Brothers Auto Detail and they have great deals to share with our families. At Subway, you can save 10% on sandwiches and other yummy items. While you enjoy your meal your car can get some much-needed care at Two Brothers where you will save \$10.00 on services. All you have to do is mention that your student goes to ERES! So, spread the news and stop by or call Subway of Eagle River and Two Brothers Auto Detail today!

Subway of ER: (907) 696-7526 || Two Brothers Auto Detail: (907) 694-2277

Menus via SchoolCafe

Volunteer at Eagle River Elementary

We LOVE our volunteers! To volunteer with any school in the Anchorage School District, each interested person **must complete an online application every year**. Volunteer applications may be submitted online by going to [asdk12.org/volunteer](https://www.asdk12.org/volunteer) and clicking "Online Application and Waiver" or by clicking the link below. Applications take on average approximately 7-10 business days to process and must be approved before participating in any school-sponsored activities.

For more information about the volunteer process, please visit <https://www.asdk12.org/volunteer>. To figure out what volunteer opportunities there are at Eagle River Elementary, please reach out to your student's teacher to let them know you are interested in volunteering. Otherwise, look for communication from the school and/or your teacher for open volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Sign Up

Attendance/Arrival Policy Reminders

Students who arrive after the 8AM bell are considered tardy and will need to stop in the office to get a tardy pass before being admitted to class.

Please call the main line and press "1" for the attendance line if your child will be absent. Absences must be reported by 9:00am 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 9:45.

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

- 1) Student Name
- 2) Date(s) of absence
- 3) Reason for absence
- 4) Teachers Name
- 5) Grade Level

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.

ASD Attendance Guidelines

Here are the District Guidelines for Attendance:

AM (starts at 8:00 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 12:15pm
- 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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