Dear Sand Lake Families

Well, it was quite a summer! Thirty days in a row of above average temperatures, 90° degrees on the 4th of July, and people waiting in line for fans! I never thought I’d look forward to our typical gray skies and 60° weather. I hope all of you were able to get out and make the most of summer.

I’d like to welcome everyone in our Sand Lake Family back to another exciting year of school! The beginning of the school year allows us to start fresh, set goals, and think about the possibilities ahead. This is the perfect time of year to have conversations with your children about their goals for the year. Some ideas might include: improving grades, asking more questions in class, 100% attendance, making new friends, etc.

We have a few new staff members that I’d like to introduce:

Lea Rueter, Fourth Grade Immersion
Dottie Merritt, Kindergarten Neighborhood
Marty Waters, Librarian

Each year at Sand Lake, the first couple of days can be difficult when it comes to navigating our parking lot. This year, the road construction on Jewel Lake has added another level to the challenges. If your child is walking to school, please remind them to stay on the posted sections of sidewalks. We will have staff stationed at the crosswalk in front of the school to assist those that walk to school. Work on Jewel Lake will continue through the beginning of the school year, so we all need to continue to remind students about being safe along this section of Jewel Lake.

Finally, if you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact us at 243-2161.

Sincerely,
Linson Thompson
Principal, Sand Lake Elementary

Important Dates
• 8/16 Popsicles with the Principal, 4pm – 5 pm
• 8/20 First Day of School grades 1–6, 9 am
• 8/27 First Day of School, Kindergarten, 9 am
• 8/27 Open House, 5:30 pm – 7 pm
• 9/10 Picture Day, 9 am

Anchorage School Board
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Friday, August 16th 4:00pm -5:00pm Class Lists will be posted

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, August 27th 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Meet the teacher and tour your students classroom
Pick Up and Drop Off Etiquette

Sand Lake Families and Friends,

Pick up and drop off times can be stressful and crowded. Everyone is looking for their child and trying to avoid collisions in the 2-lane area. Here are some procedures that could help make the process flow more smoothly.

First, remember we are all there for children. Please look out for them, your own as well as others’. Typically, vehicles have been able to clear the line in less than 5 minutes. The busiest times are at 8:45am and 3:30pm.

It would be helpful to everyone if you would signal your intentions; right signal to go to the curb, left signal to reenter the flow of traffic. Please do not let your child/ren out of the vehicle in the left lane, but pull over to the curb. This is for their safety as well as for traffic movement.

Since we want to keep traffic flowing, you cannot park at the curb and leave your vehicle. This causes a backup in traffic. If you need to park, then please do so by the skating rink.

Always watch the traffic director at the crosswalk. Sometimes the light to leave school turns green and the director will have children wait to cross while they let traffic move thru the light.

Do not stop on the raised crossing area. The traffic director cannot see people waiting to cross on the other side of you.

Pull forward as much as possible when you get to the curb, but don’t move forward after you’ve stopped if the vehicle in front of you leaves. Sometimes there’s a vehicle letting them out so that they can pull in and your moving forward prevents them from doing so.

Thank you for your patience and vigilance in ensuring the safety of all of our kids.
Sand Lake Choir Sign-Up

To: Parents of Sand Lake Lions enrolled in grades 3-6
From: Annie Nilsson, Sand Lake Music, Nilsson Annie@asdk12.org, 742-9281
Who’s Eligible? 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who enjoy singing and performing

Expectations:

• Students will meet to rehearse every Wednesday at 8:00am in room 139 until Dec. 11th.
• All ensemble members will be expected to perform with the group in concerts.
• Choir members will be learning basics of singing technique, including breath control, vowel formation, blend, and voice care, and will be expected to memorize songs. We may learn choreography and/or simple percussion accompaniment.
• Please return the bottom of this form to Mrs. Nilsson as soon as possible. Choir begins September 4 and participation is limited to the first 50 students in grades 3-6 to return this permission slip. See you on September 4!!

Please cut at the line above and return only this section to Mrs. Nilsson as soon as possible.

Student’s Name: ________________________________ Classroom Teacher: ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name(s): ________________________________

Email address: ______________________________________

Home Phone: _________________________ Cell Phone: ________________________________

Emergency Contact Information: ____________________________________________

By signing and returning this paper:
• I agree to bring my child to participate in Sand Lake Choir rehearsals and concerts.
• My child agrees to sing in rehearsals and concerts.
• I agree to purchase a Sand Lake Music shirt for my child to wear at performances (cost: $10, separate form to come home after first rehearsal) if we do not already have one. My child may wear a Sand Lake Music shirt purchased last year if it still fits.

Parent Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________________________
School Photo Day

Tuesday, September 10th
Did You Know?

The #1 reason parents miss out on school pictures is because they didn’t know about Picture Day.

Why? Parents are busy! They need multiple reminders to ensure they know about Picture Day and have the opportunity to order their special keepsake.

Let us help!

Parent Notify™ automatically reminds parents about Picture Day on behalf of your school, reducing questions and saving you time.

The Perks

- Ensures every parent knows about Picture Day so students show up prepared and looking their best.
- Directs parents to order online to create their own packages, shop more products and earn Lifetouch Rewards™.
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Login to portal.lifetouch.com and click on "Schedule Parent Notify™ Email Reminders".

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Upload your parent email address list.

Email reminders are sent to parents!

Parent Notify™ is complimentary and exclusive to Lifetouch customers. Contact your Lifetouch Representative for more information.
Anchorage School District does not provide medical coverage for student injuries. However, ASD has made available an option for families to purchase a low cost student accident insurance program. The available plans can supplement current insurance, or be a stand-alone policy for your student/s. Options for school day, sports or 24-hour coverage are available.

More information is available online at www.myers-stevens.com, or by calling 800-827-4695. Bilingual services are available.
Is your sixth grader wanting to join Band or Orchestra?

* Come find out how your child can learn to play an instrument this year.
* Hear live instrument demonstration at 7:00 p.m.
* Meet the ASD band and orchestra teachers.
* Visit local music store displays for rent

You are invited to the ASD Instrumental Music Open House!

Wednesday, August 28
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

West High School Auditorium
ASD Instrumental Music Open House

Wednesday, August 28

West High School Auditorium
6:30-8:30 PM

Starting: Orchestra and band classes for interested 6th graders begin on August 22. Instruments should be obtained no later than September 13. If you can acquire one earlier, that is great.

Schedule: Orchestra and band classes meet three times per week in 45-minute sessions for the entire school year. Daytime performances occur in the winter and the spring. Sonic Boom will be held in the evening, will be a highlight of the year.

Benefits: Participation in the instrumental music program will not cause students to miss other schoolwork. In fact, research shows that playing an instrument results in better grades, higher test scores, and greater brainpower! Instrumental music is a rewarding and fun learning experience for children.

Instruments: There are excellent low-cost rental programs available at local music stores. If you are considering the purchase of a used instrument, please have it checked out by a music teacher or other knowledgeable person.

Supplies: When a final instrument choice is made, please visit a local music store to purchase all additional necessary items, including a method book. Music stores have a complete list of supplies.

Practice: Routine practice at home is very important. With a large number of students in each class, extra effort at home will make a significant difference in your student’s progress.

Buses: The following instruments ARE allowed on school buses: Violin, Viola, Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Cornet/Trumpet, Baby Baritone (not full size), and Percussion Kit. Other instruments are not allowed on buses.

Signing Up: Participation contracts will be given to students at school. Contracts must be turned in on no later than Friday, September 20, even if students do not have instruments by this date.
Exciting Multi-Day Basketball Clinic with
Iziah Sherman-Newsome
Register now – only 30 spots remaining

CELEBRATE THE GAME OF Basketball!! 5 DAY BASKETBALL CLINIC. For 1st-8th and 9th-12th Grades
Where: O’Malley Sports Center, Old Seward and O’Malley
When: September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th
Time: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. *(times may change and groups may be made by age if there is an abundance of kids)

INFORMATION ABOUT IZIAH:
*D2 College four-year starter *All State Alaskan player with over ten years of camp experience *Personal Trainer

MORE ABOUT CAMP: Differentiated skill development based on current level to help each camper become a better individual and team player. Defense, shooting, footwork and dribbling will be primary focus. Strength, conditioning, and circuit training will also be incorporated. Please bring your own basketball.

Call Text or Email Iziah For Camp Cost! Snacks and Daily Handouts Included. NO REFUNDS FOR CAMP.

RETURN completed form with cash or check to Iziah Sherman-Newsome:
Phone number: 907-242-7780
Email: iziahnewsome@outlook.com
SEND PAYMENT TO: Iziah Sherman Newsome, 8321 Ragged Top Circle, Anchorage, AK 99504.

PLAYERS NAME: ________________________

AGE AND GRADE: ________________________

PARENT’S NAME AND CELL #: ________________________

As parent or guardian for the child participant, I the undersigned hereby recognize and acknowledge that Iziah Sherman-Newsome and/or Alaskan Grown Basketball Camp are not liable for any injury my child may incur. Any accident and injuries shall be referred to the parent’s or guardian’s insurance carrier and they shall assume full responsibility. I, the parent or guardian will assume full responsibility and agree to pay all expenses associated with accidents or injuries arising out of participating in the activities offered by Alaskan Grown Basketball Camp. I release Iziah Sherman-Newsome and all adults helping to facilitate at the camp from all obligations, claims, demands, costs and expenses including attorney fees, arising from any injury or accident sustained by my child’s participation. I authorize Iziah Sherman-Newsome or any party working with the camp to notify emergency personnel to help in case of an accident or injury and agree to pay all fees associated with emergency personnel.

Parent or Guardian Signature ________________________
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Saturday, August 10, 2019
11:00-4:00PM at Fairview

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