Dear Sand Lake Families,

As the second quarter of school comes to an end, this is a great time to remind your child about finishing the quarter on a strong note. Staying focused in class, completing assignments, and being prepared for each day will ensure your child will be successful for the remainder of the quarter. The last day of school for students is December 19th, and students will return to school on January 6th, 2020.

Our teachers are currently screening all of our students in math and reading through the 19th of December, so attendance during this time is critical. The data collected will help us develop the best education possible for each and every student at Sand Lake.

Our unpredictable Alaskan winter weather has arrived, and all we can do is prepare our students for the most extreme of conditions. Students are expected to come to school with boots, snowsuit or snow pants, winter coats, gloves, and headgear. These items are to be worn during recess. Students also need to have a pair of shoes that are to be kept at school and worn while inside the building. We do not have extra gear to supply students with winter gear, so your help with this is appreciated.

Please join us on December 12th at 7:00 pm for our annual choir performance, and on December 18th at 2:45 for the Band & Orchestra concert. These students have been hard at work preparing, and it would be great to have a full house to support all of these students.

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holiday break, and we are all looking forward to a great new year!

Sincerely,

Linson Thompson
Principal, Sand Lake Elementary

Important Dates
- 12/12 Choir Performance 7:00 pm
- 12/13 PITA Movie Night 6:30 pm
- 12/18 Band & Orchestra Concert 2:45 pm
- 12/2-19 MAP Testing Window
- 12/19 Last day for students
- 12/20 No School – Grading Day
- 12/23-1/5 Winter Break – No School

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Good punctuality means...

Your child is ready to learn at the start of the day and at the start of all lessons.

Did you know?

Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing 2 weeks of school?

We recognize that on occasions there may be a genuine reason for your child being tardy. If your child is going to be late:

☐ Please notify the front office
☐ Please notify your child's teacher

19 days lost
13 days lost
10 days lost
6.5 days lost
3 days lost
How Sick is Too Sick for School?

In general, children are too sick to come to school when:
  • They are contagious.
  • Their symptoms are serious enough to prevent them from focusing on the tasks they need to do there.

Use the checklist below to determine whether to keep your child home from school.

1. Does your child have a fever above 101°F?  □ Yes  □ No

2. Does your child have diarrhea?  □ Yes  □ No

3. Are your child’s eyes crusty, bright red, and/or discharging yellow or green fluid (conjunctivitis/pink eye) and your medical provider recommended he/she stay home?  □ Yes  □ No

4. If your child complains of a sore throat, is it accompanied by fever, headache, stomachache, or swollen glands?  □ Yes  □ No

5. If your child complains of a stomachache, is it accompanied by fever, vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, sharp pain, and/or hard belly?  □ Yes  □ No

6. Does your child have a persistent, phlegmy cough?  □ Yes  □ No

7. Does your child have a rash that is undiagnosed and could be contagious?  □ Yes  □ No

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please keep your child home from school and consider seeking medical attention. Your child could have a serious or contagious illness. Keep your child home until he or she has been symptom free for at least 24 hours or until a doctor indicates that he or she can return to school.

If children have a cold, headache, or stomachache that is not accompanied by fever, vomiting or diarrhea, he/she is welcome to come to school.

If a child has a rash, it could be contagious. Please seek medical advice before allowing your child to come to school.

Earaches are not contagious. Children can come to school as long as they can concentrate on their work.
HOODIES FOR SALE

Hoodies and T-shirts are for sale at the school store.
T-shirts $12.00 Hoodies $28.00

Store Hours:
Monday/Wednesday 8:30 am – 8:50 am
*open every other Friday
Hello Sand Lake Families!

The holidays are fast approaching, and we would like to support our Sand Lake families that may be in need this holiday season.

We have placed The Giving Tree in the entryway of the school and it has tags that you can grab with age ranges of a Christmas gift and/or tags for grocery gift cards.

If your family has a little extra to share this year, your support would be appreciated!

Please turn in the gifts/gift cards to the front office staff by Friday, December 13th, we will have a wrapping party on Friday to get everything ready for the families to pick up the following week. More details about the gift-wrapping party to follow, but save the date if you can!

Thank you all for your generosity!

Sand Lake PTSA
Overdue Library books:

We still have a lot of students who still have overdue library books out. Please return overdue books so other students can enjoy them. If you cannot find your books, you have the following options.

1 Replace the book with a used or new copy.

2 Work off your library fine.

3 Read off the library fine.

4 Pay for the book.

Circulation Numbers

* As of November 21, 2019, 8,172 library books have been checked out.

*352 books have been added to our collection since the beginning of the school year.

Open Library Times:

Monday 3:00pm — 3:30pm & Tuesdays 9:05am — 9:30 am

Questions/Concerns

Please stop by the library anytime to talk with me!

Mr. Waters
Sand Lake Teacher Librarian
Waters_marty@asdk12.org
Dear Sand Lake families,

In compliance with the Safe Children's Act, I will be giving the second quarter personal safety lessons in Health classes starting December 16 and going through January 13, depending on which day your child has me for Health. The lessons take up just part of only one class period. This quarter the age-appropriate lessons are based around the following books for the different grade levels:
Kindergarten: It's My Body, by Health EdCo; and No Means No, by Jayneen Sanders
First Grade: Your Body Belongs To You, by Cornelia Spelman
Second Grade: Do You Have A Secret? by Jennifer Moore-Mallinos
Third Grade: The Right Touch, by Sandy Kleven
Fourth Grade: Talk About Touch, by Sandy Kleven
Fifth Grade: Cell Phoney, by Julia Cook
Sixth Grade: The Kid Trapper, by Julia Cook

According to the Safe Children's Act, you as parents can choose to opt out your child from these lessons by signing a form in the front office, however it is my desire that every student be present for them, so that they can have the tools to keep themselves from being a victim of abuse. In my opinion, each age-appropriate lesson teaches personal safety rules and tools to the students without compromising their innocence, and that's important to me as a mom of four kids in the Anchorage School District.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be a helpful, positive influence in your child's life. Feel free to email me with any questions or concerns: engle_valerie@asdk12.org. Have a wonderful season!

Valerie Engle
Health teacher
Sand Lake Elementary
Chugach Optional Elementary
WINTER MAP TESTING

3rd Grade Dec. 3-4, Tues. & Wed.
4th Grade Dec. 2, 6, Mon. & Fri.
5th Grade Dec. 9-10, Mon. & Fri.
6th Grade Dec. 11-2, Wed. & Thurs.

Please make sure that your students are on time to school and have gotten plenty of rest. We will be looking at students’ progress from the Fall MAP test to now.
Coming Events:

*Thursday, December 12, 7pm, Choir Evening Concert in MPR

*Friday, December 13, 2:10 & 2:45pm, Choir Sign-Up Assemblies in MPR

*Wednesday, December 18, 2:45pm, Band & Orchestra Concert in Gym
PTSA PRESENTS

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

JOIN US FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13
IN THE MPR
6:30-8:00

Pizza, Popcorn, and Drinks will be available for purchase

Doors open at 6:15
Bring a camp chair or blanket
Children must be supervised
Sand Lake Food Drive!

**Nov 12 - Dec 13**

Weekly drawings for fun prizes!!!

Bring cans to your teacher to receive tickets for the weekly drawing!

Let's help our community!

Some items that are needed...

**MILKS**
Powdered and shelf-stable milk, almond milk, soy milk

**DRIED FRUITS**
Cranberries, cherries, apples, banana chips, raisins, apricots

**CANNED PRODUCE**
Spinach, mixed vegetables, tomatoes, tomato sauce, fruit packed in water or light syrup

**CANNED PROTEINS**
Tuna, chicken, pork, all kinds of beans

**DRIED MEATS & BEANS**
Dried kidney, pinto and navy beans, split peas, lentils
2019 Rice Pounding Festival

2019 年 12 月 8 日(日) 午後 1 時から 4 時
Sunday, December 8, 2019
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

At the Asian Alaskan Cultural Center
(Northwood Elementary School)

主催: アラスカ日本人会
Organized by the Japan Alaska Association

入場無料 FREE ADMISSION Please bring Cash

Contact: alaska.jaa@gmail.com Website: www.akjaa.org
No School
for students on
Friday, December 20th
Teacher grading day
As of June 20, 2019 it is unlawful for a driver of any vehicle to talk on a mobile communication device while driving a vehicle within an active school zone or on a school grounds unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

Consequences for violations: $500.00 fine or a class A misdemeanor

For the safety of our staff, students, and families please stay OFF your phones when traveling through the school parking lot and reduce speed to 5 MPH.
Lost & Found

~Sand Lake Families~

Lost & Found bins are located in the 2nd Grade Hall warm up room, our bins are overflowing!

Everything Must Go!

On Friday, December 20th all unclaimed items will be placed in the red boys and girls club donation bin.
Winter Break

December 23rd – January 3rd
Parents are Perfect!

We currently have several food service positions open at various schools throughout the district. Substitutes are also needed in many school cafeterias to assist with preparing food, and serving breakfast & lunch to students. Hours are perfect for parents: part-time and flexible. Fill out an application at the ASD Building at 5530 East Northern Lights Blvd at the Boniface Mall or go to www.asdk12.org. For more information call Susan at 348-5185.
Contact your school Principal, FSSC or Glenn Nielsen.

Dinner and Childcare Provided

Monday, April 27th
6pm-7:30pm, TBD

Monday, February 24th
6pm-7:30pm, TBD

5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.
6pm-7:30pm, ASD, El CTR.

Meetings Dates 

Evaluate how the family engagement program is working and determine:

- Share title I information with parents and the general public.
- Represent and express the ideas and opinions of the parents from your school.
- Review Title I program details.

Then CACF is for YOU!

- Are you looking for an opportunity to meet with other parents to talk about your child's education and the direction of Title I?
- Have you ever wondered what it means to be in a Title I School?
- Do you have a child who attends a Title I School?

Central Parent Advisory Committee (CACF)

Anchorage School District, Title I