Hello Mountain View Families. I would like to start by thanking all of the parents, grandparents, and other family members who attended parent-teacher conferences, Family STEM night, the talent show, and our attendance improvement workshop in the month of February. Parent participation is a really important component of student success and I was really pleased to see how many people were in attendance at our events. It was great to see you all!

COVID-19:
We have been getting a lot of questions about the COVID-19 virus. Please see a very important, informative letter from the Anchorage School District on this topic. This is found on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

SPRING BREAK!
There is no school tomorrow, Friday, March 6th. Next week is spring break, so there will be no school until March 16. I hope all of our students have a great vacation!

PEAKS:
Our annual state assessments (PEAKS) for grades 3-5 are coming up soon. Please encourage your students to do their best. Please see the additional information about PEAKS elsewhere in this newsletter.

Multi-Cultural Celebration:
Our annual Multicultural Celebration will be held on Thursday, April 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. This is our premier family event of the year and we are getting excited about it already. We are still looking for volunteers to help with food and entertainment. Please contact Nurse Tammi if you are able to help.

Please remember, my door is nearly always open and I welcome visits from parents and community members.

Christopher Woodward, Principal

Important Dates

Fri March 6th
End of 3rd Qtr
NO SCHOOL

March 9-13th
SPRING BREAK
NO SCHOOL

March 19
3rd Quarter report cards sent home

Thurs April 2nd
5:45PM
Kindergarten Round-Up

Thurs April 9th
5:30PM
Multicultural Night

Wed April 15th
Class & Spring Pictures
Happy March! I hope we see more light and less colds and flu this month. If your student has a fever, productive cough or sneezing, or has vomited in the last 24 hours please keep them home. If they have had a cold or the flu they often need one day to catch up on sleep. Students that don’t feel well are not learning and need to be resting at home. We want healthy kids ready to learn in our classrooms!!

As you all know ASD is keeping a close watch on news about the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Once again, the safest way to avoid this virus is diligent handwashing! So far, no cases in Alaska so we may be lucky this year.

This is a good opportunity to make sure your contact numbers are correct! Call the office, 742-3900 or stop by and make sure we have your current contact information. I often have sick or injured kids and can’t get in touch with parents because their numbers have changed.

Let’s hope we have lots of sun and warm temperatures for lots of outdoor activities this spring!!

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GET READY FOR MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION!!
Thursday, April 9th from 5:50-7:30.

Be thinking about what you are going to bring! Talk to Nurse Tammi for help with ingredients!
Dear ASD Families,

The coronavirus, known as COVID-19, is a significant topic of concern in Anchorage and globally. While Alaska presently has no confirmed cases of this illness, the possibility remains real. To that end, please know your District is prepared. Here is helpful information for you to make informed decisions.

**Prevention Measures** - The best defense against any contagious illness is frequent and effective handwashing. Based on guidance from healthcare professionals, masks are not allowed unless specifically coordinated with the school nurse, as they are generally not used appropriately by children.

**Family Actions:**
- Wash hands frequently
- Use soap & water for 20 seconds; sing “Happy Birthday” or the “ABCs” to time the task
- Use hand sanitizer when water is unavailable
- Practice coughing/sneezing into the elbow or a tissue
- Keep hands below the chin
- Keep children home when sick

**ASD Actions:**
- Teach proper hand washing
- Purchase hand sanitizer for use in schools
- Suspend handshaking routines
- Increase sanitization of schools and buses
- Educate all staff on current protocols
- Suspend attendance awards
- Encourage staff to stay home when sick

**District Closure Preparation** - ASD has an Infectious Disease Plan in place, and school nurses have the most up-to-date information. In an extreme situation, the District may need to close for a time. If a closure takes place, we want everyone to be prepared.

If the District were to close, the effects to families and across the entire community would be significant. Families should take the time to consider how a potential closure would impact their daily lives and take steps to plan ahead. Childcare, work/activity schedules, and other family logistics are a few areas that may be affected if ASD is forced to close.

**Family Actions:**
- Plan for short and long-term closures
  - Work schedules
  - Childcare
  - Activity Schedules
- Know how to reach your child’s teacher(s) via email

**ASD Actions:**
- Communicate regularly with our community
  - Email
  - ASD website
  - Social media/text
  - Local media
- Engage e-learning opportunities
- Coordinate continuation of meal service for students in need
- Plan for employee absences
- Maintain facilities

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Travel Considerations - Due to the risk of contracting the virus or being isolated outside of Alaska, ASD has canceled all school sponsored domestic and international travel for students and staff through April 2020. In-state travel is not affected.

During spring break, many ASD families have personal vacation plans. We encourage them to stay current with the latest travel advisories and the specific status of their travel location. The CDC travel page has reliable and accurate information.

**Family Actions:**
- Monitor travel advisories
- Plan for long-term stays
- Check regularly for school updates and/or assignments
- Inform your school of absences (stipulate illness, travel restriction, or isolation)

**ASD Actions:**
- Communicate regularly
- Welcome students back to school
- Reduce stigma related to travel locations
- Be flexible with missed assignments
- Manage fear and misinformation

You may find these reputable websites useful in your effort to stay informed:
- Anchorage Health Department
- Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
- Center for Disease Control

ASD will keep you updated with new developments. Thank you for your continued engagement and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Anchorage School District
Hello Parents!

We have two more months left for the after school program. Students are making a lot of improvements on STEM (pre-teach math and coding/robotics) implemented on Mondays-Wednesdays. On Thursdays, students learn hands on enrichment activities during different clubs. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is also part of the curriculum to help students establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions, etc.

Our Afterschool Partners which are BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, Alaska Botanical Garden, and Alaska Public Lands visit the program periodically and educate students about nature and life experiences through natural and cultural resources of Alaska. Students attend field trips and make connections on what they have learned.

There will be NO After School Program on the following dates due to Spring Break:

March 9th – March 13th, 2019

Program will resume again on March 16th.

Please make sure to call the program office or cell number when your child(ren) will be absent from program.

Thank you for picking up your child(ren) at 5:30pm after program. Walkers will be walking home as directed.

Thank You!
I hope everyone is excited for spring break next week and that it is a fun and relaxing time for all! I continue to work with your students every week in their classes during SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) lessons and enjoy seeing them every day.

Attendance matters!
For the month of March 2020, 62% of students at Mountain View had a 90% or higher attendance rate. This is 4% higher than it was last month. Way to go Mountain View Mustangs! We are moving in the right direction. Let’s continue to make progress and remember that we are here for you to help you in any way we can.

55 students had perfect attendance for the month of February! Awesome job boys and girls! They were all entered into a drawing and a winner has been selected. The winner received a perfect attendance award, 2 tickets to H2O Oasis Water Park, and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) will receive a $100 gift card to Wal-Mart, thanks to Carlile Transportation. March is a new month to be eligible for the perfect attendance drawing. We have started “Popcorn Fridays” and it is off to a great start! Classes that have perfect attendance for two days or more during the week, get popcorn on Friday.

Remember, “Nine is Fine, but Eight is Great!”

Having a regular bedtime routine not only helps the evenings go smoother, but also helps students to get the sleep they need, which is very important.

The Anchorage School District is offering a free class for parents who are interested. It is called “Parenting the Love and Logic Way” and is being taught by Meg'n Gall. It will be held every Wednesday from 3/25-4/29 at 5:30-7:30pm. It will be located in the ASD building (5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd). Parents in attendance will be entered into weekly drawings. Please contact Meg'n Gall at #742-6036 or by email: gall_megn@asdk12.org if you have any questions regarding this class.

Thank you for all you do for your children and our school! If you have any questions, please come and see me!
Congratulations to our February Perfect Attendance Winner!

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!
March 2nd
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
March 5th  6-8PM

Mountain View Elementary - 4005 McPhee Ave
*light snacks and drinks provided*

All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old.

Hosted by:

MOUNTAIN VIEW HOPE
COVENANT CHURCH
Thank you so much for your participation in the 2020 Spring Book Fair. This year we have brought in more than $1,250 in Scholastic Books as proceeds from the Fall and Spring Book Fairs!

Please take a moment to search around for any Library Books that may have found themselves out of their normal place. Books can be returned to the Office and/or the Library at any time. Should you have a book that you know has been damaged, destroyed or is truly gone for good there are several options available to you.

1. Bring a new or gently used book, preferably with a hardcover that would be of interest to your child or others. These books can be found at a substantially discounted price at Value Village and Good Will and are usually in excellent condition.
2. Pay the fee to have the book replaced, usually between $10-$25 depending on the cost of the book.
3. Make arrangements with me to have your student make restitution. This can be in the form of spending recesses cleaning and shelving in the Library, writing Thank You cards and letters, etc.

We are ALWAYS taking donations of Books, Puzzles, Lego Pieces, etc. These are items that if not usable in the Library will be made available to classroom teachers.

Ways to read with your children
We all know that reading to and with your child is beneficial to helping them become fluent lifelong learners.

1. Have them read to you, a sibling, a pet, a toy. - This helps them with fluency and reading silently is a much different skill than reading aloud.

2. If you have a non-reader have them make up a story to go with the story in a book. - This helps encourage reading and fosters imagination

3. Books on Audio are AWESOME! - We have a variety of audiobooks available to your family through their ASD Library Account. If you have any questions please come see me or email me at hanson_brittany@asdk12.org
Reach new PEAKS of learning!

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.

Get ready to reach new peaks of learning during our ASD assessment window.

**ASD PEAKS window**

**March 30–April 10**  
(Make-ups: March 31–May 1)

To ensure success, schools need all students present and ready to do their best.

For more information on how to prepare your child to show what they know, visit [www.asdk12.org/peaks](http://www.asdk12.org/peaks).
A huge thank you to our School Business Partners for your continued support of our school and our students! We are so fortunate to have your support.