Dear Parents:

We have had a busy third quarter and anticipate an equally busy 4th quarter. Time has been flying by. We are almost three quarters of the way through; however, we have a lot of material left to cover. We did not have scheduled Parent Teacher Conferences this quarter, so if you are feeling like you have questions about your child’s progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

Although we are winding down, we will continue to be busy until the year ends. Our annual Iditaread ended with our celebration on Wednesday the 6th. If you see students wearing an Alaska state pin, it is because they made it to the half way point. Many of our Iditareaders have also made it to the finish line and some have made it around more than once. PTA and our very own Kara Campbell sponsored and organized our end of the trail party. If your child read their way to Nome, look for their name in our newsletter.

Smile! Spring Pictures are scheduled for Thursday, March 7th. This is last day before Spring Break!

I wish everyone a wonderful spring break and hope that you all have time relax, and rejuvenate.

Lana Bailey, Principal

Please check the lost and found for winter gear, glasses, and jewelry!

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 8—End of 3rd Quarter / Grading Day — NO SCHOOL
March 4th-7th — Dr. Seuss’s Birthday Spirit Week
March 7—Spring Picture Day
March 7 — Last day of tutoring
March 8 — In-Service Day — NO SCHOOL
March 11 thru 15—Spring Break — NO SCHOOL
March 22 — Popcorn Friday
March 29th — Movie Night
April 11 — Kindergarten Round-up
April 12 — Popcorn Friday
April 16 — Math & Science Night
Tammy Hanley Recognized by Anchorage Schools Foundation and Her Peers

Tammy Hanley will try everything and anything to make every student in her classroom successful.
—Kaitlynne Conary

Tammy has a deep-rooted desire to keep getting better at what she does because she understand that she is changing the trajectories of her students’ lives; it’s both as simple and as profound as that.
—Nichole Chilson

Tammy is very dedicated, passionate, compassionate, and encouraging in teaching and in personal relationships. Making her one of the most amazing people you’ll ever meet.
—Sarah Coburn

I am always inspired by Mrs. Hanley’s curiosity and dedication to her own learning. She often seems to have just read something new that supports her work and seems excited about trying out new ideas in her class.
—I Lisa Sparrow

I admire the PATIENCE that Tammy demonstrates when working with students.
—Marco Christian

Marco Christian Named KTVA’s “Head of the Class”

Watch the news story here: https://www.ktva.com/story/39983192/head-of-the-class-marco-christian
Notes from the School Nurse

We are currently raising children in a world that is certainly very different than the world we grew up in. Social media, video games, YouTube, and iPhones/iPads have definitely created a very different environment for our youth than we experienced in our own childhood. I think many of us are weighing the advantages and disadvantages of all this access to technology.

It seems that I have conversations about screens and screen time almost daily in the nurse’s office here at school. Please note that your child’s access to screens should be monitored for quality and quantity. In other words, it’s important to manage both the time that they are spending in front of screens as well as the content of what they are viewing.

Here are some of the guidelines that have been put out by the American Academy of Pediatrics

* For children younger than 18 months, avoid use of screen media other than video-chatting. Parents of children 18 to 24 months of age who want to introduce digital media should choose high-quality programming, and watch it with their children to help them understand what they’re seeing.

* For children ages 2 to 5 years, limit screen use to 1 hour per day of high-quality programs. Parents should co-view media with children to help them understand what they are seeing and apply it to the world around them.

* For children ages 6 and older, place consistent limits on the time spent using media, and the types of media, and make sure media does not take the place of adequate sleep, physical activity and other behaviors essential to health.

* Designate media-free times together, such as dinner or driving, as well as media-free locations at home, such as bedrooms.

* Have ongoing communication about online citizenship and safety, including treating others with respect online and offline.

As you proactively consider how best to manage media use in your home, there is a general principal to keep in mind. The primary “jobs” of childhood are to play, study/learn, interact with others, engage in physical activity, eat, and sleep. If technology use is cutting into any of those crucial developmental tasks, it’s time to consider cutting back.

Naomi Gerwin, RN

Screen-Free Activities

Solve Crossword Puzzles
Read
Play music
Play outdoor games
Take a walk

Go sledding, skiing, or skating
Bake something yummy
Build Jigsaw Puzzles
Socialize with friends
Paint, draw, and do other arts & crafts
Congratulations to the following students that made it NOME!

Kindergarten Finishers: David Longoria, Edrin Sadiku, Elliott Rockwell, Emery Kruskie, Hailey Clinton, Imran Shabani, Ivan Moua, Justice Gardiner, Kaiden Aperto, Keegan Saunders, Keoni Lotomau, Maximus Evangelista, Meng Bai

First Grade Finishers: Ariella Johnson, Ava Rivas, Beti Solomon, Brandon Reedy, Chailyn Waychoff, Charleigh Thomas, Daisy Yang, Edward Cosio, Henson Kelly, Jairah Rhode, Joshua Lonas, Kaizer Jinkins, Kasen Carroll, Kong Lee, Mabel Lonas, Madison Pearson, Michael Strauss-Thompson, Orion Lotomau, Palmer Charles, Rilynn Reedy, Rodney Reddish, Samantha Orduna


Third Grade Finishers: Andrew Kruskie, Ashton Miller, Camila Jiminez, Erdrich Castro, Grayson Gilchrist, Henry Argueta, Janaylah Carter, Kierra Hawkins, Landon Flint, Maxlinne Guillary, Parker Pearson, Sharonna Tes, Tyrial Streeter


Sixth Grade Finishers: Ariana Jimenez, Colton Hann, Daniel Gutierrez, Ezrah Stowers, Gabe Fisher, Jaylin Alvarez, Jodeci Rousseau, Justin Tes, Kaitlyn Schreck, Kylah Estrada, Logan Winchester, Nawal Nazir, Pa Houa Vang, Ricky Strauss, Sage Edmonds, Torsten Bickauskas
Ski-A-Thon Success!
Total Raised $1175.00!

Overall highest fundraiser: Austin Duffus ($180)
Highest Class raised: Mrs. Freligh’s class ($455)
Highest Kindergartner: David in Mrs. Eikenbary’s class ($110)
Highest First Grader: Madison in Mrs. Humphrey’s class ($60)
Highest Second Grader: Makenna in Mrs. Sim’s morning class ($50)
Highest Third Grader: Parker in Mrs. Winchester’s class ($60)
Highest Fourth Grader: Austin in Mrs. Freligh’s class ($180) Kylee in Mrs. Freligh’s class ($140)
Highest Fifth Grader: Mariana in Mrs. Osowski’s class ($111.75)
No Sixth Grader

Popcorn Friday:
3/22/19

Volunteer Opportunities
PTA needs your help! We are seeking volunteers to help with Popcorn Friday! Popping begins in the staff lounge at 9:00a.m., and we plan to be done by noon with 3-4 volunteers. On-the-job training will be provided by our veteran popping volunteers. Sign up to volunteer here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a45adac2fa2ff2-popcorn
Waqaa! Happy March, families! Busy times ahead – see below for a calendar of events and opportunities to come!

Lunch Club: We are meeting for lunch to pick projects for the Spring. 6th grade students will be starting their large drums after Spring Break. Please encourage your student to join us! Families are also welcome to join!


Summer Enrichment Program: K – 7th grade – Maritime Theme – Registration opens March 8th!

ANSEP: Eligible 5 & 6th graders. Look for application packet and more info. to come home with your student next week. Essay writing/application assistance in the mornings after Spring Break. See packet for schedule, or contact me for more details. Application below: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Aon3UY0txnPmg78W3TZgrKLdEy8cebdw/view?usp=sharing

Academic Tutoring & Open Gym: Every Wednesday at Wonder Park El. from 6-8 pm. Contact Amanda Hoffman (907) 742-7867 or click the link below to sign up! https://goo.gl/forms/FIs3VhjU4WCoVpwM2

March 1: ANSEP Info. Session – 3800 University Lake Dr., ANSEP Acceleration Building – 6-7 pm

March 8: Summer Enrichment Program Registration opens
March 8: Culture Connection – 2500 Minnesota Dr., Romig Middle School – 5-8 pm
March 9: Culture Connection – 2500 Minnesota Dr., Romig Middle School – 10 am – 3 pm
https://goo.gl/forms/KhBmo5Xc8cIzKTR2 to register for Culture Connection
March 22: ANSEP Info. Session – 3800 University Lake Dr., ANSEP Acceleration Building – 6-7 pm

Contact me directly if you have any questions or just want to say hello. I’m in Room 106!
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Library News

Calling All Overdue Library Books!
Happy March Spring Hill Families,
As of February 28th, we have 127 students with overdue library books. I will have teachers pass out overdue notices before Spring Break. Please ask your student if they received an overdue notice and help them to remember to bring those lost books back to the library.

Also, please keep in mind that it is impossible to have a real-time report, so if a student has turned in books after the report has been run please disregard the overdue notice. Let's start 4th quarter off with no overdue books!
Thank you,
Mrs. Henrie

Physical Education News

January and February brought lots of excitement to Spring Hill’s PE department. We welcomed UAA’s Hockey team, Junior Native Youth Olympics was brought to us by the Cook Inlet Tribal Council. We had a presentation about Ski Jumping, and students participated in 3 weeks of cross country skiing during PE. We had 116 students in the after school ski program, and we took 40 students to the annual Ski 4 Kids put on by Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage.

Thank you for supporting the Physical Education of Spring Hill Elementary Students!

Girls on the Run began last week and we are excited about the turnout for this new-to-Spring Hill program! Thanks coach Carissa and Coach Megan!!

Healthy Futures
March Healthy Futures logs are going home this week and will be due back April 1st

Coach Ellis

Did you know ...

Reading with your child every day, even just 20 minutes a day, helps support cognitive development, improves language skills, helps prepare them for academic success, increases concentration, and improves imagination and creativity!? It's true! Reading with a child at any age is beneficial but creating the habit of reading with them from a very young age is important in helping develop these skills. source: https://www.all4kids.org/2017/03/03/importance-reading-children/