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# Shooting Star Scoop

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*The monthly newsletter for Nikiski North Star Elementary*  
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District  
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### Important Dates

#### September 1

PTA Meeting  
3:45pm - Lounge

#### September 5

Labor Day Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

#### September 7

Volunteer Training  
9:15am - Library

#### September 9

School Picture Day!  
Sibling pictures at 3:30pm

#### September 13

Bus Evacuation Drill  
3:20pm

#### September 14

Early Release Day  
School out at 2:00pm



### Principal Points

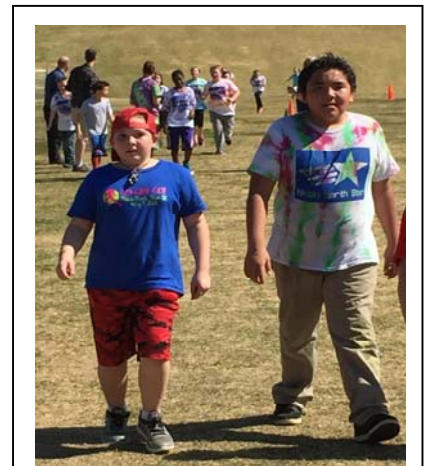
Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year!

Here are a few important additions and reminders as we start the new school year:

- **End of the Day Plans** – Please be sure your child and the child’s teacher knows what their normal end of the day plan will be. NNS will use this as the default plan if there is any question. If you have a change in plans, please provide a written note so we can document the change. If there is an emergency, please call the office and we can let the child and teacher know.
- **Dropping Off and Picking Up** – If you are transporting your child you have a couple of options for drop off and pick up. Some parents prefer to park and then walk their child into and out of the school. If you prefer not to park, please use the parent drop off and pick up lane which is closest to the school building. We appreciate your assistance with this as safety is the number one priority.
- **Communication** – Nikiski North Star uses Facebook to update families on events and happenings so please “like” our page if you are a Facebook user. In addition, KPBSD also has a Facebook page and a free KPBSD app which provides you with district and school notifications. If you are looking for the lunch menu, it can be found on the KPBSD page and the KPBSD app.
- **Shining Stars Time** – We have made changes to the instructional schedule at NNS this year. Shining Stars Time is a 45 minute block for each grade level that focuses on intervention and enrichment tailored to the individual academic needs of the student. Additional staff members assist the classroom teachers during this time so the instructional groups are smaller in size.

We have had a great start to the year! As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns I am available at 776-2600.

Margaret Gilman



*All our students participated in last years Jogathan and raised over \$6,700!*

# PARENTS

## WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH SCHOOL DEPARTURE

Please make end of day arrangements with your child BEFORE they come to school. Assure that your child fully understands where they are supposed to go and exactly how they will get there. The more consistent this is, the less stress there is for your child. Your child's teacher should have this information also, particularly if they are in grades PreKindergarten to 3rd grade.

Send a note to your child's teacher if arrangements change. This is especially important for younger children. If we do not receive a note from a parent or a phone message, students are required to go home their usual way. Students are not allowed to use the school phone to make social arrangements.

Please limit phone messages for students to true emergencies and unavoidable changes in plans. Call the school prior to 3:00 to allow us time to contact your child. After 3:00 we are busy preparing students to go home and there may not be anyone available to answer your call.

School dismisses at 3:30. Please be on time to pick up your child. We greatly appreciate your support!



# Want to Volunteer?



In order to ensure that all students will be as safe as possible, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District requires volunteers to be screened each year. **Anyone interested in being a school volunteer needs to complete an online form and agree to a background check, EVEN IF YOU VOLUNTEERED LAST YEAR.** All information will be kept confidential and information can only be accessed by a few members of the Human Resources department. To complete the screening process, visit the District's web page at:

[www.kpbsd.org](http://www.kpbsd.org)

- Click on the "Volunteers" tab
- Click on Current Volunteer Openings
- Click "Volunteer- Nikiski North Star, Apply
- Click "Start" if you've never applied or "Login" with your existing information

Should you have any questions regarding the volunteer and/or application process please contact Laurie Wood or Larissa Mika at (907) 714-8844. We appreciate your interest and look forward to assisting you with the application process!

We would also like to invite everyone who's interested in volunteering to attend the:

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING**  
**Thursday, September 7**  
**Library at 9:15am**

Not only will you learn some of the skills needed for this important job, but there will be people available to help you apply online.