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Shooting Star Scoop

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The monthly newsletter for Nikiski North Star Elementary
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
[http:// www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/schools.aspx](http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/schools.aspx)



Important Dates

February 1

Battle of the Books - 2/3rd Gr.

February 4

NNS/NHMS Site Council Mtg
NNS Lounge - 3:45pm

4th Grade NAEP Testing

February 4 - 8

Book Fair
NNS Library - (during library and conference time)

February 5

2nd Quarter Awards Ceremony
NNS Gym - 10:00 am K-2
10:30 am 3-5

February 6

One School, One Book Kickoff
NNS Gym - 2:45pm

Battle of the Books - 5th Gr.

CCI SOM Pizza w/ Ms Callahan
Rm 13 - 11:50 & 12:10

February 7 & 8

Parent/Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL

February 11

School Spelling Bee
NNS Library

PTA Meeting
Lounge - 3:45pm

February 12

School Forensics Meet
NNS Library

February 15

Family Science Night
NNS Gym - 6:30 to 8:00pm

March 1

One School, One Book
Family Movie Night

Principal Points

Greetings!

Welcome to LOVE OF READING MONTH! Across the nation, schools celebrate their love of reading during February. Our "One School, One Book" activity is ready to go and you will be hearing more about this at parent teacher conferences and from your child. Starting on Wednesday of next week, families will be encouraged to read from "Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater. We ask families to read the assigned chapter at home every night and discuss what happened in the chapter. The following day, there will be trivia questions for both students and parents. Students will hear the question during morning announcements and parents can find each day's question on the PTA Facebook page and our school blog. If you haven't been there, you can go to the district website under "Schools, Homepages" or go directly to:

nikiskinorthstar.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/wpmu/category/school-news

Trivia answers are written down at home by parents and placed by their children in the boxes in the office the next day. Winning answers are drawn each day from the student and parent boxes and prizes are awarded. Please get involved! This is a great activity for families to enjoy at home.

Also this month we begin the Alaska Healthy Futures Challenge. The contest will run for through February, March, and April. On the Physical Activity Log (which students received previously with an information letter about this program) have your child record his/her physical activity in February. The goal for students is to get a minimum of 30 minutes of physical activity with increased heart rate, three times a week for four consecutive weeks outside PE classes. Your child should turn in his/her completed Log (with your signature) at the end of the month. We look forward to seeing which students can outscore our staff members on their monthly logs and win some exciting prizes!



Our favorite greeter, Molly Muffins, welcomes (from left) Megan, Andrew, Vanessa, Mia, Emilio & Jewelia.

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On Monday, Feb. 4 at 3:45 PM is a Joint NNS/NMHS Site Council Meeting at NNS. Dan Carstens from NMHS will be sharing a new schedule proposal for next year. All 5th grade parents are encouraged to attend this meeting and offer feedback to Mr. Carstens regarding the proposed schedule for 6th-12th grade students.

It's hard to believe we are almost halfway through third quarter already. All students just finished midyear benchmark assessments and teachers have the results ready to share with parents at parent teacher conferences later this week. If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher, PLEASE contact them by phone and either reschedule or have your conference over the phone. It is very important to the success of your child that they see your interest in their education and we really do enjoy visiting with you!

Happy Valentines Day!

Lisa



Reading Tip of the Month

As part of Love of Reading month, I encourage all of our families to use the following strategy to help your child increase their reading fluency. This tip was provided by **Reading Rockets, Colorín Colorado, and LD OnLine.**

"Paired or "buddy" reading

The easiest and best way to help your child develop fluency is to sit with your child and read! Read together every day, which is often called paired or buddy reading. To use paired reading, simply take turns reading aloud. You go first, as your reading provides a model of what good fluent reading sounds like. Then, ask your child to re-read the same page you just read. You'll notice that your child's reading will start to sound more and more like yours. Do this for several pages. Once your child is comfortable enough, and familiar enough with the book, take turns reading page for page."



Geography Bee Winners!

Congratulations to the
**2013 Nikiski North Star Geography Bee Champion
Kyle Malston (4th grade)!**

Kyle has taken a qualification test to see if he'll be invited to participate in the state geography bee in April.

2nd place: Sabena Christoffersen

3rd place: Boden Quiner and Brenden Boehme

Congratulations to our other classroom geobee winners and representatives at the school geography bee:

Martin Cox, Brayde Wolfe, Kaylee Johnson, Emily Dunham, Emma Lakin, and Connor Chenault!



Holding the world in his hands is Geography Bee Champ, Kyle Malston, surrounded by runners up (from left) Boden Quiner, Sabena Christoffersen and Brenden Boehme.

Cinnamon Rolls



Mrs. Matson's 5th graders are again baking up some yummy cinnamon rolls to raise money for their spring field trips.

When: February 27, 28 & March 1

Cost: \$1.50

BP Teachers of Excellence

To all students, parents, staff and community members: We all know some outstanding teachers; BP would like to recognize them with the BP Teachers of Excellence Program. To nominate your favorite teacher, please go to www.bpteachers.com and fill out the recommendation form.

To be considered, nominations must be received no later than February 15, 2013. More information can be found on the KPBSD website at:

<http://bit.ly/BPteachersOfExcellence>

If you have questions, please contact Lassie Nelson at 714-8838.

Love of Reading Month!

Just some of the exciting things planned for this month:

Book Fair
Feb 4th - 8th

**"Mr. Popper's
Penguins"**
by Richard Atwater



**"One School
One Book"**

**Battle of
the Books**
Feb. 1 & 6

January Character Counts! Students of the Month

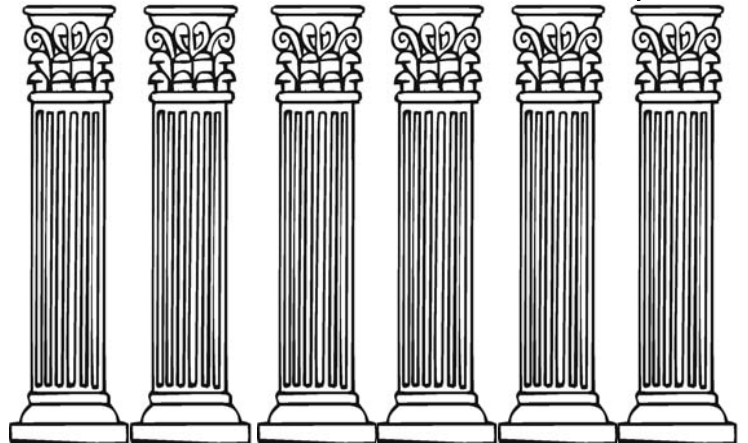


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Alex Johnson
Cailin Yeager
Sabre Christoffersen
Trevor Moore
Reese Thompson
Alek Angleton
Hope Broussard
Emma Edgar

Renee Hoke
Hamilton Cox
Katelyn Stichel
Peighton Curren
Dahlila Robbins
Rylee Ellis
Emma Medina
Malachi Massera
Kylee Bitterich

THE PILLAR FOR FEBRUARY IS...

TRUSTWORTHINESS



Family Science Night

February 15th

6:30 - 8:00pm



All are welcome!



Experiments & presentations for
students and parents to do!



Dessert provided by Boys & Girls Club!



Door Prizes!



Babysitting! *(ages 4 and under only)*



Challenger Learning Center bringing
their Star Lab!

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

2012-13 Central Pa. Calendar, Revision 1

Aurora Borealis, Connections (Soldotna), Hope, Kaleidoscope, Kenai Alt, K-Beach, KCHS, Kenai Middle, Mountain View, Nikiski MH, Nikiski North Star, Ninilchik, Redoubt, River City Academy, Skyview, Soldotna Elem., Soldotna High, Soldotna Middle, Soldotna Montessori, Sterling Elem., Tustumena Elementary

C School Closes	O School Opens
E End of Quarter	PN P/T Conference
H Legal Holiday	V Vacation Day
IS Inservice	W Teacher Work Day
SC School Closed due to weather	

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End of Quarter

1st Quarter	42 days
2nd Quarter	40 days
3rd Quarter	40 days
4th Quarter	48 days
	170 days

First and Last Days

Teacher First	August 14
Teacher Last	May 23
Student First	August 21
Student Last	May 22

Inservice Dates

August 14, 16, 20
October 19
November 1-2
December 21
February 7-8
March 8

Legal Holidays & Vacation Days

Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 3
Thanksgiving	November 22-23
Winter Break	Dec. 24-Jan. 4
Spring Break	March 11-15
Vacation Day	Jan. 21
Memorial Day	May 27

Inservice = 3 Outside School Year, 7 During
 Total S/T = 170 + 10 = 180/188
 Revised: 01/18/2013