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# Shooting Star Scoop

## February 2015

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

- February 2**  
NNS School Board Presentation  
*Borough Chambers - 7pm*
- February 2 - 6**   
Book Fair  
*NNS Library - (during library and conference time)*
- February 3**  
Battle of the Books - 3/4th Gr.
- February 4**  
Early Release Day  
*SCHOOL OUT AT 2PM*
- February 5 & 6**  
*Parent/Teacher Conferences*  
NO SCHOOL
- February 10**  
Battle of the Books - 5th Gr.
- February 11**   
School Forensics Meet  
*NNS Library @ 9am - noon*
- NNS Site Council  
*NNS Library - 3:45pm*
- February 27**  
One School, One Book  
Family Movie Night - 5:45pm
- February 28**  
District Forensics Meet  
*Tustumena Elem. - 10am*



### Principal Points

Welcome to LOVE of READING MONTH! Across the nation, schools celebrate their love of reading during February. Our "One School, One Book" activity is beginning this month. You will be hearing more about this and books will be distributed at parent teacher conferences. Starting Monday, February 9 families will be encouraged to read from *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. We ask families to read the assigned chapter at home every night and discuss what happened in the chapter. The following day, we will announce knowledge based questions related to the chapter during morning announcements. There will be prizes awarded for students who are able to answer the questions correctly. This is a fabulous activity for you to be involved with your children and enjoy the love of reading together as a family!

Also on the subject of reading, I wanted to thank all those who were able to attend our first Family Night – Bingo for Books event. This was a group effort with NNS staff, PTA, and Boys and Girls Club all contributing so the effort was shared and a fun evening was had by all! It was great to see the kids excited about winning books and spending time with their families. I've heard many positive comments about this evening so look for it to become an annual event.

It's hard to believe that February is already here, particularly since this year we've already seen signs of spring. Students at NNS just completed benchmark winter testing in reading and math. Winter benchmark scores were used when classroom teachers met with the NNS Intervention team to make instructional recommendations to best meet the academic needs of our students. Third quarter is the perfect time for students to demonstrate growth and show us what they have learned.

The next testing series we will prepare for is the state mandated AMP testing to be held during the month of April. AMP testing is the replacement of the previous test which was SBA testing. A major difference of AMP testing is that it is done completely on the computer. Students in Grade 3-5 will be involved in this testing and the testing schedule will be as follows:

- Grade 3 testing – March 30 through April 2
- Grade 4 testing – April 6 through April 10
- Grade 5 testing – April 13 through April 17



*Jaycee and Shannon explore geometry the fun way!*

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## *...Points continued*

There will be much more information shared with parents as the testing dates draw near. Yesterday, students from Mrs. Redfern, Mrs. Bostic, and Mrs. Baker's class participated in the Alaska "AMP it Up Day" as part of a statewide effort to prepare for testing and check computer capability for this large undertaking. Our kids did well and enjoyed the practice technology tests.

Nikiski North Star is the school chosen to present to the KPBSD Board of Education for February. The meeting will be held on February 2 @ 7:00 at the George Navarre Borough Building in Soldotna. If you are interested in attending it would be great to see you there.

Have a fabulous month and I hope to touch base with many of you at parent teacher conferences next Thursday and Friday. As always if you have questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to call.

Margaret



# Love of Reading Month!

*Just some of the exciting things planned for this month:*

**Book Fair**  
Feb 2 - Feb 6



**"Charlotte's Web"**  
by E.B. White

**"One School,  
One Book"**

**Battle of  
the Books**  
Feb. 3 & 10





# Geography Bee Winners!

Congratulations to the following students who represented their classes at the school geography bee Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>:

**Neo Patiag, Lilly Anderson, Carter Tennison, David Hadella, James Lathem, and Caleb Griffith.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place: Jessica Perry**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place: Connor Evoy**

**1<sup>st</sup> place: Diane Nasibog**

*\*Diane will take a qualifying exam and see if she'll qualify for the state geography bee in Anchorage in April!*



*Geography Champion - Diane Nasibog (left), with 2nd place winner, Conner Evoy and 3rd place winner, Jessica Perry.*

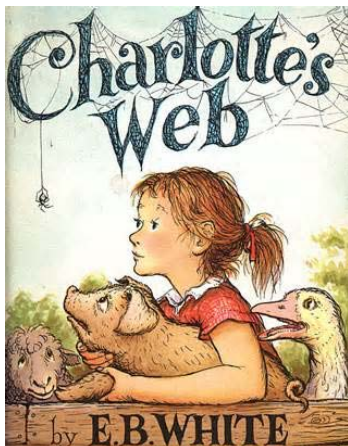
**JOIN US!**

**ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK  
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Movie starts at 5:45pm**

**FEATURING:**



**CHARLOTTE'S WEB**

**Rated: G**

## School District Budget/ Pool Use Meeting

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is holding a Public Budget/Pool Use Meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 in the Soldotna High School library. The pool use meeting will start at 5:00pm followed by the budget meeting at 5:30 p.m. Every-one interested is encouraged to attend. If there are questions, please contact Lassie Nelson at 714-8838.

## Child Find Screenings for Infants & Preschoolers

The KPBSD Child Find Program and Frontier Community Services Infant Learning will be offering free screenings for children 5 years old and younger. The screening will be on Friday, February 20, 2015 from 9:00 – 3:00 at the Frontier Community Services, Suite 14 in the Red Diamond Center. We will screen your child's early development, motor skills, speech, early learning concepts, vision & hearing. To make an appointment or for more information, call 714 -6647.