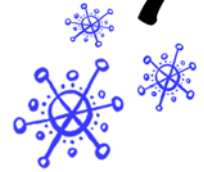




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Important Dates

January 11
Site Council Meeting
3:45pm - Lounge

January 13
Bus Evacuation Drill
3:20pm

January 16
Link-Up Concert - 3rd Gr.
KCHS Auditorium - 3pm

January 18
Vacation Day
NO SCHOOL

January 26
Family Science Night
5:45pm - Gym

January 29
Geography Bee (4th-5th)
Library - 1:30pm



Principal Points

It's a New Year and we are back in full swing at Nikiski North Star! The kids have returned refreshed, rested and ready to go!

Report cards were sent home last week. Hopefully you had time to talk about the report cards with your student. The students should be able to explain the standards and the score they received on the standard. Standards based grading is different than the typical letter based grades of "A, B, C..." that many are familiar with so please don't hesitate to ask if you would like help with understanding the standards.

I would like to welcome all Nikiski North Star families to the Family Science Night which will take place on Tuesday, January 26 from 5:45 – 7:00 p.m. This will be a fantastic opportunity for hands on science activity that is appropriate for grades K-5. Challenger Center, AK Sealife Center, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and AK LNG are all providing science activities for our students during this evening. We will also have 4th and 5th grade science fair entries on display in the classroom and in the library. Boys and Girls Club will provide refreshments. We appreciate very much the community partnerships and PTA donations that make this evening possible. Hope to see you there!



Dylan, Marshal and Lynn help to fundraise for their field trips by making cinnamon rolls.

Nikiski North Star will be creating a school garden this spring. A committee of parents and teachers has been meeting regarding this project and plans are shaping up. The idea of the garden is to provide an opportunity for kids to be directly involved in the food chain and realize all of the other benefits that are involved with planting seeds and watching them grow. We are trying to keep costs down so will be asking you for donations in the future.

We are considering changing the format of our school and classroom newsletter from paper to electronic. This would save money and also provide more direct access for families that may need more than one copy of the newsletter. We understand that not all families may have access to the internet so there would certainly be an option for parents to request a paper copy and there will still be copies at the office. Please let us know what you think about this change.

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Parent Conferences are scheduled for February 4 and 5. Notices will be coming home soon to arrange the times for your conference. This is an excellent opportunity to have conversation with your child's teacher and take the time to address celebrations and concerns.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I welcome the opportunity to visit with you.

Margaret



Elks Hoop Shoot Winners!

The winners of the Nikiski North Star Elks Hoop Shoot Competition are listed below. These students competed December 6th at the Kenai Recreation Center in the Regional Elks Hoop Shoot.

Girls 8-9 yrs old

Sarah Brown - 1st place

Boys 10-11 yrs old

Carter Tennison - 1st place

Third Grade Link-Up Concert with the Kenai Pen. Orchestra

at KCHS

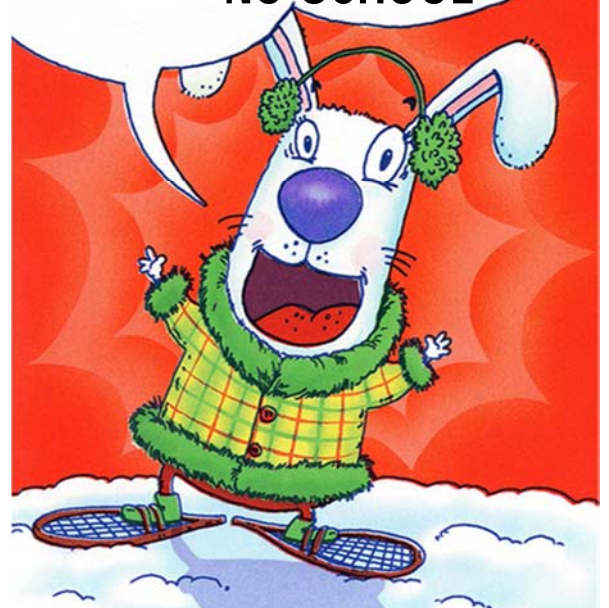


Jan. 16th at 3pm

Vacation Day

January 18th

NO SCHOOL



Family Fun Science Night



January 26th

5:45 - 7:00pm



All are welcome!



Experiments & presentations for students and parents to do together!



Food provided by Boys & Girls Club!



School Science Fair entries on exhibit!



Hands-on science experiments provided by AK LNG, AK Sealife Center, Challenger Center and the National Wildlife Refuge!

