

# Shooting Star Scoop January 2016 The monthly newsletter for Nikiski North Star Elementary

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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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# Points continued

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

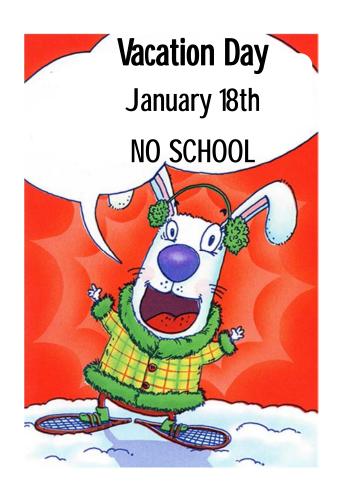
The winners of the Nikiski
North Star Elks Hoop Shoot
Competition are listed below. These
students competed December 6th
at the Kenai Recreation Center in the
Regional Elks Hoop Shoot.

Girls 8-9 yrs old Sarah Brown - 1st place

Boys 10-11 yrs old

Carter Tennison - 1st place





# Family Fun ience Nig



January 26th

5:45 - 7:00pm



All are welcome!



- Food provided by Boys & Girls Club!
- School Science Fair entries on exhibit!
- W Hands-on science experiments proved by AK LNG, AK Sealife Center, Challenger Center and the National Wildlife Refuge!

## YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

DON'T MISS OUT! Pre-order your all-color **NIKISKI NORTH STAR YEARBOOK**NOW for only **\$15.00!** Simply return this completed order form with **payment to the office by February 1<sup>st</sup>.** (Regular price - \$20.00 to be sold at the end of the year on a first come, first served basis)

MAKE IT PERSONAL! When you pre-order a yearbook before February 1st, you have the option of personalizing it! You can personalize it with your student's name stamped on the cover or love lines. Love Lines may include a picture of choice and/or a maximum of 25 words. These are **due to the office by February 1st**. **No exceptions!** 

#### Love Line Examples:

John Smith - Keep up the good work, we love you. Love, Dave and Mom

Jayne Doe – I am so very proud of you. I love you! Continue working hard next year in Middle School. Love Grandma and Grandpa

LOVE LINE ORDER FORM	Use additional pages if needed.
	<b>IPRINTING:</b> If ordering, please indicate the exact spelling of the first and ve an empty box between the first and last names.

ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PLEASE CALL: Trina Stichal at 398-2452.

YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER FORM	(Please use one form per child)	
Student's Name	Teacher	
☐ Yearbook X \$15.00 =		
☐ Additional Book X \$12.00 =		
<ul><li>□ PTA Yearbook X \$10.00 =</li><li>(for PAID member)</li><li>□ Personalization X \$2.00 =</li></ul>		
☐ Love Lines X \$5.00 =		
TOTAL ATTACHED =		
☐ Cash (Please provide exact cash) ☐ Check (Make checks payable to "NNS PTA")		