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# Shooting Star Scoop

## March 2014



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



### Important Dates

#### March 1

District-wide Forensics Meet  
*Tustumena Elem. - 9:30 am*

#### March 5

End of Quarter Assembly  
*K-1 - 1:30pm*  
*2-3 - 2:05pm*  
*4-5 - 2:40pm*

#### March 6

PTA Meeting  
*3:45 pm - Lounge*

#### March 7

NO SCHOOL  
*Teacher Inservice Day*

#### March 10 - 14

NO SCHOOL  
*Spring Break*

#### April 1 - 3 & 8

Standard Based Assessments  
*Grades 3 - 5*



### Principal Points

It's hard to believe that next Thursday, March 6 marks the end of the third quarter! The weather is warming, ice is melting and if we cross our fingers maybe we will actually experience spring in Alaska.

February was a great month for us to celebrate Love of Reading as a school. Our One School One Book program was a huge success. Children and adults were seen throughout the school reading My Father's Dragon and the question box at the office was full almost every day. We very much appreciate your participation as families in this event. The culminating event on February 28 where we come back to school in the evening to watch the movie will be a great opportunity to celebrate together. Thanks to all the teachers and parents who helped make this happen.

The NNS spelling bee was held this month and a huge congratulation goes to Shannon Pitt, our spelling champion. The victory is even more impressive since this is the second year in a row that Shannon has won our school spelling bee! As I write this newsletter, Shannon is in Anchorage representing our school at the state spelling bee. Best of luck to Shannon.

The PTA needs your help. The PTA very kindly provides funds to allow students who have no lunch money in their account the ability to have lunch that day at school. Unfortunately, some families haven't repaid the amount borrowed and the PTA account is dwindling. It's easy to forget this in the busyness of the day but please remember to repay PTA for any lunch money borrowed.

The "Matson Cinnamon Roll Factory" was hard at work last week and the sweet smell of cinnamon rolls was delightful. The students practiced math skills and learned about the world of work as they produced rolls for three days. This is an undertaking that can only happen because of the parents and community members who volunteered. We so very much appreciate your service to our students.

Just a reminder that there will be no school for students on March 7 and March 10 thru 14. During the March 7 inservice NNS staff will be continuing work on differentiated instruction and determining the priority standards for the Alaska ELA (English/Language Arts) standards. I wish you a safe and restful spring break with your families.

Margaret



*You can make snow into whatever you want it to be!  
Kamron & Josiah make a motorcycle.*



# Student Testing Coming Soon!

Spring Break begins in one week. NNS staff will have a teacher inservice day on Friday, March 7 and students will not have school March 7-14. March is a short month for us and Alaska SBA testing week is right around the corner starting the first week of April for students in grades 3-5. We want to take this time to emphasize to all our families how important it is every day and especially during testing that our students get a good night's sleep, a good breakfast, and attend school on time. Students in grades 3-5 will take the tests the first week in April. All students who show up to school on time each of the first three testing days (before 9:00 AM) and take the test, will participate in a celebration at the Nikiski Pool.

## Substitutes Needed!!!

Interested in substituting as a teacher, secretary, custodian or aide? The FINAL substitute training for this school year will be **March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

Contact Randi Broyles at 714-8845 to reserve

# Spelling Bee Champion Shannon Pitt



Congratulations to this year's NNS Spelling BEE Champion (and 'repeat' champion from last year!) 4<sup>th</sup> grader -

## Shannon Pitt!

*Shannon will represent NNS at the state spelling bee on February 28<sup>th</sup>!*

Congratulations to all the students who performed with great poise and ability at the school bee!

2<sup>nd</sup> place: **Brenden Boehme**  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: **Trey Sanguinetti**  
4<sup>th</sup> place: **Jessica Perry, Carly Johnson, Michael Stillings**

Also a superb job to the other classroom representatives competing:

**Kobe McCaughey, Braeden Porter, Weston Dohse, Celina Martinez, Cody Good, Trista Apted, Emily Durfee, Dylan Harris, Boden Quiner, Alex Johnson .**



# Forensic Stars

## 2nd Grade

### MULTIPLES POETRY

Maggie Grenier & Lorenzo Elias - 1st place

## 3rd Grade

### HUMOROUS POETRY

Braeden Porter - 1st place

Mya Akers - 2nd place

Neo Patiag - 3rd place

### NON-HUMOROUS POETRY

Bailey Limric - 1st place

Elyshia Benner - 2nd place

### SINGLES INTERPRETIVE READING

Tim Gillen - 1st place

### MULTIPLES POETRY

Jessica Perry & Savanna Stock - 1st place

### MULTIPLES INTERPRETIVE READING

Isabella Wolfe & Celina Martinez - 1st place

Lilly Anderson & Society Spurgeon - 2nd place

Matthew Barndt & Braydon Whiteside - 3rd place

## 4th Grade

### HUMOROUS POETRY

Carly Johnson - 1st place

Trista Apled - 2nd place

Patrick Henry - 3rd place

### NON-HUMOROUS POETRY

Trinity Langston - 1st place

### MULTIPLES POETRY

Cadence Selanoff & Dianne Nasibog - 1st place

Simon Grenier, Griffin Gray, & Wyatt Stormer - 2nd

Jaycee Tauriainen, Camry Ellis, & Rylee Ellis - 2nd place

### MULTIPLES INTERPRETIVE READING

Olivia Easley & Calie Liebes - 1st place

Jason Martin, Lucas Graham, Elizabeth Leavitt, Sammy

Napoka, & Kalee Mistecka - 2nd place

## 5th Grade

### HUMOROUS POETRY

Brenden Boehme - 1st place

Kallie McCaughey - 2nd place

Trey Sanguinetti - 3rd place

### MULTIPLES POETRY

Emilee Braun & Karley Harden - 1st place

Koleman McCaughey & John Akers - 2nd place

### INTERPRETIVE READING

Ethan Redfern - 1st place

Cailin Yeager - 2nd place

Jace Desiena - 3rd place

Brady Evoy - Judges Choice Award for bravery and flexibility (had to do both parts on his own)

### MULTIPLES INTERPRETIVE READING

Kalei Biamonte, Travis VanCurler & Kyle Malston - 1st place

Faith Burleson & Laila Olsen - 2nd place

### MULTIPLES PROSE

Emily Hufford, Piper Rucker & Stephen Foster - 1st place

JD Marshall & Boden Quiner - 2nd place



## Early Release Day Survey

The Kenai Peninsula School District would like you to complete a brief three question survey regarding the early release days. "Now that you are familiar with these shortened student school days, we want to receive your feedback on them. Please complete these questions, and provide your optional comments. Thank you very much for your time." – Dr. Steve Atwater, superintendent

The survey is open February 6 - March 7, 2014 and can be found at the school district website:

[www.KPBSD.org](http://www.KPBSD.org) under the **Students/Parents** tab, click on **Surveys**



### ZUMBA FITNESS FAMILY CLASS – WHERE FITNESS IS FUN!

Move to rhythms from around the world in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. We all want to be healthier and set a good example for our children, and here's your chance! Bring the kids, bring grandma, bring a friend to the Boys & Girls Club Zumba class! No experience necessary.

**MONDAY'S 4-4:45 pm in the Gym**

**KIDS & FACULTY FREE!!! \$3 adults**

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**APPLICATION**  
**Health Curriculum Review Committee**  
**(Grades K-12)**  
**Application Deadline March 7, 2014**

Committee membership is open to community members, parents, teachers, and students interested in reviewing and developing the district's health curriculum.

Persons interested in working on the Health Curriculum Review Committee are asked to return this application to Natalie Kohler by March 7, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Committee selections will be based on potential contributions to the group and districtwide representation. Committee membership will be announced on March 21, 2014.

The first Curriculum Review Meeting is *tentatively* scheduled for:

**Tuesday April 22, 2014 – time and location TBA**

Name:		
School:		
Grade/Assignment:		
Message Phone:		
<p>In a separate document, please <b>attach</b> a brief explanation of why you are applying for the curriculum revision committee and how you will contribute to the curriculum revision process.</p>		

**Please note, applying for the curriculum revision committee does require time outside of regular school hours. Meetings will be scheduled for late May, June and August, 2014 and could possibly continue intermittently during the 2015-2016 school year if necessary.**

**Administrator Approval Required (For teachers & students)**

Forward your completed form to your building administrator.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Administrator's signature

**Applications must be returned to Natalie Kohler (Curriculum Office) by Friday, March 7 at 4:00 p.m.**





# Title I Pre-K Classes

**FREE FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

Monday through Friday, half days.

## Screening Appointments:

(For the 2014-15 school year)

**April 17, 2014**



Contact **Nikiski North Star Elementary**  
for an appointment by **April 16th**  
**776-2600**

Contact your school to receive an application. Your screening appointment will be made when your application is received by the school. The purpose of the screening is to determine Kindergarten readiness. Transportation is **not** provided to and from the Pre-K program. Students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2014.



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# Physical Activity Log

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Start date \_\_\_\_\_ End date \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed log by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Be active 30 minutes or more at least 3 times per week. Write down your activity or color in the boxes for the days you are physically active for at least a half hour.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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