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

May 3
Zinck, Cox, Hufford Retirement
NNS Library - 4:00pm

May 6
Site Council Mtg.
Lounge - 3:45pm

May 6 - 10
Teacher Appreciation Week!

May 8
CC SOM Lunch w/ Ms. Callahan
Library @ 12:00pm

May 10
Parent Input Forms Due!

May 13
NNS/NMHS Band Concert
NNS Gym - 10:15am

PTA Meeting
Lounge- 3:45 pm

May 15
3rd - 5th Grade Concert
NMHS Auditorium - 6:30pm

May 17
Hershey Track & Field
NMHS Track - 9 am

May 20
5th Grade Promotion
NNS Gym - 9:15am

May 22
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL !
EOY Awards Assembly
All School Picnic



Principal Points

Dear NNS Students and Parents,

It's hard to believe it's almost the end of the school year. We've been busy with PreK screenings, Kindergarten Roundup, and soon we'll begin our end of the year benchmark testing. At 9:15am on May 20, we will be celebrating our 5th grade students in a 5th grade promotion ceremony in our gym.



Seth & Austin are conducting a "hair analysis" under the microscope.

Attached to this newsletter you will find an updated Parent Input form. Please note that teacher assignments are subject to change and frequently do change based on final grade level student numbers. Teachers will be reviewing the Parent Input forms. All Parent Input forms are due May 10th by 4:00 PM. The following week, we will be starting the process of making possible placements with final lists completed and posted in the fall. If your family will be moving over the summer, please let our office know. If you find this out in the middle of the summer, please leave a message in the office and we'll get your message when our office staff return in August. Your help with this greatly assists us with our fall registration process and helps us send your child's educational records to their new school in a timely manner.

Congratulations to Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Shanette Wik for once again winning the 21st Century grant! Our NNS family is absolutely thrilled that our Nikiski Clubhouse will continue to operate in our school for the next five years! We also want to take a moment and thank each member of the Nikiski Clubhouse team for all they have done and continue to do for our students.

On a personal note, I want to thank you for your kindness and support for our school and myself over these past three years. I have truly enjoyed working with you and your family and I wish you a very happy and enjoyable summer with new adventures and time to relax and spend time together.

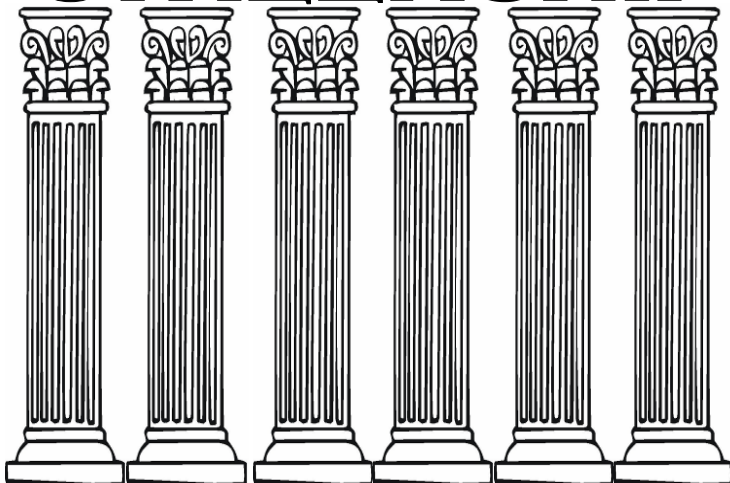


April Character Counts! Students of the Month

Jameson Harney	Aspen Hooper
Sabena Christofferson	America Jeffreys
Savannah Ley	Levi Kimbell
Noah Douglas	Carter Eiter
Brooklynn Biamonte	Brody Dupuis
Dylan Richie	Wyatt Stormer
Delen Byrd	Avery White
Jasmine Durfee	Everett Chamberlain
Savanna Stock	Isabella Smith



THE PILLAR FOR MAY IS... CITIZENSHIP



PTA News

- ◆ The final PTA General Membership Meeting will be May 13th at 3:45 – 2013/2014 incoming PTA officers will be announced.
- ◆ Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th through 10th. Please contact Samantha Playle if you are able to help.
- ◆ End of year picnic May 22nd. Open to entire family. Lots of food and prizes.

State PTA Reflections Winners

HONORABLE MENTION

Film/Video Production

- ◆ **Aubree Day**

Photography

- ◆ **Danielle Eley**
- ◆ **Boden Quiner**
- ◆ **Tika Zimmerman**

Visual Arts

- ◆ **Liam Quiner**
- ◆ **Averi Wolf**
- ◆ **Gracie Wolf**

FINALIST

Photography

- ◆ **Cecily Quiner**

Summer School

This summer Boys and Girls Club will be running our morning summer school program as part of their summer program. Summer School begins on June 3 and runs four days a week Monday through Thursday for four weeks. Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day. Students will participate in a variety of activities including reading, art, science experiments, and problem solving. Please contact Shanette Wik at 776-2668 for information about program times and bus schedules. Please contact your child's teacher with questions about the academic program.

Lindy Cox, Wally Hufford & Brian Zinck's RETIREMENT PARTY!

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD

NNS LIBRARY at 4:00PM


LINDY, WALLY & BRIAN HAVE DECIDED TO GO AND "LIVE THE GOOD LIFE" WITHOUT US. COME HELP US CELEBRATE ALL THESE REMARKABLE PEOPLE!

LET'S SHOW 'EM
JUST HOW MUCH WE'RE
GONNA MISS 'EM!



Nikiski North Star Student Supplies 2013-2014

Kindergarten

- 
- 2 pink erasers
 - 1 folder
 - 10 large (.74 oz) sticks of glue
 - 2 box small crayons (16 or 24/box)
 - 2 packages #2 pencils
 - 1 pair of scissors
 - 2 boxes of tissues
 - 1 pair tennis shoes

Supplies will be shared with all classmates.

1st Grade

- 1 Folder
- 2 boxes crayons - 16 or 24 per box
- 6 large (4oz) glue sticks
- 2 box of tissues
- 2 spiral bound notebooks (wide rule)
- 2 dozen #2 pencils with eraser
- 2 pink pearl erasers
- 1 pair of tennis shoes
- 1 pair scissors

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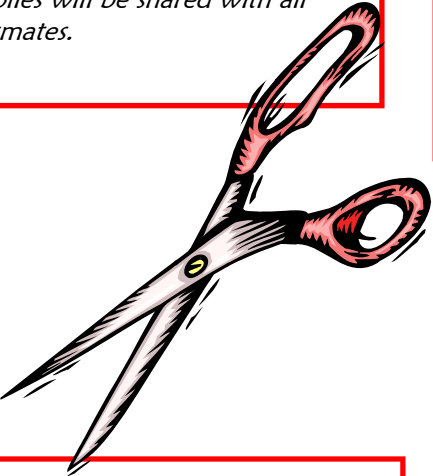
2nd Grade

Please send a pair of gym shoes to keep at school.

- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 2 dozen #2 pencils
- 1 metal scissors (Fiskars work best)
- 1 small box for pencils and crayons
- 2 pink pearl erasers (please no pencil top erasers)
- 3 large glue sticks
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 black Sharpie markers
- 3 black Expo markers (dry erase)
- 2 each highlighters (pink, yellow, green)
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 pair gym shoes

Please, no binders, trapper keepers or mechanical pencils

3rd Grade

- 
- 1 pkg ruled paper
 - 1 box crayons (24)
 - 3 large glue sticks
 - 2 doz #2 pencils (*Ticonderoga is best*)
 - 2 spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
 - 1 box Kleenex
 - 1 box colored pencils
 - 1 pair Fiskar scissors
 - 2 black Sharpie markers
 - 2 pink pearl erasers (no pencil top erasers please)
 - 1 pair gym shoes
 - 2 each highlighters (pink, yellow, green)

PLEASE no binders/trapper keepers

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4th Grade

- 1 pair scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 packet of pencils #2
- 1 box crayons
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 2 packets of wide rule loose leaf paper
- 2 each highlighters (pink, yellow, green)
- 1 pair gym shoes



5th Grade

- 1 3-ring 1 1/2-inch binder with pockets in front and back (No zippered or over-sized binders please)
- 2 pkg. lined notebook paper
- 2 3-holed, lined-paper notebooks (spiral or perforated pages)
- 6 notebook divider pages
- 1 reinforced, 3-holed zippered pencil pouch
- 5 blue ballpoint correcting pens
- 1 12" ruler w/ centimeters and inches
- 1 pair quality scissors
- 2 pink pearl erasers
- 3 large glue sticks (not purple)
- 1 pkg. colored pencils
- 1 large box of tissues
- 1 pair gym shoes

Optional:
colored markers

** Teachers may require additional supplies pertaining to their particular class.*

PTA will NOT be selling supplies in the Fall.

Parent Input Form 2013-14

Each spring we give parents the opportunity to provide input into the classroom placement of their child for the following school year. This input can be very helpful to the school staff when placing students into classes. This form will be used by Ms. Callahan, classroom teachers and the school's Intervention Team to assist in making these placement decisions. If you have questions about the placement process, please see Ms. Callahan.

So that your input may be considered during the placement process, this form must be returned to the school office no later than **Friday, May 10th at 4:00 p.m.** Forms returned after that date **will not** be considered in the placement process.

Please note that we do not ask "Which teacher would you like your child to have next year?" There are several reasons for this, including the fact that teaching staff often changes over the summer, as do teaching assignments. As a result of these two factors and many others, the class lists will not be posted until the week before school starts. Be aware that forms returned to the office that request a specific teacher are not considered in the same manner as forms that provide information about the type of desired learning environment.

Factors which we will consider in addition to the parent input form when placing students into classes for next year include:

Teacher recommendation	Academic needs
Student learning style	Behavioral needs
Teacher teaching style	Gender

We place students based on the needs of all children in our school. Parent input is a valuable source of information we take into serious consideration, however balancing the needs of all children is our first priority. Our teachers and staff spend a tremendous amount of time discussing and planning student placement and developing class lists, and we always strive to balance classes so that they contain a mix of academic abilities and other student characteristics such as adaptability, independence, behavior, special interests and gender.

Please remember this form is due back in the office by May 10th at 4:00 p.m.

On the back of this form, please describe the teaching environment you feel best suits your child's needs. Consider things such as: Classroom Structure, Organization and Activity/Volume Level, Split/Combined Classes. A reminder that all comments should be kept positive and focused on student learning. *Teachers will be viewing parent input forms to assist with the best placement for your child.*

Thoughts you might want to consider when giving input:

- A structured learning environment with clear expectations.
- Strong classroom management plan.
- Students actively engaged in hands-on learning.
- A nurturing environment.
- Lots of cooperative learning – students working together to achieve goals.
- Quiet classroom.
- A strong focus on students being organized.
- Male or female teacher.
- What do you think about combined classes? If your child is a kindergartner, would you like them to be in a class of all kindergartners or would you consider a K/1 split where there would be some 1st graders in the class as well? What if you have a 5th grader? What do you think about a 4th/5th combination? Possible student combinations that are a distraction for your student.

*If you have additional thoughts you would like to share with **only** Ms. Callahan, please feel free to contact her.*

