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# Shooting Star Scoop

## November 2018

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

#### November 1

P/T Conferences  
NO SCHOOL

Final day for Book Fair

#### November 2

P/T Conferences  
NO SCHOOL

#### November 9

Veteran's Day Assembly  
10:45am - Gym

#### November 19

Site Council Mtg  
3:45pm - Lounge

#### November 21

Early Release Day  
SCHOOL OUT AT 2PM

#### November 22 - 23

Thanksgiving Break  
NO SCHOOL

#### November 29

PTA Meeting  
Lounge - 3:45pm

### Principal Points

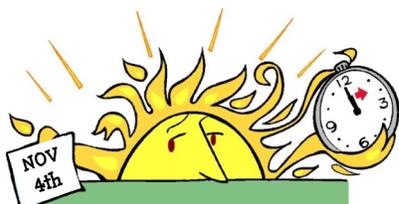
- KPBSD Budget Meeting** – NNS and Nikiski Middle High School Site Councils will have a meeting to discuss the KPBSD budget on Tuesday, October 30 @ 6:00 pm at Nikiski Middle High School. All are welcome to attend this meeting and provide input as well as learn more about the KPBSD budget.
- Holiday Food Drive** – We started our food collection a little earlier this year so we can help to provide food at Thanksgiving and Christmas for families in need. Each classroom has a box for collections. We appreciate your generosity to help our NNS families!
- Personalized Learning** – What is PL? Here is a great description for you: "Personalized learning is tailoring learning for each student's strengths, needs and interests-- including enabling student voice and choice in what, how, when, and where they learn-- to provide flexibility and supports to ensure mastery at the highest standards possible." At NNS we have been working on implementing this since last year. I encourage you to talk with your student and ask them some questions to help them reflect on what they are learning at NNS.
- Veteran's Day Assembly** – We will be hosting our Veteran's Day Assembly on Friday, November 9 @ 2:15 in the gym. This will be a great opportunity for us to recognize the sacrifice of those who serve in the military and the family members of those who serve. If you are a member of the Nikiski North Star community and you have previously served or are currently serving in the military, I invite you to join us so you can be recognized at the assembly.
- Fall Carnival** – Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who helped our school to put on the carnival. This is a fundraising event for PTA and was quite a successful event. In particular, I would like to thank our PTA executive board members Jessica Farmer, Jamie Savely, Amber McGlasson, and Taylor McGahan for countless hours preparing for the carnival, setting up, and working non-stop the day of the event.

Margaret



Kayleb and Bryce dissect a squid!

Don't Forget  
Daylight Savings!



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# MIND A-MAZES!

Please congratulate the following students for representing NNS admirably at the district "Mind A-Mazes" meet this past Saturday! \*Milly Hornung, Emery Quick, Abby White, Alena Ellis, Levi Ellis, Jackson Hooper, Elijah Brigham, Joey Nightingale, and Sophia Whitaker.



*"The Cabin Sisters" team of Emery Quick, Milly Hornung, Alena Ellis, and Abigail White tied for highest NNS score on their device and had the highest NNS overall score!*

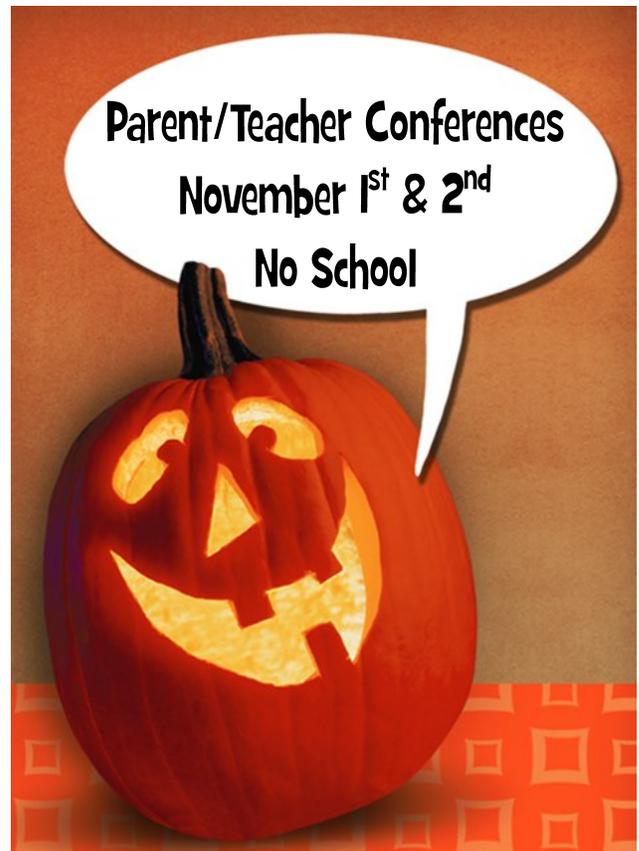


*"Nuts and Bolts" team of Levi Ellis, Joey Nightingale, Elijah Brigham, and tied for highest NNS score on the long-term device challenge!*



*"Mousetrap Masters" team of Jackson Hooper and Milly Hornung (fill-in) had the highest NNS score on the Spontaneous Challenge!*

Each of these 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams largely handled the pressure of being a rookies at the meet, showed gracious sportsmanship when teams needed a boost, and had fun!





## Yearbooks On Sale

Calling all Artists! This year's Reflections theme is "Heroes Around Me" and projects are due to the school by December 3rd! Remember that last year we sent 15 projects to state and 4 to nationals! We are looking to do even better this year, so put on your artist hat and get to creating! Contact Heather Baker with any questions 776-2600.

Be on the lookout for yearbook order forms to come home during parent teacher conferences. You can also order online. If you ordered your child's school pictures online, you may have an email from Lifetouch. Yearbooks are \$15 this year and will be created and published completely by 4th grade students at NNS! Contact Heather Baker with any questions.

## On-line Lunch Payments

There is a new feature on the on-line payments: **Set up Auto Replenish**

Accounting has worked with RevTrak and it has been activated, as of 10/04/18. It is a great feature, parents can set up account and money will automatically replenish students account.

I set up Auto Replenish, when my daughter eats her last lunch it will automatically replenishes \$20.00. Parents can set it up with any amount.

### **Instructions for parents**

- Parent log in to PowerSchool
- Click Lunch & Fees
- Student Fees
- Click Visit our school store
- Log in or create New Account
- Click Food Service Payments
- Parent has option: **Make one-time** payment or set up **Auto Replenish**

## KPBSD Budget Development Meeting

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District requests input from staff, parents, and community members at the districtwide KPBSD budget development meeting, scheduled at various locations throughout the district on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Please check [here](#) for specific locations.

As new budget information becomes available, it will be posted here: <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=38>. If you have questions, please call Natalie Bates at 714-8888.



# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## HEALTH SERVICES

### Keeping Children in at Recess When to Keep Your Child Home

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Every day a variety of coughs, runny noses and flu are in our school. Each day some students are just beginning to be ill while others are recovering. In this letter I would like to clarify:

- our general procedure for keeping students in at recess
- general criteria for keeping your child home

#### **General Procedure for Keeping Students In at Recess**

Every day our classrooms are filled with a variety of people in various stages of wellness and illness. Indoor air can be very dry, especially in the winter, and also irritating to the nose and throat. These situations help transmit illness and discourage healing. A child who spends all day in the classroom tends to become drowsy and sluggish and has difficulty finishing his/her work.

Fresh moist air and mild outdoor exercise are better than remaining indoors, even for a mildly ill child, as long as they are dressed appropriately. Our school carefully checks for inclement weather such as strong winds, rain or extremely cold temperatures, including the wind chill factor, right before recess. In these cases all the children are kept indoors or the recess time is shortened as needed.

If your child is recovering from an illness, a note from you is appreciated. We then evaluate your child before each recess. If your child has been acting normally during class time and doesn't appear ill, your child will be instructed to dress warmly and walk around in the fresh air. They may also be instructed to only participate in half of the recess time. If there are other issues that complicate your child's illness, please be sure to discuss these with the teacher and nurse. Our goal is always to help your child be as successful as possible in the classroom.

#### **When to Keep Your Child Home**

**Children should not be sent to school if** they have vomited during the night, have diarrhea, have had a fever of 100° or greater during the past 24 hours, or have a frequent, persistent cough. These conditions do not allow your child to participate in the educational environment of the classroom and are usually contagious to the other children and the staff. In addition, if you feel your child needs an over-the-counter cold, flu or pain reliever in the morning due to illness, please don't send him/her to school. In most cases students who have received such medication are not able to remain in the classroom once the medication has worn off.

Thank you for partnering with us to help provide the most healthful environment possible for your child and for all of us in our school.



# Nikiski North Star

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

It's time for our Annual Food Drive for the Nikiski Food Pantry. This year we are focusing on collecting items that are needed to fill the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Boxes. Each class is assigned a specific food to collect. The class from each hallway that collects the most items by November 16<sup>th</sup> will win a Classroom Prize!

*\*As always, any non-perishable foods are welcome and will be used.\**

Mrs. Baker – Canned Gravy

Mrs. Barnes – Evaporated Milk

Mrs. Burnett – Evaporated Milk

Mrs. Bostic – Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Mrs. Cotroneo – Canned Cranberries

Mrs. Heath – Canned Green Beans

Mrs. Hooper – Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Mrs. Mayberry – Canned Gravy

Mrs. Redfern – Canned Fruit\*

Mrs. Segura – Canned Corn

Mrs. Settemeyer – Canned Corn

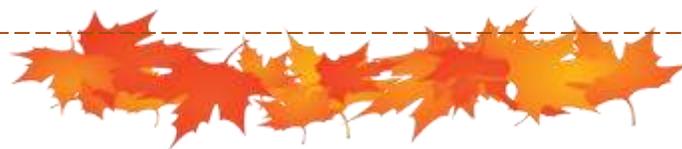
Miss Stein – Canned Green Beans

Mrs. Taurianinen – Canned Fruit\*

Mrs. Thye – Canned Fruit\*

Mrs. Trammell – Canned Cranberries

\*Canned Fruit = Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail



# Cinnamon Rolls!



## Order Form

**Available for 2 weeks ONLY at Nikiski North Star**  
**From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bakers!**

November 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> AND November 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

\$2 each OR \$20/dozen.

I/we would like \_\_\_\_\_ cinnamon rolls.

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Payment must be enclosed to reserve rolls; please make checks out to NNStar.)**

**Cinnamon roll orders will be filled on a first come/first served order. \***

Check one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send my cinnamon roll order home with my child when my order is ready.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please call me when my order is ready to be picked up. # \_\_\_\_\_

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, is in \_\_\_\_\_'s class.

This order placed by \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders at NNS Thank You!**

*You may turn order forms in at the office or give to Mrs. Heath.*

*\*If you need your order on a specific date, please note that here, and we will do our best to make it happen. ☺ \_\_\_\_\_*