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# Shooting Star Scoop

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

**Sept 30 - Oct 4**  
Spirit Week

**October 4**  
Picture Retake Day

**October 7 & 8**  
Fire Safety Training

**October 8**  
Joint Site Council  
4pm - NMHS

**October 16 & 17**  
PTA Costume Sale  
3:45 - 5pm

**October 17**  
Earthquake Drill  
10:17am

End of Quarter Assembly  
Primary - 2 pm,  
Interm - 2:30pm

**October 18**  
Teacher Inservice  
NO SCHOOL

**October 21 - October 26**  
Book Fair in Library

**October 24 & 25**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
NO SCHOOL

**October 26**  
Fall Carnival  
1 - 4pm

**October 30**  
Early Release Day  
School out at 2:00pm

### Principal Points

The chill is in the air as an Alaskan fall makes its brief appearance. The temperatures are dropping and snow could appear anytime. We encourage everyone to begin pulling out those winter coats, hats, mittens, boots, and snow pants so they are ready to go as the temperatures continue to drop. While snow pants and boots may not be needed quite yet, the winter coats, hats and mittens are good for students to begin bringing to school. Kids enjoy going outside and playing in the fresh air. It's always more enjoyable when they are warm while doing so.



*Even the Lunch Ladies went crazy on Crazy Hair Day!*

The school year is off to a great start and routines are in place. Thank you again for your diligence in following safety rules in our new parking lot. Please remember to plan accordingly when planning appointments for your child that you try to work them around our school schedule. Every day at school is important and we miss your child if he/she is not here.

An academic focus for our school this year is math. Alaska, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, have adopted new math standards. The new standards are more in-depth and more rigorous than in previous years. We welcome this challenge because it provides even more oppor-

tunity to prepare our students academically for future learning. Please support your students at a grade appropriate level as they are mastering these new concepts. Talking about math with your child, showing when you use math in everyday life, counting objects, and of course practicing math facts are great ways to share the importance of math with your child. I thank you in advance for your support in this endeavor. October is fire safety month and once again Nikiski North Star is fortunate to have firefighters from Nikiski Fire Department come work with our students. They will be in our school on October 7 and 8 teaching kids about fire safety techniques. We are so fortunate to have the support of Nikiski Fire Department at our school.

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## Points continued

We are also getting very excited about our upcoming fall carnival! Many volunteers are needed on Friday, October 25 and for several shifts on Saturday, October 26. PTA members and NNS staff will be setting up for the carnival on October 25. On Saturday, we need many volunteers to take turns running booths, the concession stand, replenish prize and candy buckets, and tear everything down at the end. The fall carnival this year will begin at 1:00 PM and end at 4:00 PM. The carnival is a fun, family event designed for elementary school students so all costumes and language should be **G-rated**. We ask for your help with this. It is never enjoyable to turn someone away from the carnival for wearing or saying something inappropriate. We hope this year to be able to invite everyone who shows up to enjoy the carnival!

Margaret



# Picture Retake Day!

## Friday, October 4th

This is your chance if you were:

- Absent
- Didn't buy the first time
- Need Retakes



# BOOK FAIR

*Shop the annual NNS  
Scholastic Book Fair during  
conferences and the Carnival.*

## October 21 - 26



# Nikiski North Star Elementary

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September 27, 2013

Dear Parent:

I hope that your child is having a great year at Nikiski North Star Elementary. Our teachers have worked hard for many years to prepare themselves for the challenging and rewarding role of providing a quality education for your child.

To that end, I wanted to share with you that our teachers have met all the criteria established by the State of Alaska's Department of Education and Early Development, as well as the criteria established by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, to obtain their teaching credentials and hold a teaching position with our school district.

In addition, the teachers listed below have acquired the "highly federally qualified" designation required under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002. This is a wonderful accomplishment on their parts. You are certainly welcome to request, through your principal, information about the professional qualifications of your child's teacher.

ARMSTRONG, ROSE	ELEMENTARY K-6	HEATH, MONICA	ELEMENTARY K-6
BARNES, KRISTINE	ELEMENTARY K-6	HOOPER, HEATHER	ELEMENTARY K-6
BEAHM, CHRISTINA	MUSIC	MATSON, SHERRY	ELEMENTARY K-6
BERG, HEIDI	ELEMENTARY K-6	MAYBERRY, EMILY	ELEMENTARY K-6
BOSTIC, ADRIANNE	ELEMENTARY K-6	PALA, KAREN	ELEMENTARY K-6
BOYLE, OWEN	ELEMENTARY K-6	REDFERN, BRIANNA	ELEMENTARY K-6
BURNETT, MICHELLE	ELEMENTARY K-6	SETTLEMYER, KATY	ELEMENTARY K-6
DILUCCHIO, HEATHER	ELEMENTARY K-6	SHERK, KARMA	ELEMENTARY K-6
ERWIN, TANYA	ELEMENTARY K-6	THYE, ROBIN	ELEMENTARY K-6
FLOYD, WAYNE	ELEMENTARY K-6	TRAMMELL, KIMBERLY	ELEMENTARY K-6
GILMAN, MARGARET	MS ENGLISH/LA HS ENGLISH	UPDIKE, SADIE	ELEMENTARY K-6
GREEN, MICHELLE	ELEMENTARY K-6	VANN, HEIDI	ELEMENTARY K-6
		YOUNG, TRICIA	ELEMENTARY K-6

Our district is fully committed to the success of your child. We appreciate your partnership in our efforts. With parental and community involvement supporting our teachers and administration, together we will ensure that success.

Sincerely,

Margaret Gilman  
Principal  
Nikiski North Star Elementary

# Nikiski North Star Elementary



Sept 30th - Oct 4th

**Monday**

## Alaska Day

Represent your state with your Alaska Gear! T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Pins etc. Are you Alaska Grown?!

**Tuesday**



## Mustache Day

Can you grow a mustache? Today is mustache day!



**Wednesday**

## Backwards/Inside Out Day

Do you sometimes put your clothes on backwards or inside out? Well today is the day to do it! Wear your shirts and pants

**Thursday**

## Bulldog/NMHS Gear Day

Wear T-shirt, Sweatshirt, Jersey, with NMHS mascot—Bulldog or simply wear NMHS colors: Black, white or silver. We will have a special performance by NMHS Cheerleaders @ lunch!

**Friday**

## School Spirit Day

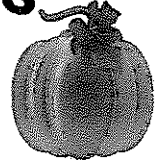
Lets show some school spirit!  
Wear as much Blue & Gold as you can.

Happy Spirit Week!

THANK YOU TO THE MANY SPONSORS!

The Nikiski North Star Elementary Fall Carnival would not be possible without your kind donations.

# Nikiski North Star Elementary's 36th Annual Fall Carnival



FUNKY HAIR

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 26TH,

1:00 ~ 4:00 PM

FACE  
PAINTING by  
Fantasy Faces

Concession Stand  
All items \$1.00 or less  
Hotdogs, Nachos,  
Pretzels, Frito Pies, So-  
da & Cotton Candy!

KIDDIE  
GAMES

Costume Contest

Starts @ 2:00

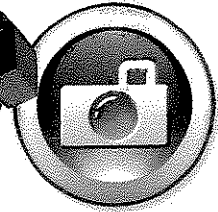
SILENT AUCTION  
THEMED BASKETS



Cake  
TREN

Awesome  
Prizes

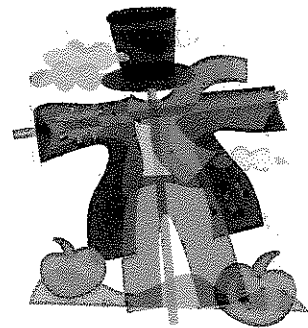
TRICK OR TREAT ALLEY



- We are looking forward to a number of new additions to the carnival this year, including MORE games!!
- Please contact Samantha Playle at 394-2320 to volunteer for this awesome community event or sign up on the volunteer board located at the schools front entrance.
- We are also collecting candy and used costumes in the bins by the PTA Board at the schools front entrance.

.25¢ Tickets,  
most games  
2-3 tickets each.

# Fall Carnival 2013



It's time again for our annual PTA Fall Carnival. This year the carnival will be on Saturday, October 26th, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. For the past 37 years the elementary schools in Nikiski have put on this carnival. Now Nikiski North Star is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of continuing this great community tradition where we can see our neighbors and have fun with our families in a safe, fun environment.

This is one of our largest fund raisers of the year and the money we make is used to help fund activities for our students. We need a lot of help from you to make this carnival a success.

We will once again have baskets for silent auction. Classroom teachers and students have been assigned a theme for their basket, such as, "Coffee Lovers", "Family Fun", "Ski Basket" and many more. If you would like to assist with donations please ask your child or classroom teacher for the theme they have chosen. Your contribution to the classroom basket is appreciated!

Look forward to our annual "Costume Sale". We have been collecting new/gently used costumes to re-sell at an affordable cost. The donation bin is next to the PTA Board at the schools front entrance.

Please return the bottom portion of this letter to the school or sign up on our PTA Board located at the schools front entrance if you are able to help out. If you have any questions about the carnival, please call or email Samantha Playle at 394-2320 or [samantha.playle@yahoo.com](mailto:samantha.playle@yahoo.com)

We are looking forward to a number of new additions to the Fall Carnival this year!

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I can donate the following items:

\_\_\_\_\_ Candy for carnival & Trick or Treat Alley

\_\_\_\_\_ Baked goods for Cake Walk (# \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ Misc. assignments

I can volunteer to work:

\_\_\_\_\_ Run a Booth for 30 min

\_\_\_\_\_ Set Up / Clean Up

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_