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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

October 1

PTA Meeting
3:45pm - Lounge

October 2

Picture Retake Day
Library

October 5 - 7

Fire Safety Training

October 12

NNS Site Council Meeting
3:45pm - Lounge

October 16

Teacher Inservice
NO SCHOOL

October 24

Fall Carnival
2 - 5pm

October 26 - October 30

Book Fair in Library

October 28

Early Release Day
School out at 2:00pm

October 29 & 30

Parent/Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL



Principal Points

The weather forecast called for snow today. Hard to believe that winter may already be upon us! 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 gear is 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.



Mrs. Heath's class harvested over 382 lbs of potatoes at the Food Bank!

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 parking lot. Just as a reminder, if you are dropping off or picking up your students please use the parent pick-up/drop off lane closest to the school. If you would like to escort your student into the building please park your car in the parking lot and accompany your child across the crosswalk and into the school. For pre-K parents who are bringing students for the afternoon session I would ask that you park in the parking lot and escort your student into the building. The lane next to the building should not be used for unattended vehicles.

Nikiski North Star is once again participating in the Innisbrook fundraiser. This fundraiser is an opportunity for us to raise money which helps to pay for class field trips, visiting authors and other family nights. Please make sure your students only sell items to people they know and don't allow your children to do door to door sales. I appreciate your support for this fundraiser. Ask your students what the class with the most sales will be able to choose as a reward. Here is the conversation starter, it involves a dunk tank.

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 October 5-7 teaching kids about fire safety techniques. This year they are also going to be talking with our 5th grade students about firefighting as a career and giving the students an idea of what training and qualifications a firefighter may need. We appreciate their willingness to talk with our students about the importance of education as it relates to their careers.

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I have positive news to report about school attendance. Our school attendance rate for this year is 95.17%. This is very close to the 96% attendance rate we need to receive a superior rating from the state. Certainly it is most important that if your child is ill, please have him or her stay home. However, we are very appreciative of the efforts families are making to arrange appointments and other engagements so students are able to attend school. October is national anti-bullying month and it provides us an opportunity to reflect on our PBIS guidelines of Safety, Respect, Responsibility, and Caring. We were invited to produce artwork around this theme which will be displayed at Triumverate Theater during the performances of "Freckle Face Strawberry". Stop by the theater during the performances and you can see our beautiful display.

Have a fabulous October!

Margaret

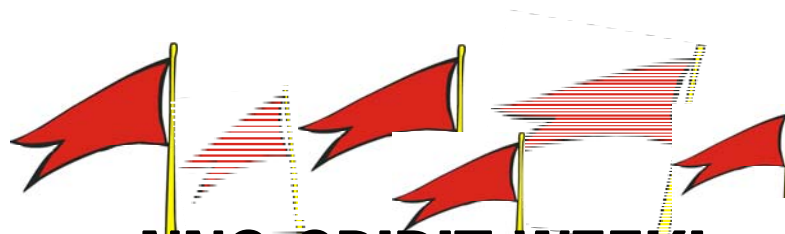


PTA News

NNS PTA would like to welcome aboard Allana Kimbell as our new secretary! We would also like to remind everyone that our fall carnival is coming up soon on October 24th. It will be from 2pm - 5pm. PTA is now accepting donations for costumes and candy. We could also use volunteers to help with decorating the school on October 23rd and running games on October 24th. If you are willing to volunteer please contact any PTA board member or Janell Grenier.

We are at it again collecting box tops for our school this year. The money collected from August thru December will go to more sleds and winter toys for the playground. So please send in your box tops, they help the school in a big way! Thank you.

We are happy to announce the 2015-16 Reflections Art's Program theme. This years Theme is: "LET YOUR IMAGINATION FLY". A copy of the Rules and Student entry forms will be located in the box near the front office. Completed forms and artwork are due no later than 3:30 pm DECEMBER 17, 2015. All students Pre-k - 5th grade can participate.



NNS SPIRIT WEEK!

October 26 - 28

Monday: SPORTS DAY

Tuesday: HAT DAY

Wednesday: TIE DYE/SCHOOL DAY



PTA FALL CARNIVAL



OCTOBER 24TH
NIKISKI NORTH STAR
2 - 5 PM

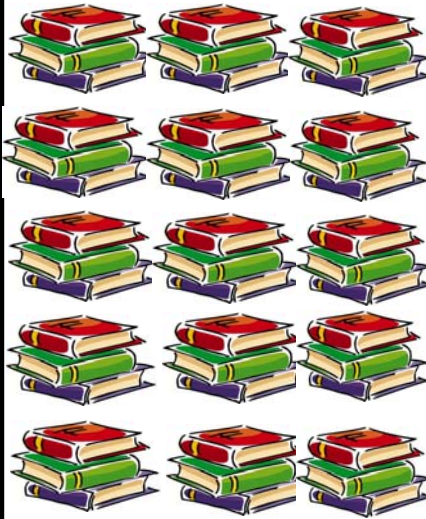




BOOK FAIR

*Shop the annual NNS
Scholastic Book Fair during
Parent/Teacher Conferences!*

OCTOBER 26 - 30

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

| Student A Reads | Student B Reads | Student C Reads |
|--|--|---|
| 20 Minutes per day | 5 Minutes per day | 1 Minutes per day |
| 3,600 mins. Per school year | 900 mins. per school year | 180 mins. per school year |
| 1,800,000 words per year | 282,000 words per year | 8,000 words per year |
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If kids start reading 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days. However, Student B will have read for 12 school days and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

**Please Check
Lost & Found**



ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED
TO CHARITY ON THE
1ST & 15TH of EVERY MONTH

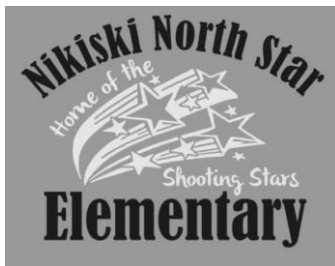
**Picture
Retakes!**

Friday, Oct. 2nd

"Say Cheese!"



Bring in your picture packet if you want retakes. This is also a chance for students who didn't get their picture taken last time to purchase pictures.



Due by October 16, 2015

2015-16 PTA CLOTHING ORDER FORM

Gray shirt with Navy NNSE and Yellow Stars

| Item | Price | S | M | L | XL | Total |
|----------------------------|-------|---|---|---|----|-------|
| Youth Unisex Short Sleeve | \$12 | | | | | |
| Youth Unisex Long Sleeve | \$15 | | | | | |
| Youth Hoodie | \$20 | | | | | |
| Ladies V-neck Short Sleeve | \$12 | | | | | |
| Ladies Long Sleeve | \$15 | | | | | |
| Unisex Short Sleeve | \$12 | | | | | |
| Unisex Long Sleeve | \$15 | | | | | |
| Unisex Hoodie | \$20 | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | |

Navy shirt with White NNSE and Yellow Stars

| Item | Price | S | M | L | XL | Total |
|----------------------------|-------|---|---|---|----|-------|
| Youth Unisex Short Sleeve | \$12 | | | | | |
| Youth Unisex Long Sleeve | \$15 | | | | | |
| Youth Hoodie | \$20 | | | | | |
| Ladies V-neck Short Sleeve | \$12 | | | | | |
| Ladies Long Sleeve | \$15 | | | | | |
| Unisex Short Sleeve | \$12 | | | | | |
| Unisex Long Sleeve | \$15 | | | | | |
| Unisex Hoodie | \$20 | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | |

More information on back

Do you want it personalized on back of the shirt for \$5 (each item)?

| Item | What do you want on it? Please print CLEARLY so it is spelled properly | Total |
|--------------|---|-------|
| | | \$5 |
| | | \$5 |
| | | \$5 |
| | | \$5 |
| | | \$5 |
| | | \$5 |
| | | \$5 |
| | | \$5 |
| Total | | |

Name _____ Student to deliver to _____

Teacher _____

| | Number ordered | Total Price |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Gray Shirts/Hoodies | | |
| Navy Shirts/Hoodies | | |
| Personalized Items | | |
| Are you a PAID PTA member? | | -\$5 from total |
| Grand Total | | |

Please make checks payable to **NNSE PTA**



For PTA Use

| Order checked by | Paid Cash | Paid Check |
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