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Shooting Star Scoop

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The monthly newsletter for Nikiski North Star Elementary

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Important Dates

October 2

Bus Evacuation Drill
3:20pm

October 7

Site Council Mtg
3:45pm in Library

October 10

Picture Retake Day
Library

October 16

Early Release Day
School out at 2:00pm

October 18

Teacher Inservice
NO SCHOOL

October 19

Fall Carnival
1:00 - 4:00pm

Oct 19 - Nov . 4

Book Fair in Library

November 1 & 4

Parent/Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL



Principal Points



- **NNS Site Council**– Nikiski Site Council will have its first meeting of the year on Monday, October 7 @ 3:45 in the teacher's lounge. All are welcome to attend and provide input into our school.
- **PBIS** – Nikiski North Star is a PBIS school, which means we use positive behavior intervention and support as a framework for our approach with students. What that means is we look for opportunity to praise and acknowledge the positive behaviors as a way to possibly prevent negative behaviors. NNS staff acknowledges positive behavior with pompoms at a school and a classroom level. Pompoms are collected in the umbrella near the office and when they get to a certain level a celebration is earned. Our first celebration was a school-wide pajama day. Maybe you saw Mr. Way's picture as he was sporting Care Bear pajamas. ☺
- **School Safety**– NNS, along with all schools in KPBSD, uses the ALICE system as our safety protocol. During the first semester of the school year I visit each class to read the "I'm not Scared, I'm Prepared" book with students and discuss age appropriate safety concerns. NNS also participates in monthly fire drills and twice a year earthquake drills. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about safety at NNS please don't hesitate to contact me.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Conferences will take place on November 1 and November 4. We look forward to this great opportunity to meet with families and discuss student accomplishments and strategies that can be used for student success. I look forward to visiting with you at conferences!
- **Volunteer Opportunities** – We welcome volunteers at NNS! Many volunteers assist with field trips and/or in the classroom and that is much appreciated. Two other volunteer opportunities include serving as a helper (with students) in the lunchroom or serving as a "Welcome Family" to support families who are new to our school. All volunteers must pass the screening process, which includes a background check. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office at 776-2600.

Margaret



Practice for the NNS
Choir has begun!

NASAExplorerSchools

Picture Retakes!

Thursday, Oct. 10th

"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.

NNS T-shirts In

The PTA hopes that everyone received their Nikiski North Star T-shirt. The small and medium shirts have arrived, if your child needed a different size. Any student who did not get a T-shirt should just let the office know.

November 1st & 4th
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
NO SCHOOL



CHECK LOST & FOUND



ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED
TO CHARITY ON THE
1st & 15th of EVERY MONTH



BOOK FAIR

Shop the annual NNS
Scholastic Book Fair during
the Carnival & Conferences!

OCT 19 - NOV 4



CANDY
NEEDED!

PTA FALL CARNIVAL

OCTOBER 19TH
NIKISKI NORTH STAR
1 - 4 PM



VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



Primary Winner
Westin Swaggert
1810 minutes!



Intermediate
Aiden Quiner
4900 minutes!

Cosmic Reading Ice Cream Celebration

Thirty participants read
56,225 minutes!



Notes from the Nurse

DON'T WANT TO GET SICK?

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water (or alcohol based hand sanitizer when water is not available) for at least 20 seconds whenever you touch things that may be handled by other people, before eating, and after using the bathroom. Remember, 20 seconds is long enough to sing the "Happy Birthday" song through twice.
- Cover your cough! By covering your cough, and sneezing or coughing into a tissue or even better, coughing or sneezing into your sleeve, you keep germs from being shared with others. This simple intervention continues to make a big difference in spreading illness at school and throughout the community!
- STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK! This includes both children and adults experiencing any of the following symptoms - fever of 100 degrees F or higher, cough, sore throat, runny and/or stuffy nose, headache and/or body aches, chills and/or fatigue, diarrhea, and vomiting. This allows schools to remain a safe and healthy place for students, staff, and community members, and we thank you for helping us with this!
- When returning to school or work, remember the 24 hour rule - Following the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, one must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without using any fever reducing medication in order to return to school or work. Additionally, KPSD guidelines support being free of vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours before return to school.



THE FACTS OF LICE

Did you know that every Monday morning your child walks into a lice-free school? Keeping it that way takes effort on everyone's part. With the holidays coming on, along with sleepovers, there is always an increase in head lice cases. What can you do?

We recommend that every week you check your child's hair and scalp for head lice. Be thorough. Even one little nit can turn into a BIG problem. Friday evening is a good time, because then you have all weekend to deal with it. Contact your school nurse if you think your child has or recently had head lice. They have information and helpful tips to share with you. They can also answer your questions. For more information, check out the Health Services Website at http://www.kpsd.k12.ak.us/students_parents.aspx?id=456

Here's to a lice-free holiday season!