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Rabbit Tales

RABBIT CREEK ELEMENTARY/13650 LAKE OTIS PARKWAY/(907)-742-5700

From The Principal

Hello Rabbit Creek families,

Thank you for a wonderful first two weeks of school! I can't begin to tell you how wonderful it is to see our returning students and all of our new ones as well. Kids are smiling and staff are as well as we enjoy the fun personalities that come with each child. Our students at Rabbit Creek have got to be the best on the planet-hands down!!!

I've been able to pop in and out of our classrooms and it's fun to see teachers building classroom communities and setting expectations for a year of success. We continue to use CHAMPS (Conversation level, Help, Activity, Movement, Participation and Success) as a common language throughout our school. Your child should be able to tell you about the different voice levels in locations of our building-ask which one we use in the classroom, in PE and on the playground. We are also in the process of forming a leadership and foundations team for our school.

Safety Information: The Superintendent and the Safety and Security department have set the expectation for every school in ASD to evacuate the school and move to their 'rally point' for a drill by the end of next week. Our school drill is tentatively set for next Thursday, with us starting with a Stay Put, moving to a Lockdown and then doing an evacuation. A Stay Put is done when a school has an event happening that requires our hallways to be empty. I've done these for multiple reasons over the years to include a student who was having a moment of high frustration or anger, to there being someone who had been ill and it was on the hallway floors. During this drill the instruction keeps happening in the classes and staff just lock their doors to keep students in the room. A lock down is done when there is something happening outside that we need to avoid. It could be police activity in the woods surrounding our school or an angry person in the office-and we would lock classroom doors, close our blinds and remain quiet in rooms. Instruction would stop in this situation as the staff would be awaiting information about whether there was a need to leave the school site. A few years ago there was a gas leak at Rabbit Creek that caused the school to evacuate. When this happened, ASD buses came and drove students to South High for pick up by families. For this drill, we have been asked to identify and evacuate to a location(s) nearby where we would head to wait for buses in such a situation. This is what we will practice-a walk to a nearby location to evacuate our school, a roll call by staff to ensure all are accounted for and a walk back to school to resume instruction.

At this time I'm working to communicate with a couple of area locations to finalize our spot as we've been unable to reach the prior location. The 'rally point' is not a location to pick up students in an emergent situation-in fact we would not be able to release students here. Instead, we would head to a larger location where we could set up stations-a Student Release station, a communications team, etc.-for student dismissal with the focus being first and foremost, student safety. As for now, please know that we will have a drill next Thursday with our students, that the word drill will be communicated repeatedly with our students and that this will be used as a learning experience for all of us to be best prepared in the event of an emergency. Feel free to mention this to your children-our teachers will be talking about it in the days prior as well. If you have questions-do reach out to me.

Some of you have noticed a slight change to our pick up line this year-the students are being asked not to run down the sidewalk to meet cars. Cars are instead asked to pull all the way to the front of the line to pick up students. This eliminates cars stopped further back that may stop the line. One area we've noticed that needs to be brought up--*if you need to get out of your car to help your child get in, it is important that you park in a spot to walk over, get your student and then help them into the vehicle that's parked in the parking lot*. *The pick up lane needs to continue to move forward at all times to speed up the process. Thank you in advance for your help with this.*

It's been a great two weeks and I'm looking forward to many more.

Ms. Kristina Peterson

Kristina Peterson, Principal
Rabbit Creek Elementary

Calendar of Events



9/2
Labor Day
no school



9/3
PTA Board Meeting
3:45 Library

9/6
Jog-A-Thon Kick-off Day

9/20
Jog-A-Thon



9/21
Southside Running Jamboree

9/24
Picture Day



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Rabbit Creek PTA
every child. one voice.

Dear Rabbit Creek Families,

I hope you and your children all have enjoyed a good first and second week back to school. Despite the smoke and some indoor recess time the first week, it was great to see so many smiling faces and kids happy to be back learning and spending time with friends at school! I'm also very excited that our school is piloting the extended recess and lunch program with 30 minutes for lunch and 30 minutes for recess daily. Thank you to Mrs. Peterson for signing us up and to the teachers who are supervising lunch in the classroom to allow for more time for kids to eat!

PTA Meeting Changes for 2019-20: Our monthly board meetings are open to everyone and generally occur the second Tuesday of each month. We have a lot coming up in the next few weeks so for the month of September, we are moving our PTA meeting up a week. It will be the 1st Tuesday, **September 3rd** (day after Labor Day) at **3:45 pm** in the Library! Our PTA exec board decided to change it up this year so every other month will be an after-school meeting. We hope that even MORE parents and staff members can join us at our after-school meetings! We will have an area where kids can sit and read in the library during the meeting if they will be with you during the meeting vs. at home. With running club happening from 3:30-4:30 we are hoping many kids will be active in that after-school for this first meeting and that we can keep the meeting from 3:45-5:00 or 5:15 pm. Please consider bringing an after-school snack and entertainment/reading materials with you for your child if they will be attending the meeting with you in the library.

Purchase Memberships, Memory Books and Spirit Wear Online!

-**If you haven't already** purchased your 2019-20 PTA membership as an individual, family or business member, you can do so on our website at <http://www.rabbitcreekpta.org> under the "Quick Links" section of our homepage. A current calendar of upcoming events is also posted. You can also click to join our "Rabbit Creek School PTA" closed Facebook page for even more current updates on school happenings!

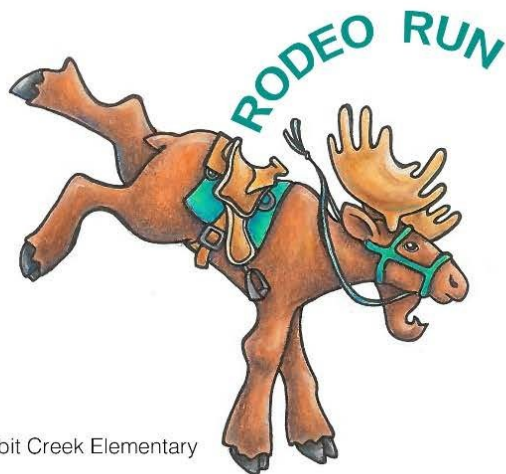
-**Spirit Wear** for Spirit Fridays can be ordered online at <http://stores.blue84spirit.com/ak03> now through Sept. 11th! Paper order forms for 6th grade tie-dye sweatshirts should be coming home soon.

-**Memory books** can be purchase online at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com> by entering ID **13268820**. These will be on sale through March 2020 but order yours now so you won't have to think about it again!

-**Important Upcoming Dates:** School Pictures are Tuesday, September 24th and the Jog-a-thon, our primary fundraiser, is Friday, September 20th during the school day (MANY volunteers needed!). Get these important dates on your calendar and we hope to see you soon at Rabbit Creek!

As always, stay informed by checking reader board at pickup and drop off, visiting our website at www.rabbitcreekpta.org or by joining our closed Facebook group "[Rabbit Creek PTA](#)". We look forward to seeing you soon at Rabbit Creek!

Respectfully,
Heather Birch
President, Rabbit Creek PTA
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Rabbit Creek Elementary

Fall weather is here and that means it's time to start gearing up for the Jog-a-Thon (JAT), Rabbit Creek's one and hopefully only school-wide fundraiser! JAT has been a long-standing tradition at Rabbit Creek and is a favorite, annual event for students, staff and parents alike. This year's JAT will be held, rain or shine, during the school day on **Friday, September 20th**. The theme for 2019 is **"Rodeo Run"**. All students will be joining together to run, jog, or walk as many laps as they can with their grade during a 20-minute timed session.

Families, including younger siblings, are invited to come out to help cheer on our RC Runners and it is sure to be a fun event with music, noisemakers, pom-poms and snacks. Please send your child to school that day with good running shoes, layered athletic clothing, hats and gloves (especially for those running in the morning), a rain coat and possibly a change of clothes--if the weather calls for rain. Fingers crossed for a sunny day!! Everyone is encouraged to dress up for our **Rodeo Run** Theme – flannel shirts, cowboy hats, big belt buckles, bandanas...be creative and have fun!

Fundraising Information: Jog-a-Thon pledge packets will be sent home on September 6th, and though fundraising for our school PTA is *completely optional*, we are asking that all pledge packets be **returned to school by September 27th**. Students may start returning pledge packets on Monday September 23th. Prizes for money raised will be distributed in mid-to-late October. Donations may be made online by credit card at <https://form.jotform.com/92247908254160>. Please remember to write in credit card pledges on your JAT pledge envelope. To make your donation go even further, check to see if your employer has a matching gift program.

Double your donation! Rabbit Creek PTA is a 501c(3) organization.

Volunteers Needed! We need lots of volunteers to make this fun event happen! A volunteer sign-up will be coming out soon. Check the Rabbit Creek PTA Facebook page for updates.

Questions? Email [Svea Lunoe](mailto:Svea.Lunoe@rabbitcreekpta.org) or [Beth Elliott](mailto:Beth.Elliott@rabbitcreekpta.org), VP's of Fundraising for RC PTA, at fundraisingvp@rabbitcreekpta.org. Looking forward to a fun time at the Jog-a-Thon!



Hi my name is Ms. Runge!

I have lived and taught in Alaska for the past five years. In my free time I love to explore the beautiful Alaskan mountains by hiking or backpacking. Recently I have begun exploring national parks outside of Alaska too. I made it to six this summer! I am so excited to be a part of the Rabbit Creek community and look forward to this school year!

We are looking for Noon Supervisors.

If you love:

PLAYING~BEING OUTSIDE~CHILDREN

Then we just might have an opportunity for you!

M-F 11:00A-1:30P

Please apply @ : [South Area Noon Duty](#)

From: Anchorage Police Department

Sunday August 18th, 2019 :: 09:00 a.m. AKDT

As always, drivers need to be extra aware of the increased amount of foot traffic we'll be seeing during school opening and closing times. Passing school busses, traveling in the same direction as you, which have their stop arm and lights activated is very illegal and dangerous. You may pass a school bus with its stop arm and lights activated if it's traveling in the opposite direction as you are AND there is a median between your lane and theirs AND there are at least two lanes traveling in each direction.

Here's the new part: As of June 20, 2019 handheld cell phone use is illegal in active school zones and/or upon school grounds. If you are caught violating this new ordinance, the fine is a big one: 6 points on your license and a \$500 fine. Here are the pertinent points to know regarding AMC 9.28.055(E)(1):

This law is in effect **6AM – 9PM** seven days a week, 365 days a year.

This law applies to all signed school zones where the speed limit is 25 mph.

This law applies to all school zones where there are temporary speed reductions to 20 mph or less (the school zones with the yellow flashing lights).

This law does NOT apply to vehicles that are stopped (ex: parked in a school parking lot) or if the mobile device is being used hands-free.



If you are in violation of this ordinance, and you cause a collision that results in injury or death, the penalty for this ordinance becomes a misdemeanor.

Our SROs have worked closely with school staff for years to make sure your students are as safe as they can be while preparing for their futures. Please help us out by keeping an open line of communication with us. If you see something – say something. Always.

Non-emergencies: 907-786-8900

The District has also created an information page on the ASD Family Involvement webpage that provides more details. <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/14596>