

Ocean View Newsletter

September
2025

Principal's Message

At Ocean View, we are committed to helping every student grow and succeed. Over the past few weeks, our students have been completing reading and math assessments. These assessments help us better understand where each child is excelling and where they may need additional support or enrichment.

We're excited to share that, based on this data, we will be launching a daily "WIN Time" – which stands for "What I Need" time. This dedicated period will allow us to provide targeted instruction based on each student's individual academic needs. Whether it's extra support, skill-building, or enrichment, WIN Time ensures that every child is getting the right instruction at the right time.

We hope to start on September 22. Before that time, teachers will be analyzing data and collaborating with each other to ensure the best placement for every child.

We're proud of the hard work our students and teachers are doing, and we look forward to seeing continued growth and success across our school!

Christina VonWalter, Principal

September

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 9/11 & 9/12 mClass testing at Ocean View
- 9/12 Zentangle Art Workshop (more info below!)
- 9/17 Picture Day
- 9/23 Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser
- 10/13 Indigenous Peoples' Day, no School
- 10/24 Fall Carnival setup
- 10/25 Fall Carnival 4-6pm at Ocean View School



Picture Day is Coming!

¡Ya llega el Día de la Foto!

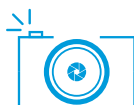
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
Ocean View Elementary School



How it Works:



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Create an account or login
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Students are
photographed on
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Orders will be sent home
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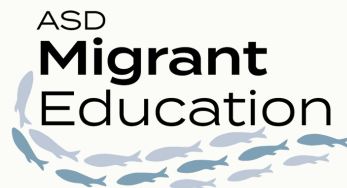
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Welcome to Ocean View!



Hi, my name is Christina Sisson. I teach music at Ocean View on Tuesday. I have been teaching since 2003, when I started out as a middle and high school band director in Florida. I have since worked in Florida, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Kansas, Arizona, Alabama, and New York. I have taught music to all ages and grades, including band, chorus, and general music. I have taught Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades in general education, and I briefly served as an Assistant Professor of Music Education at Syracuse University. It was my experience teaching music at a K-12 behavior center that set me on a new path in education, and since then, my personal teaching philosophy has completely changed. I value music education for all students - especially those in our most underserved communities. I research and publish in the area of teaching music to students with special needs and incorporating nontraditional music pedagogies in communities that are not best served with the traditional European music education model. I also just completed 14 months of non-stop travel through 35 states and 3 countries. I am happy to be here!



Did you fish or berry pick this summer?
Send Mrs. Doner a picture of you for her
bulletin board and don't forget to update
your 2025 Fishing Calendar.
doner_audra@asdk12.org

Ocean View Morning schedule before the Bell

Monday 7:40am, students can come into the school to be supervised until 8:40am.
Breakfast starts at 8:30am

Tues-Friday 7:30am, students can come into the school to have breakfast. Supervision begins at 7:40 outside for those not eating at school.

Ocean View Boutique

Ocean View School has a free-to-everyone boutique. If you need back to school supplies or clothes, call the office to make arrangements to come in and check it out.



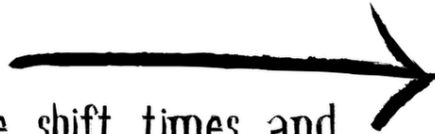


OCEAN VIEW ELEMENTARY FALL CARNIVAL

VOLUNTEERS *Needed*

Help create the magic or join the fun—volunteers needed for setup before the event and during the carnival to keep things running smoothly!

Scan to see shift times and
sign up today!



11911 Johns Rd
Anchorage, AK 99515



Questions? Contact PTAOceanveiw@gmail.com

FROM THE LIBRARY



Zentangle Art Workshop September 12th, 3:00 – 5:00 Ocean View Library

Cost: FREE, but limited spots available

Grandparent Sue Arth, a Certified Zentangle® Teacher, will lead a workshop introducing the Zentangle® pen-and-ink meditative art method. In this method, 3.5" x 3.5" pieces of art are created from elemental patterns, called "tangles." It is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to tap in to your creative, imaginative flow.

No previous art experience is necessary, all supplies will be provided and, unlike other art forms and life experiences, there are no mistakes.

Really. None.

[Sign Up HERE](#)
(click the link)

September Events at the Anchorage Public Library:

- 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27 Battle of the Books Read Aloud 4:00 – 5:00
- 9/26 Family Movie Night at Loussac 4:00 – 6:00
- 9/27 ASL Storytime 11:00 – 12:00
- 9/30 Scoops and Stories at Wild Scoops! 4:00 – 7:30

FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Giveaway!



Hip, hip, hooray! It's Hairiette's Birthday!

With her glowy hair done and the perfect dress picked out, Hairiette is ready for her special seventh birthday present. But on the big day, there is no bike in sight! All she gets is a stinking barrette and comb. It looks like it isn't going to be a hip hip hooray day after all...until a class unit on imagination changes everything!

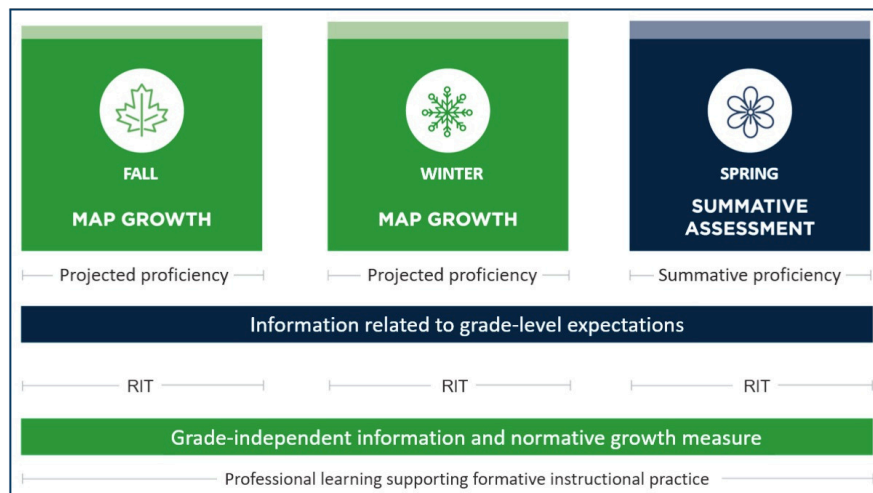
Enter to win a copy of
Hairiette of Harlem:
The Great Birthday Surprise!

MAP Growth Information 2025-2026

MAP Growth is the ASD and State of Alaska required benchmark/interim reading and mathematics assessment for students in grades 3-9. Grades 10-12 students identified as needing Tier II and Tier III reading and mathematics support also take MAP Growth as part of the Anchorage School District's MTSS framework.

Alaska's Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) has partnered with NWEA to implement a creative approach to a balanced statewide assessment that connects fall and winter MAP Growth benchmark/interim assessments and the Alaska spring AK STAR summative assessment. AK STAR eliminates the spring benchmark/interim assessment window for grades 3-9 by combining the summative and benchmark assessment into one test that produces a spring benchmark score, which

includes a growth measure. More information is available at the State of Alaska AK STAR website, education.alaska.gov/assessments/akstar.



MAP Growth is an online, adaptive assessment that provides each student a personalized testing experience with data that speaks to their individual progress and growth in mathematics and reading.

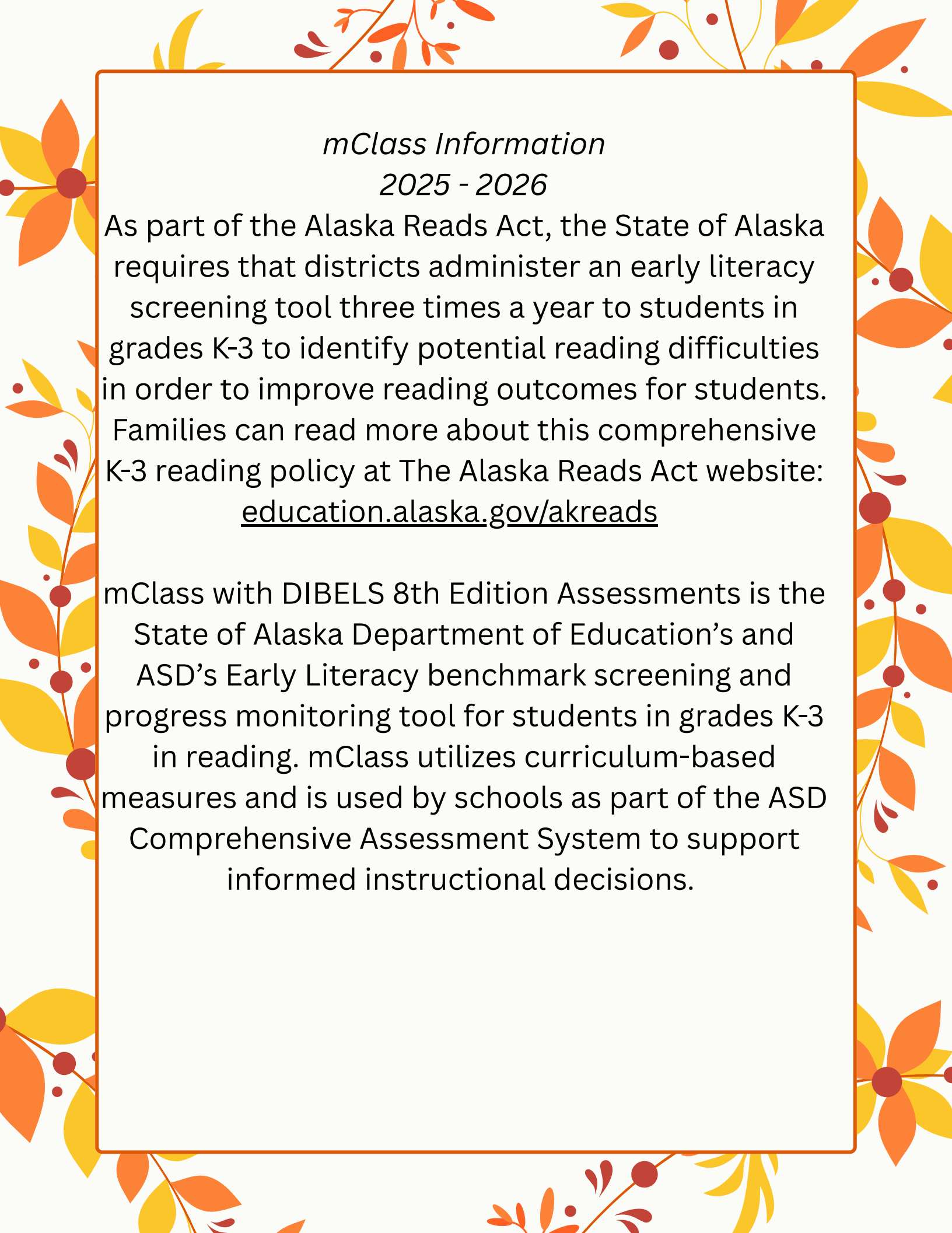
The MAP Growth reading and mathematics benchmark will be administered in person during the fall and winter benchmark windows. The spring benchmark will be embedded in the AK STAR summative assessment as outlined above.

- Fall Benchmark 1: September 3 - September 12 (make-ups through September 19)
- Winter Benchmark 2: December 1 - December 12 (make-ups through December 18)
- Spring Benchmark 3: embedded in AK STAR administered during the summative assessment window: March 30 - April 17 (make-ups through May 1)

o MAP Growth assessment only: Grades 10-12 identified as needing Tier II and III support

MAP Growth practice tests and tutorials allow students and families the opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions and tools available on the actual MAP Growth assessments such as

the highlighter and calculator. An overview of these resources with links to the practice tests are compiled on the [MAP Growth Practice Tests Quick Sheet](#).



mClass Information

2025 - 2026

As part of the Alaska Reads Act, the State of Alaska requires that districts administer an early literacy screening tool three times a year to students in grades K-3 to identify potential reading difficulties in order to improve reading outcomes for students. Families can read more about this comprehensive K-3 reading policy at The Alaska Reads Act website: education.alaska.gov/akreads

mClass with DIBELS 8th Edition Assessments is the State of Alaska Department of Education's and ASD's Early Literacy benchmark screening and progress monitoring tool for students in grades K-3 in reading. mClass utilizes curriculum-based measures and is used by schools as part of the ASD Comprehensive Assessment System to support informed instructional decisions.

The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development explains the decision to adopt mClass as the statewide literacy screener here:

<https://education.alaska.gov/Alaska-Reading-Resources/Statewide-Early-Literacy-Screener>

mClass screening assessments will only be administered in-person during the benchmark window listed below:

- Fall 2025: September 2 - 12

Results for K-3 students that were assessed during a benchmark window, will be available in Parent Connect by September 26, 2025 [ParentConnection Login Information and Reference Guide](#):
parentconnect.asdk12.org

ASD Harassment & Bullying

The Anchorage School District is dedicated to providing a safe and civil learning environment. Harassment, intimidation, and bullying disrupt a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Students and staff are expected to demonstrate positive character traits and values. Conduct and speech must be civil and respectful to promote harmonious and courteous relations in the school environment.

If a student experiences or another person observes a student being harassed, intimidated, or bullied they should report it to a school administrator or through the STOPit anonymous reporting application.

This Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying flier outlines the reporting process.



ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Reporting Process

Student experiences bullying, harassment, or intimidation from another student.

Another student or adult witnesses a student being bullied, harassed, or intimidated.

Report the incident to a trusted adult and/or the administrator at the school

OR

Report the incident through StopIt
(Anonymous Reporting)

asdk12.org/stopit



School administrator investigates, documents the incident in the student information system, and does one or more of the following:

- Contacts Family and follows up with student/victim
- Utilizes discipline process
- Creates a staff plan for supervision and/or intervention
- Contacts law enforcement, if necessary

If the student or family is not satisfied with the resolution at the school level, they can complete the ASD Student Grievance Process

asdk12.org/grievance



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asdk12.org/reportingconcerns

**Standard Response Protocol (SRP) & Standard Reunification
Method (SRM)**

to begin in the 2025–26 school year

ASD Families,

We want to share an important update about how we approach school safety across the Anchorage School District.

Since the 2016–17 school year, ASD has used the ALICE program as part of our emergency response training. At the time, it was one of the leading options available to help schools prepare for serious situations like an active shooter. While ALICE provided some valuable training, not all parts of the program aligned well with the needs and values of our school communities. As the program evolved and was later acquired by a new company, it also became significantly more expensive. After careful review, and as part of our planning for the 2025–26 school year, we made the decision to phase out the ALICE program.

In its place, we're excited to introduce new safety protocols for the 2025–26 school year from a nonprofit organization called The "I Love U Guys" Foundation. You may have heard of them—their name comes from the last text a young student sent to her parents during a school tragedy, and the foundation was created in her memory. They've been doing this work since 2005 and currently support over 50,000 schools and organizations across the world.

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The two programs we're implementing are the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and the Standard Reunification Method (SRM). Together, these offer a clear, easy-to-follow plan for handling a wide range of emergencies—from natural disasters to security threats—and for safely reuniting students with families afterward. Unlike ALICE, these programs are available to schools for free (we just cover the travel expenses for instructors).

More information and resources can be found here - **SRP ♥ The "I Love U Guys" Foundation** . Please know that student and staff safety remain at the heart of every decision we make.

We're excited about this next step forward and appreciate your ongoing support and trust.

-Team ASD

For more information please follow this link to the [iloveuguyz](https://www.iloveuguyz.org/) homepage.

