

# OCEAN VIEW NEWSLETTER

**December 2024**

Happy Holidays! It is hard to believe we are in the final month of 2024, and we are almost done with the second quarter of the school year. Our days at Ocean View are so filled with learning, friendship, and fun that they really do seem to just fly by.

Students are taking their benchmark assessments in math and reading this week and next to see how they are progressing. We will be working collaboratively to adjust WIN groups as new needs are demonstrated. Teachers will send home family reports as they become available. Please take the time to look at these reports and celebrate your child(ren)'s growth. If you are not seeing the growth you would like to see, please contact your child's teacher to see how you can partner with us to help accelerate learning.

We have several fun events coming up this month. Check out the calendar to see how you can be involved. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday break filled with lots of quality time with your families.

*Christina VonWatter*



# December



- 11/20/24 Choir started
- 12/6 Winter Family Fun Night 5:30-7 pm
- 12/9 Badminton makeup day
- 12/9 10-11:00 am Coffee & Conversations with Christy
- 12/10 PTA meeting at 5:30 pm
- 12/19 Winter Sing-A-Long from 1:45-2:15 - Only parents with an approved volunteer application can attend. Please do not ask to sign your child(ren) out early after the sing-a-long as it will be too overwhelming for the office to accommodate. Students will all be dismissed at 2:30 unless there is an emergency.
- 12/16-12/19 Spirit Week
- 12/19 End of the Quarter
- 12/20 No School, Grading Day
- 12/21-1/5/25 Winter Break, No School
  
- 1/7/25 Movie Night
- 1/11/25 PTA Meeting at 5:30pm
- 1/17/25 Holiday, No School
- 1/18/25 Start of the Idit-a-read

[ASD 24/25 School Calendar](#)



## **SEAL CLUB NEWS**

**Join us for Spirit Week**



**Dec. 16th: Wear Holiday Colors  
(silver, gold, green, blue, red)**



**Dec. 17th: Hat Day**



**Dec. 18th: Ugly Sweater Day**



**Dec. 19th: Pajama Day  
(school appropriate)**



## Raptor coming to Ocean View

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Ocean View will implement a new visitor management software system in our school beginning early January 2025.

The Raptor Technologies safety software will add an extra layer of campus security. Upon entry, visitors, volunteers, and ASD staff whose primary location is outside of our campus must sign in using the self-serve kiosk.

The software has been piloted at ASD schools and is now being rolled out District-wide. The District is implementing the visitor management system to aid in the standardization of visitor check-in procedures in all schools, which complies with Board Policy 3515.5

Starting early January 2025, all adult visitors to Ocean View will be required to present and scan a current government-issued photo ID upon entering the school. This adjustment to our visitor management policy is a significant step forward in strengthening our school's safety protocols.

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our students, staff, and school community, we are excited for this important enhancement to our ASD visitor management policy.

This new requirement will enable us to:

- Quickly and accurately verify the identity of all visitors.
- Enhance our ability to maintain a secure environment for our students and staff.
- Ensure that we have accurate records of who is in our buildings at all times, further enhancing our ability to respond in the event of an emergency.

What is Raptor?

The visitor management system records the visitor's name, date of birth, and last four digits of the ID, and checks against a national database of registered sex offenders. Schools will follow School Board policy regarding registered sex offenders in the building (see: Restrictions on Sex Offenders on Campus BP 3515.5). The registered sex offender database is the only official database checked by the system. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded and the information is not shared with any outside agency.

We understand that changes in protocol may require adjustments from our community, and we appreciate your cooperation and support in making our school a safer place for everyone. Please rest assured that all information collected will be treated with the utmost respect for privacy and confidentiality, used solely for the purpose of enhancing the security of our school premises.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued partnership in keeping our school community safe.

Christy VonWalter, Principal



## **CHOIR**

**Choir is afterschool Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:30–3:15pm. This is for 2nd–5th graders.**



## **Winter Family Fun Night**

**-Friday 12/6/24 @ 5:30pm-7pm**

- pictures with Santa
- sugar cookie decorating
- crafts
- Ocean View Boutique
- book walk
- the giving tree
- popcorn and water



Another opportunity during this time of the year is the The Giving Tree. This is a really awesome thing we get to do for families at our school! We partner with the school community to support those that can't afford toys, pajamas, and clothes this holiday season. The PTA then fills the wish lists and includes gift cards for those families. Please let us know if your family is in need of this help.

Ocean View Elementary

# WINTER *Family Fun Night*

**DEC** | **5:30 -** | **Free**  
**6th** | **7 PM**

Spend this winter evening with us.  
We'll have crafts, cookie decorating, a  
Photo Booth and more!



## **BOOKMARK CONTEST**

**THE ANNUAL ASD BOOKMARK CONTEST TAKING PLACE RIGHT NOW THROUGH 12/13. WE WILL SELECT ONE WINNER TO REPRESENT OCEAN VIEW IN THE PRIMARY AND IN THE INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY. STUDENT ENTRIES ARE DUE TO THE BLUE BIN IN THE LIBRARY BY FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH. THEN STAFF WILL VOTE ON ENTRIES TO SELECT OUR OV REPRESENTATIVES TO BE ENTERED INTO THE DISTRICT WIDE CONTEST. EXTRA ENTRY FORMS ARE IN THE LIBRARY. FOR FULL DETAILS ABOUT THE THEME AND RULES FOR ENTRY, PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**



**The library is looking for donations of postcards and scrap paper to be used as bookmarks.**

**Hot Lunch on the days of 12/5–12/10 will be shelf stable meals.**



## LOST AND FOUND

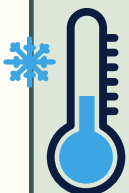
Please come and check the lost and found before Winter Break.

Winter Gear donations needed!  
Gently used boots in sizes 10-2  
would be appreciated.



### Cold Weather Expectations

STUDENTS NEED TO COME PREPARED  
FOR THE WEATHER. RECESS WILL OCCUR  
OUTSIDE UNTIL IT REACHES -10 DEGREES.







## Stefania Sykioti

Hello! My name is Stefania, and I am very excited to join the Ocean View Family as Mrs. Anderson's teaching assistant. I was born and raised in Athens, Greece, but I've been living in the US for the past 10 years. My family and I moved to Alaska last year, and we love it here! I am a mom to two little girls (aged 6 and 3), and I find great joy in working and interacting with children of all ages. Being able to help young students has always been important to me and for that reason I chose to get my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. When I am not in the classroom, you can find me outside supervising recess. Despite the cold, I love the opportunity it gives me to meet and interact with students from all different grades. I am so grateful to be a member of our wonderful Ocean View Community!

*New  
Hires*



## Lawrence Mayac

Hey, my name is Lawrence Mayac, the building plant operator at Ocean View Elementary. I grew up in Alaska, mostly fishing and gaming. Some of my skills are drywall, grounds maintenance, and vehicle repair/maintenance. I can cook a mean steak and hamburger. I love to work and just chill out, you gotta have fun too. What about you?



[Ocean View School Merchandise link](#)





## Cellphones or Smart Watches



All students' electronics (including smart watches and cellphones) must be powered off and in a their backpack while in school. If they need to call home, they can use the school phone. If you need to reach your child before 2:30, please call the office.



## COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS WITH CHRISTY VONWALTER

Come and meet with Ocean View's Principal Christy Vonwalter for coffee and conversations, This is a time to share ideas and collaborate to make our wonderful school even better.



12/9 10-11:00 am





# NO MORE WAITLISTS!

*Register today!*

Enrollment now open for  
Camp Fire Alaska's January  
2025 Afterschool Program!

Enroll your child in our award-  
winning Afterschool Program!



## Program Hours

Monday–Friday  
2:30 PM–6:00 PM

## Pricing

\$560/month



**Camp Fire**  
Alaska



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OR VISIT:**

[https://campfireak.org/registration-  
changes/](https://campfireak.org/registration-changes/)



**(907) 279-3551**

**Questions?  
Give us a call!**

**WWW.CAMPFIREAK.ORG**





## ASD Wellness Initiative Project

Dear Parent,

This is a second reminder to turn in your completed paperwork to participate in the ASD Wellness Initiative study. ASD has partnered with the University of Alaska in a study looking at longer lunch periods, longer recesses, and more movement breaks throughout the day. Our school will participate in a portion of the study that will look at the amount of food eaten by students who eat a hot lunch. If you and your child agree to participate, your child can get up to \$100 for being in this study. Researchers from UAA will be at our school this December for lunchtime. More details about how to participate in this study can be found at this link:

<https://redcap.link/neOyv1cp>

Information will also be sent home with your child. Thank you for considering helping us learn more about ASD's Wellness Initiative!

Yog tias koj xav tau cov ntaub ntawv ua Lus Hmoob, thov siv qhov link no:

<https://redcap.link/coxy1bb8>

만약 한국어로 된 정보를 원하시면, 이 링크를 사용해 주십시오:

<https://redcap.link/rkr0tza1>

Si desea la información en español, por favor use este enlace:

<https://redcap.link/7vgj1sip>

Afai e te mana'omia fa'amatalaga i le Gagana Samoa, fa'amolemole fa'aaogā le feso'ota'iga lenei: <https://redcap.link/fklqtqa3>

Kung gusto mo ng impormasyon sa Tagalog, mangyaring gamitin ang kawing na ito: <https://redcap.link/22udcc5b>



# **ATTENDANCE COMPETITION**

Ocean View values good attendance and is encouraging students to get to school on time. We are having a friendly competition each month with a reward based on tardies or attendance.

November's competition was for the class with the least tardies.

## **November's Winner: Ms. Richey's class**

December's competition is for the most improvement.



**Attendance Matters**

# OCEAN VIEW GIVING TREE

THE OCEAN VIEW COMMUNITY HAS A STRONG TRADITION OF SUPPORTING EACH OTHER DURING THE HOLIDAYS. PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO HELP A FAMILY IN NEED. PLEASE BRING ALL ITEMS TO THE OFFICE UNWRAPPED BY DECEMBER 13TH!

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL  
[PARKER\\_PAULSEN@ASDK12.ORG](mailto:PARKER_PAULSEN@ASDK12.ORG).

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GO TO  
THE SIGN UP GENIUS!



# Turn a New Page @ Your Library™

2024 – 2025 Bookmark Design Contest

*sponsored by ASD Librarians*

This contest is open to all ASD students in grades K-12. There are four levels: Primary (K-2), Intermediate (3-5), Middle School, and High School.

Entries must:

- fit the theme and include the phrase *Turn a New Page @ Your Library™*
- be the original work of the student, whether hand drawn, digital art, or computer generated
- be the correct size: 7" x 2 ¾" either horizontal or vertical
- be submitted with the student's full name and grade on the back of the bookmark

No copyrighted characters may be included on the bookmark

Use your imagination and any ideas relating to reading, literacy and the love of the library!

Entries are due Friday December 13th, 2024. Submit your entry to your school librarian. The winning school entries will go to district judging. Entries become the property of the Anchorage School District and may be used in other advertisements.

The winning designs will be reproduced and distributed to ASD schools!

Sample size of bookmark is below (7" x 2 ¾") which may be used vertically or horizontally.

