

Ocean View Newsletter

August 2024



Principals Message

Welcome to the 24/25 school year! We are so happy to have our students and families back with us. All of the smiling faces bring us such joy.

Our open house is on Tuesday at 5. We will begin together in the multi-purpose room and then move to classrooms for class presentations that start at 5:15 and 5:45. This is a very important time when you will learn how to best support your child's success in school this year. This will be different than previous open houses at Ocean View. Please make plans to attend.

Please fill out the volunteer application as soon as possible if you want to be in the school (beyond the front office) when students are in the building. This is to keep all children safe at school. If you need to go to your child's classroom before you have this, you will have to be escorted.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or me.

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August

- 8/23 Papa Murphys Dine to Donate
- 8/27 Open House 5-6:30pm
- X-Country Running will begin next week, permission slips coming home today
- 9/2 No School; Labor Day
- 9/14 Coyote Classic
- 9/18 Picture Day



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**Ocean View
Elementary**

Friday, August 23rd


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**OCEAN VIEW
ELEMENTARY**

**Open
House**

**TUESDAY AUGUST
27TH**

SESSION 1 @ 5:15PM
SESSION 2 @ 5:45PM

COME MEET
THE
TEACHERS
AND SEE YOUR
KIDS
CLASSROOMS



Welcome New staff

GRATEFUL

Trena Rose (3rd grade Teacher)

Sarah Rhoads (Sped Resource Teacher)

Paulsen Parker (School Counselor)

Rylee Stanton (Art Teacher)

Emily Krier (School Psychologist)

Alex McGuan (Librarian)

Mary Ellen Young (ELL Tutor)

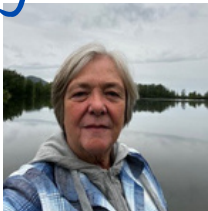


Emily Krier



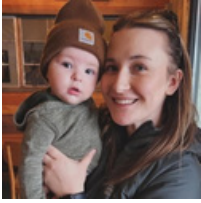
Hi! My name is Emily Krier, and I am your school psychologist. This is my first year at Ocean View. I also serve Kasuun Elementary and supervise an intern at Russian Jack Elementary/AKSD. I am Alaska born and raised - I grew up in Fairbanks and got my undergraduate degree from UAA before heading to Denver for my graduate degree in Child, Family, and School Psychology. I returned to Fairbanks for several years of practice before moving to Anchorage a couple of years ago. I appreciate Anchorage for its beauty, culture, and outdoor recreation, and like many Anchorageites, you can often find me outside hiking, skiing, mountain biking, or running with my dogs by my side.

Mary Ellen Young



Mary Ellen Young is pleased to be the new English Language Learner Tutor here. She taught in Gambell, AK and Atkasuk, AK before joining the ASD as a teacher at Wendler and Government Hill. Mary Ellen (Ms. Young) enjoys swimming, camping and fishing. She and her husband have 4 adult children, 2 grandchildren and two cats. "I feel any kid attending classes and learning English at the same time is a hero! I am honored to support them at school and in our community."

Paulsen Parker



My name is Paulsen Parker, I go by Polly. I grew up in Skagway, a very small town in Southeast Alaska. I have lived in Anchorage since 2014. I have an 11-month-old son and an energetic 2-year-old labradoodle who I love spending all my free time with! I love to travel, eat new foods, and spend time with family. I got my bachelor's and master's degree from UAA. My master's degree is in Clinical Psychology. My previous job was at Alaska Behavioral Health as a clinical therapist working with children and families.

Alex McGuan



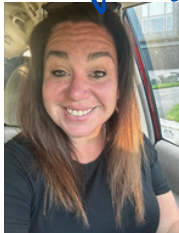
Hello! My name is Alex McGuan, and I am so excited to be the new Ocean View School Librarian! This is my 16th year in education and 5th year at Ocean View. Previously I've taught in Juneau, Alaska and Granby, Colorado. In addition to being an Ocean View teacher, I am also the parent of a fourth grader and second grader, so our school is extra special to me. I am an avid reader and love sharing books with children. Reading with children is by far my favorite educational activity so I am ecstatic to be in the library this year. Please contact me at any time if you have questions about the library or simply want to talk about a good book.

Trena Rose



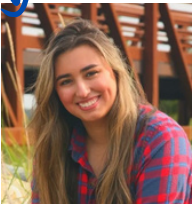
Hello! My name is Trena Rose. I am happy to say that I teach 3rd grade here at Ocean View Elementary. This will be my 30th year teaching in the Anchorage School District. I have taught first, third, and fourth grade. I have also been a Title One reading and math specialist in 1-6 for the ASD. I am excited to be part of the Ocean View Community, and I am looking forward to a great year!

Sarah Rhoads



Hey there, Ocean View families! I'm Sarah, and I'm beyond excited to be back in the classroom with all of you. I have 4 kids, 3 of which will be at Ocean View this year which is very exciting. I can't wait to have a great start to our school year. I absolutely love teaching—it's my jam! When I'm not in the classroom, you might find me watching movies, going on adventures with my kids, hitting home runs in softball, or maybe even scoring a goal in hockey. Oh, and don't be surprised if I show up in a wild costume for our theme days, because who doesn't love a good spirit day. Here's to a year full of learning, laughter, and maybe a few costume changes along the way!

Rylee Stanton



Hello! My name is Rylee Stanton and I will be your child's art teacher. I am looking forward to seeing what your artist creates this school year! My goal is to help students grow into collaborators, creative thinkers, problem solvers, and more well-rounded individuals.





Bus Schedule



BUS 411

Hace St & Helen Dr
Hace St & Kruge Ave
Silverfox Ln & Bona Kim Lp
E. Klatt & Daryl Ave
W. Klatt & Frances Elaine Cir
W. 121 Ave & Mary

Mon:	TWThF	MTWThF
8:37am	7:37am	3:03pm
8:41am	7:41am	3:00pm
8:44am	7:44am	2:57pm
8:30am	7:30am	3:09pm
8:22am	7:22am	2:50pm
8:25am	7:25am	2:47pm

BUS 419

13600 Old Seward
Gwenn Dr & Venus Way
Oceanview Dr & Venus Way
Cross Rd & Venus Way/ Brandon
Oceanview Dr & Cape Cir
Oceanview Dr & Admiralty Pl

Mon:	TWThF	MTWThF
8:35am	7:35am	2:57pm
8:36am	7:36am	2:55pm
8:39am	7:39am	2:56pm
8:40am	7:40am	2:51pm
8:43am	7:43am	2:47pm
8:45am	7:45am	2:44pm

Parents Please check the Parent Portal regularly to see if your students pickup times have changed



Campfire has
Openings



For the 2024/25 school year, after school care will continue to be on site and will be from 2:30pm to 6pm Mon-Fri. Camp Fire Afterschool Program cost will be \$560/month. Camp Fire registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open.

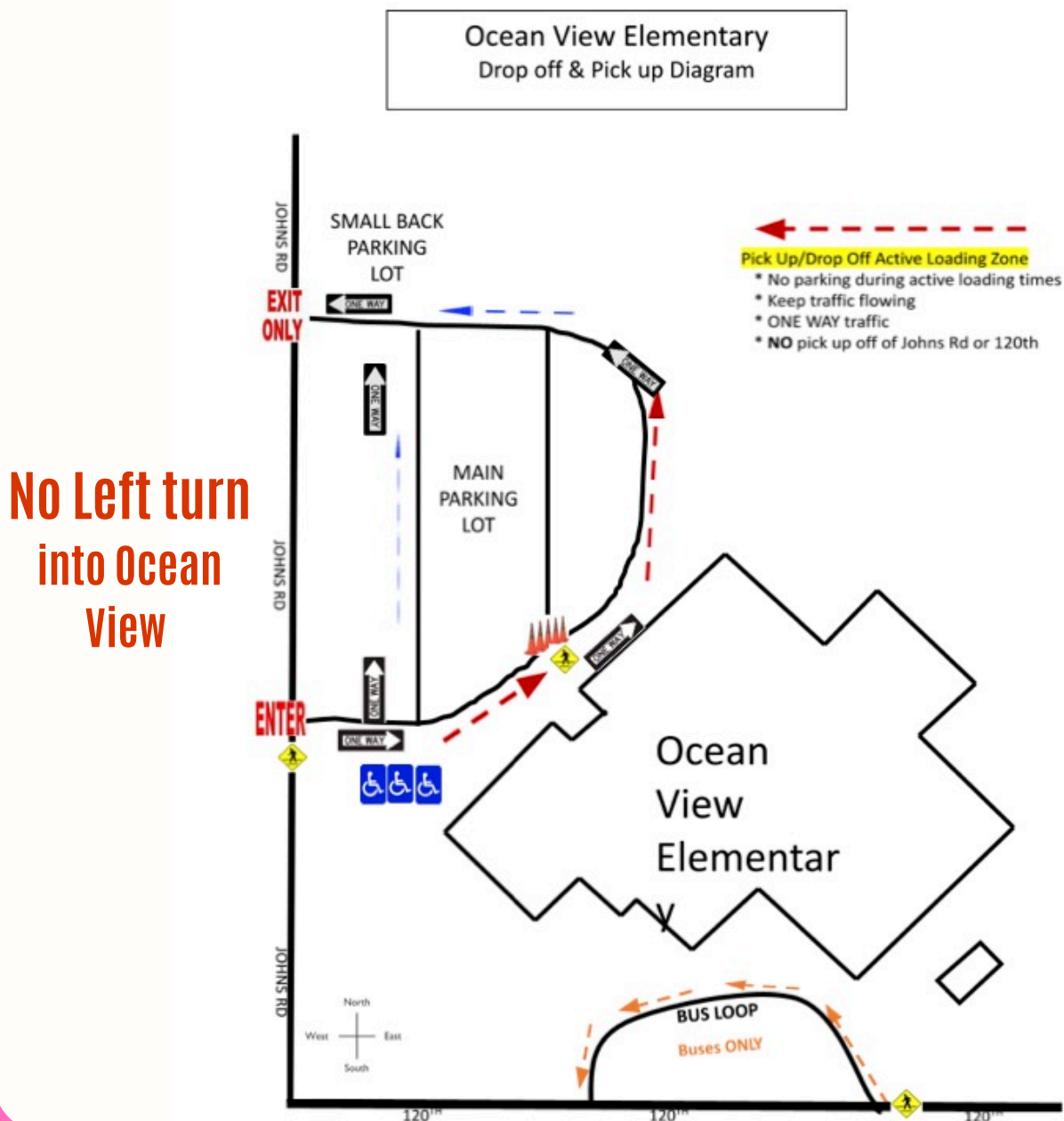
Please reach out to the Family Services Manager at campfire@campfireak.org or call their main office with any questions or concerns.

Do you love working with children? Camp Fire is looking for more employees here at Ocean View in the after school care program.

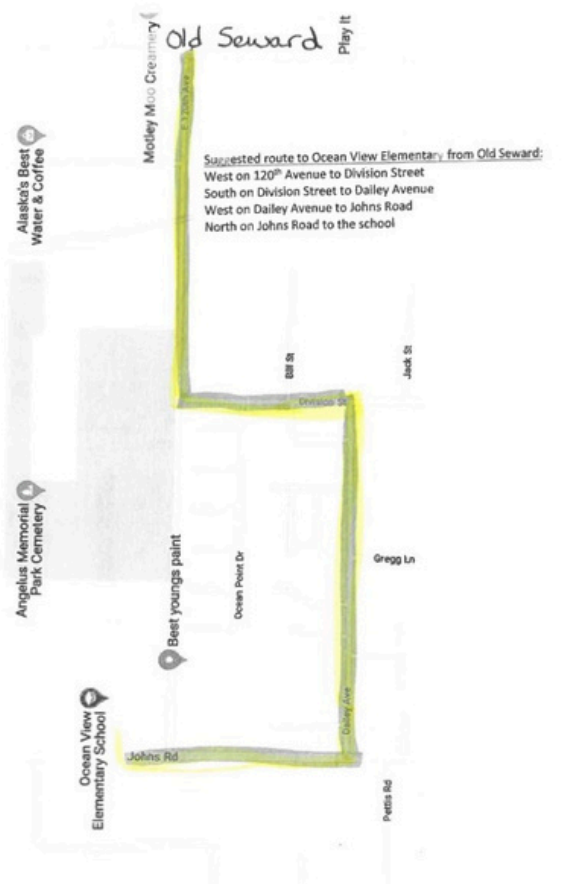
Drop Off and Pick Up at Ocean View

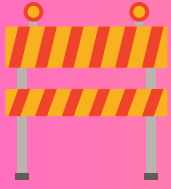
Ocean View families, when dropping off and picking up students please make sure you pull up as far as you can. As soon as a car stops in front of you, you may load or unload your children. They need to enter and exit your vehicle from the passenger side only.

Please use the crosswalk to cross the drop-off/pick-up lane at all times. No left-hand turns into the school from Johns Road are authorized during drop-off and pick-up as it causes traffic buildup.



Suggested Driving Routes from Klatt & Old Seward





Front Entry & Office Remodel



Ocean View has a new vestibule & front office. Currently, our front door buzzer is not working. Thank you for your patience at the front door.

Welcome AK Choice

AK Choice will be located on the backside of Ocean View where the 5th and 6th grade classes used to be. They will soon have a separate entrance in their area.



AR (Accelerated Reader) Program



Thanks to the PTA's generous sponsorship, we are able to continue providing the opportunity for students in grades 2-5 to participate in the Accelerated Reading (AR) program again this year. This is a motivational, research-based reading program that allows children to choose books which interest them and are also at their correct reading level to help them grow as readers. Our AR after school reading program will start the week of September 2nd, 2024.

Students in grades 2-5 are welcome to come to the library after school to read: Mondays and Thursdays 2:30-3:30pm, upon returning their signed permission slip. Permission slips and a more detailed program overview will be going home to families this week. If you have any questions about AR, please contact your school librarian by email at mcguan_alexandra@asdk12.org or by simply popping into the library.





Dear Ocean View Families,

We are excited to invite you to our Back to School Pizza Night on August 23rd! This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, enjoy some delicious pizza, and support Ocean View School and a great local business!

When you visit our participating pizzeria on this date, be sure to mention Ocean View in person or use the code “enjoy” at checkout when placing your order. A portion of the proceeds will go directly to supporting our school programs and activities, so your participation makes a big difference!

Mark your calendars, and we look forward to this tasty evening!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,
Ocean View PTA

Contact us at:
ptaoceanview@gmail.com

Nurse's Note

A couple of important back to school topics:

Vision/Hearing/Growth Screenings. The Lions Club will be here 9/18, 8:30a, doing vision photoscreening in front of our school starting at 8:30a. If you have younger children at home who you would like to have screened, bring them by!

Health Alert Pertussis.

<https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/dod/pertussis/pertussis.aspx>

Please vaccinate, avoid close contact, stay home when sick, sneeze into arm or disposable tissue, clean hands frequently, and avoid touching eyes/nose/mouth! Masks remain available at school for students and staff who choose to use them as a layer of protection. Let's protect ourselves and our vulnerable population groups!

Here is the link to ASD's When to Keep Your Child Home from School: www.asdk12.org/Page/6622 . Please note cold exclusion includes if your child is “...too tired and uncomfortable to function at school it would be best to keep the child home for a day or two.”

Yours in Good Health, Nurse Lanaee



DON'T FORGET

Visitors and Volunteers Signup

If you are planning on volunteering in the classroom, entering the school when children are present during the day, or attending field trips you are required to get approved through ASD.



scan the QR to get approved



School Supplies

Click the link to find your students school supply list

<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/14438>

Breakfast at Ocean View

We will be offering breakfast at Ocean View this year 24-25!!!!

Breakfast will be served 8:30am-9:15am on Mondays (PLC)

&

DELICIOUS Tues-Fri 7:30am-8:15am



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ASD STUDENT NUTRITION

Health

Dear Ocean View Families,

This letter is to let you know that your child's class will be receiving age-appropriate lessons on child sexual abuse and assault prevention education as required under the state's Alaska Safe Children's Act (Erin's Law).

Erin's Law Education is comprised of two lessons (one lesson at the beginning of each semester) taught during the Health classes. Combined, these lessons meet the full requirements for students under the Alaska Safe Children's Act (Erin's Law) and are designed to help prevent childhood sexual abuse. These lessons will be presented in a non-threatening way, along with the skills needed for self-protection and will be handled in a sensitive, respectful manner.

Information about the lessons can be viewed HERE.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J4mCSGZi6GBUv14WBpiO-7gsrj7DbXtA?usp=sharing>

If you do NOT want your child to receive the instruction under the Alaska Safe Children's Act, you must write a letter to the school principal requesting that your child be excused from these specific lessons at vonwalter_christina@asdk12.org.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to provide learning opportunities to improve the safety and well-being of our students.

Sincerely,

Kelly Gerlach
Ocean View Health Teacher

COYOTE CLASSIC 2024

To all Elementary Schools interested:

The "COYOTE CLASSIC" will be Saturday, September 14th at Kincaid Elementary.

Cost is free and Healthy Futures pins and snacks are available after each race.

2024 COYOTE CLASSIC

Saturday, September 14th

At: Kincaid Elementary

4900 Raspberry Road

Grades: K-1 - 10am – 3/4mile

2-3 - 10:30am – 1.5 miles

4-5 – 11am – 1.5 miles

Introducing **THE GREAT BODY SHOP**

Dear Family Member:

We are delighted to introduce you to [THE GREAT BODY SHOP](#), the comprehensive health education program your child will be participating in this year. THE GREAT BODY SHOP will help your child learn more about the human body and the skills needed to stay safe and healthy. The success of the program requires a team effort, involving you, your child, the teacher, and trusted adults.

This is how it works:

[THE GREAT BODY SHOP topics](#), include nutrition, illness prevention, substance abuse prevention, and safety, among others. Each monthly unit contains information to help your child understand his or her own body, the way it works, and the best ways to keep it healthy and safe. The teacher will discuss each monthly unit of THE GREAT BODY SHOP with students and guide them in developmentally appropriate, skill-based activities to reinforce the lessons contained in each unit.

To support families in taking an active roles in their child's health education, we provide digital copies of the Student Issues, Family Bulletins, the Family Connections newsletters, and The Great Body Shop music in the [Family Portal](#).

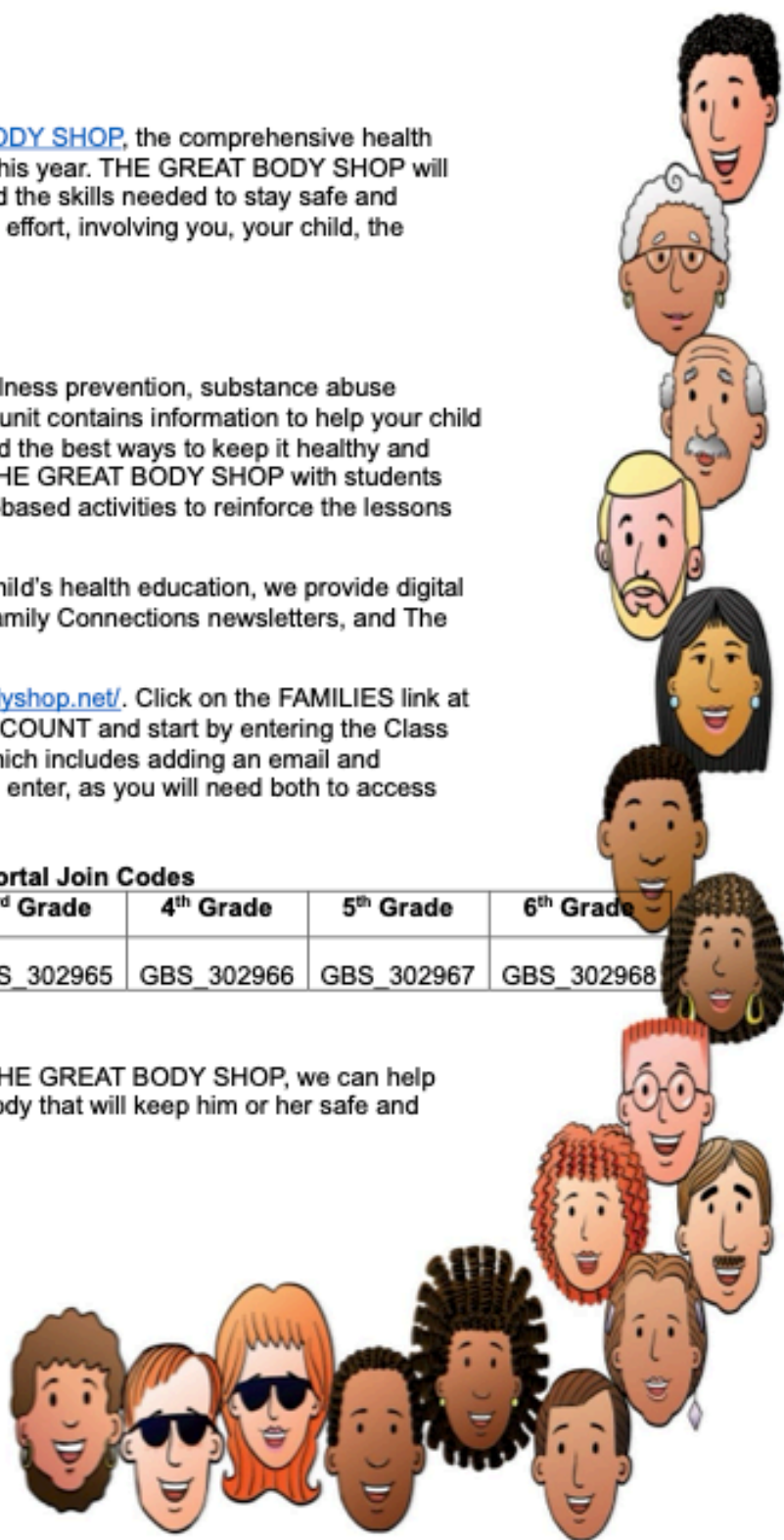
To create your account, visit <https://www.thegreatbodyshop.net/>. Click on the FAMILIES link at the top of the page. Next, click on CREATE NEW ACCOUNT and start by entering the Class Code provided below. Complete all required fields which includes adding an email and password. Make note of the email and password you enter, as you will need both to access THE GREAT BODY SHOP resources.

ASD Parent Portal Join Codes

Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade	6 th Grade
GBS_302969	GBS_302963	GBS_302964	GBS_302965	GBS_302966	GBS_302967	GBS_302968

By working together to reinforce the skills taught in THE GREAT BODY SHOP, we can help your child make healthy decisions about his or her body that will keep him or her safe and ready to meet the challenges of the future.

Sincerely,
[Health Department](#)
Anchorage School District





Welcome back amazing Migrant Education families. My name is Audra Doner, and I am the Student Success Coach for Ocean View Elementary. I'm in room 120-please stop by sometime and say hello.

If you need to update your fishing/berry picking calendar, please do so in your Campbrain account or email me @ doner_audra@asdk12.org, and I will send you an electronic copy.

Please note that we will be having school events, community events, and district events throughout this year. Most activities go through Campbrain and you are notified through whatever email is primary on your child's Q account.

Here are some dates to remember.

September: Homework Help begins at OV (Dates TBD)

*Permission slips will be emailed home the last week of August

October 18-19th: Barnes and Noble Book Fair 1-6:30PM

*(Registration will be through Campbrain beginning August 27th)

October 25th: Community event (details to come)

As always, please reach out to me if you have questions or needs.

Audra Doner, Student Success Coach

Migrant Education Department

(907)-742-5850

mClass Newsletter Information

2024 - 2025

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 2024: September 10th & 11th

Results for K-3 students that were assessed during a benchmark window, will be available in Parent Connect by September 27, 2024

[ParentConnection Login Information and Reference Guide:](https://parentconnect.asdk12.org)
parentconnect.asdk12.org

mClass Newsletter Information

2024 - 2025

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 2024-2025 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 13 (make-ups through September 20)
- Winter Benchmark 2: December 2 - December 13 (make-ups through December 19)
- Spring Benchmark 3: embedded in AK STAR administered during the summative assessment window: March 24 - April 4 (make-ups through April 25)
 - *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](#).