

# Ocean View Newsletter

**March 2025**

## Principals Note

As we step into the month of March, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to our wonderful Ocean View PTA. We are wrapping up our PTA-sponsored Idit-a-Read reading program with a dance party at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow. Mr. Desjarlais has been teaching some dances to students during music class, and students are excited to show off their new skills. PTA volunteers have been coming in to log all students' minutes read, distribute Idit-a-Read bucks, and redeem these bucks for fun prizes. Students love this program and benefit from the extra reading practice.

PTA is also gearing up for our annual Fun Run. They partnered with Ms. Stanton, our art teacher, to have a t-shirt design contest. The winner will be announced tomorrow. They are busy gathering sizes to order shirts for everyone at Ocean View at no cost.

Our staff worked long hours on Parent-Teacher Conference days to accommodate the schedules of working families, and the PTA took good care of them. Staff enjoyed two days of delicious food provided by PTA and families during conferences. Thank you so much. Everyone enjoyed it!

Would you like to be involved with the fantastic work our PTA does? Please join us at our next meeting on March 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the library to learn more. Snacks are provided. We are looking for a new treasurer and president for next school year. You can even share the responsibilities with a friend. Please consider helping us out if you're able. It really is a lot of fun, and everyone at Ocean View benefits from the work PTA accomplishes.

*Christina VonWalter*



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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 3/6 Idit-A-Read Dance Party 1:30-2:20 pm
- 3/10-3/14 Spring Break
- 3/18 PTA Meeting at 5:30 pm
- 3/26 1st/2nd Grade Battle of the Books at 1:30
- 3/27 Southside Choir Festival @South High School 6:00 -8pm
- 4/8 Choir Concert and Fun Run Assembly 1:45-2:15pm



## 3rd Quarter Specialist Awards

Every quarter the specialist teachers award the class that showed excellence in participation.

**HEALTH- PERRAULT**  
**LIBRARY- PATZKE**  
**MUSIC- PARK**  
**PE- FREIBERG**  
**ART- BILSKI**

**JOB WELL DONE!**

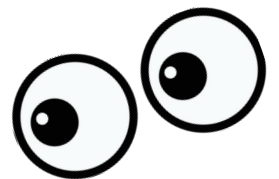


## LOST AND FOUND



Ocean View Families

Have you checked our  
Lost & Found  
Lately?



**PLEASE COME AND TAKE A LOOK**

## Attendance Competition

This month's winner in the Attendance award goes to **Mrs. Bilski's class**

## Idit-A-Read

**The winners for the Idit-A-Read are:**

**Mrs. Bilski**

**Mrs. Rose**

**Ms. Park**

## Ocean View's Boutique

Did you know Ocean View has a free for everyone boutique? You can shop and make donations .

We also need Volunteers who can help with organizing and thinning it out





## LIBRARY

Looking for something fun and FREE to do over spring break?

Check out your local public libraries. Our Anchorage Public Libraries have many fun activities for children and adults of all ages to attend. Just visit their website for event details:

<https://www.anchoragelibrary.org/>.

The public library also has many resources for everyone in your family to use. My favorite resource is requesting books online that are delivered to the Dimond Center Library Drop box for an easy pick-up and book return.

In addition to reading to our children, one of the best things we can do to help promote their reading skills is to model reading for them. When we as grown-ups are excited about a new book and are observed reading to ourselves during free times, our children are given the message that reading is important to EVERYONE and at EVERY age. If children see that reading is important to their grown-ups, it will become more important to them too. If you aren't currently reading a book, consider picking one up today so that you and your child can read side by side together. And again, if you are ever in need of book recommendations, please reach out or stop by the library.

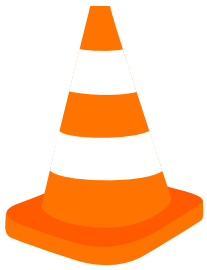


-Mrs. McGuan  
mcguan\_alexandra@asdk12.org



## Morning Drop off Reminders:

**Please pull all the way forward before dropping off your child. If you need to get out of the car to assist your child with getting gear on or walking them to the school, please park in the parking lot instead of using the drop off lane. Thanks!**



## Migrant Ed

If you are eligible for the Migrant Education program and are interested in your student/s attending summer school, please contact me or your student's classroom teacher. I can be reached in room 120 or at [doner\\_audra@asdk12.org](mailto:doner_audra@asdk12.org).

March 7th and 8th is the Barnes and Noble Bookfair. Each day it is from 1pm-6:15 pm. Register your student/s on your Campbrain account.

Thank you!

Audra Doner, Migrant Ed. Student Success Coach

# CALLING ALL OCEAN VIEW FAMILIES!



To continue to have a PTA at Ocean View, we will need to fill the **President** and **Treasurer** positions for next year. These positions need to be filled by May of the current school year!

The PTA does many wonderful things to support our school, our students and our teachers. If you have any interest in joining the PTA board, please reach out soon!

Joining the PTA not only supports the items on the backside of this flyer, but also allows you have direct input in decision-making, build connections with other parents and teachers and advocate for your family!

If you're interested in more information, please reach out to [ptaoceanview@gmail.com](mailto:ptaoceanview@gmail.com).

Join us at our next board meeting 3/4/2024

Join us at our next PTA meeting (OV library) 3/18/2025







# What does our PTA support?



- **Ice Cream Social (Back to School)**
- **Fall (Halloween) Carnival**
- **Field Trips** – covers the cost of buses for each class for their fieldtrips
- **Educational Experiences** – e.g. this year's ANHC assembly, could be STEM or Art nights, etc.
- **Winter Family Fun Night**
- **SEAL Day (Field Day)**
- Year End BBQ
- **Idit-a-Read**
- **Classroom/grade budgets**
- **4.0 Lunch** – quarterly luncheon for students who've earned a 4.0
- **Accelerated Reading Program (AR) & Prizes**
- **Battle of the Books**
- **Ocean View Clean Up Day**
- **Cross Country Running Program**
- **Curriculum Supplement**
- **Fun Run**
- **Library Books**
- **Kindergarten Tears & Cheers Event**
- **Birthday Books** – Provides a free book per kid for their birthday
- **The Giving Tree** – supports OV families during the holidays
- **Lunchroom Prizes**
- **Movie Nights/Fundraising options for teachers & staff**
- **Music**
- **PE Gear**
- **PTA Discretionary Budget**
- **Purple Ticket Friday (for staff!)**
- **Teacher Appreciation Week**
- **Teacher Special Requests**
- **Teacher Reimbursements**
- **Testing Day Snacks**





## P.E. Concern

Some students are not wearing appropriate footwear in the gym, such as crocs and slippers. Proper footwear in physical education is crucial for preventing injuries, enhancing performance, and ensuring overall foot health by providing necessary support and stability during physical activities. Students engaged in dynamic movements like running, jumping, or pivoting wearing incorrect footwear can lead to issues like ankle sprains, heel pain, and shin splints.

Thank you for your cooperation!

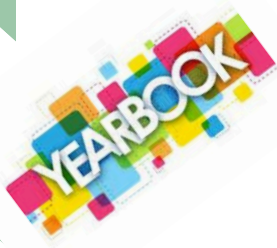
-Mrs. Ireland



Ocean View Families, do you have  
pictures of Ocean View students  
doing fun things?

Please submit your photos for the  
school yearbook to:

[patzke\\_tiffany@asdk12.org](mailto:patzke_tiffany@asdk12.org)



# Health Class update

Greetings Ocean View Parents,

It is so much fun teaching Health to the students at Ocean View! This month in Health, we are learning about the effect drugs have on our bodies and the importance of strong family and friend connections and healthy activities that help us make positive choices. Ask your child about their Health artwork or come take a look around the Health room (Room 177). These projects are designed to encourage students to focus on the positive influences that help them make great decisions and live their best lives!

If you want to know more about the Great Body Shop Health curriculum and to receive digital copies of student issues, family bulletins and newsletters, visit the following link to create a new account:

<https://www.thegreatbodyshop.net/>

ASD Parent Portal Codes are as follows:

K: GBS\_302969

1st Grade: GBS\_302963.

2nd Grade: GBS\_302964

3rd Grade: GBS\_302965

4th Grade: GBS\_302966.

5th Grade: GBS\_302967

Feel free to reach out to me with further questions.

Kelly Gerlach

Ocean View Health Teacher

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## **2025 AK STAR and Alaska Science Assessment**

Each spring, Alaskan students are provided an opportunity to show what they know. When students show what they know, teachers and parents can partner to promote student success. The State of Alaska Department of Education has partnered with NWEA to align and connect the English language arts (ELA) and mathematics tests with the MAP Growth benchmark assessments students take in fall and winter.

This balanced assessment system targets instruction to better support meeting students' individual learning needs. In addition, students will take only one assessment per content area (ELA and math) and be provided two scores as follows:

1. Summative assessment result at grade-level
2. MAP Growth interim benchmark result, including growth from fall to spring

AK STAR, the Alaska System of Academic Readiness, is comprised of English language arts and mathematics and is administered to students in grades 3-9. The Alaska Science Assessment is administered to students in grades 5, 8 and 10. The purpose of a large-scale, summative assessment is to provide parents and schools an overall picture of a student's progress in meeting the Alaska standards at grade level.

Parents can locate resources for AK STAR and the Alaska Science Assessment, including directions for Student Readiness (Practice Tests and Tutorials), student testing times and general assessment information on the ASD website at

<https://www.asdk12.org/akstar>.

Parents can also help by ensuring their children are well rested, eat a nutritious breakfast, and are at school on time for the days of testing. Please avoid scheduling appointments on your child's testing days.

The ASD AK STAR and Alaska Science Assessment testing window allows for school assessment scheduling flexibility. Students! Get ready to show what you know during our school's AK STAR and Alaska Science Assessment testing dates: \_\_\_\_\_

### **2025 ASD AK STAR and Alaska Science Assessment Testing Window:**

**March 24-April 4**

*(Make-ups through April 25)*

State of Alaska Window: March 24-April 25



# Biking to School



Students must wear a properly fitting helmet when biking to and from Ocean View. They must also have a current permission slip on file.



## Wolverines hockey team

The Anchorage Wolverines Hockey team is doing a book and reading drive. If students follow the directions in the flyer for reading, they can earn free hockey tickets. The tickets are for free entry for KIDS only. So, kids can read to earn free entry for themselves and their siblings/cousins, but not for their grown-ups. Grown-ups will have to pay for their tickets. . For every 2 hours they read, they earn one ticket, and they can earn up to 5 tickets on the sheet. There are two hockey games over spring break.

# FOOD DRIVE



Ocean View Elementary's SEAL Club will be hosting a Canned Food Drive from **March 28th-April 4th.** Look for the red barrels located inside the front door of the school to place non perishable items in.

## Suggested Items:

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| -canned soup         | -canned beans      |
| -pasta               | -Dried fruit       |
| -rice                | -canned fruit      |
| -peanut butter       | -cereal            |
| -powdered milk       | -dried meat        |
| -canned tuna/chicken | -canned vegetables |

NOTE: All proceeds will benefit the Food Bank of Alaska.



# Summer Reading Skills

## PROGRAMS



## CLASSES OFFERED IN ANCHORAGE and EAGLE RIVER

### **Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners**

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and get excited about books and reading.

### **Program for Entering 1st Graders**

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words and build comprehension skills. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

### **Program for Entering 2nd Graders**

In this fun summer program, your child will become a confident, fluent reader. Children build solid phonics and word-attack skills, develop reading fluency, and improve comprehension. Your child will develop a love of reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

### **Program for Entering 3rd Graders**

In this fun summer program, your child will become a strong, confident reader. Children improve fluency and comprehension, build long-word decoding skills, and expand vocabulary. Your child will develop a lifelong love of reading and get off to a great start in third grade.

### **Programs for Entering 4th and 5th Graders**

In these fun single-grade programs, your child will become a skilled, confident reader with strong comprehension in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. Students expand their vocabulary and learn to read more fluently and rapidly. As a result, your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

### **Programs for Entering 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders**

In these single-grade programs, your son or daughter will make substantial gains in comprehension and reading speed in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. Students expand vocabulary and learn the best way to take notes. As a result, your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, get better grades, and build confidence as a reader.

### **Programs for Entering 9th and 10th Graders**

In these single-grade programs, students learn the skills they need to succeed in high school. Your child will double reading speed and improve comprehension and focus in fiction, textbooks, and nonfiction. Students expand their academic vocabulary and learn study strategies to complete work efficiently, get better grades, and score higher on exams.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER**

**Call 1-800-715-2808**

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**PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CLASS SCHEDULE**

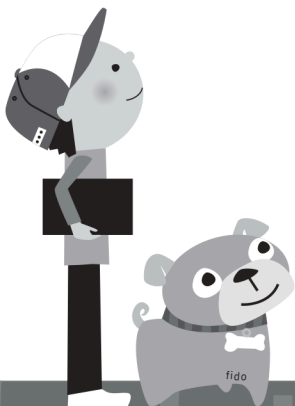


Learning Commons  
UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE



**Phonics  
Fluency**

**Comprehension  
Love of Reading  
Study Skills  
Reading Speed**





# Teachers



Programs are offered by University of Alaska Anchorage, Learning Commons. Programs are taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development.

"I would like to thank you for such a positive outcome with my son James. He learned skills that have translated into wonderful grades, and more importantly, have given him more confidence in his reading abilities. He has actually asked to go to the library to pick out a book!" — Parent of 4th grader

## Class Schedule

All programs meet once each week. Tuition varies by grade level. Please ask about our family discount.

### 4-Year-Olds & Entering Kindergartners:

Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
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Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm  
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### Entering 1st Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
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Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm  
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**Entering 2nd Graders:** Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Mon. June 16-July 14, 10:00am-11:15am  
Mon. June 16-July 14, 10:00am-11:15am  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm  
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### Entering 3rd Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 12 9:00am-10:15am  
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Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm  
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### Entering 4th Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm

### Entering 5th Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm

### Entering 6th Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm

**Entering 7th Graders:** Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm

**Entering 8th Graders:** Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm

### Entering 9th Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm

### Entering 10th Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. June 14-July 12, 9:00am-10:15am  
Sat. July 19-August 16, 1:00pm-2:15pm

Programs available at other locations and online—call to learn more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

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INQUIRE EARLY! CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED.



# REGISTER FOR

# FALL

# 2025

*Register today!*



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Fall Enrollment opens at 6:00 AM  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Help us spread the love of reading! 📖✨ We're collecting book donations to fill the Little Free Libraries around Anchorage. Drop off a book in the donation box at any Wolverine game for the month of March and share the joy of reading with our community!

# WOLVERINES READING LOG

Cross out 1 Wolverine for every 30 minutes of reading completed. Cross out at least 4 Wolverines and you get a free ticket to a game during the month of March!



**BEST BEGINNINGS**  
Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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TAZ CLASSES



## TENNIS AFTERSCHOOL ZONE

Developed for children from 6 to 13 yr, TAZ uses tennis equipment that's sized for kids. We provide smaller-sized racquets and low-compression starter balls to help your kids develop skills while having fun with new friends. Our TAZ curriculum combines fun activities with lessons in leadership, teamwork, and other important concepts and principles.

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### WHERE:

**Bayshore  
Elementary School**  
10500 Bayshore Dr,  
Anchorage, AK 99515

### WHEN:

**TUESDAYS**  
**7-8 PM**  
**MARCH 25 - MAY 6**

GRADES K-5

**Registration includes 7  
classes per session:**

3/25	4/15	5/6
4/1	4/22	
4/8	4/29	

**Equipment is provided!**

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