

CHUGIAK CHATTER

Chugiak Rams are Honest | Helpful | Safe | Friendly | Fair

Friday, Feb.28

- All-Pro Dads 7:45am

Tuesday, March 3

- PTO meeting 6:00pm

Friday, March 6

- In-service Day
- No school for students

Monday, March 9-13

- Spring Break!

Wednesday, March 18

- Wacky Wednesday-
Mustache Day

Thursday, March 19

- Lottery Deadline 5pm

Friday, March 20

- District-wide Lottery

Monday, March 23-25

- Science Fair

Monday, March 30-April 10

- Peaks Assessments Gr 3-5

Dear Chugiak Families

Thank you to our wonderful parent drivers for attending to safety during drop off/pick up times. We have been grateful for morning drivers who pause for pedestrians to cross in our crosswalks! We also have heard your concerns about periodic traffic backup and are continuing to study our drop off/pick up traffic flow and crosswalk usage to identify helpful improvements.

You will notice a shift in our *morning* staff duty stations in the coming weeks as we move from primarily curbside duty to crosswalk duty stations on the parking lot side. We will be training staff to greet pedestrians on the parking lot side, hold them in waves, and then cross as a larger group. We will also be inviting families who park and walk across the drive lane to join the groups and to cross at our crosswalk areas only. This should allow a few more cars to pass before a group crosses the drive lane while promoting pedestrian safety. *Afternoon* changes will follow the same procedure yet in the opposite direction. Groups will gather with a staff person on duty at the curb and then cross at the walkway together toward the parking lot. Our goal is to keep the traffic flow moving smoothly in the morning. Thank you for working with us as we test this revised practice and please keep us informed if you see ways to improve!

To parents who drop and drive in the morning, thanks for having children exit on the right and at the curb. Preparing students to make a quick exit from cars is helpful! Thank you!

Respectfully,

Heather Mildon

All-Pro Dads**Tomorrow morning****Please join us!****Email Communications from School**

We recently learned that some of our Chugiak email messages are being rejected by servers with school communications going to SPAM folders instead of parents' in-boxes. We understand there are abnormally high rates of rejection for emails destined for Microsoft accounts (Hotmail, Outlook, MSN, Live, etc.). While we wait for the issue to be resolved with the Blackboard Messaging service, we encourage you to check your junk mail/SPAM for any Chugiak emails and approve their receipt. Also, if you have another email account you would like us to use that might have a better receipt rate, please visit Q Parent Connect to update your information. For today's *Chatter* publication, we have attempted to deliver a paper copy of our newsletter to families we know have been impacted by this issue. Thank you for your understanding and please let us know if you have questions.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

Research in the area of school behavior is clear: students who have positive relationships with adults in schools demonstrate more appropriate behaviors. Likewise, when adults provide students a minimum of three positives to every one correction, students tend to comply more readily with classroom rules. Knowing this, we are putting a renewed emphasis on "accentuating the positive" in our interactions with students, as [Johnny Mercer & the Pied Pipers](#) sang in 1945! By focusing on what we want to see more of – students adhering to school rules and being honest, helpful, safe, friendly and fair to others – we all enjoy our days a little bit more! We are aiming for a ratio of positive interactions of 3:1 for all students Chugiak!

Speaking of school rules, one of our five core rules is: *Use Kind Words and a Friendly Tone*. Across grade levels of late, we have had reports of students who are exploring the impact of their using inappropriate language, even profanity. When profanity is reported, adults correct the behaviors immediately in the moment by referring students to our rule of using kind language in school. We teach students that using rude language results in an unfriendly school environment, opposite of what we want to create together at Chugiak. Students who are found to repeatedly be using inappropriate language are assigned to review conduct policies in the student handbook and spend time away from their peers at recess. We certainly appreciate your support at home in reminding students to use polite language at all times at school. Thank you!

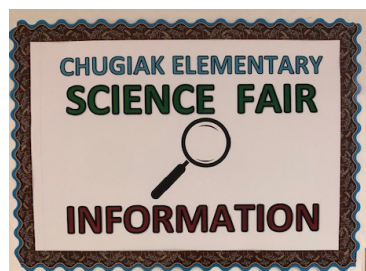
Time to start thinking about the...

Chugiak Elementary Science Fair

March 23-25

Check out the great bulletin board in the hall outside the office for ideas and information.

The Alaska Science and Engineering Fair is March 27-29 in Anchorage. All students are invited to enter their school projects in the State Science Fair!



We need your help!

As of today, Chugiak Elementary has 57 families who completed a 2020 School Climate and Connectedness Survey. As a means of comparison, some elementary schools our size have over 120 completed surveys. We think our 57 is a great start – and we'd like to hear from more of you! Please go to Survey Link: surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb, use chugiakfamily as the passcode and let us know your thoughts. Thank you!



2020 Spelling Bee



A hearty congratulations to Peyton Leatham, winner of the 2020 Chugiak Elementary Spelling Bee and to runner up, Ella Moulton. We are so excited for Peyton to represent our school at the city Bee in March! Thank you to Bee sponsor, Mrs. Himes; to our judges, Mrs. Spackman, Mrs. Senchantixay, and Mrs. Dunlap; and to our pronouncer, Mrs. Welge.

To all of our students who participated in the Bee as contestants, alternates, or in their classroom level competitions, spelling practice helps build your awareness of spelling patterns, increases your vocabulary, and helps develop correct English usage that will be used all of your life. Way to go and keep up the great work! We loved having so many family members there to watch the Bee. Thanks for joining us!

Anchorage Museum of Art Youth Art Month



Artwork at Museum

- *"Adeline Art Shop"* Adeline Welge
- *"Milk Carton Apple Store"* Elijah Millard
- *"Prismatic Variations"* Trash Can Design (Art Club)
 - Kendall Zink, Teagan Mantyla, Camryn Reinhart, Alexis Plumb, John Grant Young, Stella Riley, Emma Hallanger, Addison Ormsby, Alex Girbacea, Tadd Hayes, Madison Bickmore, Jane Merizon, Makiah Young, Gunnar Johnson, Kaiya Quimby, Cohen Scow, Mason Scow, Jasper Cloud, Brook Long, Denali Dale, Alana Putman, Ella Moulton, Tatum Brewer, Arrianna Lubeck
 - NOTE: Trash can will be on display at the Museum then installed downtown this summer.

Artwork at Mid-Town Mall Location

- *"Happy Home"* Isis Spurgeon

Artwork at Chugiak/ Eagle River Library

- *"Alaska Home in the Fall"* Madalyn Hunko



EXHIBITION DATES!

March 2nd – 31st

Chugiak Elementary has selected 33 artists to display works created in Art Class at Wild Scoops Ice Cream shop at Mid-Town Mall. Ice Cream themed works will be framed and displayed between March 2nd & 31st. Please join us in congratulating our talented artists.

Lauren Williams, Tatum Brewer, Harmony Bass, Tristan Bakken, Carlyn Bobo, Silas Nightingale, Kendall Folk, Madeline Baxter, Jade Denny, Gabby McBride, Kaitlyn Heaston, Gus Westerlund, Carlisle Swenson, Alana Putman, Peyton Leathem, Brilee Lewis, Nathan Tuttle, Avery Wilson, Ava Stigerwalt, Fiona Gum, Parker Finch, Lily Witmer, Ryker Saclayan, Zylar Bakken, April Alcorn, Tegan Felts, Makiah Young, Olly Dunlavey, Archer Jones, Logan Wilson, Layla Marceaux, Sawyer Miller

Capture Your Memories in This Year's Chugiak Elementary School Yearbook



Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:
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Regular Price: **\$15.99**

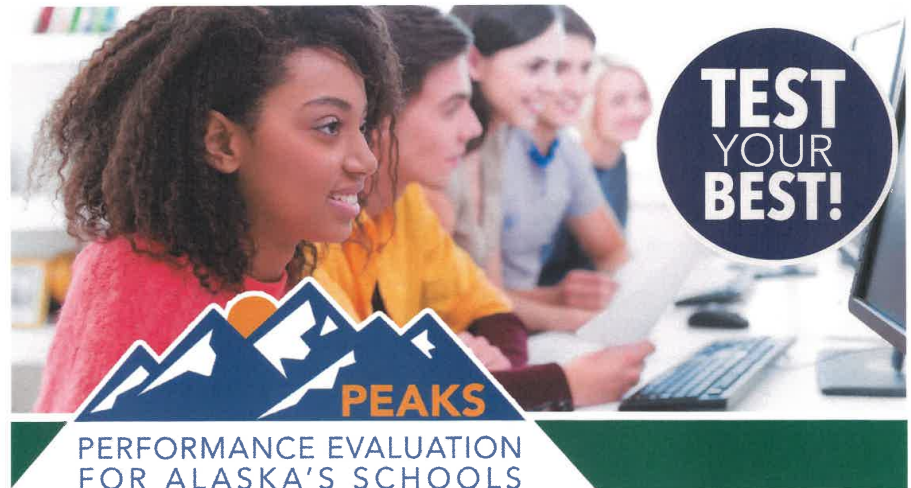
*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: Apr 8

TreeRing



Parents with students in kindergarten through second grade may like to peruse the FastBridge family site. Here you can learn about the assessments given during our universal math and reading screenings in the fall, winter, and spring, testing terminology, and more. If you have questions about the FastBridge reports or your child's progress, contact your child's teacher or the Chugiak office. <https://www.fastbridge.org/familyreport/>



Reach new PEAKS of learning!

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.

Get ready to reach new peaks of learning during our ASD assessment window.

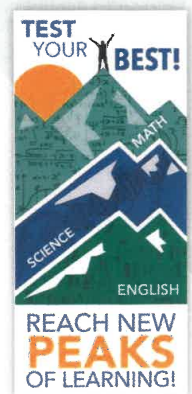
ASD PEAKS window

March 30–April 10
(Make-ups: March 31–May 1)

To ensure success, schools need all students present and ready to do their best.



For more information on how to prepare your child to show what they know, visit www.asdk12.org/peaks.



With each test, reach a new peak!
Receive a sticker by taking each test. Collect all the stickers to reach the summit.



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Key dates for spring 2020 lottery:

January 1, 2020 – Lottery system will begin accepting applications for 2021–21 lottery.

March 19, 2020, 5 p.m. – Application deadline for lottery.

March 20, 2020 – Date of lottery.

March 27, 2020, after 5 p.m – Parent





Saturday, February 29, 2020
Kincaid Park