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
**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!

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**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!

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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](https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb), use chugiakfamily as the passcode and let us know your thoughts. Thank you!
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, Zyler Bakken, April Alcorn, Tegan Felts, Makiah Young, Olly Dunlavey, Archer Jones, Logan Wilson, Layla Marceaux, Sawyer Miller
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Chugiak Elementary School
Yearbook

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- 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.

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Deadline: Apr 8
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/](https://www.fastbridge.org/familyreport/)
A festive winter day full of fun events for children 14 & Under. Ski races, obstacle courses, biathlon, snowshoeing & more!

Registration and School Grants @

http://www.anchoragenordicski.com

Saturday, February 29, 2020

12-3:30 pm

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