

OCEAN VIEW



November Newsletter 2024

Principal's Message

Ocean View Families,

We are seeing many students arriving late to school and unnecessary absences. When your child arrives at school late, they have a rushed start to their day and miss important learning and directions. If your child is in kindergarten through 3rd grade, they miss reading. If your child is in 4th grade, they miss math. 5th grade misses specials.

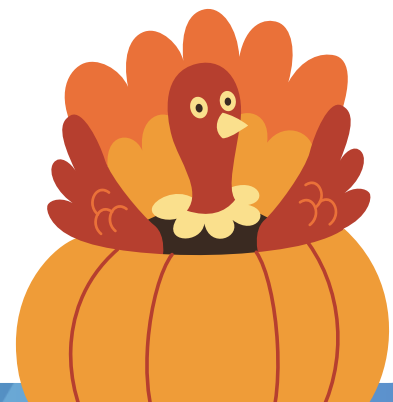
While we understand that illnesses and emergencies do happen, good attendance is something we should all aim for. Children should be kept home if they have a fever over 100.4 degrees without the use of a fever reducer, persistent diarrhea, vomiting more than two times in 24 hours, red, itchy eyes with yellow or green discharge, or if their illness prevents them from participating in regular classroom activities. A slightly runny nose and occasional dry cough are not enough to keep your child home.

Breakfast starts at 7:30 am. If your child is coming for breakfast, please aim to have them arrive at school between 7:30 to 7:40. If your child is not eating breakfast, please plan to have them arrive between 7:40 and 7:50. This will allow your child to have a relaxed and organized start to their day.

We are having friendly classroom competitions for the classes with the fewest absences and tardies. Congratulations to Ms. Richey's class. They won for the month of October.

If there is assistance we can provide you to help with this, reach out. We are here to help!

Christina VonWalter



NOVEMBER

Important dates to remember

- **11/12 PTA Meeting @ 5:30pm**
- **11/14 ALICE Drill**
- **11/19 Native Heritage Assembly**
- **11/28-29th Holiday, No School**
- **12/2 Mclass testing**
- **12/3 Mclass testing**
- **12/6 Winter Fun Night 6:30-8pm**
- **12/10 PTA Meeting @5:30pm**
- **12/19 Movie Night @ 6:30pm**
- **12/10 ELA MAP testing**
- **12/12 Math MAP testing**
- **12/9-12/19 Christmas Gift Fundraisers-**
There will be a couple really fun Christmas gift fundraisers by the PTA with square 1 art and Kaladi Brothers coffee
- **12/20 End of the Quarter. No School**
- **12/23- 1/5 Winter Break. No school**



FIRST QUARTER SPECIALIST AWARDS

Classes that were awarded this quarters trophies for best effort/participation.



- Mrs. Richey's class in Mr. D's Music class
- Mr. Freiberg's class in Ms. Stanton's Art class
- Mrs. Perrault's class in Mrs. Ireland's Gym class
- Ms. Park's class in Mrs. McGuan's Library class



SEAL Club News

Congratulations to Mrs. Rose and Ms. Patzke's class for winning the Kindness week door decorating contest. They won root beer floats!

Please look around our school this month and see all the great things our students are thankful for.

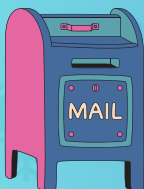
Migrant Education News

**Does your family fish or berry pick 7 nights a year outside of the Anchorage bowl? If so, you may be eligible for the Migrant Education program. Please email Mrs. Doner if you have questions.
doner_audra@asdk12.org**

Did you know Mrs. Patzke's class has pen pals?

They write to other students in Tennessee. This is the 3rd year her class has kept the tradition.

So Fun!





WHY GRAPHIC NOVELS ROCK!

GRAPHIC NOVELS HAVE INCREASED IN POPULARITY OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AND FOR GOOD REASON: THEY GET KIDS EXCITED ABOUT READING! A RECENTLY PUBLISHED ARTICLE IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL DISCUSSED WHY READING GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COMIC BOOKS ARE A POSITIVE OPTION FOR OUR CHILDREN. "READING IS READING – NO MATTER WHAT FORM IT TAKES. AND FOR SOME, BUILDING READING STAMINA WITH ACCESSIBLE FORMATS LIKE COMICS IS A GREAT WAY TO PREPARE THEM FOR LONGER FORM FICTION AND NONFICTION STORIES." THEY GO ON TO SHARE FOUR BENEFITS TO READING GRAPHIC NOVELS.

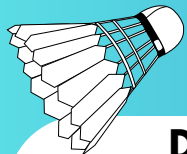
1. THEY HELP STUDENTS IMPROVE THEIR VISUAL LITERACY, MEANING THEIR ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND VISUAL INFORMATION.
2. THEY GIVE RELUCTANT READERS REASONS TO GET EXCITED ABOUT READING.
3. THEY PROVIDE A GATEWAY TO COMPLEX AND CLASSICAL TEXTS BECAUSE THEY ARE MORE APPROACHABLE SO THEY BUILD UP READER CONFIDENCE FOR MOVING ON TO LONGER CHAPTER BOOKS.
4. THEY PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE THEMSELVES IN STORIES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHY GRAPHIC NOVELS ROCK, CHECK OUT THE FULL ARTICLE FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL HERE:

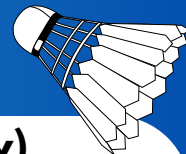
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ALEXANDRA MCGUAN
OCEAN VIEW ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL LIBRARIAN



4th & 5th Badminton Class



December 2nd, 4th and 5th (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday)

Three days of afterschool badminton skills and doubles play to gain more experience! I must limit the class size to 24 students. Cost is \$5. Please pick your child up in the front of the building at 3:15 p.m. Please note there are no crossing guards if your child walks home. There is no supervision for siblings. They will need to be picked up at 2:30 p.m. Students who have AR will be dismissed to the library at 3:15 pm. Sportsmanship, and fair and generous behavior toward others are required. If a student is not displaying sportsmanship, I will notify the parent, and they will not be able to attend.

Please email if there are any questions: ireland_jalynn@asdk12.org



WINTER FAMILY FUN NIGHT



A FREE event to include:

- 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.

Counselors Corner

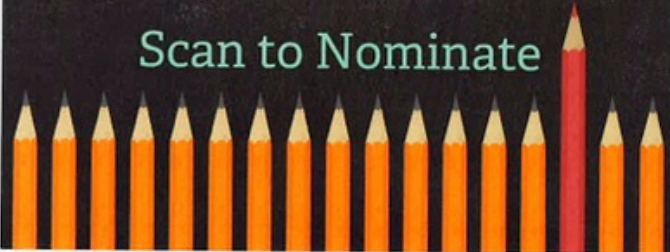
November's SEL Theme: Being Mindful and Thankful.

Mrs. Parker will be exploring mindfulness and gratitude in the month of November. Do you know that when you take a moment each day to think about the things you're thankful for, it can actually make you feel happier and help your mind stay strong? Gratitude means looking at the good things in your life and appreciating them. Maybe it's your family, your friends, your teachers, or even your favorite toy or game. When you focus on these positive things, it can help you feel more positive too! Being grateful can help your brain stay calm and happy, especially when you're feeling stressed or worried. Instead of focusing on things that make you upset, thinking about what you're thankful for helps you feel better and stronger inside.

Northern Smiles My Teacher Rocks Contest is Back



Scan to Nominate



My Teacher

ROCKS!

CONTEST

Here's HOW:

- Fill out an entry form nominating your favorite teacher.
- Tell us WHY your teacher **ROCKS**
- Submit your nomination to our office by mail, on Facebook or in person.

PRIZES:

- Your teacher will win a \$50 gift basket, thanking them for being an awesome educator.
- Your class will win a pizza party!



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4/5th grade Badminton Permission Slip

_____ can attend after-school badminton
December 2nd, 4th and 5th (M-W TH)

with Mrs. Ireland in the Oceanview Gym.

Walking home or pick up (please circle)

(Parent/Guardian Signature and phone number)

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:

- December 2-13, 2024

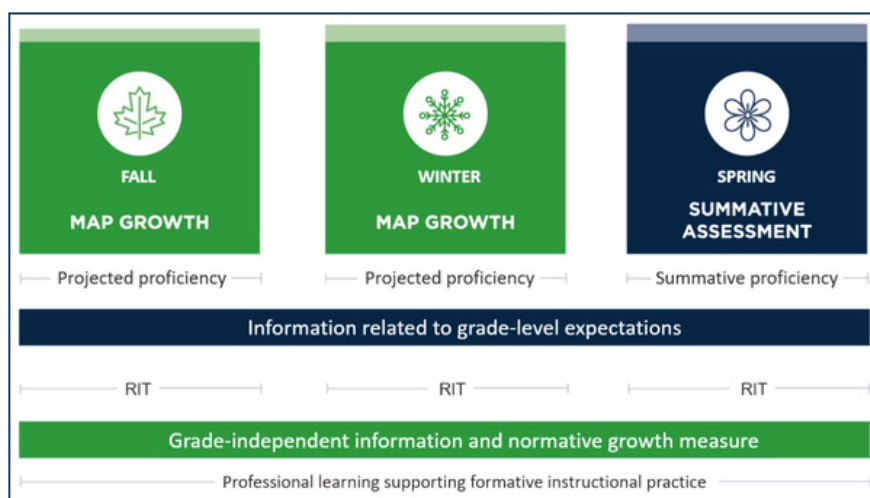
Results for K-3 students that were assessed during a benchmark window, will be available in Parent Connect by January 10, 2025: [ParentConnection Login Information and Reference Guide](https://parentconnect.asdk12.org):
parentconnect.asdk12.org

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MAP Growth 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-up through September 20)
- Winter Benchmark 2: December 2 - December 13 (make-up 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