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Rabbit Tales

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From The Principal

Welcome Back
to School to
our new and returning Rabbit Creek families!

It is exciting to be among the first to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year. Students and school staff alike get excited as the summer comes to a close and it's time to return to school. We all wait with anticipation as we imagine what our classes will be like, who our new friends will be and wonder what new learning is in store for us in the year ahead. Sharpening those new pencils, finding a backpack, and using crayons for the first time are all celebrations for each of us, young and old. (I happened to be in the Back to School section of Target today and couldn't help but smile listening to those filling their baskets with items on their lists!)

As we look to the new year we will continue to work towards our goals to raise student achievement and bring a year's growth for every child, every year. We will be one of the schools piloting the sixty minutes of lunch and recess. Students will have 20 minutes for eating, 10 minutes of transition in/out of lunch and a 30-minute recess. We join schools around ASD who will be including this in our schedules this year. Additionally, we will be adding in 30 minutes of Social Emotional Learning time into our instructional schedule.

We are welcoming a number of new staff to Rabbit Creek this year. Mrs. Kasie Aguirre is joining our staff as part of our kindergarten team, replacing Mrs. Stahl, who has moved to Turnagain Elementary. Mrs. Aguirre comes from Hawaii and was fortunate to catch a bit of our summer heat wave. Heather Runge will teach 3rd grade and Mrs. Black will be teaching a 3/4 combination classroom this year. In fourth grade, we have Ms. Holly Rinehart joining our team from Kasuun Elementary. I was fortunate to have worked with her in schools in the past and look forward to having her at Rabbit Creek. There are two more changes in to our instructional team, with Mrs. Jacie Anderson and Mrs. Erica Jones both moving to other ASD schools this summer. Mrs. Dianne Hawley will be working in our resource program, who is coming to us from Big Lake.

Other staff joining us this year are Mrs. Jen Blome, Instructional Coach, Lauren Martin, School Psychologist, and Allison Felton in Speech. It's exciting to look forward to working with all of these staff members!

Last year was a great year here at Rabbit Creek for me and I look forward to this year being even better! As we start this year, I want to focus on FAMILY. The word Ohana means family and the characters Lilo and Stitch say 'family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten.' Each of us is very fortunate to be a part of a school where we are a school family each and every day. I want us to remember to celebrate the work we do together through intentional collaboration, communication and relationship building. When this



Calendar of Events



8/16
Back- To- School Night 5PM-6:30PM

8/20
First Day Of School (1st-12th grades)

8/23 & 8/26
Kindergarten Academy 9AM- 11:15AM

8/27
First Day (Kindergarten only)
Coffee & Kleenex Breakfast Library 9am
Running Club begins for K-6



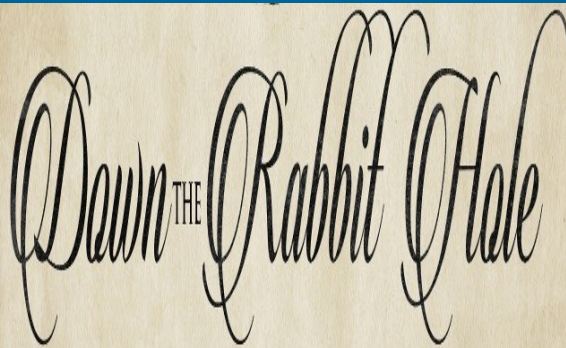
9/2
Labor Day no school

9/3
PTA Board Meeting 3:45 Library

9/6
Jog-A-Thon Kick-off Day

9/20
Jog-A-Thon

9/21
Southside Running Jamboree



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Rabbit Creek PTA every child. one voice.

Dear Rabbit Creek Families,

On behalf of your Rabbit Creek PTA board, welcome back to Rabbit Creek Elementary! We hope that you're looking forward to all of the growth and change that this year is sure to bring both for our students as individuals, and together, as a whole community. Rabbit Creek PTA is proud to continue to offer many programs to enrich the time your child spends at school. From after school sports to academic competitions like the Spelling Bee and Battle of the Books to Field Day and School Dances, we offer something for every type of kid. We hope you will consider becoming a part of our PTA family by signing up as a member or business member today.



Our monthly board meetings are open to everyone and occur the second Tuesday of each month with a few exceptions. This year, meetings will alternate between evening meetings (7pm) and after-school meetings (3:45 pm) in the RC Library. September's board meeting is one of those exceptions. With so much happening to kick off the school year, it will be held on the first Tuesday in September on September 3rd at 3:45 pm in the school in the library. We hope you can join us!

We are still looking for volunteers to join our PTA Board for the coming school year. Information is posted on our PTA Facebook page and we will have PTA reps ready to answer any questions you may have at the Back to School Night on Friday. Please remember to stop by our table to purchase memberships, buy a Memory Book, find out about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities and enjoy a cool treat courtesy of the PTA!

Mr. Libal will be coaching our cross country Rabbit Creek Runners throughout the month; online Spirit Wear orders are due by September 11th (order at <http://stores.blue84spirit.com/ak03>); our primary fundraiser the Jog-a-thon is Friday, September 20th during the school day (MANY volunteers needed!); School Pictures are Tuesday, September 24th. Get these important dates on your calendar!

As always, stay informed by checking reader board at pickup and drop off, visiting our website at www.rabbitcreekpta.org or by joining our closed Facebook group "[Rabbit Creek PTA](#)". We look forward to seeing you soon at Rabbit Creek!

Respectfully,
Heather Birch
President, Rabbit Creek PTA
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NEW THIS YEAR: There are two ways to collect BOX TOPS	
<p style="text-align: center;">THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS</p>  <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10c</p> <p>Traditional Box Tops are being phased-out, but are still found on products and CAN STILL BE SENT INTO RABBIT CREEK. Please clip them and send them in a baggie marked with your kid's name and teachers name for his/her class to get credit.</p> <p>Send these into your kids teacher or FEED THE MINIONS located in the School Office and Work Room.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS</p>  <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10c for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.</p> <p>The Box Tops program is moving toward digital only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Top (left) to the new digital label (above). DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY.</p>

Get your cowboy hats and running shoes ready!

Rabbit Creek's annual **Jog-a-thon** will be
Friday September 20th

RABBIT CREEK ELEMENTARY



2 0 1 9 J O G -A- T H O N

Look for details to come home in the next couple weeks.

Notes from the Music Room!

Hello Rabbit Creek families!

This is the start of my 21st year teaching and I'm very excited to join the great staff at Rabbit Creek.

I use the Orff-Schulwerk approach to teaching music. This methodology includes singing, moving, playing instruments, poetry, speech exploration and music composition. I also connect many of my lessons to concepts being taught in the general classrooms, especially social studies.

Choir will be starting soon for 3rd - 6th graders. I will be leading choir in the morning from 8- 8:50. (Day of the week, TBA). Please look for a permission slip and other information to be sent home soon.

A bit about me: I am a life-long Alaskan. My husband and I have 3 kids and a goldendoodle. We love Alaskan adventures! I have taught arts-integration classes at UAA and serve on the Anchorage Symphony board of directors.

I look forward to meeting the Rabbit Creek students and families.

With a song,

Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt



I am Allison Felton the Speech Language Pathologist

for the students at Rabbit Creek Elementary. I provide therapy in the areas of articulation, language, fluency, and voice.



My husband Daniel and I moved back to Anchorage 3 years ago from Southern California. We have 3 kids, Ryder (16), Faith (14), and Quinn (11), as well as 2 adorable dogs (Kenai and Juneau). In my spare time I enjoy reading, gardening, and exploring the great state of Alaska.

See you soon =)

Allison Felton, M.S. CCC-SLP



I am thrilled to join the Rabbit Creek community. Although I am moving over from teaching fifth grade at Kasuun, I started teaching in 1996, at Mountain View. I love working and playing in Alaska. I've been coaching Jr. Nordic since I was in college and now my sons also coach! Although, my oldest son will start classes at MSU in Bozeman on the same day we start school here. I have coached Girls on the Run for 3 years and look forward to starting a program here for our Rabbit Creek girls. I look forward to joining the RC family.

Hello Families/Ohana/Staff,

My name is Kasie Aguirre. I will be the new Kindergarten teacher at Rabbit Creek Elementary! My goal is to establish a love for learning in the hearts of children. This summer, I moved to Anchorage from Hawai'i. I am originally from Texas, but was transferred to Hawai'i while serving in the United States Air Force. My husband and I have two sons and a fluffy dog that keep us entertained! I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family, nature, and animals. I love a good book or board game! I can't wait to start the school year.

Mrs. Aguirre





It's time for some FRESH, NEW SPIRIT!

Rabbit Creek is once again working with spirit wear company, BLUE 84. We have an online "Spirit Store" open through 9/11/19 at 8:59 AKST.

Apparel will be in our hands three weeks later!

Check out the amazing selection of spirit wear for kids and adults at www.blue84spirit.com/ak03

NOTE: Check size guidelines carefully as there are no returns on personalized products. ALSO, this is our only spirit wear order this year, so if you are interested, don't delay!



Anchorage School District

2019-20 School Year Calendar*

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July

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JULY

4 Independence Day holiday

AUGUST

15 Teachers' first day

16-19 State released professional development days**

20 Classes begin

27 Classes begin for Preschod/Kindergarten†

SEPTEMBER

2 Labor Day holiday**

OCTOBER

18 State released professional development day. End of first quarter.**

23-24 Parent/Teacher conference days

25 State released professional development day**

NOVEMBER

11 State released professional development day**

28-29 Thanksgiving holiday**

DECEMBER

19 Classes end

20 State released grade reporting day. End of second quarter.**

23-31 Winter break**

JANUARY

1-3 Winter break (cont.)**

6 Classes begin

20 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday**

FEBRUARY

12-13 Parent/Teacher conference days

14 State released professional development day.**

17 Presidents Day holiday**

MARCH

6 State released grade reporting day. End of third quarter.**

9-13 Spring Break**

MAY

21 Classes end. End of fourth quarter.

22 Teachers' last day.

25 Memorial Day holiday

() Beginning, end of quarter

Q1-40, Q2-42, Q3-41, Q4-49

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* subject to change

** students do not attend school

† Tentative Kindergarten start date. Check back in the summer to confirm.

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