

Ocean View Newsletter

September 2024

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe, but we are already mid-way through the first quarter. It is a great time to talk with your student(s) about their grades. You can easily do this by logging into Q at <https://parentconnect.asdk12.org/production/parentportal> and clicking the assignments button. You will see your child's grades, graded assignments, and missing work if they have any. Elementary school is about learning, growing, and developing good habits and attitudes. If your child is struggling, please talk to the teacher to create a plan to support them.

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up on October 23rd and 24th. Be on the lookout for an invitation to sign up. Please prioritize making these conferences. It is an important time to communicate and collaborate with your child(ren)'s teacher.

All students have completed assessments in reading and math. We use the results to provide targeted instruction to your children both in the regular classroom and during WIN (What I Need) time. We had no parent refusals to take these assessments this fall. Thank you! This is valuable information that we put to good use to improve outcomes for all of our students.

In addition to using this information to provide targeted instruction to our students, we also use it to reflect on what's working and what isn't to improve our practices. Great news, it is working! On our MAP Growth reading assessment, we went from a schoolwide median score of 44th %ile in the fall of 2022, to the 50th %ile in 2023, to the 62nd %ile this fall. On our MAP Growth math assessment, we went from a schoolwide median score of 42nd %ile in the fall of 2022, to the 46th %ile in 2023, to the 52nd %ile this fall. These are very impressive gains our students, staff, and families have achieved together.

I look forward to continuing this partnership to provide the very best education to all students at Ocean View. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or me whenever you need us.

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September & October

- 9/23 XC Jamboree at Service @ 4pm
- 9/23-26th Volleyball for 4th and 5th Grade
- 10/4 Movie Night @ 6:30pm
- 10/8 PTA Meeting @ 5:30 in the Library
- 10/14 Indigenous Peoples Day - No School
- 10/18 End of 1st Quarter, No School
- 10/19 Fall Carnival
- 10/23 & 10/24 1/2 Days, Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/25 No School
- 10/30 Picture Retake Day



Family Movie Night

On Friday October 4, 2024, the school Cafeteria Manager Mrs. Jessica Kuzakin will be hosting our first Family Movie Night of the school year. Doors will open at 6pm, movie will start at 6:30pm. For \$3 a piece you get a bag of popcorn, a water bottle, and entrance to the movie. Pizza will be sold for \$3 a slice.



The movie showing will be Garfield.

Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact kuzakin_jessica@asdk12.org to volunteer.

We are hiring at Ocean View



Kindergarten TA – 5.5 Hours

Resource TA – 6.5 Hours

Building Plant Operator 8 Hours

<https://www.applitrack.com/asd/onlineapp/default.aspx?AppliTrackPostingSearch=location:%22OCEAN+VIEW+ELEMENTARY++++++%22>



Ocean View's Front Doors

Ocean View family, our front doors are a work in progress. Currently, the front office can unlock and communicate with people at the front door. Ms. Susan and Ms. Rachel will try their best to unlock the door when you arrive, but please be patient as there is a delay in getting the door to unlock.

After school Volleyball for 4th and 5th Grade

September 23, 24, 25, & 26 (Monday thru Thursday)

Volleyball skills (serving, bump, set, spike) and rally point scoring games. 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, that there are no crossing guards if your child walks home. We will be starting @ 2:30 p.m. and dismissing at 3:15 p.m.

There is no supervision for siblings. They will need to be picked up at 2:30 p.m.

Sportsmanship and fair and generous behavior toward others is 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





Nurses Corner

Health Screenings: Vision screenings are complete for the year (except for a few absences). If you receive a referral form and/or phone call for follow-up with a healthcare provider, please do so as soon as possible. Good vision increases energy, reduces headaches, and improves performance in the classroom!



Denali KidCare: If you have a child who is uninsured, text KIDCARE to 898-211 to see if they are eligible to receive FREE health care and receive free, confidential support from a United Way Healthcare Navigator. You can also call 211 or visit www.alaska211.org.

Free Flu Vaccine Clinics will be hosted by ASD nurses during parent-teacher conference week! ASD locations to be announced soon. They will be open to children, adults, and seniors. Please stop by to fight the flu and help protect others.



Need a Tdap booster for protection against pertussis/whooping cough or other vaccine? Next door to Pita Pit at the Muldoon Tikahtnu Complex (in front of Regal), is a free State clinic open 7 days/week, 9a-6p, walk-ins welcome.

Volunteers Welcome

Contact:

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Battle of the Books



Ocean View 3/4 & 5th Battle of the Books

We will soon be starting 3/4th and 5th Battle of the Books meetings soon! The Battle of the Books is a statewide Alaskan reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Alaska Association of School Librarians. The program encourages and recognizes students who enjoy reading while broadening reading interests, increasing reading comprehension, and promoting academic excellence. In Anchorage, students in grades 3-12 have the opportunity to compete at the district level in the hopes of representing ASD at the state level competition.

Each year, ten titles are carefully chosen by a committee; these titles must meet a set of defined criteria that ensures that the list is balanced in many different ways.

Students then independently read the books carefully, as well as memorize complete titles and author(s), which is how points are awarded during the competition. Students are not required to read all books.

After-school practices will focus on the memorization of titles and authors and getting used to the competition procedures. Initially we will be meeting weekly for one hour after school, when we get closer to the competition, we will increase to meeting twice weekly after school. For this semester, meetings will take place on **Mondays - 2:30-3:30pm for 5th grade and Thursdays for 3rd/4th grade in the library.**

Practices will begin the week of September 30th. Parental permission is required to participate in this after-school program. Interested students can pick up an informational letter with permission slip and a complete list of this year's Battle of the Books. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to Dyann Hardy (hardy_dyann@asdk12.org) the 5th grade Battle of the Books coach or Alexandra McGuan (mcguan_alexandra@asdk12.org) the 3rd/4th grade Battle of the Books coach.



Fall Carnival

Ocean View family, we will be needing volunteers and donations for the upcoming Fall Carnival. Please contact the PTA to ask how you can help.

A Mouse in our House

During our construction a materials shortage was solved with some creativity and artistic talent with Ms. Susan and Ms. Rylee Stanton's collaboration. A construction mouse was drawn and designed and placed in a corner of the school near the entrance. Let us know if you see our new Mouse in the House here at Ocean View.



Saturday, October 5, the Anchorage Home Builders Association and Associated Builders & Contractors of Alaska are cohosting “Trunk or Treat with the Trades”, a fun and festive event where families can come out and enjoy some Halloween-themed activities. Attendees can look forward to receiving a 2-gallon bucket from Spenard Builders Supply, as well as enjoying face painting, popcorn, hot chocolate and cider, a bounce house, music, and an interactive exhibit from Alaska Children’s Museum. But the fun doesn’t stop there – builders and other tradesmen will be there on hand to handout candy to the kids!



The poster features a central illustration of a blue pickup truck with a large jack-o'-lantern wearing a yellow hard hat with 'ABC' on it, sitting in the truck bed. Two construction workers in hard hats and safety vests stand on either side of the truck. The background is a dark blue night sky with a full moon, bats, and silhouettes of trees. The title 'TRUNK OR TREAT with the trades' is at the top in a stylized font. Below the illustration, the date 'Saturday 10.5.24' is written in large, colorful letters, followed by the time '11 A.M. - 2 P.M.' and the location '301 ARCTIC SLOPE AVE. (PARKING LOT)'. A green box contains the text 'Come for the Candy, Stay for a Career in the Trades!' and a paragraph about the event. Below this is a row of silhouettes of various Halloween costumes, including a vampire, a witch, a devil, a ghost, a pirate, and a monster. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the green box. At the bottom of the poster, there is a row of logos for the sponsors: ahba, Alaska Children's Museum (A+H), ABC Alaska, Crouse Environmental Compliance, Watterson Construction, Spenard Builders Supply, and Alaska Children's Museum.

TRUNK OR TREAT *with the trades*

Saturday 10.5.24 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. 301 ARCTIC SLOPE AVE. (PARKING LOT)

Come for the Candy, Stay for a Career in the Trades!

The 1st annual Trunk or Treat with the Trades is an opportunity for your little one to learn about the trades while getting a head start on Halloween. The first 100 kids get a safety vest sponsored by AIH, SBS will be handing out 2 gallon buckets.

Proceeds from the event benefit the AHBA Care Endowment Shoebox Program which brings joy to hundreds of less fortunate kids in the Anchorage School District. Last year, over 1,500 children received backpacks filled with goodies and essentials thanks to community support.

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AK Star and the Alaska Science Assessment Student-Level Results 2024

In the spring of 2024, students in grades 3-9 participated in the Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) or Alternate Assessment (AA) state summative assessments in English Language arts and mathematics. Students in grades 5, 8 and 10 took the Alaska Science Assessment or Alternate Assessment (AA) in science. The purpose of a large-scale, summative assessment is to provide information to parents, educators, policy makers, communities and businesses about how Alaska's schools and districts are performing, along with an overall picture of an individual student's progress in meeting State of Alaska standards at grade level.

Parents will be provided student-level electronic results on Friday, September 27.

To view your child's AK STAR/Alaska Science Assessment or Alternate Assessment results:

- Log into Parent Connection, <https://parentconnect.asdk12.org/>
- Select "Assessment Results" from the list of items on the left side
- Parent Guides for understanding results are available on the ASD Assessment Results website, <https://www.asdk12.org/AssessmentResults>

For English language arts, math and science, each student will receive an overall score that is aligned to one of four achievement levels: Proficient (P), Advanced (A), Approaching Proficient (AP) and Needs Support (NS).

Detailed AK STAR, Alaska Science Assessment and Alternate Assessment score reporting information and support resources are provided by the State of Alaska Department of Education:

- AK STAR, ELA and math - <https://education.alaska.gov/assessments/akstar/results>
- Alaska Science Assessment, science - <https://education.alaska.gov/assessments/science/results>
- Alternate Assessment, ELA, math and science - <https://education.alaska.gov/sped/alternate/results>

Please remember that AK STAR, the Alaska Science Assessment and the Alternate Assessment are not pass/fail tests. AK STAR and the Alaska Science Assessment are aligned to the Alaska State Standards and the scores provide information to guide decision-making and support students on their path to success. Alaska's standards and assessments ensure our students are academically ready to succeed in the community, workplace, post-secondary training, the military and college. The Anchorage School District maintains high learning expectations for all students and is committed to preparing students for success in life.



Staff and families please complete the
new Rightsizing ASD survey
(Translated versions are available on the survey page)



Reporting Process for Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

The School Board revised Policy 5131.43 on September 3, to require at least once per semester that students, parents, guardians, and staff members be informed of all available options for reporting concerns of harassment, intimidation, and bullying, including an option to report concerns anonymously. In compliance with this policy, principals should share the following information with their staff, students, and families:

The Anchorage School District is dedicated to providing a safe and civil learning environment. Harassment, intimidation, and bullying disrupt a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Students and staff are expected to consistently demonstrate respectful conduct and communication to ensure safe learning environments for all.

If a student experiences, or another person observes, a student being harassed, intimidated, or bullied, they should report it to a school administrator or through STOPit anonymous reporting.

This Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying flier outlines the reporting process.

A Blackboard message from ASD will also go out to families as another form of communication on Monday, September 16. Please contact Jennie Knutson or Toni Riley if there are any questions.