

OCEAN VIEW

January 2026 Newsletter

Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope your family enjoyed a restful and joyful holiday break. It has been wonderful to see our students return with smiles, energy, and excitement as we begin the second half of the school year.

As we reflect on the first semester, I want to share my sincere gratitude. Our students worked hard, our staff demonstrated incredible dedication, and our families provided constant support. Together, we created a learning environment where students flourished. It's time to celebrate your child's successes. Teachers sent home the results of the assessments we took in December. They will soon send the iReady math assessment results as well. You can also view them in your Parent Q account.

January marks a fresh start and an opportunity to build on our successes. In the months ahead, we will continue to focus on high-quality instruction and a positive school culture. We have used the data we've gathered from our mClass, MAP Growth, and iReady assessments to make adjustments to our instructional groupings. Please talk to your child about their WIN (What I Need) group. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and trust. When school and home work together, amazing things happen for children. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, ideas, or concerns as we move forward.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy, and successful start to 2026. We are excited to make the second half of the school year a huge success—together!

Christina VonWalter

Principal, Ocean View Elementary
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January

Important Dates to Remember

- 1/13 PTA Meeting 5:30pm
- 1/19 No School, MLK, Jr. Day
- 1/22 Dave and Buster's Fundraiser
- 2/16 No School, President's Day
- 2/17 Idit-A-Read starts
- 2/27 Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser
- 2/25 & 2/26 Parent-Teacher Conferences, dismiss at 11:30 am
- 2/27 No School

MEETING ID: 983 1708 5950

PASSCODE: 5850

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PTA MEETING

In the library

TUESDAY 1/13
@ 5:30PM

Zoom Meeting ID
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Passcode
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Migrant Education News

WE ARE OFFERING A KIDS DON'T FLOAT WATER SAFETY CLASS ON JANUARY 24TH. INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION TBA. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS CLASS AND HAVEN'T TAKEN IT BEFORE, PLEASE EMAIL ME DONER_AUDRA@ASDK12.ORG

THANK YOU!



AUDRA DONER

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO HOT WATER OUTSIDE WHEN IT'S
COLD?

MS. PATZKE'S CLASS TOOK HOT WATER OUTSIDE AND WATCHED IT
EVAPORATE INTO STEAM
SEE ATTACHED VIDEO

Reporting Process for Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

School Board policy requires, at least once per semester, that students, parents, guardians, and staff members be informed of all available options for reporting concerns of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, including an option to report concerns anonymously. In compliance with this policy, we are sharing the following information with all of you:

[School Board Policy 5131.43.](#)

Ocean View Winter Family Fun Night

Come join us for some
winter wonderland activities and crafts.

Admission is FREE!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thursday, January 29, 2026
6:00-7:00pm





**DAVE &
BUSTER'S**

PUT THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING

**THURSDAY, January 22,
2026**

5PM-8PM

Dave & Buster's Anchorage
800 E Dimond Blvd (2nd Floor) Anchorage, AK 99515

20% OF ALL FOOD, NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND

GAME PLAY WILL GO TOWARDS:

**Ocean View
Elementary**

*ALCOHOL IS NOT INCLUDED IN SPIRIT NIGHTS TOTAL SALES.

MUST PRESENT FLYER AT TIME OF PURCHASE

Nurses Corner

Keep fighting the flu... and all the other viruses out there! Handwashing remains the #1 way to prevent the spread of all illnesses: 20 seconds scrubbing with soap - don't forget under the nails. Keep germs from jumping right back on your hands by turning the faucet off w/ a paper towel afterwards. Vaccination, covering coughs with inner elbows, disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, and not touching public door handles whenever possible are other strategies. So many ideas to try to stay healthy 😊



Winter Weather. Students are expected to have a warm winter coat, boots, snow pants, warm/waterproof gloves, and hat every day at school. Many students are arriving without one or more of these items. Our students go outside for recess until the temperature reaches a chill of -10 degrees! Students walking to school in the morning may be exposed to even colder temperatures. Frostbite can occur quickly. Please let me know as soon as possible if your child needs any winter gear. **I recommend labeling all gear with your student's name** or initials inside to help prevent loss. Please contact me if you need assistance obtaining any of these items!



The American Academy of Pediatrics' illness "symptom checker" is a helpful educational resource. It does NOT take the place of calling your child's physician with concerns.



<https://www.healthychildren.org/english/tips-tools/symptom-checker/Pages/default.aspx>

Lanaee Winfree, BSN, RN, NCSN
Ocean View Elementary,
AKChoice, and Frontier Charter School Nurse



ASTRONAUT **ROCKET SHIP** **SATELLITES** **COMETS**

IN SPACE WITH MAJOR TOM
a collaborative project with 80% Studios

GRAND OPENING
JANUARY 22, 2026
6–7:30 p.m.

ASD Student Art Gallery
in the Dimond Center
Installation on display through April

Fine Arts
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Ocean View Families,

Ms. Stanton’s Art Club participated in an amazing collaboration between professional artists Dimi Macheras and Casey Silver of 80% Studios - they wrote the Chickaloonie's series.

You are cordially invited to the grand opening of "Major Tom in Space" on Thursday, January 22nd, from 6:00-7:30 pm at the ASD Student Art Gallery (between Verizon and Hot Topic in the Dimond Center). Live drawing workshops with Dimi and Casey will be going on, as well as a chance for the students to meet the artists.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

January

2026



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
5	6  Satsumas	7	8  Bartlett Pears	9
12	13  Red Bananas	14	15  Pink Lady Apples	16
19	20  Red Pears	21	22  Tangerines	23
26	27  Bananas	28	29  Mandarins	30

This Institute is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

OCEAN VIEWS' NEW

SPIRIT WEAR

Youth Order form

Limited Supply in Stock

This order is for _____

Student's Teacher is _____

Purchases can also be made at the front office

Youth Long Sleeve

_____ **Black only**
size, xs-xl



\$15 or
\$13 for all PTA Members

Youth T-Shirt:

_____ **Teal only**
size xs-xl



\$10

Youth Sweatshirt:

_____ **Black only**
xs-xl



\$25 or
\$21 for all PTA Members

Want to become a PTA member and get a discount? Sign up here



Embroidered beanie:

_____ **Black or Gold** quantity
\$15 or
\$13 for all PTA Members



For more information,
contact Ocean View PTA:
ptaoceanview@gmail.com

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Adult Order form

Limited Supply in Stock

This order is for _____

Student's Teacher is _____

Purchases can also be made at the front office

Adult Long Sleeve

_____ **Black only**
size, xs-xl



\$20 or
\$15 for all PTA Members

Adult T-Shirt:

_____ **Teal only**
size xs-xl



\$15 or
\$10 for all PTA Members

Adult Sweatshirt:

_____ **Black only**
xs-xl



\$35 or
\$24 for all PTA Members

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**THANK
YOU**

**OCEAN VIEW FAMILIES, TEACHERS,
STAFF AND PTA**

**FOR THE GENEROUS DONATIONS THAT
SUPPORTED 5 FAMILIES IN OUR
COMMUNITY OVER THE HOLIDAY
SEASON WITH
THE GIVING TREE**





Ocean View's Free Boutique

Did you know Ocean View has a family Boutique that is free to everyone? You can shop and/or make donations. We also need Volunteers who can help with organizing.

Gently used, child-sized shoes and gloves are always in demand.

JANUARY

COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year! I am so excited to welcome students back to school after winter break. January can be a wonderful fresh start, but it can also feel a little challenging as students transition back into routines, expectations, and learning. Below are a few tips and reminders to help support your child's emotional well-being as we begin the new year together.

Getting Back Into Routines

After a long break, it's normal for children to need time to adjust. Routines help kids feel safe, secure, and ready to learn.

Helpful tips:

- Re-establish consistent bedtimes and morning routines
- Talk through the school schedule and expectations
- Pack backpacks and lay out clothes the night before
- Offer praise for effort, not just behavior ("You tried your best today!")

Winter Wellness & Mental Health

Shorter days and colder weather can affect mood and energy levels for both children and adults.

Ways to boost well-being:

- Encourage outdoor play when possible
- Maintain regular meals and sleep schedules
- Limit screen time before bed
- Practice gratitude or set small goals for the new year

When to Reach Out

Please contact the school counselor if you notice:

- Ongoing sadness or withdrawal
- Big changes in behavior or sleep
- Increased anxiety about school
- Difficulty managing emotions

I am here to support both students and families. Students are always welcome to ask to see the counselor if they are feeling worried, sad, or need help solving a problem.

I look forward to a positive and successful start to the new year!

Wishing you a happy, healthy January!

SUPPORT AT HOME

- Asking open-ended questions ("What was the best part of your day?")
- Listening without rushing to fix problems
- Naming feelings ("It sounds like you felt frustrated today.")
- Encouraging healthy coping skills like deep breathing, drawing, or movement
- If your child seems more emotional than usual, this is often temporary as they readjust.

CONTACT

 parker_paulsen@asdk12.org

 Bowman: 907.742.5603

 Ocean View: 907.742.5853

Steller Secondary

Steller Secondary is a 6-12 grade ASD school of choice offering a unique learning opportunity with the goal of developing self-directed, life-long learners.

- Self-Directed Learning opportunities through projects, supported independent time, and Advisory.
- Strong Student Involvement gives students ownership and opportunities outside the classroom.
- High Academic Standards that challenge all students
- Passages (personal-choice projects) and Intensives are an opportunity to explore personal interests while receiving credit.

Steller is a school for students that have a strong desire to learn, are looking to push themselves academically, and can demonstrate freedom responsibly.



OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHO WE ARE

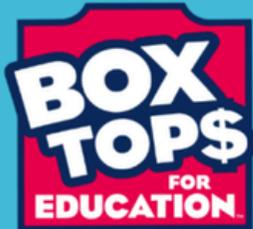
There are four upcoming opportunities to get to know our school better. Choose which option is best for you, or try all 4!

- ASD Alternative School Fairs
 - Saturday, Jan. 24 1-4pm (@Loussac library)
 - Saturday, Feb. 21 (@Begich MS)
- Steller Ice Cream Social
 - Thursday, Feb. 19 6-7:30pm (@Steller)
- Student Shadowing
 - Sign-up during the ice cream social
- Student-led School Tours
 - Thursdays in February from 2:45-3:15. Come to the front office.

www.asdk12.org/steller
www.stellerschool712.org
2508 Blueberry Road
907.742.4950

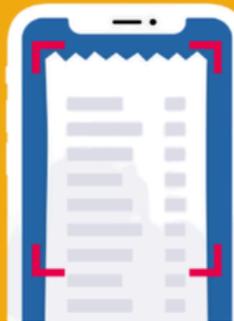
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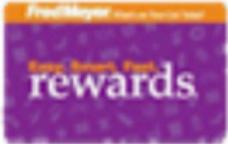
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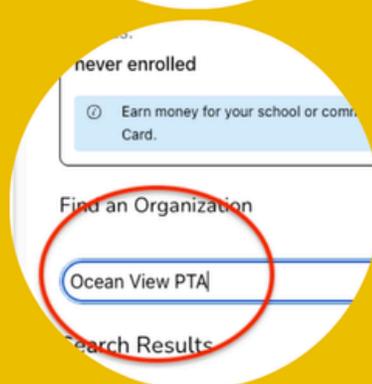
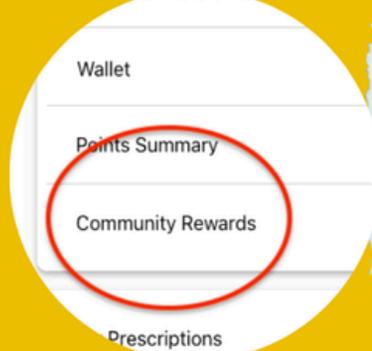
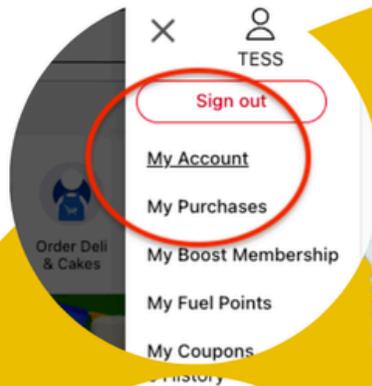
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**GET THE APP
TODAY!**





Fred Meyer.
**community
rewards** 



**SHOP AT
FRED'S?
SUPPORT OCEAN VIEW!**

EASY AS 1-2-3

01 LOG IN to your Fred Meyer and navigate to "my account"

02 CLICK ON "community rewards" and search for "Ocean View PTA"

03 SELECT our school and start earning money!

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ANCHORAGE FREESTYLE WRESTLING CLUB



Scan here to sign up & pay

Practice and eligible wrestler Information:

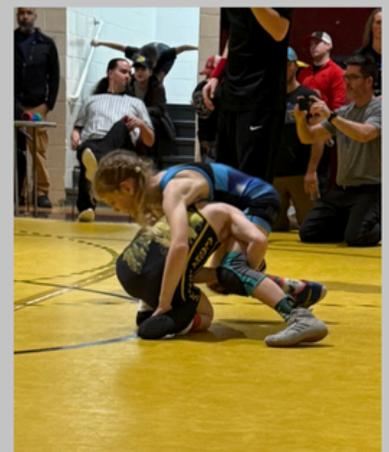
- Age 5 - 18 years
- February 2nd – May 2nd
- Practice for K – 5th grade, 5:30pm - 6:30pm, Tuesday - Thursday
- Practice for 6th - 12th grade, 6:45pm - 8:15pm, Monday - Thursday
- Tournaments are Fridays and Saturdays
- Practice location: Dimond High School, Old Gym: 2909 W 88th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99502 (2nd Floor - Mat Room)
- Coach Tony Lema, 907-903-5004 or email coachtonylema@gmail.com



“Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.”

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AVALANCHE WRESTLING CLUB REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Avalanche is the largest club in Anchorage and home to state champions & All-Americans of all ages.

Our club welcomes boys and girls, new and experienced. We focus on skill development & fundamentals, strength, confidence, teamwork, respect, discipline, and fun.

- SEASON: February 2 - May 2, 2026
- Ages: 6U/8U/10U/12U/14U/16U/18U
- PRACTICE: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday*
6U-10U 6-7PM / 12U-18U 7-8:30PM / *12U & UP 1-3PM
- LOCATION: All practices @ Legacy Jiu Jitsu
501 W International Airport Road Anchorage, AK
- TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: www.ausaw.org
- EMAIL: avalanche.wrestling@gmail.com



REGISTER HERE



www.avalanchewrestling.com