

# URSA MINOR

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April 4th, 2018

## A Message from the Principal

I hope everyone is enjoying this amazing weather and longer days! With winter coming to an end, our lost and found box is full of winter snow gear, clothes, shoes, and water bottles! If you are missing anything, please come by and check out the Lost and Found box.

If you are withdrawing your child due to a school change or PCS, please let the school know two weeks in advance so we can gather the necessary information and have an opportunity for saying our good-byes. We support students in hunting down missing books, getting reports together, and completing assignments for the report card. Lunch charges also need to be paid in full.

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## MAP Growth Testing!

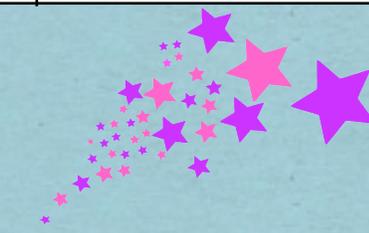
MAP Growth testing is the benchmark assessment 3rd - 6th grade students take three times a year. It shows the progression they have made through out the year in English Language Arts and Math. Our students will be taking theirs the week of April 22nd and April 29th. Please see the list provided to check when your child is testing!

Monday, 4/22 <b>MATH</b> Mr. Pieper	Monday, 4/29 <b>ELA</b> Mr. Pieper
Tuesday, 4/23 <b>MATH</b> Mr. Vecera	Tuesday, 4/30 <b>ELA</b> Mr. Vecera
Wednesday, 4/24 <b>MATH</b> Mrs. Dunlap, Miss Cole	Wednesday, 5/1 <b>ELA</b> Mrs. Dunlap, Miss Cole
Thursday, 4/25 <b>MATH</b> Mrs. Boes, Mrs. Williams	Thursday, 5/2 <b>ELA</b> Mrs. Boes, Mrs. Williams
Friday, 4/26 <b>Makeups</b>	Friday, 5/3 <b>Makeups</b>

## •• SEL Star Winner ••

3/18 - 3/22

K- Michael C. - McAllister  
1st- Jackson E. - Uson  
2nd- Josh C. - Larson  
3rd- Peyton V. - Cole  
4th- Masuniya I. - Pieper  
5th- Daniah H. - Dunlap  
6th- Le'Shae B. - Dunlap



Mark your calendar because  
it's time for the

**URSA MINOR TALENT  
SHOW!**

Friday, May 3rd  
2:00 - 3:15 PM



**Anchorage School District**  
*Educating All Students for Success in Life*

## ASD SCHOOL BOARD

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**Great Job 6th Grade Band Members!**

On April 2nd, the 6th grade band members participated in the Eagle River Band Festival along with Alpenglow, Birchwood ABC, Eagle River Elementary, Homestead, Ravenwood, Ursa Major. The 6th grade band played along side the Gruening Middle School and Eagle River High School. A special thank you to Mrs. Mills for all your time working on the festival!



On March 25th, our 5th graders graduated from the DARE program. Charlotte and Sophie were the winners of the essay contest! Congratulations to all of 5th grade!



We know with the sun shining again the kiddos have been itching to get back on their bikes! And now they can! Please make sure they are wearing a helmet and walking their bikes on school grounds. Bike locks are not mandatory but **HIGHLY** suggested. ASD is not responsible for lost or stolen bikes!

To show our appreciation to the students, PTA encouraged parents to hand out purple beaded necklaces to all of the students as they entered the building Monday morning. Every Monday through April, PTA has a special surprise for the students!



# URSA MINOR PTA

**Dates to remember...**

Apr 17. - PTA Meeting @ 2:45 in the MPR  
 \*Every Monday in April there will be a special surprise for all students!



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**FUN FRIDAYS!**

Apr. 5

Apr. 12

Apr. 19

Apr. 26

Bring in \$.50 for a delicious popcorn treat!

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# April



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 6th grade Eagle River Band Festival @ 7:30 PM Eagle River High School	3	4 We the People Constitution Musical @ 9:30am	5	6
7	8	9 Colt Round Up @ Chugiak HS 6:30 - 8 pm	10	11	12	13
14 National Dolphin Day	15	16	17	18 National Day Of The Military Child! PURPLE UP!	19	20
21 Happy Easter!	22 Happy Earth Day	23 Kinder Round Up @ 9:30 am	24	25	26 Arbor Day	27
28	29	30				



**REMINDER:** students are to arrive at school **NO EARLIER** than **8:25 am** for breakfast and **NO EARLIER** than **8:40 am** for those waiting outside. There is **NO** adult supervision until 8:40 am.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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These last eight weeks are important as they are the final push to the end of the school year. We continue to have a full academic day so it is important that students are attending the full school day everyday they can. Keep structure and routine to support your child's school day and learning.

The purpose of our Facebook page is to provide an online community for parents and families at Ursa Minor Elementary. While we enjoy interacting with our families in this manner, social media needs to be conducted in a polite and meaningful way. The following are a few guidelines to keep in mind when posting to the Ursa Minor page.

- We encourage posts that highlight our community's accomplishments.
- Keep in mind what you post is public information.
- We encourage posts and questions about school events or PTA events.
- Please call the school regarding concerns, problems, or conflicts with the school community (school staff, students, and parents). We will immediately delete posts that in any way put down or discriminate against individuals.
- Also call the school regarding policies and procedures need to be addressed privately and not through the Ursa Minor Facebook page.
- When posting, please use appropriate language. Children can see our page.

Please look through the newsletter for information on celebrating April, the Month of the Military Child. We are acknowledging this month in honor of our students who are also effected (enriched lives and challenged) by deployments and the many trainings one or both of their parents have because of their military service. There is something special planned by our PTA for every Monday. April 18th is the National Day for the Military Child so it is Purple Up day! Everyone wear purple.

Finally, I want to do a "shout out" of appreciation to all of our families that help by saving Box Tops and supporting our PTA and the awesome work they do. This money helps PTA support classrooms with supplies, buses for fieldtrips, and more. Thank you parents and thank you PTA. We appreciate you!

Enjoy your weekend and warm regards,

Wendy Brons, Principal



# Counselor's Corner

In the Anchorage School District educators discuss about how important assets are to our students. The more assets a student has the more likely the student will have healthy behaviors. There are 20 external and 20 internal assets.

External assets are divided in specific categories: support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations and constructive use of time. In the support category the assets are: family support, positive family communication, other adult relationships, caring neighborhood /community, caring school climate and parent involvement in school. In the empowerment category the assets are: community values youth, youth are given useful roles, youth volunteers in the community and safety. In boundaries and expectations category the assets are family boundaries, school boundaries, neighborhood/community boundaries, adult role models, positive peer influence and high expectations. In the final category, constructive use of time the assets are creative and cultural activities, youth program, religious community and time at home.

Internal assets are divided in the categories of commitment to learning, positive values, social skills and positive identity. In the commitment of learning category the assets are achievement motivation, school engagement, homework, bonding to school and reading for pleasure. In the positive values category the assets are caring, equality and social justice, integrity, honesty, responsibility and restraint. In the social skills category the assets are planning and decision making, interpersonal skills, cultural competence, resistance skills and peaceful conflict resolution. In the final category, positive identity the assets are personal power, self-esteem, sense of purpose and positive view of personal future.

As parents and educators we can help by increasing the assets that children have. Children who have less than 20 assets are at risk for unhealthy behaviors such as alcohol/drug abuse, violence, depression and school problems. Children who have more assets will have healthy behaviors such as valuing diversity, succeeding in school, helping other, resisting danger and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

To receive more information regarding assets please go to the Search Institute website at <http://www.search-institute.org/>.

Happy Spring, Tina Victory, Guidance Counselor