

URSA MINOR

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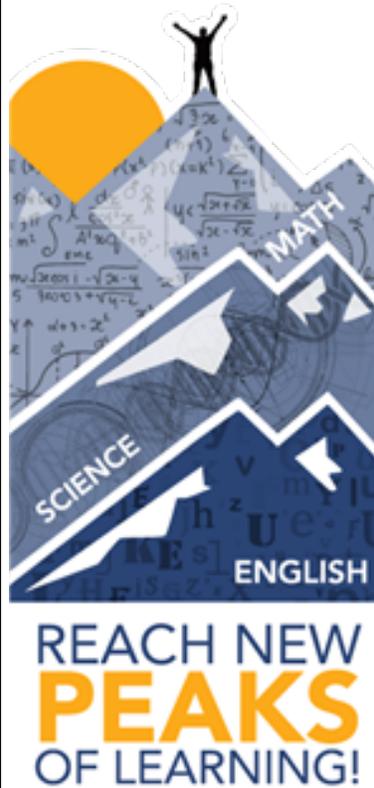
MARCH 21, 2019

A Message from the Principal

I hope everyone is enjoying the last of our winter wonderland! Please be sure that your child(ren) are coming to school with winter snow gear even when it gets warm. It will keep them dry. Also, our lost and found box is full of winter snow gear! If you are missing outdoor gear or clothing, water bottles, lunchboxes, etc. please come by and check out our Lost and Found box.

If you are withdrawing your child due to a school change or PCSing, please let the school know two weeks in advance so we can gather the necessary information and have an opportunity to say our good-byes.

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Peaks Testing Dates

Peaks Testing is upon us again. Peaks testing takes place for our 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. They will take tests in English Language Arts, Science, and Math during the morning half of the day. The tests will be taken on the Chromebooks. It is best if students have a restful night and healthy breakfast the morning of their test.

Monday, March 25

Mr. Pieper & Mr. Vecera
Science

Tuesday, March 26

Ms. Cole, Mr. Vecera & Mr. Pieper
ELA

Wednesday, March 27

Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. Boes & Mrs. Williams
ELA

Thursday, March 28

Ms. Cole, Mr. Vecera & Mr. Pieper
Math

Friday, March 29

Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. Boes & Mrs. Williams
Math

•• SEL Star Winner ••

2/11 - 2/15
K- Achillies C. - Moses
1st- Kaylea J. - Tucker
2nd- Adrian O - Arriaga
3rd- Alayana G. - Vecera
4th- Ella D. - Vecera
5th- Jenny M. - Dunlap
6th- Howard D. - Williams

2/19 - 2/22
K- Malea M. - Moses
1st- Jonathon Z. - McComas
2nd- Sarah P. - Larson
3rd- Leo A. - Vecera
4th- Joni E. - Vecera
5th- James D. - Boes
6th- Chiara B. - Dunlap

K-6 Science Showcase

March 21st
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Come out and see all of the completed science projects that will be on display! Exceptional projects will be encouraged to enter in the Alaska Science and Engineering Fair.



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Kindergarten Round-Up

Is your child starting kindergarten in the Anchorage School District in the 2019-20 school year?

Join us!

- Learn how to help prepare your child for kindergarten
- Activities to do at home to support kindergarten readiness
- Enrollment information and requirements
- Meet the staff
- Tour the school

A full list of Kindergarten Round up dates at ASD elementary schools can be found on back of this flier.




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Gruening Middle School
Colt Round-Up

Who: Current 6th Graders

Location: Chugiak High School

Date: April 9th

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

This is a chance for our soon to be 7th graders and their families get acquainted with staff members and practice opening a locker!



Ms. Honkola's 4th and 5th grade classes presents the musical

Shh... We are writing the Constitution

April 4th at 9:30 - 10:15

This will be performed during an assembly for the whole school and parents are welcome to attend.

URSA MINOR PTA

Dates to remember...

March 22 - Domino's Night

April 17 - PTA Meeting @ 2:30 pm in the MPR

April is The Month of the Military Child! April 1st will be the first Monday that we will be celebrating our students by handing out beaded necklaces! The students will receive a small token of appreciation each Monday in April!



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FUN FRIDAYS!

Mar 1

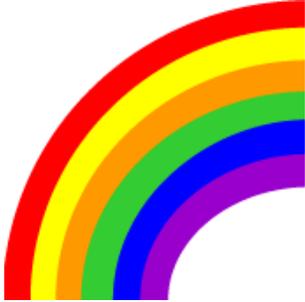
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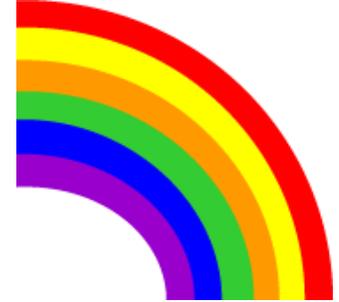
Bring in \$.50 for a delicious popcorn treat!

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March



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					*FUN FRIDAY	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	SEL SKIT -TUCKER		PTA Meeting MPR ROOM @ 2:30		No School	
	11	12	13	14	15	16
SPRING AHEAD	SPRING BREAK 11TH- 15TH					
Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18	19	20	21	22	23
	SEL SKIT- ARRIAGA	SPRING/CLASS PICTURE DAY		SCIENCE SHOWCASE NIGHT 6 - 7:30 PM	DOMINO'S NIGHT *FUN FRIDAY	CHIPS & DIP DAY!
24	25	26	27	28	29	30/31
PEAKS TESTING THIS WEEK. PLEASE SEE FRONT PAGE FOR DATES	*SEL SKIT - LARSON	NATIONAL SPINACH DAY			*FUN FRIDAY	



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.



During the month of March in **Elementary Health**, your child will study **human growth and development**.

March Monthly Theme: Human Growth and Development

Grade	K	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade	6 th Grade
Topic	Keep Clean and Healthy	Happy, Sad and In Between	Babies: How You Grew	Your Family, My Family	Be Cool, Keep Clean	Growing Up	The Reproductive System
Link to Parent Bulletin	https://goo.gl/g6E33Y	https://goo.gl/VY91ic	https://goo.gl/5QzkZe	https://goo.gl/bSifM6	https://goo.gl/Er6Zgz	https://goo.gl/6n7Aec	https://goo.gl/xRi6e6



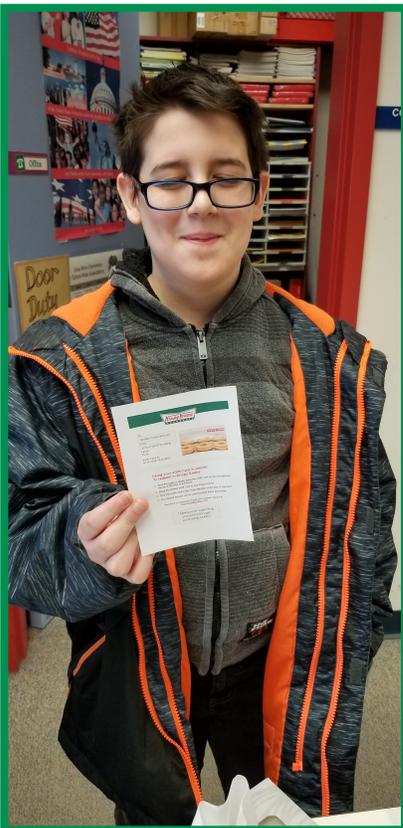
Richelle Lay
K-6 Health/Social Emotional Learning



DON'T FORGET...

Report cards are going home today, Thursday March 21st!!

Be sure to ask your child for their report card!



Congratulations Jacob!

He is the lucky winner of a \$5 gift card toward donuts at Krispy Kreme! There is still one more prize to be won. Be sure to try your luck at the sticker machine!



6th Grade Band Members:

Eagle River Area Band Festival

Date: Tuesday, April 2nd
Where: Eagle River High School

Participants should arrive at **6:15 PM** for warm up and the **concert will begin at 7:30 PM.**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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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.

We will begin the Alaska state test (PEAKS) next week, Monday, March 25, with 4th grade Science test. The rest of the schedule is as follows: Tuesday, third and fourth grades will take the English Language Arts, Wednesday, fifth and sixth will take English Language Arts, Thursday, third and fourth will take Math, and Friday, fifth and sixth will take the Math portion. Parents, you can help by encouraging students to do their best (yet, not to stress out - while it is important, it is a test), have your child get plenty of rest the night before and a healthy breakfast with substance and fluids in the morning. Sticking with your morning routine is great too. Send them off with encouraging words and a positive attitude. Please have students to school on time (by 9:00 am) to reduce disruption and provide an opportunity for a great start to the test.

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 days 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.

April is 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. Please watch for ways our school, with the support and help from PTA, will be celebrating our military children.

Finally, I want to do a "shout out" of appreciation to our PTA and the many ways they support our school: assemblies (play), book fairs, technology (projectors for classrooms), buses, popcorn, spirit wear, picture days, movie nights, and more. I also want to thank the many parents who support our PTA! Thank you all for the many ways you support our (yours and mine) school.

Enjoy your weekend and warm regards,

Wendy Brons, Principal



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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

Recently the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) released the 2017-2018 Report Cards to the Public for each school district and school in Alaska. This new user-friendly website aims to provide families with clear, common information about all public schools and districts in our State. These report cards to the public contain data and information about academics, school environment, teacher quality, and more.

To view a 2017-2018 school or district report card to the public, go to education.alaska.gov/reportcardtothepublic. Once there, you will be able to select which school or district report card to the public you wish to view. If you are unable to access the report cards to the public online, please contact your student's school.

We know that the report card to the public is just one of many ways you will engage with us at Ursa Minor Elementary. We look forward to sharing our school's successes with you and working together to make our school better every day. In particular, we are proud that at Ursa Minor the report card to the public shows us doing well on attendance and have met and excelled the attendance goal of 90% of our students will attend 90% of the school year. We are also above the district and state numbers for percentages of students who are advanced and proficient in math. In English Language Arts our students are above the proficiency rates for district and state. Our proficiency rates for PEAKS have increased. With that said, we still have a lot of work to do! This is why your school personnel appreciates your support so much. Thank you for getting your children here to school and supporting our efforts in educating your children.

We hope you will closely follow your student's academic progress and work with his or her teacher(s) to help ensure academic success. Working together as a team, we can improve not only how well our students are performing individually, but how our school and district is performing as a whole. There is nothing more important to administrators and teachers at Ursa Minor than ensuring that students are ready for the next step in their academic career. We look forward to partnering with you.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our school or district report card to the public, please don't hesitate to contact us at Ursa Minor Elementary, 907-428-1311

Sincerely,

Wendy Brons
Principal

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