

URSA MINOR

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NOVEMBER 29, 2018

A Message from the Principal

December is almost here and that means there is excitement abound! Hopefully we will get more snow, temperatures are dropping, and more darkness is upon us. Please be sure to send your child(ren) with the proper outdoor gear. It is helpful when names are put on the gear so we can return the items to the proper owner and it can be found in lost and found more easily.

Our "Lost and Found" has grown! If you are missing clothing, please stop by the school to check the classroom and the "Lost and Found." Don't hesitate to add reflective bling to backpacks and coats!

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Thank you to UAA and their wonderful cast and crew for their presentation of "New Kid". Ursa Minor is very appreciative to the PTA for helping make this production happen as well as the parents who donated to offset the cost! It was a great time!



•• SEL Star Winner ••

11/5-11/9

- K - Leila Wier - Moses
- 1st. Elle Bloom - Tucker
- 2nd. Brynlee Daigrepoint - Uson
- 3rd. Corban Brock -Vecera
- 4th. Nalah Wells - Pieper
- 5th. Danella Pugh - Boes/Lay
- 6th. Jacob McGaha- Williams

11/13-11/16

- K- Grayson Williams - Moses/Feris
- 1st - Makenzie Seay - Tucker
- 2nd - Bristol Hatch - Larson
- 3rd. Erik Cortes - Cole/Lay
- 4th. Marin Porche - Pieper
- 5th. Ayden Sorensen - Dunlap
- 6th. Howard Davis - Williams



Join us tonight, **November 29th from 6 - 8 PM** for Family Night!

Ursa Minor along with the Native Heritage Center present a fun night of learning about the Alaska Native culture. There will be dancing, a craft, NYO, and other activities. Please be sure to accompany your child as this is a family event!
Thank you!



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Emergency Contact Updates

Please be sure to update your emergency contacts frequently. We are not to release students to adults who are not on their contact list. There is a form in the front office for you to fill out or you may visit our website at asdk12.org/ursaminor and click on the Families tab to print.

Thank you for your assistance in this issue!



Join Mr. Uson for morning tutoring.
1st - 6th grade

Permission slip is required to participate.

Tutoring will be from 8 - 8:30 AM
On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays
Beginning November 26th until the end of April (final date TBD).

Students will be working on Math Whizz and some Lexia. If you have any questions please call the front office at 907-428-1311.

Important Zangle Information!

From here on out, when there is a field trip, student tickets will **ONLY** be paid on Zangle. Volunteer tickets will **ONLY** be accepted in the form of a check.

Now is a good time to learn what your Zangle pin and password are so that you will not have to worry about it when a field trip rolls around. Please call the front office for this information!

Thank you!



P.E. News



Our Active Families board in the gym is looking rather bare! Send in photos of your family engaging in physical activity for our board. This can be a picture of your family hiking, skiing, swimming, bike riding. Anything that requires you to get up and move!

The class that has everyone turn in a photo will earn five 10 tickets!
Thanks for your help!

URSA MINOR PTA

Dates to remember...

Nov. 29 - Dec. 14 - Candy Cane Grams
Dec. 7 - Movie Night @ 6 PM

December 7th is Movie Night!

We will be showing The Santa Clause rated PG. This is a family event so children must have a parent or guardian with them.



EMAIL: URSAMINORPTA@GMAIL.COM

FUN FRIDAYS!

Nov. 30

Dec. 7

Dec. 14

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

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December

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
|  30 |  31 | | | CANDY CANE GRAMS NOV. 29TH-DEC 14TH  | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  7 MOVIE NIGHT THE SANTA CLAUSE @ 6 PM | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 BAND & ORCHESTRA CONCERT 9:30 AM IN THE GYM | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |  Enjoy Winter Break! 21 |  22 |
|  23 |  24 |  25 |  26 |  27 |  28 |  29 |



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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We want our children to be seen along the roads coming to and from school and when they are out-and-about in the evening. This allows the drivers more time and opportunity to slowdown and be safe around kids.

Winter driving can be a challenge as it is dark and icy. This is a very high traffic time with young children out and about. Having reflective tape or blinky gadgets applied to backpacks or jackets is safer when children are out and about. Also, we request that parents picking up students at the end of the day use the drive through in the parking lot or park in designated and legal areas along Hoonah to avoid blocking traffic or creating unsafe conditions for young children who are walking home.

Students tend to be excited because of the seasonal events and the upcoming break. It is helpful if students get a good night's sleep and parents reinforce their expectations for school. We appreciate your support!

Teachers are administering the Aimsweb mid-year and MAP Growth benchmark assessments in reading, math, and writing. We are looking for 100% completion rate. Teachers use this information to guide instruction and to monitor students' progress. If your family is leaving early for the holidays and Winter Break, please let teachers or the front office know a head of time. It is helpful so teachers can take attendance issues in consideration with end of the quarter assessments. Also, if you are PCSing, please contact the school office and complete the withdrawal paperwork two week in advance or as soon as possible.

Please review the school calendar and newsletter to stay informed of school events! We are very excited for this time of winter. Gaining light is right around the corner as December 21, will be our shortest day!

This is the season for many families to give gifts, please consider replenishing those school supplies such as pencils, crayons, glue, etc. Many students love to start the new-year with a brand new full set of supplies!

Be sure to look through backpacks for newsletters and information from your child's teacher to stay informed of what is going on in your child's classroom and special events.

Be safe and enjoy this enchanting winter season,

Wendy Brons, Principal