

July, 2024 Tiger Tales

TAKU ELEMENTARY · KAITLIN TALLMAN, PRINCIPAL



Principal's Corner, Kaitlin Tallman

Dear Taku Families,

It's that time of year where we start to think about coming back to school! You still have a couple weeks of summer vacation, but I wanted to share some important information with you.

You will start to hear from the office staff in the upcoming days regarding registration for your student(s). They are available to answer any questions you may have or help walk you through the online registration process. We will also be hosting In person registration at Taku. Feel free to stop by the office to register on Tuesday, July 30 from 9:00 - 3:00, Wednesday, July 31 from 9:00 - 3:00 & 5:00 - 7:00, and Thursday, August 1, from 9:00 - 3:00.

I would also like to introduce to you our new Assistant Principal, Sara Kriz. Mrs. Kriz is joining us this year being her second year in the district and comes with a background in counseling. We are excited to have her!

Like our new Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/taku365> !

Kaitlin Tallman
Principal, Taku Elementary



A Message from the Assistant Principal

Hello and Welcome back! I'm excited to be joining the Taku Tigers Team as your Assistant Principal. I share my time at another school, but I will be around as much as possible. This is my second year with ASD as an Administrator. I am originally from the Chicagoland area and came out to Alaska 12 years ago with my husband. My background is primarily in school counseling and CTE, but I love working with our elementary students, families and

the community. My family is my everything! Denali is 8 years old and going into 3rd grade, and Mia is 3 years old and sassy as ever. In the summer months, my family and I enjoy camping, hiking, and road tripping all over the country. I am looking forward to working with your student and meeting you throughout the school year!

Register Now!

Who is a returning student?

- **Currently enrolled students who intend to return next year**
- **Students changing divisions - Elementary to Middle, Middle to High**
- **Students who have moved from one ASD zone to another ASD zone (you will need to provide proof of residency at your new school)**
- **Incoming Kindergartners who attended an Anchorage School District preschool program**

Returning students can be registered through Q/[ParentConnection](#) for the 24-25 school year.

** The Online Registration System works best in Chrome/Firefox/Safari browsers.*

[Register Returning Students Now](#)

~Instructions for Registering Students in Parent Connect~

Once you have logged in click on the following:

- Student Name
- ASD Quick Links (top left corner)
- Online Registration Incomplete (in red)
- Complete Registration as directed

Parents can register returning students online to save time, but middle and high school students will still have an opportunity to visit their school to pick up class schedules, locker combinations and parking permits, and to get ID photos taken.

TAKU IN PERSON REGISTRATION

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 9:00 - 3:00

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 9:00 - 3:00 & 5:00 - 7:00

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 9:00 - 3:00



Late Start Mondays!

Just a reminder that our school start times for the 24-25 school year is a bit different.

Mondays will start later than usual. Drop off begins at 8:40am and the first bell rings at 8:50am. Instruction begins at 9:00am. Student release time will at at 2:30pm.

Tuesdays - Fridays, Drop off begins at 7:40am and the first bell rings at 7:50am. Students enter their classrooms to eat breakfast and get organized. Students are considered tardy after 8:00am. Student release time will remain the same at 2:30pm.

Plan your pick up and drop off routine in advance so students know how they are getting home.

If you have any questions about school start and ending times, feel free to contact the office. 907-742-5940.

Mark Your Calendars!



Mark your calendar for Taku Elementary
Picture Day!

Friday, September 20th

Portraits can be viewed and ordered online after Picture Day.



Scan QR code to view and order after Picture Day
Your student's Online Code is their school issued ID number.
<https://shop.imagequix.com/g1001133921>

On Picture Day bring your best dressed self and your smile!

Retake Day is October 15

www.fitzgeraldphotos.com

Questions? alicia@fitzgeraldphotos.com

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Important Dates



Registration Open NOW!

In-person registration is available at Taku on the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 30 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Wednesday, July 31 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM & 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Back to School Open House

Join us August 14, 2024! More info to come soon!

First Day of School!

ASD is staggering the first day of school in August, 2024 to support students in a new school environment.

- Grades 1-7 and 9th grade will start August 15th
- Grades 8 & 10-12th will start August 16th

- Thursday, August 1 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

- Preschool and Kindergarten will start August 22nd

You can also register ONLINE:

[Register Returning Students Now](#)

Join the PTA!!

We would love to have you [join](#) the Taku PTA! If you are interested, please join us for the September PTA Meeting! We would LOVE for you to be part of our PTA Team!

24 - 25 Taku Student Handbook

Take a moment to read through Taku's Student Handbook for the 24 - 25 school year. Reach out with any questions.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_FR7ZvdHjAeu0Ev8VqG-SV08npU9XshbjqW9u9IMvlo/edit?usp=sharing

Volunteering at Taku

If you are interested in volunteering at Taku this upcoming year, please fill out the volunteer form ASAP. This must be done every school year. Parents who filled out the form last year will need to reapply.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSft2SM758xCY0fkBu7cYj6vdYGO4RRJt7LFAqrCKaQD_HMwPMg/viewform

We encourage families to do this now before school starts, that way, as events, field trips and other volunteer opportunities arise you won't have to scramble last minute. The volunteer process includes a background check and can take up to 5 business days before ASD's Office of Equity approves or denies your application. Once we have received the approval/denial we will email you to let you know.

Thank you to all the volunteers from last year! We look forward to seeing you and some new faces this school year!

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