



# Forward!

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# Welcome Back!

DON'T BE  
PUSHED BY  
YOUR PROBLEMS.  
BE LED BY  
YOUR DREAMS.

-- RALPH WALDO EMERSON

# Celebrations

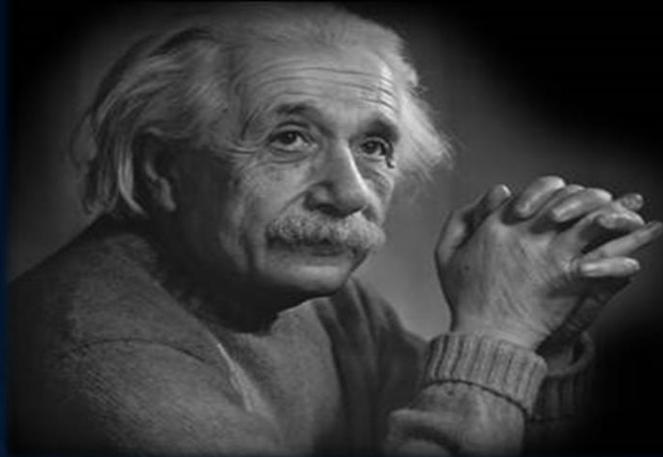


- **Math Counts – KMS State Champions**
- **Caring for the Kenai**
- **Toyota TeenDrive365 – Homer HS**
- **SkillsUSA competition**
- **Art - Printmaking**
- **Drama, Debate, Forensics**
- **All-State Music**
- **Athletics**
  - Cross Country – Homer HS, KCHS
  - Football – SoHi
  - Basketball – Ninilchik

# School & Staff Celebrations

- **Inclusive Practices Award** – Nikiski Middle-High School
- **Title I Distinguished Schools** – Chapman and Nikolaevsk
- **2015 Blue Ribbon School** – Kaleidoscope
- **ASTE Leadership** – Casey Olson and Trevan Walker
- **ALASBO Business Official of the Year** – Laurie Olson
- **USDLA Gold Level** – Rob Sparks and Greg Zorbas
- **Alaska SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year** – Cam Wyatt
- **Region III Principal of the Year** – Kari Dendurent

**It is the supreme art of  
the teacher to awaken  
joy in creative  
expression and  
knowledge.**



**Albert Einstein**  
*German Theoretical-Physicist*  
(1879-1955)

*QuoteHD.com*

## Board of Education

- **Funding**
  - Work with Borough and Legislature
- **Connecting**
  - Work with Staff and Schools
- **Communicating**
  - Work with communities to promote a shared value for Public Education

## District

- **College/Career/Life ready students**
  - Graduation rate and meaningful diploma
- **Differentiation and personalization of instruction**
  - Blended learning
  - Relevance and Relationships
- **Professional development**
  - Improve instruction and leadership

# Goals and Activities





YOUR FOCUS DETERMINES YOUR REALITY

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# Points of Emphasis

## ➤ **R, R, R**

Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships

Love the kids!

They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care

## ➤ **COLLABORATION**

Intervention and enrichment

Peer feedback

## ➤ **STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE**

Our profession makes all other professions possible

All students deserve a quality educational experience

**“The best way  
to predict  
the future  
is to  
create it.”**

Abraham Lincoln



# Challenges

## ✓ FISCAL CRISIS

## ✓ VALUE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

- ✓ Lots of discussion about cost per student

- ✓ Lots of discussion about life readiness

- ✓ Choices

*Will we be defensive or will we educate and prove that we do well and are getting better?*

## ✓ ACCOUNTABILITY

ESSA

Assessment

**Alone we can do so little; together we  
can do so much.**

*Helen Keller*



# Words of Wisdom

## Farming taught me a lot...

- Attention to detail makes all the difference, whether it's plowing a field, building a fence, or teaching a calf to drink out of a pail.
- Cows expect the same fair treatment day after day, no matter how you feel or what has happened before you enter the barn.
- Anyone can farm, but not everyone is a farmer.

# Thanks

**Have an excellent year and move forward together!**

**“We don’t get a chance to do that many things, and every one should be really excellent. Because this is our life. Life is brief, and then you die, you know? And we’ve all chosen to do this with our lives. So it better be darn good. It better be worth it.”**

**–Steve Jobs**



The mission of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is to develop **productive, responsible citizens** who are prepared to be successful in a dynamic world.

