Principal's Desk

Greetings Chapman Families,

Its looking springy out there. More sun in the day, higher energy students, and more birds at the feeder. And LOTS going on. I'm so impressed with the students and parents of Anchor Point in how they all work together to make the school better for the children at Chapman School.

The end of the quarter for teachers is March 10<sup>th</sup>, and the last day for students before spring break is March 9<sup>th</sup>, which is an early release day. Just a sampling of some activities planned before break: March 3<sup>rd</sup> Ski trip all day for 7-8<sup>th</sup>; Artist in Schools assembly also March 3<sup>rd</sup>, as a final presentation. Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> there is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ice fishing trip planned in Ms. Friendshuh's class.

The week of March 6<sup>th</sup> we have a winter carnival at the school that will involve all manner of games, and challenges during the student's elective times for the 5-8, where each class competes for the most points. The winning grade gets to pie the principal in the face and gets two large pizzas for lunch! On March 8th, we have a K-1 trip planned to visit Paul Banks Elementary, with the OPUS group (music). Also, March 8<sup>th</sup> there is a 5-8 ice skating trip planned in Homer.

Finally, I wanted to give a shout-out to Carrara Poindexter, and Lauren Jeffrey for being employees of the month. They were voted by their peers as exemplary employees for their hard work and dedication to the students. Congratulations Carrara and Lauren,

Sincerely,

Mr. Hart

## Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser By: Mr. Potvin



On February 14th, the 8th graders gave the Anchor Point community a dinner and a show. While the guests enjoyed a great meal, they had to solve the murder of John Mortae, a rich and cruel businessman, played by Asa Shafer. The guests were not short on suspects as they investigated the crime. Was it John's sister Rae, played by Milleah Reis? Or, was it his lawyer, played by Aaron Bright? Was it one of John's assistants, played by Alana Crane and Zoey Magee?

As the diners uncovered clues and interviewed suspects, they all eventually caught their murderer, but not before partaking in the dessert and having a good time in the process.



A special thanks to Sue Cromier and Heather Potvin for preparing and cooking the meal. A thank you to our servers, Sam Smith, Jake Anderson, Jaxon Adams, Ben Shafer, Willow Hinsberger, Nevaeh Rawls, Grace Potvin and Maryra McConnell. And a big thank you to the parents and community for supporting the 8th graders with supplies for the meal and for coming to the event.

The 8th graders were able to raise over 1000 dollars for their class trip and really appreciate the support from the community.

### **Salmon Program**

By: Ms. Friendshuh

Third grade has been busy keeping up with our Salmon in the Classroom program in partnership with Alaska Department of Fish and Game. At the beginning of the year in October we adopted several dozen Coho salmon eggs and they hatched in early December. The salmon are now in their fry life cycle stage and we have been working hard to keep them happy and healthy! They will be released in May.

As part of the Salmon in the Classroom program, we conducted a salmon dissection in February to learn about the internal and external anatomy. It was stinky, but very interesting! Before the dissection started, we were able to squeeze in some salmon prints. Another part of the program that we have coming up in March is to go ice fishing at the Homer Reservoir! We are hoping to catch a lot of fish! Our end of year wrap up in May will be to attend the Salmon Celebration in Soldotna.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted with raising the salmon this year! Big thanks to the super salmon babysitters: Ms. Sue, Ms. Fournier, and Ms. Simondsen. Thank you to Mr. Rick and Mr. Edan as well for helping with tank mechanics! Thank you also to parent group for assisting with field trip funding.

### March Music By: Ms. Simondsen

March is Music in Our Schools Month! I wanted to take a moment to express how grateful I am to teach in a community that values music education. Music is meaningful to me, as I love to listen to students learning music AND I love to play music (mostly trombone and tuba, but some piano and other instruments in the mix!) Music is fun and joyful, but it also has a tremendous impact on education and learning. A neurologist and psychiatrist at Harvard Medical School, David Silbersweig, MD, researches music and its impact on brain development. Some of the ways that music education benefits children are from growth in:

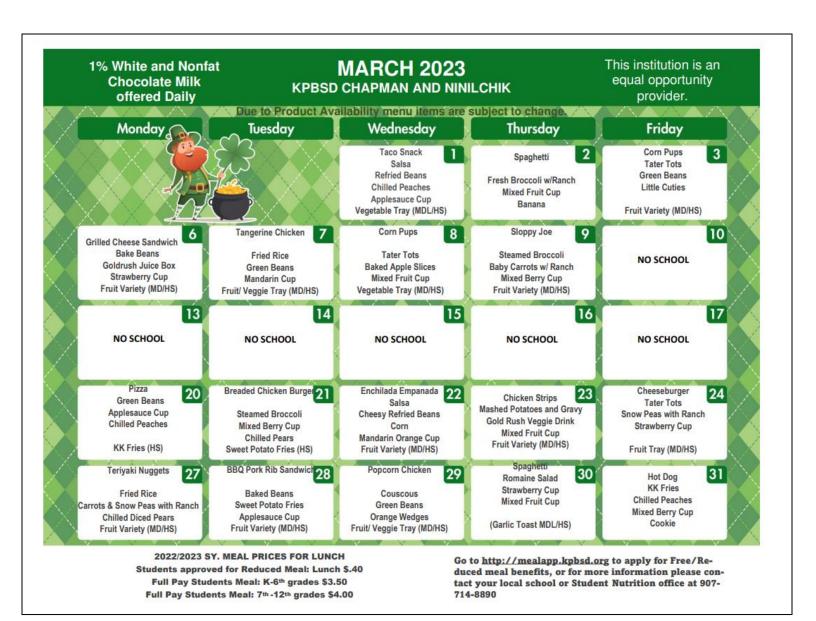
- The temporal lobe, including specific temporal gyri (bulges on the side of the brain's wrinkled surface) that help process tone and pitch.
- The cerebellum, which helps process and regulate rhythm, timing, and physical movement.
- The amygdala and hippocampus, which play a role in emotions and memories.
- Various parts of the brain's reward system.

Here is an overview of what our students do in the music classroom at Chapman School!

**Preschool:** These students create their own songs with their voice, echo songs, move to rhythm, and play instruments! Creative movement with scarves is one of our favorite activities together.

- **K-2:** These young musicians sing alone and with others on melodies they have created! They learn how to sing like a storyteller and match pitch. We also learn folk dance and various instruments including xylophone and hand drums. The newly formed K-1 Chapman Eagle Ensemble is learning to play violins together in a string-based music education program funded by the nonprofit OPUS. Our teachers, parents and community have worked with OPUS, volunteering and fundraising to make the program a big success in its first year. Next year, we plan to add the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade into the program!
- **3-4:** These students can still sing alone and with others, and have now started to sing in harmony and parts! They also learn to create mood and play in different styles. These students play instruments including the recorder, xylophones, and various percussion instruments.
- **5-8:** These students play band instruments including flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, drums, and mallets. They learn to play together, and then by the end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade are learning how to play parts independently. By eighth grade, we may have as many as 12 parts going on at the same time! They learn to listen to each other, watch a conductor, feel the beat, and become an ensemble musician in ADDITION to learning the technique of playing their individual instrument.

If you have not had a chance to hear our young musicians here at Chapman School, please come to our concerts and check us out! Our K-4 students will perform on **April 19, 2023 at 7:00** along with the Opus violin players in K-1 grade. Our 7-8 grade band students will participate in the Mass Band festival in Soldotna on **April 25, 2023** with all of the other bands on the peninsula (a very exciting day!), and our home concert for 5-8 grade band will be **April 27, 2023 at 7:00.** I hope to see you all there!



#### **Upcoming Events**

#### March

2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ice fishing trip to Reservoir

3rd Family Movie Night-Cool Runnings

4<sup>th</sup> Pine wood Derby 9:30 weigh in & 10:00 start

8<sup>th</sup> K/1<sup>st</sup> traveling to Paul Banks, fieldtrip 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Ice Skating fieldtrip Biathlon competition 2:30-4:00

9th Early Release 1:00pm

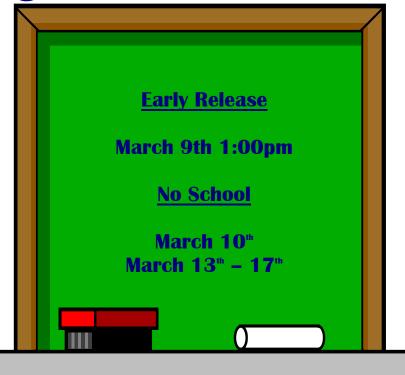
10th No School

13th-17th Spring Break No School

21st Officer Browning Homer PD digital safety Presentation for parents 6:30-8:30 pm

27th Track will start

30th K-4th Awards assembly 1:15-2:00



#### March

### Track

Track starts Monday, March 27th for girls/boys in 6th/7th/8th

Track Ends May 13th Coach: Trent Herbst

Practices: Monday-Thursday 2:30-4:00 Meets on Fridays

All students wanting to participate must have signed permission form and \$60 participation fee turned in to play. Forms will go out March 9th

### Game Schedule

-TBA-

### Anchor King Wrestling Schedule

Wrestling starts, February 27th for girls & boys PreK+

Coach: Bubba & Cody Woods

Practices: Monday-Wednesday for 6 U to 12 U 2:30-4:00

Monday & Wednesday for Middle school 4:00-6:00

### 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are Invited to Join the Yearbook Club!

When? Organizational Meetings on Monday & Tuesday March 6-7 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Dates?** Tuesdays & Thursdays after Spring Break until yearbook is finished in early April. Students who have

track conflicts at times may join. I will assign pages.

Why? To create an awesome Chapman Yearbook for the school year 2022-23

**Who?** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Where? Mrs. Klaich's room

Learn useful computer skills and have fun!

### Note from Mrs. Klaich

The girls' volleyball team had an excellent season! Thirteen girls participated on the Chapman Volleyball Team. At the Small School Tournament hosted at Cook Inlet Academy on February 25th, the Eagles opened with host school CIA. They lost the first set, won the second set, putting them into a deciding third set. Chapman lost to CIA 14-16. The Chapman girls were disappointed but bounced back to beat Seldovia in two sets. CIA became the champions beating Ninilchik in two sets, and the Chapman Eagles took a very respectable third place! The girls worked hard all season and learned many skills. Overall, it was a very successful and fun season!