



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Homer Flex School

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Greetings,

I hope this note finds you all well. My reason for writing is twofold; first, I would like to invite you all to a parent/advisory council meeting on Monday, March 22nd, at 4:00 PM. This meeting will be an opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, and generally weigh in on the information outlined in this letter. If you are unable to attend or would like to comment in another manner, I encourage you to do so. You can email me at cbrown@kpbsd.k12.ak.us or call the school at 235-5558. Your input is valued and appreciated. This leads me to my second reason for writing, which is to inform you about some upcoming changes and events.

To begin, rotation four ends this coming Friday, March 26th. Please check in with and support your student as they work to finish the rotation, as this can be a stressful time for some. The parents of those students in danger of failing have all been notified already, but if you have further questions or concerns, feel free to contact the school or individual teachers as needed.

On Monday, March 29th, we will begin the final rotation of the year. It is our hope that with this new rotation, we can introduce a bit more student movement throughout the building. Students and staff have done an excellent job of adhering to COVID specific protocols (facemasks, distancing, hand washing), and it is our hope that transitioning students between classrooms will eliminate some of the screen time that cohorts have dictated. This does not mean students will be freely moving throughout the school. Rather, cohorts will be relaxed a bit to allow more students the opportunity to be face to face with teachers throughout the day. If you have any further questions or concerns on this topic, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking beyond next week, we will have PEAKs testing for ninth (reading/writing and math) and tenth graders (science) on April 6th, 7th, and 8th with makeups on the 10th, if needed. Please make sure your student is rested and ready to test at 9:00 AM on those days. If applicable, remote students should be in person to test on the appropriate testing day(s). That being said, the State is offering an opt-out option if needed. Again, please let me know if you have any comments or concerns in this regard.

Finally, in lieu of our annual Artist in the School program, Flex is working with Kiki Abramson (Homer Council On the Arts) to offer a hands-on learning experience in the fabric arts. This one-week class, which will occur during the afternoons on April 26th through April 30th, will provide students an opportunity to “reflect on the COVID experience and its impact on their lives.” COVID protocols will be followed.

We hope you can join us for the meeting on Monday, March 22nd at 4:00 PM to discuss these upcoming events and changes. To attend, just click on my Zoom classroom [here](#) and enter the meeting code (12345). Or, if you would rather communicate via email or phone, that works too.

Thanks!

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Christopher Brown