

Mountain View Elementary School

"Kenai's Neighborhood School"

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Thank You for Your Help as We Work Together to Mitigate the Effects of Covid19 Delta Variant, and Deliver a Practical Amount of Curriculum to Our Students.

While we all hoped and planned for a school year that included the waning effects of the Covid19 Pandemic, when we opened our doors we were met with quite a different reality.

Thank you for :

- Following [Symptoms Free Protocol](#) and keeping your students home when they are sick.
- Following the [Close Contact Protocol](#) when your student has been identified as such.
- Understanding that Mountain View Elementary follows [The KPBSD Covid19 Mitigation Plan](#) and graciously accepting the request to come pick up your student from school when necessary for the above reasons.
- Getting your child tested when they show symptoms or are identified as a close contact.

We feel it is best to be open and transparent and so we do send school-wide notifications each day when positive cases are identified. This information is also updated daily on the KPBSD COVID 19 HUB> [Risk Levels Link](#).

We have had extensive absences due to strict adherence to symptoms free and close contact protocols. On average last week, we had over 100 students absent each day. We foresee this trend continuing. With that statistic in mind, and considering the realities of last year's situation, our teachers are not marching through curriculum maps at a normal pace. We are focusing on Priority Standards and ensuring students grasp the basic competencies required at each grade level. We are assessing all students (absences have slowed this process as well) and designing our grade level schedules to ensure we can have interventions in place to meet the needs of all students. In short, it's not business as usual but business as necessary.

Please contact your child's teacher if you would like work for your student to do while they are absent. We have a packet pick up system outside and some classes have students trained to access on-line programs as well.

One thing we can be sure of is that things will change, hopefully for the better in the not too distant future. No matter the change, at that point things will change here too. We have an amazing staff here at Mountain View Elementary that continue to show the flexibility necessary to do what it takes to maintain the relationships and deliver the curriculum necessary to meet our student's needs.

*** [This newsletter is on our school website and Facebook page where all links are live](#)

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Spring 2021 PEAKS Test Results

The State of Alaska is discontinuing PEAKS testing as an annual summative assessment. However, Spring 2021 Student reports are available through the Power School Parent Portal. If you would like a hard copy of the student report, you may request one from the school. You can find parent resources on the Alaska Department of Education PEAKS webpage: <https://education.alaska.gov/assessments/peaks> to assist you in understanding these state evaluations. You can find our school's designation on the Department of Education's website as well: <https://education.alaska.gov/akaccountability>

We Need Your Help to Fund 2 Teachers!!!

Please complete this [confidential form](#) to apply for free and reduced meals. Although breakfast and lunch are free for all students during the 2021-2022 school year, this form must be completed to qualify for other programs and benefits associated with the Free and Reduced Meal application. **Even if you don't intend to use this benefit for your children or think you might not qualify PLEASE fill the above form out !! The information gathered currently provides us Federal Funding for two teachers outside of normal KPBSD Funding.**

PICTURE DAY

Friday, September 17



**SCHOOL
PICTURE
DAY**



EARLY RELEASE DAY

Wednesday, September 15

Students dismissal and bus routes will all be **90 minutes earlier** than normal.

Staff will use this time to analyse student assessment data and plan academic interventions.

Student Injuries and Accident Insurance

Please see the attached letter from Assistant Superintendent, Kari Dendurent regarding voluntary purchase of additional student accident coverage. Information on purchasing various additional accident and health coverage options for your student through Meyers-Stevens & Toohey can be found [here](#).