

# Mountain View Elementary School

## "Kenai's Neighborhood School"

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### \*IMPORTANT DATES\*

**Wednesday, December 16**  
**LIVESTREAM**  
Sing-a-long  
Virtual Holiday Concert  
6:30 PM



**December 18 – January 3**  
**WINTER BREAK**



**Monday, January 3**  
**INSERVICE DAY**  
**NO SCHOOL FOR**  
**STUDENTS**



### Safety at School: Emotional and Physical

When asked what Mr. Kircher and Mrs. Dolphin's most important jobs are, students respond, "to keep kids safe." Student safety is our number one priority. This is a job not taken lightly and includes both emotional and physical well-being.

Ronald Reagan once said, "Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means." Conflict is a regular part of human life. At Mountain View Elementary we strongly believe that every student should have common tools and language for responding to conflict.

Each year, the staff at Mountain View Elementary teach positive responses to conflict using our Conflict Wheel. These lessons are not only taught at the beginning of the year but are reinforced as the year progresses. Staff members fortify these tools each time conflict arises, and over time, students use these responses without adult assistance. Ask your child which strategy he or she has used.



We also are aware that not all conflicts can be solved by children, and some require adult assistance. Each year students are taught about bullying: how to identify it, and when to get help from an adult. Our Conflict Wheel and Bullying definition posters can be found in every classroom.

We understand that your child is your most precious asset, and we take the responsibility of caring for your child very seriously. Each year we conduct various emergency drills. We practice monthly fire drills, annual earthquake drills, and complete ALICE drills twice each year. ALICE drills are to prepare for an unsafe individual in or around our school. You can find more safety information at <https://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/communications.aspx?id=27194>

Every child has the right to feel safe at school, and we pride ourselves on equipping our students and staff with the tools necessary to ensure this right.

