

# Shooting Star

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The monthly newsletter for Nikiski North Star Elementary

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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### Important Dates

Oct 3rd— Girl Scout meeting at 3:45 PM

Oct. 12th— EARLY RELEASE School dismissed at 1:55

Oct. 12th— Jog-a-thon fundraiser at 12:45-1:45 PM

Oct. 13th— NO SCHOOL— Inservice

Oct. 17th— Girl Scout meeting at 3:45 PM

Oct. 19th— Picture Retakes

Oct. 19th— Great Alaska ShakeOut Day @ 10:19 AM

Oct. 20th— School Spirit Day— Silly Hair

Oct. 20th—27th— Scholastic Book Fair

Oct. 26th & 27th— Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct 27th— PTO Fall Carnival 5:30 PM-8:00 PM

Oct. 31st— Halloween - wear your costume to school!

### Principal Points

**PBIS:** Nikiski North Star is a PBIS school, which means we use positive behavior intervention and support as a framework for our approach with students. We actively seek opportunities to praise and acknowledge the positive behaviors as a way to prevent negative behaviors, which includes pairing behavior specific praise with a pom pom. When classes fill their jar with pom poms, they celebrate and pour them into our lobby umbrella! When the umbrella is filled, we celebrate as a school! We are very close to meeting this goal!

**Literacy:** This Monthly Newsletter will begin a series of tips for supporting reading skills at home, provided by the "What Works Clearinghouse". The tips support literacy skills of all ages. Did you know that children who read 20 minutes a day/5 days a week are exposed to 1.8 million words in one school year?

**NNS Jog-a-Thon:** Mark your calendars! Our school fundraiser Jog-a-Thon is scheduled for Thursday, October 12 from 12:45-1:45. We are thrilled to offer students a chance to stay active while supporting their school! What could be more fun than our entire school engaging in a fun run, complete with fresh air, DJ Calvin from North Road Sound, and families cheering them on?! This year, prizes will be based on donation amounts. Shoutout to the Alaska Sealife Center, Orca Theater, Grant Aviation, KP CHARR, Localz, Kenai River Brown Bears, Marathon Petroleum, Charlie's Angels Pizza, Nikiski Fire Department, and Treehouse Restaurant for their generous prize donations so far! Colors to wear: Fifth Grade: Orange, Fourth: Blue, Third: Green, Second: Yellow, First: Purple, Kinder: Red.

**School Safety:** NNS, along with all schools in KPBSD, follows the ALICE protocol when pertaining to a safety closure, which is specific to when an intruder is identified on school grounds or in the school building. During the week of October 9, NNS will be completing our required Safety Closure drill for the first semester following the ALICE protocol. This will involve individual classrooms "talking it through" with their teacher and practicing what to do when given certain situations. If you have any questions regarding this brief drill, please go to our school's website: <https://kpbsd.org/schools/nikiski-north-star/> under "Parent Portal" and "Emergency Guidelines for Parents and Guardians," where you'll find links to more information on our District's school safety protocols.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Conferences will take place on October 26 and October 27. We look forward to this great opportunity to meet with families and discuss student accomplishments and strategies that can be used to enrich student success. All parents/guardians that attend Parent/Teacher Conferences will receive \$5 in book bucks (1 coupon per NNS student) that can be used to purchase a book during the Book Fair. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding conferences!

**PTO Carnival:** The 2023 Nikiski North Star Fall Carnival will take place on October 27th from 5:30-8:00. Please help our PTO make this a success by signing up for various positions that need filled. Sign-up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ABAD23A3F8C07-4446932-nnspoto>

We appreciate the Nikiski community's support of our students and school. As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, I am available at 776-2600. With gratitude, Principal Fabian



October 12, 2023

Early Release

School dismissed at 1:55 PM



Busses and  
Boys & Girls  
Club will run  
90 minutes  
early

October

Girl Scout Meetings



**October 3rd**

**&**

**October 17th**

**3:45 PM – 5:30 PM**

It's getting cold outside!

Time to start sending your student with their cold weather gear

EVERYDAY

\*Snow Pants

\*Jacket

\*Gloves

\*Hat

\*Boots



If you need assistance with winter gear this year, contact the school nurse and we will try our best to meet your needs.

**SMILE!**

**Picture Retakes**



**Thursday, October 19**



**SILLY HAIR  
SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!  
OCTOBER 20TH**



**NO SCHOOL**

**OCTOBER 26TH AND 27TH**

**Parent/Teacher  
Conferences**

*This year's International ShakeOut Day is October 19, when millions of people worldwide will participate in earthquake drills at work, school, and home!*

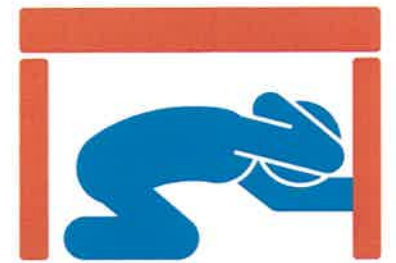
*At 10:19 AM, Nikiski North Star will be practicing earthquake safety by learning to Drop, Cover, and Hold!*



**DROP!**



**COVER!**



**HOLD ON!**

# Nikiski North Star's JOG-a-THON FUNDRAISER October 12th

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM

Come enjoy music from a live DJ while watching the students run to raise money for a good cause.

Show your support by wearing the same color as your student;

Kindergarten- Red, 1st Grade- Purple,  
2nd Grade- Yellow, 3rd Grade- Green, 4th Grade- Blue,  
5th Grade- Orange



October 20th thru October 27th

Scholastic  
**BOOK  
FAIR**

Students will visit the Book Fair during class time. Families are welcome to shop during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

WEAR YOUR COSTUME TO SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 31ST.  
BUT REMEMBER- NO FULL FACE MASKS OR WEAPONS ALLOWED.

PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER AS WE WILL STILL BE GOING OUTSIDE TO RECESS.



**WIKISKI NORTH STAR'S ANNUAL PTO  
FALL CARNIVAL  
OCTOBER 27, 2023  
FOOD, CANDY, GAMES, HAUNTED HOUSE  
PRIZES AND MORE  
5:30-8:00 PM**

A Halloween-themed poster for a PTO Fall Carnival. The background is a dark orange and black gradient with silhouettes of trees and a full moon. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of children in various costumes: a boy with a dog, a girl with wings, a girl in a witch costume, and a girl in a witch costume holding a bucket. There are also several jack-o'-lanterns with glowing faces. The text is centered and reads: "WIKISKI NORTH STAR'S ANNUAL PTO FALL CARNIVAL OCTOBER 27, 2023 FOOD, CANDY, GAMES, HAUNTED HOUSE PRIZES AND MORE 5:30-8:00 PM".

NORTH PENINSULA RECREATION SERVICE AREA

# Winter Coat Drive/ Give-Away

October 2nd-14th  
Monday-Friday 10am-7pm  
Saturday 10am-1pm

NIKISKI COMMUNITY  
RECREATION CENTER

**Please  
Donate**

*A New or Unused Coat  
to Help the Less  
Fortunate to Keep  
Them Warm*




 **Thank You for  
Your Donation...**

KPBSD posts flyers as a community service. Such posting does not constitute an endorsement for or against the materials and viewpoints expressed in them.

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## 1 Have conversations before, during, and after reading together

These activities are typically appropriate for children in kindergarten through third grade.

*Having conversations when reading with children helps them develop higher-level thinking and language skills, such as predicting, problem solving, or contrasting. While reading books aloud, ask the child questions and talk about the content of the story together before, during, and after reading.*

- Use open-ended questions to ask the child to think about the book's messages and what is happening. See the box below for examples of questions to ask children when reading different types of books.
- Ask the child to apply the book's messages to the world around him by connecting events to his own life.
- Ask more and more complex questions, so the child continues to build her vocabulary and language skills.

Example questions for  
**informational books**  
*that explain facts about the world,  
such as books about animals*

- Why do birds fly south for winter?



- What would happen if you planted a tree in the desert?

- Why is it important to recycle?



Example questions for  
**narrative books**  
*that are about a series of events,  
whether fictional or nonfictional,  
such as stories*



- Why did the character do what he did?
- What else could she have done?
- If you were in that story, what would you have done?

### What skills will this practice help build?

Having conversations about what they are reading helps children build vocabulary and develop skills using language typically found in school settings. Building their skills to think and connect ideas from many contexts allows children to follow more complex language, which they might find in stories, instructions, and descriptions of historical events or nature.

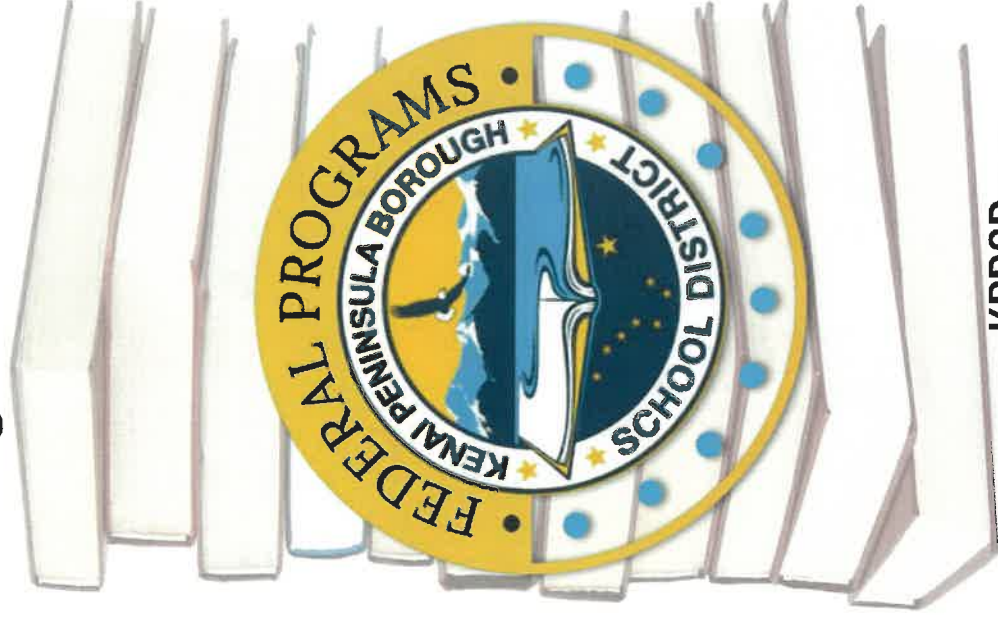
## ESEA Federal Requirements for KPBSD Parent and Family Engagement

- **Joint Development:** KPBSD will provide opportunities for parents and family involvement to jointly develop the consolidated application for federal funds and review of school improvement plans.
- **Technical Assistance:** KPBSD will provide coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to plan and implement effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
- **Coordination:** KPBSD will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies with parents and families to the extent feasible and appropriate with other relevant Federal, State, and local programs.
- **Annual Evaluation:** KPBSD will conduct, with meaningful involvement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy.
- **Evidence-Based Strategies:** KPBSD will use the findings of the annual evaluations to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement.
- **Development, Revision, and Reviewing of Plan:** KPBSD will involve parents and families in the activities for the purposes of developing, revising, and reviewing, the parent and family engagement policy.

2023-2024

# Title I Program

Kenai Peninsula  
Borough School District



[www.kpbsd.org](http://www.kpbsd.org)

### Mission:

Intentionally engage children, youth, and families in positive relationships to collaboratively remove barriers to education and build bridges for life success.

### Vision:

Partnering with children, youth, and families to provide a network of support that fosters educational and life success.

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## Title I, Part A

The KPBSD Title I program is made available through federal grants to improve the academic achievement of students in school serving populations of poverty. Money is allocated to schools based on economic need, measured through free and reduced lunch enrollments.

Qualifying schools may choose to operate a targeted assistance or schoolwide program model based on their school's identified needs.

Students in a targeted assistance program qualify for Title I services based on academic need as

indicated by universal screening.

Either program model has the ability to hold preschool for those students meeting the criteria for Title I services.

**KPBSD Title I funds are used in a variety of ways, including:**

- Title I Preschool
- Title I Teachers and Paraprofessionals
- Intervention Supplies and Materials
- Professional Development
- Parent and Family Involvement
- Extended School (before and after school tutoring)

## Participating Schools

- Chapman School
- Cooper Landing School
- Fireweed Academy
- Kachemak Selo School
- K-Beach Elementary
- Kaleidoscope Elementary
- McNeil Canyon Elementary
- Mountain View School\*
- Nikiski North Star
- Nanwalek School
- Nikolaevsk School
- Ninilchik School
- Paul Banks Elementary
- Port Graham School
- Razdolna School
- Redoubt Elementary\*
- Soldotna Elementary
- Sterling Elementary
- Susan B English
- Tebughna School
- Tustumena Elementary\*
- Voznesenka School\*
- West Homer Elementary

\*Schools with Title I preschool program

## Family Engagement



KPBSD and Title I place great importance on parent and guardian involvement in the education process (AR 6171).

- Families have the right to be involved in the school's Title I program design and implementation.
- Families have the right to formulate suggestions, and participate in decision making about their child's education.
- Title I staff will be readily accessible to parents/guardians to discuss program objectives.
- Personal education plans will be developed for each child.
- Family involvement will include a School-Parent Compact (BP 6020)