

Shooting Star Scoop

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The monthly newsletter for Nikiski North Star Elementary

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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SCHOOL
Conferences &
Book Fair

SCHOLASTIC
Book Fair



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Picture Day!

Important Dates

- Jan. 29th, 30th, Feb. 1st & 2nd— First Grade pool field trip
- Feb. 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th— Kindergarten pool field trip
- Feb. 6th— Girl Scouts at 3:45 PM
- Feb. 9th— EARLY RELEASE
School dismissed at 1:55PM
- Feb. 9th— J.A. in a Day
- Feb. 12th thru Feb. 20th— Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb. 15th & 16th— Parent/Teacher Conferences— NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 20th— Girl Scouts at 3:45 PM
- Feb. 23rd— Spring Picture Day
- Feb. 26th thru March 1st— Dr. Suess week (see attached flyer)
- March 1st— Title I committee meeting 4:30-5:00
- March 1st— Bingo for Books 5:00— 7:00 PM

Principal Points

Love of Reading Month: During the month of February, NNS will be engaged in a variety of events that celebrate “Love of Reading Month,” which include “Drop everything and read Fridays” from 9:00-9:15 each week and primary/intermediate grades reading books during the school day. A reading bingo page will be sent home with each student. Families are encouraged to read and fill in the Bingo board. To celebrate the conclusion of Love of Reading Month, NNS will be hosting Bingo for Books on March 1 from 5:00-7:00 PM. We hope to see you all there!

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences: Conferences will take place on February 15 and February 16. 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 child) that can be used to purchase a book during the Book Fair. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding conferences!

Family Resource Center: With the support of Title I and emphasis on Parent/Family Engagement, NNS will be featuring a “Family Resource Center” in our main lobby area. Parents/guardians will be able to borrow/check-out a variety of resources to use at home. We will have games, books, and other activities available for a variety of ages. The scheduled debut of the Resource Center is during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

JA in a Day: NNS will be participating in “JA in a Day” on February 9. If you would like to be a presenter for this, please visit: <https://engage.ja.org/>

Connectiveness Survey: Hanover Research, on behalf of KPBSD, administers a survey to students in grades 3-5 to help us analyze results from a school climate survey to identify elements that promote a healthy school climate, identify areas of development, and establish an index for tracking progress on these items. This survey gives us feedback, which supports our School Development Plan goals. In order for your child to participate in this survey, we are required to have a signed permission slip or verbal permission over the phone. Please complete the permission form either in the PowerSchool Portal or give us a call at (907) 776-2600 and let us know if your child is able to participate.

We love to read!



Dr. Seuss Week

26 February - 1 March



Monday- Cat in the Hat!
Wear stripes, wear a hat or come in with crazy hair.

Tuesday- Oh the places you'll go!
Wear your favorite school, sports team jersey or shirt.

Wednesday- Wacky Wednesday!
Wear clothes inside out, backwards or mismatched

Thursday- Thing 1, Thing 2!
Twins Day, match with a friend or teacher.

Friday- Snoozy Day! Wear your cozy PJ's and bring your favorite stuffed animal.



Dr. Seuss



ATTENTION ALL

5TH GRADER FAMILIES!

If you would like to add to this year's yearbook your favorite childhood photo of your 5th grader and/or a little "Shoutout" to tell them how much you love them or how well they are doing for their last year as an elementary student, now is the time!

Childhood Photo-\$5.00/each

Shoutout- \$5.00 (for 50 words or less)

I'd like to add this Shoutout:

Child's name: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Photo and/or Shoutout with payment are due no later than February 9th.

All entries received after due date will not make it into the yearbook.

Please submit payment to Nikiski North Star via cash or check.

You can email photos and/or Shoutout to:

ABurman@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

February 12th thru 20th

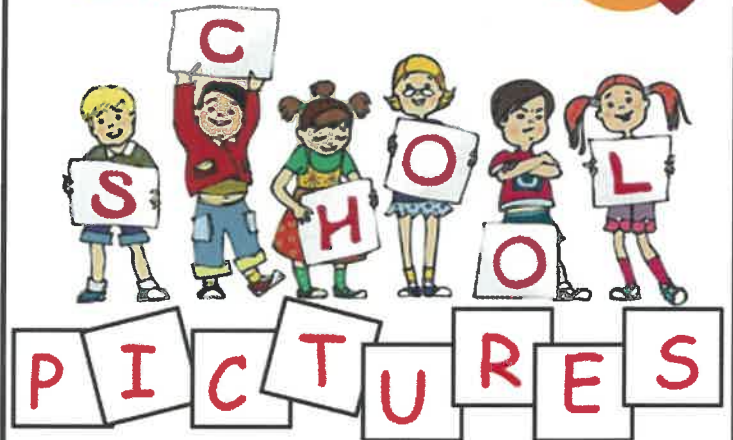
Scholastic Book Fair

All classes will have time during school to shop at the
Scholastic Book Fair.

Families are welcome to shop during Parent/Teacher
Conference hours



February 23rd
School Picture



How Many Hours of Sleep Do Kids Need?

A good night's rest is essential to healthy growth and development for children of all ages. The amount of sleep a child needs each night gradually decreases from infancy to their teenage years. At each stage of childhood, getting enough sleep plays a major role in learning, concentration, emotional management, and overall physical and mental health.

Lack of adequate sleep has been linked to negative health outcomes for children such as mental health problems, behavioral issues, poor attention, obesity, and higher risk for diseases like type 2 diabetes. An estimated one-third of kids and teenagers experience sleep problems. Parents can help their children sleep better by encouraging good sleep hygiene and establishing a healthy bedtime routine with them.

The amount of sleep a child needs depends largely on their age. This number will change as they grow, but the importance of adequate nightly sleep remains constant. That said, minor deviations from the recommended amounts may not have a major effect on some children. Parents should consult their family doctor or pediatrician about the appropriate steps to take if their child's overall total sleep falls short of recommendations.

Age Group	Recommended Amount of Sleep
Newborns	14 to 17 hours per day
Infants (up to 12 months)	12 to 15 hours per day
Toddlers (1 to 2 years)	11 to 14 hours per day
Preschoolers (3 to 5 years)	10 to 13 hours per day
School-age children (6 to 12 years)	9 to 12 hours per day
Teenagers (13 to 17 years)	8 to 10 hours per day



<https://www.sleep.org/how-sleep-works/how-much-sleep-children-need/>



School will be dismissed at 1:55 PM

Busses and B&G will run 90 minutes early



It says here, there's NO SCHOOL on February 15th and 16th!

That's because of Parent/Teacher Conferences...

Be on the lookout for your scheduled conference time!



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January 29, 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

Recently the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) released the 2022-2023 Report Cards to the Public for each school district and school in Alaska. These Report Cards present information about performance for the 2022-2023 school year. During this second administration of The Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) assessment, students in grades 3-9 were assessed in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Students in grades 5, 8, and 10 took the Alaska Science Assessment.

Portions of the Report Card pertaining to Accountability will be delayed until May 2024 as DEED is working to revise the cut scores that determine what achievement levels students will receive. Once the new cut scores are accepted, the calculations will be completed.

To view a 2022-2023 School or District Report Card to the Public, go to <https://education.alaska.gov/compass/report-card>. Once there, you will be able to select which School or District Report Card to the Public you wish to view. This user-friendly website aims to provide families with clear, common information about all public schools and districts in our State. These Report Cards to the public contain data and information about academics, school environment, teacher quality, and more. If you are unable to access the Report Card to the Public online, please contact your student's school.

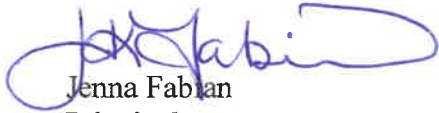
We know that the Report Card to the Public is just one of many ways you will engage with us at Nikiski North Star. We look forward to sharing our school's successes with you and working together to make our school better every day. In particular, we are proud that our Alaska Science Assessment results for students within the proficient range, including those within several demographic areas, exceed percentages compared to our District and State. Also, our attendance report shows a small increase from the previous school years. We would like to thank everyone for ensuring their student is present and ready to learn every day.

Thank you for closely following your student's academic progress and working with their teacher(s) to support academic success. Working together as a team, we can improve not only how well our students are performing individually, but how our School and District are performing as a whole. There is nothing more important to administrators and teachers at Nikiski North Star than ensuring that students are ready for the next step in their academic career! We look forward to our continued partnership with you.

We would like to remind everyone about the upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences being held on February 15th and 16th. Please be on the lookout for the date/time you are scheduled. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your student's teacher to discuss how your student(s) are performing in the classroom. We look forward to seeing you all there!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our School or District Report Card to the Public, please don't hesitate to contact us at (907) 776-2600.

Sincerely,



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