



# River City Academy Pod Post

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### **January 26th-**

Early Release, students will be released at 12:40pm. Busses will run early in the afternoon.

### **February 9th-**

Early Release, students will be released at 12:40pm. Busses will run early in the afternoon.

### **February 15th & 16th-**

Student-Led Conferences. No school on this day, but students will need to attend their own conference with their family.

## **A Message from Principal Shea**

### **NEW HOME OF THE ORCAS**

After much anticipation and spirited discussions among students, staff, and administration, we've voted to give our school spirit a powerful boost by changing our mascot from the snow leopard to the more Alaska oriented **ORCA**!

Why the **ORCA**, you ask? Well, get ready to dive into a sea of symbolism! The **orca**, embodies strength, intelligence, and sense of community. Our "Mentoring teams" can now be our "Mentoring pods" where students develop a sense of community and connection with each other and the staff. You may have also noticed that **ORCA** has **RCA** in it... which is just very cool. The Orca is not just a symbol; it's a call to unity, a celebration of Alaska culture, and a nod to the power of coming together as one mighty school community.

Thank you for your unwavering support and enthusiasm. Get ready to cheer for the Orca – our new emblem of Community, Collaboration, and Unity!

### **GO ORCAS!**

(Right: students set up our screen printer to produce shirts with the new RCA logos)



## Climate Survey

Each year, students are given the opportunity to fill out the KPBSD School Climate survey. The permission slip is typically in the online registration packet at the beginning of the year, however it was not included this year.

To access the form: Climate Survey Consent Form (attached to this newsletter email) this form can be printed and returned to the office. OR you can simply reply to this newsletter with "Yes" or "No" to Mrs. Amanda and we will be able to record your permissions. It is important for us to have the forms returned (or email response) whether or not permission is granted. Paper copies can also be found in our office and sent home with your student.

We need 100% response rate back as far as Parent/Guardian "Yes" or "No" so kindly let us know your selection for this survey if you haven't done so.

Spring  
Break

March  
8TH-15TH

## Early Release Dates

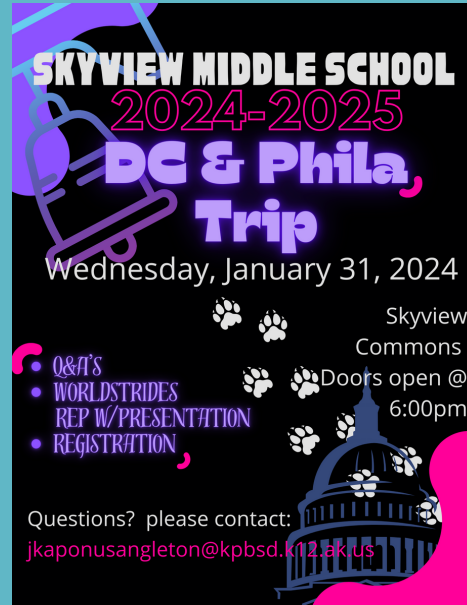
School Dismissal @ 12:40 pm

January 26th  
February 9th  
March 7th  
April 12th



## Deadline for ordering cap and gowns through Josten's is February 23rd

Seniors and their families were sent an email last week from Mrs. Amanda with ordering instructions on how to place an order online or paper forms can be found in our office.



Any interested 7th grade RCA students wanting to join Skyview Middle School on their DC & Philadelphia Trip next school year? There is a parent meeting coming up that you will want to attend! Must be a current 7th grader and going into 8th grade next school year!



### Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Symptom-Free Schools Protocol

The KPBSD Symptom-Free Schools Protocol reviewed and updated August 16, 2023

The purpose of this protocol is to provide a learning environment that is as free of illness as possible, so students and staff of all health levels can participate in school without fear. By extension, this will also promote the safety, health, and welfare of our communities. This applies to students, staff, parents and guardians, volunteers, and any school visitors.

#### When to Stay Home from School

Stay home if symptoms include:

- Active vomiting or diarrhea
- Fever, chills, generalized body aches. (Fever threshold will constitute 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher without use of fever-reducing medication like Tylenol or Ibuprofen.)
- Any other symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills shaking with chills, muscle pain, runny or congested nose, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell
  - Parent, guardian, or individual may consider contacting their health care provider or Public Health
- Taking the first 24 hours of antibiotic treatment
- An undiagnosed, new and/or untreated rash or skin condition

#### When to Return to School After Illness:

- May return when fever-free for 24 hours without medication
- May return after taking antibiotics for 24 hours
- May return after free from vomiting for 24 hours
- May return after free from Diarrhea(2 or more bouts) for 24 hours

↓ YEARBOOK INFO ↓



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