

Dear Parents,

The role of the parent in the education of a youngster is important. The support shown in the home is often manifested in the ability of the student to accept the opportunities presented at school, in the classroom and through school activities. There is a value system – established in the home, nurtured at school – that young people are developing. Their involvement in the classroom and other activities contributes to that development. Integrity, fairness and respect are lifetime values taught through athletics, and these are the principles of good sportsmanship. With them, the spirit of competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of the results.

As a parent of a student at our school, we ask that your sportsmanship goals include:

- *Realizing that athletics are part of the total educational experience and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of the game*
- *Encouraging our students to perform their best, just as we would urge them on with their class work, knowing that others will always turn in better or lesser performances*
- *Participating in positive cheering that encourages our students and discouraging any cheers that redirect that focus*
- *Learning, understanding, and respecting the rules of the game, the officials who administer them, and their decisions*
- *Respecting the task our coaches face as teachers and supporting them as they strive to educate and coach our youth*
- *Respecting the opponents as students (someone's son or daughter) and acknowledging them for striving to do their best*

You can have a major influence on your child's attitude about academics, athletics, and sportsmanship. The leadership role you take in sportsmanship will help influence your child and our community for years to come.

Thank you for your support of Kenai Peninsula Borough School District programs.

Sincerely,

*Dave Jones
Asst. Superintendent
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