



Mr. Devold's Class

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Community Groups



Often we intermediate teachers come up with hair-brained ideas that turn out to be pretty amazing. Last year we have been able to complete an amazing, community outreach opportunity for our school. During the 3rd quarter we are will be developing community minded-ness in our stu-

dents by having them participate, and inter-act within the community to help others. We have organized times with the Food Bank, the Riverside Assisted Living and the Senior Center for our students to assist and learn how to be community minded.

Our 4th grade will be traveling one day a week to the Senior Center to share lunch time with the seniors in our community, they will also be serving them, as well as helping to clean up.

Our 5th grade will be traveling to the Food Bank once each week to assist with serving, organizing and cleaning, in an effort to help those in need.

Our 6th grade will be traveling to the Riverside Assisted Living Center once each week to offer their friendship and kindness to our community members who are in need of connection.

Students will be traveling during lunch/recess times on one of two days, Tuesday or Thursday, depending on which group they are in. They will likely not need a cold lunch on the day they travel to their destination because meals are available at these locations. If you are the parent of a 5th grade student and would like to help out, we could use additional drivers/chaperones from 12:00-1:30 on Tuesday's or Thursday's, either as backups or consistent drivers. Mr. Faris is the teacher in charge of this group.

3rd Quarter Information

Science

This quarter the students will be going to Med. School. We will, be investigating cells, genes, micro-organisms (Bacteria), human body systems, microscopes, and completing a dissection lab. It is a big effort and will begin mid quarter and run into the 4thquarter.

Social Studies

This quarter students will be working on understanding the American Revolutionary war, and building our country, specifically getting exposure to the three branches of government. Later we will be studying the Civil War time period and gain some clarity on the reasons/contributing factors that led to this division in our countries history.

AI-YES-ka!

It has become an annual event... an Alyeska skiing/snowboarding trip. This annual excursion is highly anticipated by both students and parents alike. Additionally, each trip has been amazing regardless of the weather. (OF COURSE WE NEED SNOW STILL!) The last few years were stunning, lots of snow, sunshine, and warm temps. For many students, this trip is their first time ever on a snowboard, or skis, and it develops a skill they begin to share with their family outside of school. I have heard from both students and parents that this field trip spawned additional family trips, and that this opportunity was greatly appreciated.

Right now, the trip date has NOT been confirmed by Alyeska, but is planned to occur the week following Spring Break. We definitely need help on this trip and are looking for parent volunteers capable of skiing with groups of students or possibly to give instruction/help when needed. The cost per student will be between \$50- \$85 depending on what ski package each student needs. The cost will cover the price of bus transportation (required), rental equipment (required) lift ticket (required) and lessons (if necessary). I will be providing a READ-A-THON fundraising activity which allows students to individually raise money to offset the cost of the trip. (As well as the Kastisna Trip later this year.)

The trip will serve a "Practical Life" skill. It will pro-vide students with an opportunity to experience a common Alaskan outdoor activity, and can expand their ability to enjoy the place where they live.

I would like to request that students travel and participate with the class. I have had parents take advantage of this trip to not enroll their child in school for the day, meet us @ Alyeska and drop off their students as a way of circumventing the rental requirement, which is not really supportive of our class event.

Field Trips

Our next upcoming field trip is Friday, January 16. We will be breaking into grade level groups within the intermediate classes and heading in different directions. 4th & 6th grade will be walking to Soldotna Creek in the AM to water test with Dan. 5th Grade will drive to Arc Lake after lunch to water test with Dan as well. I am in need of 5th grade drivers. Please let me know if you are available to drive in the afternoon on Friday, January 16.

Parent Conferences

Sign up sheets for conferences will but up in the hallways soon. Please come in and sign up for a time, or call. Conferences will be on Thursday & Friday, February 5 & 6. 6th Grade Parents... it will be our last one! How Sad!

Emergency Information:

5th grade parent drivers for Arc Lake field trip next Friday afternoon.

Special points of interest:

- January 5-8—I-Safe Instruction
- January 13—1st day for Community group Field Trips to Senior Center, Food Bank, and Riverside.
- January 16—Water Quality Testing Field Trips. 6th & 4 Walking. 5th **Need Drivers** in the PM to Arc Lake
- January 19th—NO SCHOOL (Holiday)
- January 22nd—Band Concert @ 6:00
- February 4th—Early Release Day
- February 5-6th—Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 25—6th grade Middle School Class Registration meeting @ lunch time.
- March 6th—End of 3rd Quarter—No School
- March 18-20—TENTATIVE—Alyeska Skiing Field Trip