

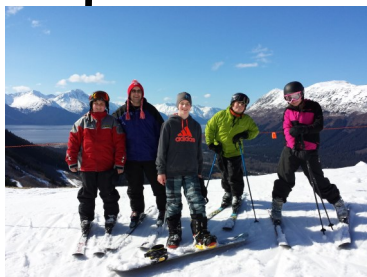


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Alyeska Results



The results are in on our latest trip to Alyeska, and it was a huge success. Somehow, in the winter of no snow we were still able to make a successful trip. The weather was FANTASTIC! Sunny. Warm.

Festive. The snow was groomed and great for skiing most of the day. Only in the late afternoon did it get heavy and a bit slushy near the bottom.

When the sun peaked around the mountain, things got hot, and students began skiing in t-shirts and without gloves. I believe every student experienced success and enjoyed their time learning and connecting on the slopes. It is always fun to see 4th graders who have never had this opportunity figure out the basics and then use their new skill and fun loving natures to laugh and giggle and squeal as they wobble downhill.

I think the image that will stick with me about this trip was enjoying Jaden & Lirissa sharing the magic carpet area with the "Lift Lady" those two were the only ones in the area and probably skied more than anybody else. The Lift Lady made new friends with our students on that day. Watching those two could do nothing but make you smile.

It was a delightful day.

Hodgepodge

State AMPS Testing Soon

Starting on Tuesday, April 8th, we will be conducting the Alaska Measures of Progress (AMPS). Testing will take place on consecutive Tuesdays on the 8th and the 15th. Please have your child to school on time! Also, make sure your child is well rested, get the kiddos to bed earlier or enforce the existing bedtime, or keep doing what you already are doing (IF you keep an early bedtime for your child.) Don't forget a breakfast too. Kids think better when they aren't hungry. You want the best from your student and so do we. Here's to successful testing days. Mr. D.

Kasitsna Bay Field Trip

Kasitsna Bay trip is coming. Please look for a per-

6th Grade Pictures

It is hard to believe that we already are having to start thinking about the end of the year, and the time we say goodbye to our 6th grade students. We have arrived at the beginning of our planning stages for what has become a tradition... our 6th grade graduation and slide show. It is usually a tear-jerker, but in order to ensure eye leakage, we need 6th grade baby pictures. I am asking parents of 6th grade students to provide me with baby/child/growing up pictures... Cute, funny, interesting.... You choose. I do not limit the number of pictures you may submit, but I will only use 4 in the show. Please submit your photos digitally (Preferred). You can email them (jdevold@kpbsd.k12.ak.us) or bring in a disk/usb. I will return the disk/usb to you at graduation. You can also send in hard copy photos, and I will scan them and return them to you (Less Preferred).



If your child does not bring in any photos the school will get together four school pictures from the past years. While this works, it is much more fun to use pictures from home. Please send in pictures by the end of next week.

mission slip in today's Thursday folder.

Also, if you are a parent planning on joining us, please fill out the chaperone form AND make sure you have completed the BACKGROUND CHECK. I may be asking parents to drive students to cut cost. The cost for this trip is \$170 per person. (Parents would also pay this amount for themselves.) I have had several parents inform me they are coming throughout the year, but I really do not know who is joining us until I OFFICIALLY get the chaperone form.

We will also require food for the trip, and will be asking parents to sign up to supply food items. We will not be making the trip until the first week in May (May 4-6 but I want to keep this trip on your radar.

Look for more information in the weeks to come.

Emergency Information:

A reading group is planning an after-school fundraiser to help improve access to water in the Sudan. Tentative date is Friday, April 17th. Stay Tuned.

Special points of interest:

- March 27—Early Release Day
- March 30—Spring Pictures
- April 3—NO SCHOOL (Vacation Day)
- April 8—State Testing DAY for 4th - 6th Grade (MATH)
- April 15—State Testing DAY for 4th - 6th Grade (L.A.)
- April 17—Water Quality Testing Field Trips (Need Drivers)
- April 20-24—Middle School Prep Week for 6th Graders (AM)
- April 20-May 1—6th Grade Swimming (Daily in PM)
- April 28—Kasitsna Bay Parent Meeting
- April 30—Intermediate Spring Music/Talent Show
- May 1—Early Release Day
- May 4-6—Kasitsna Bay Field Trip
- May 8—6th Grade Visit to SMS
- May 8—Salmon Celebration @ Soldotna Creek Park with Dan
- May 18—Volunteer Appreciation & End of Year Slide Show
- May 20—6th Grade Graduation (9:00ish)
- May 20—Field Day (Location ???) 11:00ish
- May 20—Last Day Of School