

# Ninilchik School

Mission Statement: To develop in partnership with educators, parents, and community, enduring learners committed to academic, social, and personal excellence.



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## Principal's Piece:

Thursday, October 20, 2016

This semester has something for everyone. **Keeping kids engaged both in and out of the classroom has been a focus for us this year.** This fall we had over 40 students in 13 grades involved in our **after school running club**. Mr. Gilbertson, Coach Nick, Mr. Goins, and Dr. B were the adults running with and supervising the kids. Different courses were set up around Ninilchik and kids earned different items for different distances accumulated. Mr. Hickey is running our **Quest program** after school on Wednesdays and this year the topic is flight. Kids are investigating all aspects of flight. Topics are starting with kites, hot air balloons and gliders. They will then move onto airplanes, rockets, and drones. There is critical thinking, math, and writing wrapped into the projects.

Both **H.S. Volleyball** and **M.S. Basketball** have started. It's great to see the fans in the stands cheering on our Wolverines. Schedules are posted on the website.

The next **transportation meeting** will be November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Ninilchik School library. Our school start and end time is going to be affected because of transportation. If you have comments or concerns, please come to the library to share them. The current proposals can be found on the district website.

Ninilchik School is going to have a **level II ALICE drill** on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students won't be leaving campus for this drill but it's important to practice these drills so students and staff can react accordingly during different circumstances.

**Parent Teacher conferences** are going to be held next week on Thursday Oct 27. Elementary teachers are scheduling appointments and secondary teachers are available between 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Student performance data will be shared with parents and any questions you have can be answered as well. Please make an effort to attend these conferences. If you are unable to make it, feel free to email or call your child's teacher and they can at least share data over the phone or through an email.

The district is undergoing a **budget review**. The first school meeting was held on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at the Ninilchik Library. Parents gave input to administration about their concerns and priorities. I'm encouraging all parents to voice their opinion during these meetings. That way I can get a better picture of what Ninilchik parents see as priorities. We as a district are looking at severe budget cuts for the upcoming year so the earlier we can start planning the better prepared we will be. The next **site based council meeting** will be held on Dec 1 at 3:30 in the school library. This topic will be on the agenda.

There has been a lot of information in this article, but I don't want to forget to tell parents that **preparing your child to succeed after high school is our mission**. It takes effort from all of the stakeholders involved. I believe Ninilchik School is a great place to get an education. We recently had 2 auditors in the building reviewing our food service program. They had visited schools up and down the peninsula and told our cook that our kids were the most respectful they had seen. All the students said please and thank you when going through the line. While I don't see that listed as a specific math or language arts standard, I do see that as an important part of educating children. Being **respectful, responsible, and safe** are the 3 schoolwide expectations and it's great seeing our kids modeling them in everyday life.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or just want to drop by and say hello, feel free to do so.

Thank you, Jeff Ambrosier

## *What's Happening?*



- 10/20: MS Basketball vs. Nikolaevsk, 4pm
- 10/21: End of Quarter 1 – No School – Staff Inservice
- 10/21: MS Basketball vs. ABC, 4pm
- 10/24: MS Basketball @ Chapman, 4pm
- 10/25: MS Basketball vs. ABC (boys only), 4pm
- 10/26: Early Release
- 10/26: MS Basketball vs. Nanwalek, 4pm.
- 10/27: No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/27: HS Volleyball @ CIA, 4:30pm
- 10/28: No School – Staff Inservice
- 10/28: HS Volleyball vs. Birchwood, 4pm
- 10/31: Halloween!
- 11/01: MS Basketball @ CIA (boys only), 4pm
- 11/03: HS Volleyball @ Wasilla Lake
- 11/03: MS Basketball @ Homer, 3:30pm
- 11/04: HS Volleyball @ SuValley Tourny
- 11/06: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/07: MS Basketball @ ABC, 3:30pm
- 11/08: Election Day!
- 11/08: MS Basketball @ Nikolaevsk, 4pm
- 11/09: MS Basketball vs. Homer, 3:30pm
- 11/10: HS Volleyball vs. CIA, Senior Night
- 11/14: MS Basketball vs. Chapman, 4pm
- 11/17 – 19: MS Basketball Small Schools Tournament Here!!
- 11/17 – 19: All State Honor Choir in Anchorage
- 11/23: Early Release
- 11/24 – 25: No School – Thanksgiving

