

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:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

As we wind up the third quarter I have several pieces of information that need to be shared. I want to wish our **Wolverine basketball** teams' good luck in the upcoming regional and hopefully state tournament. *Both boys and girls are going into regions ranked #1 in our region.* Come on down to **Homer** this week and support both teams in their endeavor to make another trip to the state tournament over spring break.

This time of year always signals **budget issues** for not only the state but also for our school district. While the budget in its entirety is large and sometimes hard to understand, what it really comes down to is the more kids you have in the building, the more each school gets for teachers, custodians, support staff and supplies. As of the time this is being written, Ninilchik is not being cut positions due to increased PTR (pupil teacher ratio). **We are losing staff because of declining enrollment.** There are various reasons for this but the **two biggest reasons:** people are *moving* out of the area and parents choose to *homeschool* their students. All students that live in the area are welcome to either attend part time or full time here at Ninilchik. However, if our enrollment continues to decline we are not going to be able to offer the electives that some students choose to participate in as part time students. Ninilchik has an outstanding report card in the area of academics and our district as a whole has the best test scores in the state. We are still able to provide small group instruction as well as remediation in the areas of math and language arts for those kids that need it. Students attending full time also benefit from Project Grad and what it has to offer. There are many areas that they help us out in but students who join Project Grad benefit in the areas of asset development, positive relationships, and even scholarships for post high school plans. Because we are a Title 1 school, we are able to offer a preschool program. It's a play based education system and students attend 2.5 hours a day for 5 days a week. If you have any questions about our preschool program, please call or stop by and I'd be happy to share details about our amazing preschool teacher and program.



State testing is also coming up. The test will be given to *all 3rd -10th graders for math and language arts*. Also, students in *4th, 8th, and 10th take a shorter science test*. This test will be given during the month of **April** and it's an online test. Although we will be testing school-wide for about 2 weeks, each grade will only be affected about 2 hours for 2 days during this time. *Getting plenty of rest and a healthy breakfast is not only a great way to start every day but especially during testing.*

Our next **site based council meeting** will be on *March 30th at 3:30 in the library*. If you want to be more involved in the school or just want to see what we discuss, please stop in for the next meeting.

The **middle school volleyball** team just finished up their season over the weekend with the borough tournament at CIA. Congrats to the girls for coming together as a team.

As always, if you have questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,
Jeff Ambrosier

What's Happening?

March

- 1 W Peninsula Conference Basketball Tournament begins at Homer High School, 3:30pm.
- 2 R K-3 Ice Fishing Trip to Johnson Lake, 10:30am - 1:30pm.
- 10 F NO SCHOOL: End of the 3rd Quarter / Staff In-service.
- 10-13 F-M PHLIGHT CLUB: sponsored by Project GRAD.
- 13-17 M-F NO SCHOOL: SPRING BREAK!!
- 15-18 W-Sa ASAA 1A State Basketball Tournament at the Alaska Airlines Center, UAA.
- 30 F Site Based Council Meeting

April

- 3-28 Student Testing Window
- 3 M Middle School Track practice begins, 3:30 – 5:00pm.
- 5 W Early Release, 1:45pm.

Please Remember: Notes from home are essential if your student's **after school plans** will change from their normal routine. Discuss the plans with your child and send a note for the school office. Feel free to follow up with a phone call early in the day.

Respectful, Responsible, and Safe are expectations which apply to students at **school** and on the **school buses**. Please take a moment to discuss proper bus behavior with your students.



Child Find Preschooler Screenings: The KPBSD Child Find Program will be offering free screenings for children not yet in Kindergarten (3 to 5 years old). The screening will be held at the Ninilchik School on **Wednesday, March 22, 2017** and will include motor skills, speech, early learning concepts, vision & hearing. **Children will be seen by appointment only.** To make an appointment, please call the Ninilchik School at 567-3301. For more information contact Robin @ 714-8930.

