

# Ninilchik School

Welcome back to another year at Ninilchik school! One of the reasons I like Ninilchik so much is that since we are a k-12 school we get to see kids develop year after year. We have a great school with great kids, parents, and staff.

Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. will be our open house and lots of information will be given out that evening along with a chance for students to get into their lockers and classrooms. This will also give parents a chance to meet teachers and look over their child's schedule and syllabus.

Our 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades will be on a modified block this year. That means that Monday-Thursday there will be three classes of 95 minutes each along with advisory and then on Friday all six classes will meet. This will not affect our start and end time of the day but there will be an adjustment period for students to this new schedule.

As a school we are also working towards "blended learning" which is incorporating technology into at least part of a child's academic day. This will definitely look different for a student who is in the primary grades compared to a student who is in high school. Parents still have the ability to "opt out" of internet use for their children. I see blended learning as a tool to enhance engagement and efficiency of the class and in no way is a substitute for teacher/student interaction.

PBIS remains strong in our daily activities. Respectful, Responsible, and Safe are still our three schoolwide expectations. Modeling this behavior by all staff members remains the priority and students will be shown what each of these look like in different areas of the building.

We will continue to work with NTC in bringing activities and opportunities for your children. More information on that and all aspects of your child's daily activities will be available at our Open House on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ambrosier

Principal Ninilchik School