



Eagle River Elementary News



News from the Principal

Happy September!

I want to give a shout out to this community because the warm and inviting welcome I have received by students, parents and staff has been far beyond my expectations. I think I have the best job ever as your Principal! We are off and running with a full house of over 400 preschool to sixth grade learners who come into the school each day with happy faces ready to learn and we thank you for choosing Eagle River Elementary as your school!

A huge thank you to Eliot Hemphill of Quality Tune for purchasing solar eclipse safety eye gear for every one of our students and staff in the hopes that we would get to see this phenomenon. Science is amazing and so are the community members who get involved at school to make things happen!

In the primary grades, K-2, the teachers are tackling a new Language Arts Curriculum and we are diving deep into reading and writing. Our 3rd to 6th grade teachers will get the curriculum next year and we are unpacking all of the beautiful resources that have come with this new adoption. Across the school, we are implementing a new Social Emotional Learning Curriculum called Second Steps where students will get lessons on how to solve problems appropriately as an example.

Our 3rd - 6th grade students are taking the Map Growth Assessments in September and Kindergarten - 2nd grade students are doing AimsWeb. We hope to get baseline data that demonstrates tremendous growth this year!

What is new for parents? We have a new system that is replacing Zangle called "Q," and this is the one-stop place to see your child's grades and how s/he is coming along with assignments. We will be taking attendance twice a day so please expect automated phone calls if you have not called in to excuse your child. The PTA is planning some wonderful events for families this fall and I cannot wait to see everyone come out and support the school!

Staff has been working on a Long-Range Technology Plan to increase the effectiveness of our instruction by utilizing tools that help give faster and more efficient feedback during lessons. We want to work on grant writing and if anyone out there is willing to assist, please contact me directly.

My door is always open so please stop by any time to visit, say hello or share your perspective. Thank you for choosing Eagle River Elementary; we are honored to serve your family. Warmly,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Prince". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Lisa Prince, Principal



Welcome Back to the 2017-2018 School Year!

Nurse Brandy's Phone: (907) 742-3005

Email:

proctor_brandy@asdk12.org

Eagle River Elementary Attendance Line: (907) 742-3000

School Fax: (907) 742-3020

Greetings from the Nurse's office!

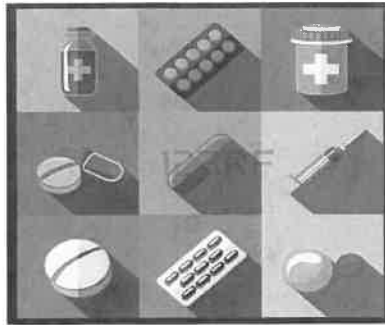
My name is Brandy Proctor-Ashby, at school, I go by Nurse Brandy. Throughout the school-year, I will be working with you and your student(s). My role is to manage the healthcare needs of students throughout the school day in a variety of ways. I am here to help with acute illness, minor first-aid care, medication administration, health prevention, promotion, and safety. It is my goal to support your student(s) to promote participation in their daily school activities.

Yes, attendance is very important to your student's learning, however, in order to provide an optimal learning opportunity for all students, those who are too ill to be in class may need to stay home for the day. **Please remember to call the attendance line to excuse your student if they are absent due to injury or illness.**

When should my student stay home?

- **Fever:** Temperature 100 degrees or more
- **Colds or Severe Cough:** rapid/difficulty breathing, wheezing, and accompanied by a sore throat or constant runny nose accompanied by nausea and/or fatigue
- **Diarrhea:** 2 or more watery stools in a 24-hour period
- **Vomiting/Nausea:** 2 or more episodes of vomiting in a 24-hour period with or without a fever, if s/he looks or acts ill
- **Ears:** pain accompanied by pain, swelling, or difficulty hearing; Please see your healthcare provider
- **Eyes:** Red, itchy eyes with a clear, yellow, or green drainage from the eye and may be contagious
- **Rash:** with a fever and/or behavior changes, rash that is oozing/open wound, or a tender/worsening rash; please see your healthcare provider
- **Sore throat:** with difficulty swallowing, saliva build-up in the child's mouth due to inability to swallow, or if you see white spots in the back of the throat





Emergency Medications for individual students

If your student requires an EpiPen or Inhaler at school, specific paperwork from the student's physician is necessary (please see the nurse if your student has an EpiPen or Inhaler)

Medications at School

- All student medications are to be stored in the nurse's office (which includes cough drops, eye drops, or creams (other than OTC lotion))
- All student medications should be brought into the school or taken home by a parent/guardian (students may not transport their own medications)
- All student medications require that either a parent or MD permission form be completed in order for a student to receive at school (please see the nurse for inquiries)
- In the event that you forget to give your child a medication at home, it is ok to come to the school and provide your student with their medication(s), however, medications should be administered in the Nurse's office



Health Promotion and Safety at School

If your student is not able to participate in a scheduled activity due to medical injury or illness, the school nurse can excuse an activity for up to 3 days. Beyond that, a medical note from a doctor is required

Wellness Promotion and Illness Prevention

- Flu shots will be provided again this year
- Consent forms will go home at a later date
- Flu shots are not required, but recommended

Once again, welcome back, and I am looking forward to a wonderful year with you all!! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out. Have an amazing school year!! –Nurse Brandy

Dates to Remember

September

- 4- Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- 5 - Choir Begins 7:50am - 8:50am
- 5 - PTA Meeting 6:30-8:00
- 12- Back to School Night 6:30 - 7:30
- 15- Student Library Liaison Applications due
- 19- Pirate Day "Spirit Day"
- 20- Picture Day
- 23- PTA Bubble Run 10:00am - 11:30am
- 26- Student of the Month Assembly
(Time to be announced)

October

- 3- PTA Meeting 6:30-8:00
- 23-26- Book Fair
- 24- Muffins with Mom
- 25- Half Day for Students 9:00-12:30
- 25- Parent Teacher Conferences
- 25- Donuts with Dad
- 26- Half Day for Students 9:00-12:30
- 26- Parent Teacher Conferences
- 27- NO SCHOOL

Parent Volunteers make our school better! Please stop by the office to get a volunteer badge after contacting your child's teacher in advance about the best day and time to assist.

Counselor's Corner

Hello Eagle River Elementary Parents/Guardians!

My name is Diana Carter, and I am the School Counselor at Eagle River Elementary. Counselors at the elementary school level provide individual help to students with their social and emotional needs, classroom guidance lessons, and small groups for K-6 grade students. Some of the lesson topics include: developing friendships, empathy, respect for self and others, decision-making, and self-reliance. As the Counselor, I also provide help for children who have experienced loss, displacement, or have had a change in their family dynamics. I can provide community referrals for parents as needed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's emotional needs in school, please feel free to contact me to discuss how we can best support your child.

I like to talk with moms, dads, guardians, and teachers to make sure all students are comfortable and successful at school. You are welcome to call or email me anytime*. I look forward to working with all the students and parents/guardians at Eagle River Elementary!

In addition to myself, ERE also has a Military Family Life Counselor (MFLC) here to support the emotional needs of our military students and their families. Her name is Ms. Kate Bradley.

Sincerely,
Ms. Carter
carter_diana@asdk12.org
742-3022



* Please note that I am split between Muldoon and Eagle River Elementary Schools, and may not receive your message for up to 5 school days. Please know that I will return your call as soon as I return to ERE.

Greetings from your librarian!

Hello Eagle River Community! I can hardly believe that this is my 12th year at our school, my 19th year as an Anchorage School District Librarian, and my 21st year with ASD if you count the two and a half years as a substitute teacher. After all of that time, I still love teaching and learning with your children.

Families are sometimes surprised to learn that students visiting the library are learning information literacy skills in addition to some pretty fun story times. Our school district librarians are hard at work making sure your children are learning national, state and local library and Common Core standards. Younger children are learning about book selection and care, library etiquette, literature appreciation, and more.

In addition to learning how to use the library, older students are also learning internet safety, research skills, copyright and social media ethics, on-line databases and so much more. Do you have a student in 4th through 6th grades? They will soon be learning how to use World Book Online. The children will be able to tell you why World Book is a better choice for their first stop in research than using Google. World Book Online is a resource our school district has provided for you to use anytime as long as you have access to the internet.

Our district also has a growing collection of eBooks and digital audio books that are available for check out to your favorite digital device.

Feel free to visit with me and I can show you how to access these resources and others from the comfort of your home. Want to know more? Let's set up an appointment. Call me, Elaine Daw, at 742-3017 or email me at Daw_Elaine@asdk12.org. You may also learn more about the library and find more resources by visiting my webpage at <https://sites.google.com/a/asdk12.net/erelibrary/home>



~ Elaine Daw

Musical Musings

Choir

Choir starts Tuesday September 5th, 2017 7:50-8:50 am. All forms should be turned in by Friday, September 1st. This year the choir will be doing a winter musical as their end performance.

Thanks!

Kelly Frost
Eagle River Elementary
Music Educator

Instruments Needed

If you have a musical instrument that you would like to donate to the Anchorage School District, please bring it to school for Shonti Elder or Marie Mills. They can provide a tax donation slip for you. We would also appreciate any extra music stands, or beginning band books left over from last year!



Want to Stop by and Visit with Your Child's Teacher?

We love meeting parents and making sure that the home-to-school connection is strong! So, when a teacher meeting is requested, we are happy and want to make sure that we can give you our undivided attention! Teachers are instructing students from the start of school at 9 until 3:30 so if you would like to meet your child's teacher, please set up a mutually agreed upon time before or after school. The front office can help arrange a meeting as unexpected classroom visits during school hours take away from student learning time. Thank you in advance for understanding and protecting that precious time and we look forward to seeing you!

PE News

Welcome back! It sure is crazy how time flies! Here we are, once again, at the beginning of a wonderful school year. This being my 5th year at Eagle River Elementary, it's been such an enjoyable journey seeing your students grow up. As we see new students and families join our learning community each year, it's important to address a few areas of our Physical Education Program.

* Gym Shoes- We ask that students wear a pair of tennis shoes that are used only during PE class. This is for their safety and it also increases the longevity of our gym floor. For younger students, who aren't able to tie their shoes yet, they should use Velcro shoes if possible.

* Healthy Futures- Students will participate in the challenge on their own. They can pick up an exercise log from the PE bulletin board and will fill it out when they complete their exercise time. For the challenge, they need to complete 30 minutes of continuous exercise, at least 3 times a week, and record it on their log. Following the end of the month, they will return the logs to me and they will receive a prize. Our first exercise log begins on Sept. 1st.

* Jamborees- Each year our school plans on participating in a few jamborees held throughout the area. Our first event is the Beach Lake Cross-Country Running Jamboree which will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28th, and will be for all grades (K-6). The next Jamboree is Flag Football and will be held on Thursday, October 5th. This event is for grades 5th-6th only. As more events approach, we will be sending out more information. Permission slips will be required to participate in every jamboree sponsored by ASD.

We are excited for this school year as we are constantly improving to be the best we can be. If you ever have questions about our Physical Education program, never hesitate to contact me at ruggles_chris@asdk12.org.



Sincerely,
Mr. Chris Ruggles
Eagle River Elementary
Physical Education
Eagle River High School
Head Wrestling Coach

Eclipse

Thank you to Quality Tune for the wonderfully generous donation of Eclipse Glasses for the Students and Staff!

Some of our classes tried to enjoy the Eclipse in the morning of our first day of school. even though we had heavy cloud coverage. They didn't get to see much but they had fun trying!



Mrs. Kindred's 5th Grade Class



Mrs. Dolan's 1st and 2nd Grade Class



Mrs. Hemphill's 4th Grade Class

Eagle River Optional Garden

The garden provides many opportunities for learning. As the school year begins, students take part in the last bits of tending, and then the joy of harvesting the garden. Classes make kale chips and experiment with other snacks. Just a day or two after the fall harvest, we have our first community pot-luck. Soups are made by students in the classrooms, using vegetables they grew themselves. The following gardening days are spent cleaning out and preparing the gardens for winter. Seed planting starts in February, in our indoor greenhouses. The seedlings are tended and watched, while the ground is prepared. There are lessons on dirt and compost and our worms. Outdoor planting starts in May. Gardens are tended throughout the summer by our families - watering and weeding. Each year when students return, they join a familiar cycle, and are excited to taste the fruits of their labor.

Thank you to all the amazing parent volunteers who have help water the garden during the summer and harvest the garden in the fall.





Mr. Hahn's 6th Grade Class

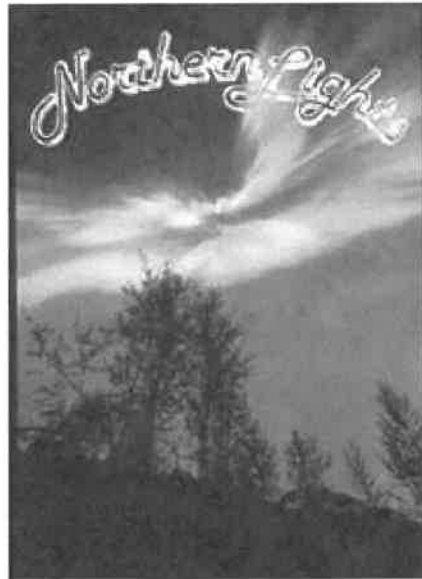


Mrs. Eads 4th Grade Class

Mrs. Campbell's 5th Grade Class



Northern Lights Coupon Books



The Eagle River Optional Program is pre-selling Northern Lights Coupon Books as one of our fundraisers this year.

- You may purchase the coupon books on our website. If you use a credit card, an additional \$2.29 will be added to your total to cover the credit card fees. If you purchase with a credit card, please indicate that on your order form.
- You can pay with a personal check. Please make your check out to Northern Lights Entertainment and include your driver's license number on your check.
- Please fill out one order form per order and include your child's name and teacher. This will ensure the correct number of coupon books gets to the correct family.
- Pre-sold coupon books will be distributed the week of October 16th-20th.
- Coupon books sales will continue until Friday, December 8, 2017.
- Please contact Anna Lux (308)430-4121 or LJ Kennedy (907)330-7920 with any questions.
- Download order form at eagleriveroptional.org/communications.html

Thank you for supporting the Optional Program!

Three No Cost-to-You Fundraisers



Boxtops for Education

With all the holiday cooking going on, there's sure to be lots of Box Tops in our families' homes. Please continue to save them and send them in. They will be sorted, counted and mailed after winter break. Don't you just love getting money for little pieces of cardboard? This fundraiser benefits our library.



Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Here's a painless way to support our whole school. Register your Fred Meyer Rewards card and every time you shop, our PTA earns money. If you have registered in the past, you have to re-register every year. Here's the link to get you started: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/enroll> If you aren't sure what to do, come on down to the library when I don't have a class and I'll help you.

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September Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
				Breakfast Treat Graham Cracker Pear Cup Orange Juice
4	5	6	7	8
LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	Egg/Sausage Pizza Graham Cracker Pear Cup Orange Juice	Maple Pancakes Graham Cracker Applesauce Cup Apple Juice	Egg/Potato Burrito Graham Cracker Black Plum Orange Juice	Breakfast Treat Graham Cracker Peach Fruit Cup Apple Juice
11	12	13	14	15
Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffin Graham Cracker Apple Juice	Banana Pancake Pouch Graham Cracker Orange Juice	Croissant Graham Cracker Apple Juice	Sausage B'fast Bites Graham Cracker Orange Juice	Dutch Waffle Graham Cracker Applesauce Cup Apple Juice
18	19	20	21	22
French Toast Bar Graham Cracker Orange Juice	Blueberry muffin Graham Cracker Apple Juice	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Graham Cracker Applesauce Cup Orange Juice	Graham Cracker Apple Juice	Bagel Graham Cracker Pineapple Fruit Cup Orange Juice
25	26	27	28	29
Banana Benefit Bar Graham Cracker Apple Juice	Egg/Sausage Pizza Graham Cracker Orange Juice	Maple Pancakes Graham Cracker Apple Juice	Egg/Potato Burrito Graham Cracker Orange Juice	Graham Cracker Applesauce Cup Apple Juice

September Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
				BBQ Rib Sandwich Corn Lemon Berry Juice Cup
4	5	6	7	8
LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	Mini Corn Dogs Carrots w/ Applesauce	Teriyaki Beef w/ Baked Beans Banana	Cheese Pizza Broccoli w/ Pears	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tater Tots Strawberry Cup
11	12	13	14	15
Popcorn Chicken, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce & Roll Fresh Oranges	Hot Dog w/ Baked Beans Taco Snack W/ Corn	Chicken Drumstick W/ Trio Veg Mini Corn Dogs W/ Trio Veg	Cheese Pizza Carrots & Pears Pulled Pork Hot Pack	Dutch Waffle Sausage Patties Tater Tots Strawberry Cup
18	19	20	21	22
Popcorn chicken with sweet potato cubes Fresh Oranges	Hamburger w/Baked Beans Apple Crisps Bbq Rib W/ Baked Beans	Teriyaki Chicken w/Oriental Rice and Midori Veg Mini Corn Dog w/ Midori Veg	Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Crunch Salad	Nachos Corn Chicken Sandwich/ w/ Corn Lemon Berry Juice Cup
25	26	27	28	29
Popcorn chicken w/ Green Bean Fresh Oranges	Mini Corn Dogs Chili Mac CREAMY COLE SLAW Applesauc	Chicken Caccitore w/ Corn Dinner roll Teriyaki Beef w/ Baked Beans	Cheese Pizza Grilled Cheese Sandwich Broccoli W/ Peaches	Pancakes Sausage Patties Potato Tot Strawberry Cup