



Cougar Comments

**Voznesenka School
KPBSD**

Principal's Corner

Greetings,



As this final Cougar Comments publication for the year hits the press, Anfisa Kalugin and I will be accompanying students on our Close Up trip to Washington D.C. and New York City. This has been a long-awaited trip, which is sure to bring with it a lifetime of memories. Upon our return, please take some time to listen to the experiences of the students who attended as they will likely have a lot to share about our country, the sites they saw and tales of inspiration. Thanks to all for your support in making this trip a reality for our students!

When school closes its doors this year, so too will a chapter in one of our teacher's lives. Kathy Serge-Hoeschen has resigned from her position as the M.S. and H.S. language arts teacher for Voznesenka School. She has spent a total of 19 years working here and has definitely impacted the lives of many students. Kathy's contributions to our school were many and her relentless service to our students was genuine and consistent. I appreciate all that Kathy has taught me and know that I am a better person for having known her. Please find a moment to thank Kathy for her contributions to our school and the students she served.



Another big change for next year is the expectation that seniors are enrolled and attending classes for the entirety of the year. Changes in class offerings, expectations of the Alaska Performance Scholarship, and the KPBSD standard of students needing at least four classes to be considered full-time students were all taken into consideration when making this decision. Over the last few years classes have been tweaked and modified to accommodate students wanting to leave mid-year during their senior year of school. This has negatively impacted some of our classes and placed a rigid schedule on students wanting to meet this underlying expectation. We want to offer more student choice, classes that are more closely aligned with those within our district and to provide increased opportunities for our students to receive the Alaska Performance Scholarship. We will make it possible for seniors to leave after lunch during second semester.

Please view our May schedule that you will find in the next few pages. Anyone interested in helping with garbage day or wanting to tag along for our beach day is encouraged to participate. These are great events for our school and the community. Thanks in advance for your contributions! Football begins on August 4th; we are hoping to see a great turnout to start our Cougar's Football season. I do hope that everybody has a safe and prosperous summer.

Sincerely,

Mike Wojciak



April 30, 2014

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"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

Walt Disney



Year-end Wrap-Up

The 2014-15 Preschool and Kindergarten registration is scheduled for Thursday, July 31st from 10:00 am till 1:00pm. If you have a child who will be 4 years old before September 1st, 2014 they are eligible for preschool. To register your child I will need a copy of their birth certificate and immunization information. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to call the school 235-8549.

There are several hats, coats, gloves, and snow pants that have been left at the school. If you are missing any of your child's belongings please stop by the school and pick them up. Remind your child to take all personal belongings from their desks and lockers. Any items left at the school will be taken to the Salvation Army.

Report cards will be mailed home the first week of June. Have a fun, safe, and restful summer!

Ksenia

Staffing Changes

Dear Voznesenka family,

After much prayerful contemplation, and with a heavy heart, I have resigned from my position as the Voznesenka JH/HS Language Arts teacher.

My mom and my husband's parents are in need of some care and attention in their elderly years. We will travel and move, at least temporarily, to be close to them and tend to their needs.

I do believe that a new face, a fresh perspective, and different teaching methods will bring about good change for the school and the students. Please welcome the new hire and be an active part of her introduction and adaptation to the community.

I admire and hold dear your friendships and support. Though I desire the setting of Alaska, the characters in my life story are primarily in the Midwest. And therein exists the conflict in my drama. To go or not to go. To be or not to be... The resolution is unknown, the journey yet un-shown... I hope we will continue to cross paths and stay in touch. I have spent the majority of my life and career here at Voznesenka School; thus, you will be forever in my heart and mind.

Over the years here, I have come to appreciate that it's not the building that makes the school, it's the people in it. I have been blessed to work with the finest children in the most beautiful setting. My time here has been sprinkled with superlatives.

With a grateful heart,

Katherine Serge-Hoeschen

"If your culture doesn't like geeks, you are in real trouble."

Bill Gates





May 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 DC Trip	2 DC Trip	3 DC Trip
4 DC Trip	5 DC Trip	6 Holy Day In-Service No School Close-Up students return from Washing- ton DC	7	8	9	10
11	12 Grades 7-12 Marine Safety @ Voz.	13 Grades 7-12 Marine Safety @ Homer Harbor	14 Holy Day Vacation Day No School	15	16	17
18	19 Pre/k Graduation @ 1:00	20 K-12 Beach Day @ K-Selo	21 Holy Day Vacation Day No School	22 Holy Day Vacation Day No School	23 K-12 Garbage Clean-Up Day	24
25	26 Memorial Day No School 	27 Graduation @ McNeil 4:00pm	28	29 Holy Day Vacation Day No School	30 K-6 Field Day Student Last Day @ Voz.	31 Teachers Last Day 



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

2014-15 K Selo, Razdolna, Voznesenka Calendar - Revised

C School Closes O School Opens
 E End of Quarter PN P/T Conference
 H Legal Holiday V Vacation Day
 IS Inservice W Teacher Work Day
 SS - Saturday School * - Minimum Day

July 2014							August 2014							September 2014							October 2014						
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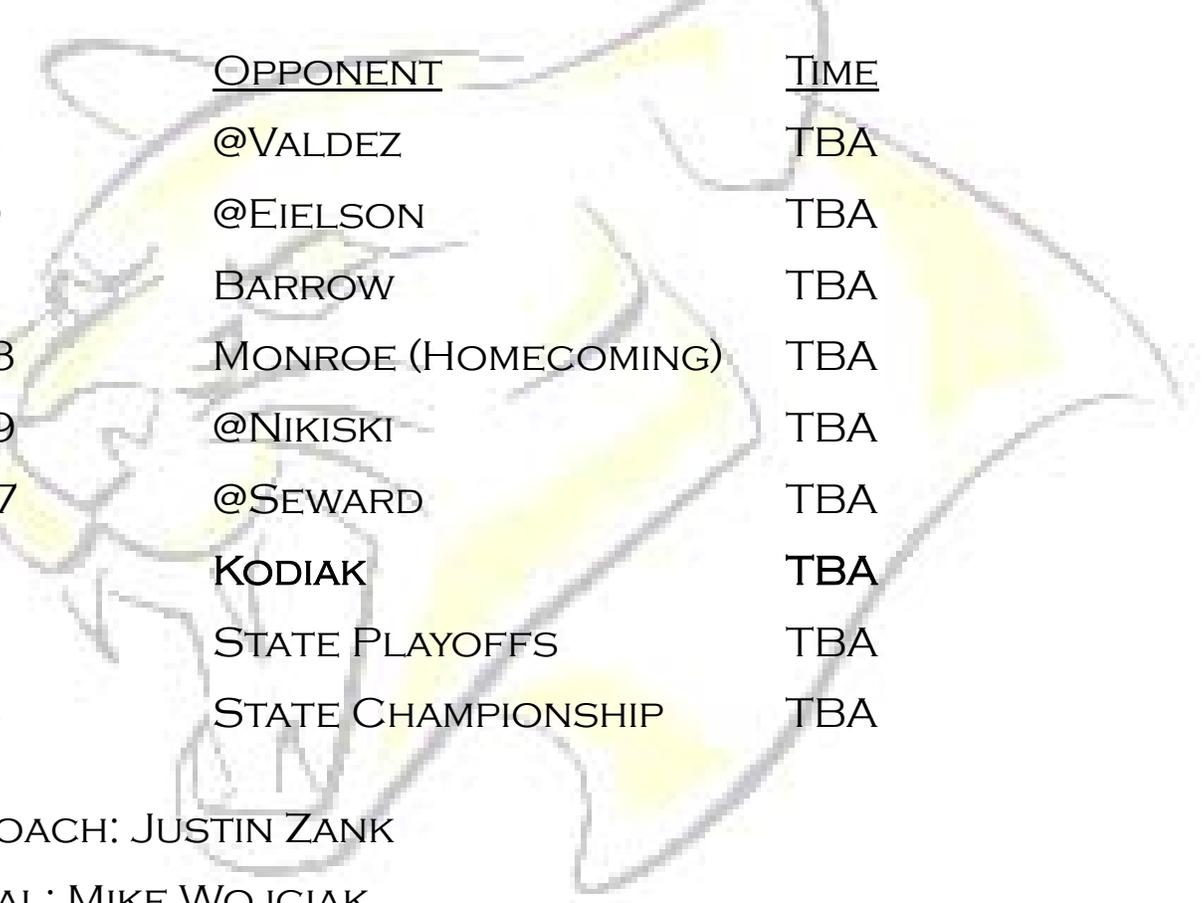
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End of Quarter		Inservice Dates		Legal Holidays & Vacation Days	
1st Quarter	41 days	Teacher First	8/4/2014	Independence Day	July 4
2nd Quarter	41 days	Teacher Last	5/30/2015	Labor Day	September 1
3rd Quarter	43 days			Thanksgiving	November 27-28
4th Quarter	45 days	Student First	8/7/2014	Winter Break	Dec. 19-Jan 2
	170 days	Student Last	5/29/2015	Spring Break	Apr. 13-17
				Memorial Day	May 25

Inservice = 1 Outside School Year, 9 During
 Total S/T = 170/11 = 180/189
 Revised: 1/22/14
 Approved: 11/27/13



TENTATIVE 2014-15 COUGAR FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
AUG. 23	@VALDEZ	TBA
AUG. 30	@EIELSON	TBA
SEPT. 5	BARROW	TBA
SEPT. 13	MONROE (HOMECOMING)	TBA
SEPT. 19	@NIKISKI	TBA
SEPT. 27	@SEWARD	TBA
OCT. 3	KODIAK	TBA
OCT. 11	STATE PLAYOFFS	TBA
OCT. 18	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA

HEAD COACH: JUSTIN ZANK

PRINCIPAL: MIKE WOJCIAK

Immunization Requirements

April 16, 2014

Dear KPBSD Parents and Guardians:

This letter is to remind you of state requirements for religious exemptions to immunizations which went into effect last July.

In order to receive an exemption from state immunization requirements, parents/guardians must meet the following requirements:

Religious exemptions must be documented on the official State of Alaska Religious Exemption Form (revision date of 3/2013) Forms must be renewed annually and are effective from July 1-June 30 of each school year—previously signed religious exemption forms will not be accepted.

Any modification to the wording of the State religious exemption form may invalidate the exemption. Statements indicating philosophical or personal opposition to vaccines will invalidate religious exemption documentation.

All religious exemption forms must be notarized.

A copy of the “new” religious exemption form which went into effect last school year is available at your school, and can also be downloaded from the KPBSD website at <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=9908>.

For assistance if questions arise, please contact your school nurse, or call the State’s Immunization Helpline directly at 888-430-4321.