



# Cougar Comments

Voznesenka School  
KPBSD

## Principal's Corner

Greetings,

After an unusually warm start to second semester we again find ourselves in a makeshift banana belt. The lack of snow has limited the amount of sledding our younger students have enjoyed, as well as the amount of shoveling that has been needed. The warm weather has certainly made the winter season feel shorter and may also be the reason the year seems to be going so fast.

As plans are being made please keep in mind that our State Testing is scheduled for the first week of April. This is a crucial time for students to be in attendance at school and we appreciate in advance your cooperation in making student attendance a priority during our testing week. Please be looking for more information regarding these high-stakes test in next month's edition of Cougar Comments.

A Head of the Bay skiing trip to Alyeska is being planned for Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Details about cost, departure and return time as well as grade levels involved has not yet been determined. Students in the upper grades will have first dibs; student participation in the lower H.S. grades will be dependent on the availability of room on the bus. Please be on the lookout for more information as details evolve. **(Please know that this trip is weather dependent)**



On Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> gun safety training will be offered at Voznesenka School. A maximum of 25 students will be able to enroll and priority will also be given to older students. The cost of the class is \$10. The class will start at 9:00 A.M. at the school with about three hours of classwork. There will then be a short lunch break, followed by a gun safety/target practice session. Guns and ammo will be provided. The class will conclude with a final test that will take place at the school. There is no time limit on the test, but all students are expected to be finished by 4 or 5 o'clock.

The Close Up trip to Washington D.C. and New York is near at hand! Final payments are being determined and notices will be available at the upcoming Site Council meeting. As of yet we have not received our itinerary, when received it will be shared at a mandatory parent/student meeting. When your final payment is made, it will be time to start thinking about the spending money you will want to take along. It is never too early to start saving! There will be a short meeting for the parents of Close Up students directly following the Site Council meeting. Please keep reading for the time and date of this meeting.

Girls' Soccer, which was previously scheduled in the fall, will begin on March 17<sup>th</sup>. This will provide our students an opportunity to play against other teams, as H.S. girls' soccer is a spring sport. This will lead us to establishing an ASAA sanctioned team that will be developed over the next two years. We are confident that our girls will become competitive athletes in the world of soccer.

Happy Trails,  
Mike Wojciak



February 28, 2014

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“Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.”

Confucius



## End of Third Quarter

It is hard to imagine, almost 3/4ths of the school year has gone by. The end of the third quarter will be on Friday, March 7th. Students will be dismissed early so teachers can work on grades. Report cards will be mailed home the following week. If your child is in sports, keep in mind next year's

fall sports eligibility will be determined by their semester grade. If your child needs to raise their grade, there are lunch learning labs available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Grades 3-6 Alaska Sealife Center Field Trip

Students from grades 3-6 will be going on a field trip to Alaska Sealife Center in Seward on Friday, March 14th. Students will be leaving the bus turnaround at 5:30 am, with a tentative return time of 4:00pm. This will be a long day, please plan on packing a good lunch for your child. Make sure they are dressed for the weather, the long bus ride can get chilly. Students will be participating in the Marine Mammal Adaptations workshop and given time to

explore the sealife exhibits. The class is looking for parent chaperones that can ride the bus and help chaperone. Please call the school and let us know if you're interested. This trip was made possible with funding provided by Exxon Mobil. They will be covering the cost of the bus, bus driver, and the workshop. To them a BIG thank-you!

## Battle of the Books

Some of Voznesenka students from grades 3-11 once again participated in the district Battle of the Books competitions. Kudos to MS and HS team members German Kalugin, Ustina Chernishoff, Faena Martushoff, Elizaveta Reutov, Lydia Chernishoff, and Sophia Ivanov. Congratulations, students from grades 3-6 Alexandra Basargin, Iosiph Kalugin, Gregory Ka-

lugin, Zasim Martushev, Markian Polushkin, Anthony Kalugin, and Afony Reutov. Student's efforts in reading and answering many questions on genres, titles, authors, and so forth should not go unrecognized. They all worked hard, but unfortunately did not make it to the championship rounds.

## Site Council Agenda: Wednesday, March 5, 2014 @3:30

- Welcome Sign-in
- KPBSD Performance Indicators
- SBA's April 1st-3rd
- PBIS Implementation
- Wrestling
- 3rd Quarter Report Cards
- Girl's Soccer
- Title One– Justin/Rachel
- Gun Safety Class -March 29th
- Early Release Days:
  - March 7th– End of Q 3
  - April 16th
- Survey <http://bit.ly/KPBSDParentSurveyMinimumStudentDay>
- Youth Court - Kathy
- Close-up, field Trip:
  - April 27th - May 5th, 2014

## MS Wrestling

The Junior High Cougar Wrestling Team traveled to Seward Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> to compete in the Borough Championships. Five Cougars wrestled their best tournament of the season and three earned medals. Seventh graders Max Kuznetsov and Dia Martishev both wrestled in the championship finals. Both wrestled tough competition and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. Max and Dia will be returning next year with a shot at winning a Borough title. Eight grader David Sanarov, in his first full season of competition, finished 4<sup>th</sup>. All three wrestlers qualified for the Middle School State Tournament in Fairbanks. 8<sup>th</sup> graders Nikit Anufriev and Giorgy Kalugin both won 2 matches and wrestled well in tough weight classes. The high school looks forward to welcoming these highly competitive 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the team next year!!

Coach Zank

Go Cougars!!



MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER SUCCESS

WOW WOW WOW!!!

Thanks to everyone—Families, Staff, Students

Marine Safety Fundraiser Movie Nights were very successful events; this movie night event seemed to be a hit and was enjoyed by all ages!!

I have many to thank for this wonderful fundraising event. First to Voznesenka Staff for your support—would not be successful if you did not bring it up at announcements, give me a room to use, or support student involvement. Some personal thanks and Spaseeba Bolshoi goes out to Linda Etwiler, Nancy Reutov, Michael Wojciak, Consumer Science class students and teachers, Irina Kalugin and family, Marfa Kuznetsov and family, Dia Martushev and family, Vera Afonin and family, Michael Houghton, Andy Rothenberger, Faena Martushoff, Feodora Basargin, Melanie Kalugin, Lydia Chernishoff, and Philip Kalugin. There were others who helped hall chairs, and coolers and such...Thank you for your time and muscles, too J.

We had tons of popcorn donations, pizzas donated, candy, pop, water, popcorn balls and time donated to these events so that they would be successful and profitable for Marine Safety activities to stay at Voznesenka. THANK YOU to all our supporters!!!

The money collected will help fund a field trip to the Harbor, a certified Alaska Marine Safety educator to help teach, equipment rental, supplies for various activities to use and to take home.

After Easter be on the lookout for a special RUSSIAN movie for parents and children to both enjoy for an even cheaper entrance fee so that we can have more parent involvement in our now favorite, "Movie Nights at Voz".

With Great Appreciation and Voznesenka Cougar Prrride,  
 Lisa Nordstrom  
 Special Service Teacher 7—12th

MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 <small>Parent Meeting 3:30 DC Trip \$ Due</small>	6	7 <small>End of 3rd Quarter Early Dismissal</small>	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 <small>Grades 3-6 Field Trip to Seward Sealife Center</small>	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <small>Elementary DARE Presentation</small>	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	"Faced with what is right, to leave it undone shows a lack of courage." Confucius				