



Cougar Comments

Voznesenka School
KPBSD

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Principal's Corner

Greetings,

The days are getting shorter, fall colors are abound, and the morning air is becoming crisp. Take some time to enjoy the fall weather as it will quietly fade beneath a blanket of frost, then snow. Light jackets and sweatshirts should be highly considered when students head off to school.



We've had a roller coaster of a ride in the midst of our first year of conference football. We've won two and lost two, with no games that would have been considered close ones. From a spectator's perspective, the two we won came at the right time, as they were our home games. For our first homecoming game we had an excellent crowd and perfect weather. We give our thanks to those who volunteered their time, skills, food, and other donations for the good of the cause. The games wouldn't have been possible without a combined effort. We will wait to see the outcome of the last two regular season games. Go Cougars!



You may have noticed the two wood foundations that are being constructed in the fenced in playground. Our construction class is building an activities shed and a shed to house our construction equipment. We are looking forward to having the needed space for our growing programs. One night we did have some vandalism that occurred and two of our treated floor joists were destroyed. Any help you may be able to provide to keep any reoccurrences from happening will be greatly appreciated.

Homer Council on the Arts is bringing a performance ensemble, Quixotic, to Homer on October 15th and will be providing the opportunity for all the Homer area school children grades 3-12 to attend an assembly at the Mariner Theatre. The performance will include dance, aerials, fashion, film, music and visual effects. The live link to the Quixotic website is <http://quixoticfusion.com/> Students in grades 3-12 will be attending this performance at no cost. Parent permission forms will be coming home soon. We are excited about providing this extraordinary opportunity for our students.



Next semester, after Christmas break, we will implement a new student management system. The program, PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support), is used in many schools across the district. Our focus at Voznesenka School will be "The Three B's." Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. Students and staff will learn a common language to encourage proper behavior and to address poor behavior. As a school, we feel that having common expectations will promote the behaviors we want to see.

September 25, 2013

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"It is a man's own mind, not his enemy or foe, that lures him to evil ways."

[Buddha](#)



Dear Parent:

I hope that your child is having a great year at Voznesenka School. Our teachers have worked hard for many years to prepare themselves for the challenging and rewarding role of providing a quality education for your child.

To that end, I wanted to share with you that our teachers have met all the criteria established by the State of Alaska’s Department of Education and Early Development, as well as the criteria established by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, to obtain their teaching credentials and hold a teaching position with our school district.

In addition, the teachers listed below have acquired the “highly federally qualified” designation required under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002. This is a wonderful accomplishment on their parts. You are certainly welcome to request, through your principal, information about the professional qualifications of your child’s teacher.

CHALUP, ELAINE	ELEMENTARY K-6	VOZNESENKA
	ECONOMICS	VOZNESENKA
	FRENCH	VOZNESENKA
ETZWILER, LINDA	ELEMENTARY K-6	VOZNESENKA
FOSTER, FREDERICK	ELEMENTARY K-6	VOZNESENKA
	MS SOCIAL STUDIES	VOZNESENKA
	MS SCIENCE	VOZNESENKA
	HS ENGLISH	VOZNESENKA
	GENERAL SCIENCE	VOZNESENKA
	HS SOCIAL STUDIES	VOZNESENKA
	WORLD/US HISTORY	VOZNESENKA
HOUGHTON, MICHAEL	MS MATH	VOZNESENKA
	MS SOCIAL STUDIES	VOZNESENKA
	HS MATH	VOZNESENKA
NORDSTROM, LISA	ELEMENTARY K-6	VOZNESENKA
	MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTENT (SELF-CONTAINED)	VOZNESENKA
SERGE-HOESCHEN, KATHERINE	MS ENGLISH/LA	VOZNESENKA
	HS ENGLISH	VOZNESENKA
WHITE, ISAIAH	RUSSIAN	VOZNESENKA
WOJCIAK, MICHAEL	ELEMENTARY K-6	VOZNESENKA
ZANK, JUSTIN	ELEMENTARY K-6	VOZNESENKA





As of this writing, the following teachers have yet to complete the “highly federally qualified” requirements for classes they teach in the following areas. These teachers are currently working to meet the requirement and we have full confidence in their ability to teach effectively in their assignment.

FOSTER, FREDRICK	EARTH SCIENCE	VOZNESENKA
FOSTER, FREDRICK	GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL SCIENCE	VOZNESENKA

Our district is fully committed to the success of your child. We appreciate your partnership in our efforts. With parental and community involvement supporting our teachers and administration, together we will ensure that success.

Sincerely,

Michael Wojciak
Voznesenka School

End of Quarter 1/ Report Cards and Athletic Eligibility

It seems as though we’ve just opened the school doors, yet here we are, almost at the end of the first quarter. In keeping with the teacher contract and allowing teachers an opportunity to work on grades, school will be dismissed early on October 12th- the end of the quarter. Report cards will be available at Parent Teacher Conferences. On Thursday, October 17th, we will once again be offering evening parent teacher conferences from 3:30 till 6:40. This will give us an opportunity to visit with working parents. On Friday, October 18th, conferences will be held from 8:00 till 3:30. Parent notices will be sent home the week of October 14th. If, for some reason, you’re not able to attend please contact the school and we will do our best accommodate your needs. Parent Involvement is essential to student success. Thank -you in advance for taking the time.

With the end of the quarter comes athletic eligibility. If your child participates in sports they must maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA and be passing all of their classes. Hockey players and HS Wrestlers, if you’re ineligible at the end of the quarter, the next mid-quarter eligibility check will be on November 18th. Lisa Nordstrom has started an after-school club to assist students that have fallen behind or need additional support. After-school club is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:05 till 4:05.





OCTOBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Site Council Meeting at 3:30	4 Football Game against Eielson at Homer High 5:30	5
6	7 <i>Picture Retakes Sports Groups</i>	8	9 <i>Vacation Day</i>	10	11	12 <i>Saturday School End of Q 1 Early Dismissal</i>
13	14 <i>Vacation Day</i>	15 <i>Quixotic Field Trip Grades 3-12 to Homer High</i>	16	17 <i>Afterschool 3:20 to 6:40 Parent Teacher Conferences</i>	18 <i>8:00 to 3:30 Parent Teacher Confer- ences</i>	19
20	21	22 <i>11th 12th Grade College Fair- KPC Soldot- na</i>	23	24	25 <i>Childfind @ Voz.</i>	26
27	28	29	30 <i>Early Dismissal</i>	31		

Parent Site Council Agenda Thursday, October 4 @ 3:30

- Welcome Sign-in
- PBIS Implementation
- School/District Goals
- ASPI Rating Explanation (New standards)
- PTC Update
- Wrestling - Homer
- Title One- Justin
- 2014-15 Draft Calendar
- Volunteer Paperwork (Driving for Field Trips)
- Early Release Days
- New Certificated Position
- Youth Court—Kathy
- Close-up May 2014 Field Trip :)





Afterschool Learning Lab



MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

3:05-4:05

Resource Room and Computer Lab

Co-Teaching

Dear Parents and Students of Voznesenka School,

Kathy Serge-Hoeschen and Lisa Nordstrom will be co-teaching your child's (children's) class this semester and want to share some information with you about this Language Arts course. Co-teaching is an approach that involves two professions teaching in the same class together by sharing their expertise with the students. Co-teaching is being used (and has been partially used here at Voznesenka for many years) across the country as a way to meet the diverse needs of students in today's classrooms—from students who may need some extra support to those who may need extra challenge to stay engaged.

We each possess different areas of expertise and will be collaborating to ensure that students' needs are met. We will be co-planning together on a regular basis, as well as co-instructing. Sometimes we will both be in the front of the class sharing instruction, while sometimes one will take the lead while the other circulates to help individual students. There will be times when we divide the class into two or more groups so that students can have greater opportunities for participation and individualization. We will take turns with various roles in the classroom so that student understands that we are both teachers with equal authority and expertise. We will also be working together to assess student learning and make grading decisions.

We are very excited about the opportunities co-teaching will provide to the students in this class. If you have questions about co-teaching or specific questions about your child, feel free to contact either of us by phone or email at Voznesenka School 235-8549.

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Sincerely,

Lisa Nordstrom, Resource Specialist

Katherine Serge-Hoeschen, Language Arts Generalist



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Parents/Guardians/Students

FROM: Dave Tressler, Director
Planning and Operations

DATE: Fall 2013

SUBJECT: AHERA School Management Plans

MEMORANDUM

As mandated by Federal Regulation 40 CFR PART 763, known as the AHERA Act (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), local educational agencies are to notify parents/guardians/students in writing about the existence and location of AHERA School Management Plans for individual school buildings. Also required by regulation is the notification of all related asbestos activities which have occurred during the previous year.

Currently, all AHERA School Management Plans are located at the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's Operations office and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Maintenance office. Each school's administrative office maintains a copy of its individual School Management Plan. Plans may be inspected at any of these sites.

Below is an update of asbestos activities:

a. _____ Your school, Voznesenka, has been inspected and there have been no areas of asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) found.

b. _____ Your school, _____, has been inspected and there have been areas of asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) located in your building. None of the ACBMs present a hazard to any of the building occupants. The Borough Maintenance Department is following all monitoring procedures and instituting an operational and maintenance plan.

c. _____ During the past year, the following asbestos related activities have occurred in this facility:

If you should have any questions concerning the AHERA School Management Plans or asbestos related activities, as the designated Local Education Agency's Asbestos Coordinator, I can be contacted at the School District's Planning and Operations office or phone (907) 714-8875.