

February 28, 2018

School Starts 8:30

Lunch 12:20-1:05

Preschool Starts: 12:30

Dismiss 3:05



Principal's Corner

Greetings,

The dark winter is giving way to steadily increasing daylight, bringing with it the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. On March 11th remember to "Spring" your clocks ahead one hour.



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Middle school wrestling ended over the weekend with the Borough Tournament in Nikiski. We took a 4th place finish as a team, ending up only one point behind Homer. Nestor Kalugin and Chris Martishev walked away with first place medals. In an exhilarating finals match Vasily Martushev, garnered 2nd place. Mark Kalugin wrestled his way to a third place finish with Afanasy Kalugin, Iosiph, Kalugin, and Kelsey Reutov all claiming fourth place. Greg Kalugin with a nice win during his last match claimed 5th place. Thanks for the great season guys!



Wednesday, February 28th, students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will be going to Johnson Lake to try their luck ice fishing. Students in this class have been learning about fish with an aquarium housed in their classroom. The trip to Johnson Lake is one part of this extensive unit. As with several other scheduled events, ADF&G are the sponsors. This hands-on learning experience is sure to be filed away in the students' long-term memory.

Soccer is right around the corner with the first day of practice taking place on Monday, March 5th. This activity is available to all HOB high school girls. We are in need of additional athletes, so if you know of a high school girl in Voz, Raz, or Selo that may have an interest, please let them know. Practices will again take place at McNeil with Frosia Polushkin as the head coach. If you would like any additional information, please call the school at 235-8549 or Frosia at 235-2734.

The end of third quarter lands on March 9th, which is an Early Release day for students. Especially for our secondary students this would be a great time to check in with your child(ren) to see how they are progressing in their classes.

The district-wide spring break occurs during the week of March 12th. On Thursday, March 15th we have the McNeil gym reserved. Students will get broken into four different groups, each having some time in the gym. Planned activities will keep the students active as a supplement to PE classes or as a stand-alone PE opportunity for the rest of our students. Please watch for a parent permission slip that will be sent home early next week.

Our State testing (PEAKS) begins on March 27th and will continue until Easter break. Please reference the schedule when it is made available to determine best times if students need to be away from school.

Enjoy the month,

Mike

Upcoming Events :

March 9th Early Release

March 27th—April 6th Testing

April 4th Early Release

April 9th—13th Vacation Easter

May 1st Early Release

Site Council Meeting April 19th



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Responsible**

Early Release Schedule

Students will be dismissed at 12:45 on the dates listed below. There will be no preschool. Per negotiated agreement teachers will use this time to collaborate. These are great days to book dental and doctor appointments.

March 9

April 4

May 1

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11 Daylight Savings Time Move clocks 1 hr ahead	12 District Art Specialist @ Voz	13 District Art Specialist @ Voz	14 District Art Specialist @ Voz	15 School-wide Gym Day	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22 Site Council Meeting at 3:30	23	24
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25	26	27 PEAKS Testing Starts	28	29	30	31
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Battle of the Books

HS team made it to the Championship Round, receiving the Bronze for 3rd place. (two teams tied for 2nd)

MS team placed 5th overall.

A crowd of students started the climb back in the fall, when the days were still longer and warmer. As the incline steepened and the weather cooled, the crowd lessened substantially. Those who were committed refused to give up, knowing the view from the top was worth the strenuous climb.

The Voznesenka Battle of the Books team already had a flag at the top of the mountain with the HS team marking their spot last year as District Champs. Their path, however, had been wiped away in the change of seasons, so a new course must be strategically mapped out. This year's teams had new books, novice members mixed in with the veterans, and competitors who had been in fierce training since just out of diapers.

With practices starting back in October, the lighter books were read first, saving energy and strength for the more challenging material. January Book Camp consisted of intense sessions of harder and smarter. Head muscles were pumped, and the mental lifting was weighted by obscure questions related to bookish minutiae. Brain muscles had grown to bobble-head proportions.

February brought on the Last Ascent. With winds gusting from all directions, some team members were blown off course, and recovery efforts tapped at our spines. Facing an attack of seasoned climbers armed with hardcover books, we tightened our headscarves, layered our paperback copies, and gritted our teeth for a push to the top.

While the Voznesenka flag was in sight, gently waving its encouragement, we were blindsided by a cacophony of birds swarming for attack. While our minds became inundated by the noise of book trivia flung at us from all sides, we made our last best effort to reach the top. Energy sapped and minds heavy with a plethora of literary trivialities, the last steps seemed weighted in slo-mo. As our hands stretched to reach to the summit, stronger hands of encouragement from our competitors pulled us up to join them at the top. Though we weren't the first to arrive this year, we did enjoy the magnificent panoramic views with our new friends. The climb was worth it.

Congratulations to the climbers!

HS team: Elizaveta Reutov, Elena Basargin, Lydia Chernishoff, and alternate Irina Ivanov.

MS team: Alexandra Basargin, Elena Kalugin, Antonina Afonin, and alternate Manefa Martushev.

Katherine Serge-Hoeschen (Kathy)

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