



# Cougar Comments

Voznesenka School

KPBSD

## Principal's Corner

Greetings,

I hope everybody has had a chance to catch their breath after the business of the last month. It's just beginning to feel like we are back in school mode and focusing on making progress with our classes. Last week Parent/Teacher conferences were held and we again had a great turnout. **We sure appreciate all the parents who commit the time to make conferences a great experience.**

On the day of our evening conferences, the afternoon was used to host a Cougar Code celebration to reward students' efforts for filling up the ticket jar. Tickets are received for being "caught" portraying positive student behaviors. Students spent the afternoon playing a variety of board games, drawing, playing cards, and a few other leisure activities. **This was the second reward students earned this year and we are hoping the jar fills up quickly with lots of good student behavior.**



Middle school wrestling began when we returned from winter break. Ten boys are participating and traveled to Anchor Point to compete in a dual. Upcoming meets are scheduled, but will be dependent on student participation in practices to prepare them for tournament style meets.

**Students currently in 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate in the Close Up trip next spring.** To receive Early Bird pricing and to be eligible for all of the revenue opportunities available students will need to make their \$400 deposit by April 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is now less than three months away. One meeting was already held to share the details of the trip and another will take place directly following the February 17<sup>th</sup> Site Council meeting. If you have any thoughts about one of your children participating in this trip, and you didn't attend the previous meeting, please make plans to attend this meeting. For those who attended the first meeting and have additional questions, or would like to get more information, attendance is encouraged.



**A ladies exercise group has been formed and is open to all girls in middle or high school, female staff members, and any lady community members who have an interest.** Workouts will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday in Mrs. Melrose's portable. Participants are encouraged to bring a towel or yoga mat, and a water bottle. Sessions started this week and will run through February 10<sup>th</sup>. If it was in your plans to get in shape after the Christmas season this is a great opportunity!

**Battle of the Books:** The middle school and high school Battle of the Books teams have been preparing for their upcoming battles for the past couple months....reading, reading AND reading! Each student on the team is required to read twelve books. We have had a large turn out this year with eight kids participating at both the middle school and high school levels. The high school battle is February 2<sup>nd</sup> and the middle school's is February 8<sup>th</sup>. **GOOD LUCK!**



Have a great month,  
Mike

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- ◇ February 3rd Early Release
- ◇ February 12th Vacation Day
- ◇ February 15th Vacation Day
- ◇ March 11th Early Release
- ◇ April 1st Early Release
- ◇ April 7th Vacation Day
- ◇ April 8th In-service Day No School
- ◇ May 2nd to May 6th Easter Week Spring Break

## Free Classes for Adults

Adult education classes Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00 at Voznesenka School, Thursdays starting Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, interest permitting.

Students can work on improving vocabulary, reading and writing skills.

Classes in Homer on Kachemak Bay Campus available to get

your GED (high school diploma), pass a college entrance test, or work on skills needed for a job.

All classes are free! May need to purchase books.

Call Lolita at 235-1606 for more information or to register.

## KPBSD Budget Meeting

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is holding Public Budget Meetings at the following locations:

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Seward High School library

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Soldotna High School library

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Homer High School library

Everyone interested is encouraged to attend one of the meetings. If there are questions, please contact Lassie Nelson at 714-8838.

## MS Wrestling

MS Wrestling Practice has started. All tournaments will be held on the Kenai Peninsula. MS Wrestling Tournament schedule is as follows:

Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> - Nikiski Invitational @10:00

Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> - Homer Invitational @ 10:00

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> - Seward Invite @10:00

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> - Borough Tournament @ Kenai @10:00

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible”

Francis of Assisi

## Early Release Schedules

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.

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

March 11<sup>th</sup>

April 1<sup>st</sup>

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Site Council Meeting Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @3:30

- 2016-17 approved calendar
- Lease updates
- Budget (staffing)
- Around the school - doors, railing, office storage
- Cougar Code - celebration day
- Battle of the Books
- Title One/Migrant
- Spring fundraiser
- Soccer
- Football
- Close-Up

# Construction Academy

Hello, HOB high schoolers,

There will be after-school another construction academy at Homer High beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>:

Mondays and Wednesdays 4-9pm through March 9<sup>th</sup>

School bus ***for academy students only*** leaves turnaround at 3:30pm and returns approximately 9:30pm

Both experienced and novice students are needed (See permission form for more information)

If you would like to participate, you need to do two things by Tuesday, Jan. 12:

Return the attached permission form to school.

Apply online at <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/OneStop/OneStop.aspx?id=30683>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Paul Story

## FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 12:45 Early Release	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 ELL Testing Reading & Listening	11	12 Holy Day Vacation Day	13
14	15 Holy Day Vacation Day	16	17 Site Council Meeting @3:30	18 ELL Testing Writing & Speaking	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					