

January 30, 2018

Principal's Corner

School Starts 8:30

Lunch 12:20-1:05

Preschool Starts: 12:30

Dismiss 3:05



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Greetings,

I hope everybody enjoyed their Christmas break and is having a good start to the new year. We were definitely awakened with a sizeable earthquake and an arctic blast of cold weather last week.

Please look for your parent/teacher conference schedule that is included as part of these Cougar Comments. You will notice that we do not have the evening conference option, which is unfortunately something we are not able to continue. *Our parent/teacher conference day is scheduled for Friday, February 9th* There are also *times available on Saturday, February 17th* in the morning. If you recognize a conflict with your scheduled time please contact Ksenia to make changes. The sooner you call, the easier it is to schedule changes.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District requests input from staff, parents, and community members at the districtwide KPBSD budget development meeting, scheduled at the following location: *Tuesday, February 20, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Homer High School Library.*

We also have a *Site Council Meeting taking place on Wednesday, January 31st*. This meeting is held at the school and begins at 3:30. Information to be covered will follow.



Middle School wrestling began when we returned from Christmas break, with the first tournament taking place this past weekend in Nikiski. This year, there is only one chance to watch our wrestlers in Homer, which is the same day as our parent/teacher conferences, February 9th. If you're able, showing some Cougar pride during the tournament is a motivator for our wrestlers. You are sure to be entertained!

Be on guard! Our brave Battle of the Books teams are preparing for fierce competitions. Our high school team will battle on February 5th, following with our middle school team battling on February 14th. The Voznesenka Cougars H.S. team is wanting to defend their 1st place district title, with our M.S. team wanting in on the action. Let's wish them luck as they strategize for the win!



From the desk of Mrs. Hoeschen: The Voznesenka Yearbook Staff embarked on our annual sponsor-drive field trip adventure yesterday afternoon. We left during lunch and returned around 6pm. The staff was divided into teams that canvassed assigned regions of Homer. Our parent driver Avram Kalugin led a team and rallied his contacts to dramatically increase our fundraising efforts. Our tentative grand total for the day is a whopping \$1835! We are hopeful of more to come through mail response (some owners were out of town, etc.)



Upcoming Events :

- January 31st Site Council Meeting
- February 7th Early Release
- February 9th Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 12th Holy Day
- February 15th Holy Day
- February 17th Parent Teacher Conferences

Even before the Christmas break plans for next year were beginning to take shape with the development of the 2018-19 calendar, determining an accurate student count that is used for 2018-19 funding, and looking at potential staffing changes. With a drop in student numbers, comes a subsequent drop in staffing numbers. The one definite change for next year is that the principal position will now be shared between Voz and Selo, eliminating a 1/2 time position. With a myriad of possibilities with district revenues and expenditures, we do have the potential for additional losses.

Enjoy the month, Mike



**Cougar Pride: Safe
Respectful
Responsible**

Life's most persistent
and urgent question is,
**'What are you doing
to others?'**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Site Council Agenda: Wednesday, January 31st @3:30

- Public Health Nurse
- School Development plan
- School Board presentation
- School staffing
- Parent/Teacher conferences
- Budget meeting
- Cougar Code
- State testing
- School ground/road monitoring camera

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.

Feb. 7

March 19

April 4

May 1

February 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4	5 Kindergarten ELL Testing HS Battle of the Books	6 Kindergarten ELL Testing	7 Early Release 12:45	8	9 Parent Teacher Conferences	10
11	12 Holy Day	13	14 MS Battle of the Books	15 Holy Day	16	17 Parent Teacher Conferences
18	19 1st –12th ELL Testing	20 1st-12th ELL Testing HS Artist in School	21 HS Artist in School	22 HS Artist in School	23	24
25	26 1st-12th ELL Testing	27 1st-12th ELL Testing	28			

ReDesign on a Dime

Voznesenka MS/HS students and teachers are in need of your donations to **redesign Portable #2** to a more "flexible seating" atmosphere. With the movement towards more personalized learning, we are seeing the need to transform our classroom into a more adaptive space. Learning will still be *center* but opportunities for grouping and stations are more inclusive.

We are looking for donations of
wooden tables,
couches,
comfortable chairs,
bean bags,
lamps,
pillows,
and rugs.

Here are a few photos of possible redesigns.

We would also welcome your decorating ideas and expertise!

Please call school and talk with Kathy or Efrogia if you have an item to donate or time to help out.



Voznesenka Artist in Residency—Feb 20-22

Voznesenka School is pleased to welcome Art Koeninger as our Artist in Residence this February.

While residing in Homer, Mr. Koeninger is an accomplished and master jeweler and metalsmith. His work is often on display at the Bunnell Street Art Gallery.

During his stay, our students and parents will practice the art of:

Lost Wax Casting ~ a process in which molten metal is poured into a mold that has been created by means of a wax model. Once the wax is melted away within the mold, metal can take its place, and take the shape of the model made in wax.

Metalsmithing - a process of crafting or fashioning useful items out of various metals.

(Lost-Wax Casting)



(Metalsmithing)



From Mr. Koeninger:

“My students learn the synthesis of ideas, tools, and materials into finished products of which they can be proud. Skills in metal fabricating, soldering, forging and casting may have some practical application in later life such as metal repairs, or in combination with other crafts.”

Koeninger will work with our high school for three full days, **February 20-22. This workshop is also open to parents to participate.** This residency is open to 30 people maximum

The cost of the workshop is \$30 per person. It is possible to drop that cost significantly should our high school make an effort to fundraise. (Mr. Rothenberger’s breadstick operation will donate its profits to the program). The more we make through bake sales, etc., the less we pay for the program. Donations are welcome as well, made payable to Voznesenka School! We are needing \$1000 to fund the program.

All high school students are required to participate.

Parents interested in participating must notify Andy Rothenberger at arothenberg@kpbsd.org. **Space is available for a maximum of 28 students and parents.**