



# Cougar Comments

Voznesenka School

KPBSD

## Principal's Corner

Greetings,

Our students in grades K-5 had a great experience at the Bay Club this past month with their swimming lessons and rock climbing. We appreciate the support we received from parents and the volunteers who helped transport students to and from the bus turnaround. All students should have learned important safety skills when around the water as well as new skills associated with the rock climbing. Feedback was positive from students, parents, and staff!

**AMP testing will begin on April 6<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled through April 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Students in grades 3 through 10 will participate in these tests, which is the biggest piece of the report card we receive as a school. Please help us out by scheduling days away from school around our testing dates. Each year we have great attendance when this test is taking place so I'm optimistic our students will be present.

As this edition of Cougar Comments is being drafted we are prepping for a trip to the ice rink that is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup>. Elementary students will take to the ice in the morning and our secondary students will heat up the ice in the afternoon. It is likely this will be received after the trip occurred, if so, hoping it was a great success!

**Students in K-6 will be attending a performance by the Wonderheads on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.** This opportunity will enlighten students in the field of the arts. It will be a great learning experience that should be enjoyed. We are asking that students get dropped off at the bus turnaround at 8:30 instead of coming to school. Also, being an Early Release day we would like parents to pick up their children at 11:30 from the bus turnaround and bring them home. Thanks in advance for your help in providing this educational opportunity.



**On May 19<sup>th</sup> Cougar Athletics will be hosting our second annual Traditional Russian Meal fundraiser at Homer High School.** This is an all hands on deck event! If you haven't already committed and are willing to lend your support please call the school and ask to speak with Mike, Rachel, or Justin. This fundraiser is what keeps our athletic programs alive. On the day of the event a lot of hands are needed so please clear your filled calendar and make your presence known! Your help will be appreciated!



From the desk of Mrs. A: Soccer practice is going well and we've had the opportunity to use the Homer High field in town and will be scrimmaging the Homer team soon. The players are doing a great job of balancing soccer and other commitments. We are still looking for more players and any current players who still need to pay their participation fee should contact Ksenia or Mrs. A.

We just had our last Site Council meeting of the year on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to those who were able to attend! Our meeting ended with discussions about Close Up. **For students planning on participating in this trip, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is the date our school has set as the deadline for the \$400 deposit.** Think about how fast this last year went! Washington D.C. and New York City will be here before we know it.

Enjoy the spring weather,  
Mike

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- ◇ April 1st K-6 Field Trip to see Wonderheads
- ◇ April 1st Early Release
- ◇ April 7th Vacation Day
- ◇ April 8th In-service Day No School
- ◇ April 11th 2016-17 Pre-school screenings
- ◇ April 11th- April 21st AMP testing
- ◇ May 2nd to May 6th Easter Week Spring Break



## Child Find

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Child Find Program will be offering free screenings for children not yet in Kindergarten (3 to 5 years old). The screening will be held in Homer at the McNeil Canyon School on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will screen your child's

motor skills, speech, early learning concepts, vision & hearing. Children will be seen by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call the McNeil Canyon School @ 235-8181. For more information contact Robin @ 714-8930.

## Athletics Fundraiser

On Monday, March 28th, at our last site council meeting of the year, we started planning the annual athletics fundraiser. It is set for May 19th. This year, we decided to seek more pre-orders and are hoping to partner up with more local businesses. Our goal is to sell 500 meals. There will be 4 items per meal, piroshky, vareniki, mikada, and shangi. In organizing the fundraiser we have broken down the many tasks needed to be done onto a spreadsheet where parents and community members can sign up for a task which is attached to this issue of Cougar Comments. If you are able to volunteer for a task, review the spreadsheet and call

the school. Ask to speak to Mike, Justin or Rachel. All funds for student travel and participation in field trips need to be generated by students. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit all students of the school. Thanks in advance!

“Many hands make light work.”

John Heywood

## PG Summer Institute

We are planning our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer College Institute and have decided to offer it a little earlier than in past years. Our hope is to capture some of the students who in the past have declined the invitation in light of family or individual fishing/work obligations. This year's Summer Institute will be offered from Tuesday, May 24 – Friday, June 3 at Kachemak Bay Campus in Homer.

## Soccer

This is the first year Voznesenka has an ASAA sanctioned girls soccer program. We have 13 Head of the Bay students participating. Their first game is at Seward on April 23rd. Girls have been practicing at McNeil and Homer High. They will have 2 home games this season. Game times and dates will be included in the next issue of Cougar Comments. There is a \$100.00 soccer participation fee. It helps offset the cost of travel for the program. If you have not paid the fee, please do so. We look forward to seeing Cougar fans in the bleachers.

“You cannot open a book without learning something.” Confucius

# 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.

April 1st

May 19th

“Thinking: the talking of the soul with itself.”

Plato

# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 K-6 Wonderheads Field trip (return 11:30) Early Release 12:45	2
3	4	5	6 8:40–10:20 LA Grades 3-5 10:30-11:45 LA Grades 6-8	7 Holy Day Vacation Day	8 In-service No School	9
10	11 2016-17 Preschool screenings 8:40–10:20 LA Grades 3-5 10:30-11:45 LA Grades 6-8	12 8:40–10:20 Math Grades 3-5 10:30-11:45 LA Grades 9-10	13 8:40–10:20 Math Grades 3-5 10:30-11:45 LA Grades 9:40–9:40	14 8:40-10:15 Math 9-10 10:30–12:00 Math Grades 6-8	15 10:30–12:00 Math Grades 6-8	16
17	18 8:40 -10:15 Math Grades 9-10 1:05–2:10 Science 8th	19 8:40 -10:15 Science 4th Grade 1:05-2:10 Science Grade 8	20 8:40–9:40 Science Grade 10	21	22	23 Girls Soccer game in Seward
24	25 Girls Soccer game in Nikiski	26	27	28 Girls Soccer game in Houston	29 AMP Testing Window closes Girls Soccer game in Redington	30

The JH and HS portables are in need of microwaves. If you have one you'd be willing to donate please contact the school. Thanks!