



Cougar Comments

Voznesenka School

KPBSD

Principal's Corner

Greetings,

I hope everybody was able to enjoy at least some of the long Thanksgiving weekend. With the extended darkness and cooler weather please help to remind students about safety and dressing appropriately. For students who walk, especially in the morning, carrying a light and watching for vehicles is very important. Elementary and middle school students go outside every day for either PE or recess so wearing warm clothing is essential.

There has been a lot of discussion lately regarding **AMP (Alaska Measures of Progress)**.

This is the new state test that will be taken every spring. Preliminary data is currently available on the EED website. (If you type EED into your browser it should be the first thing that pops up) By clicking on the assessments link you will be brought to a page that offers a lot in information about the AMP test and data linked to the state, district, and our school.

Early next month, December, individual results will be mailed from the State to your house. This test is much different than the previous SBA tests that were taken and the proficiency rating of students is considerably less. **Many students who were previously proficient now have less than proficient scores.** Please know our district and school are still performing at higher levels than the state in most areas. **With the AMP assessments there is a shift in focusing on how knowledge can be applied, in contrast to just knowing information or how to solve a particular problem.** As a school and a district we are confident in our endeavor of meeting the educational needs of our students and we will continue to work hard at increasing student proficiency. Please don't hesitate to give me a call or stop by the school if you want more clarification on the results of the AMP test.



CLOSE UP Believe it or not, we have reached the time that **we need to start planning our Close Up trip for next year. Students who are currently in 9th through 11th grade will have the opportunity to participate** in this amazing experience. The trip will take place the week after Easter and will include visiting both Washington D.C. and New York City. Information regarding this trip will take place directly following our Site Council meeting on December 2nd. If you're curious about what the program entails or are already certain that your child will participate please make every effort to attend this meeting. Throughout this process there is a lot of information to share as it is a big commitment for both you and your child.

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place the evening of January 21st, and during the school day on January 22nd. Please mark this on your calendar to save the date. If you already know that one day will work better for you than the other please call the school and let Ksenia know. Also taking place in January is the inclusion of the classroom in our Cougar Code student management program. The introduction of the classroom is only an addition to our Cougar Code program that has been in place for the last two years. When you're at the school for parent/teacher conferences we invite you to look around the school for examples of Cougar Code expectations and pride.

The Cougar wrestling team is young this season, comprised of 3 freshmen and 1 sophomore. Despite the greenness behind our ears, Cougar Wrestling has had a great start. Currently, two wrestlers are ranked in the top 6 of the state: Maxim Kusnetsov is ranked 4th at 98 pounds with a season record of 16-5 and Dia Martishev is ranked 6th at 120 pounds with a season record of 18-9. Nikit Anufriev is also finding success in the upper weights as he has a season record of 12-8 at 160 pounds. Freshman Daniel Anufriev has also found success on the mat at 126 pounds. The wrestlers are preparing for the Region III Championships to be held at Homer High School December 11th-12th. Wrestlers who place in the top 4 at this event will qualify for the state tournament.

Thanks for reading,

Mike

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◇ January 22nd Parent Teacher Conferences No School	

School Starts 8:30

Lunch 12:20-1:05

Preschool Starts 12:30

School Dismissed at 1:05

Second Quarter Report Cards

Second quarter report cards will be mailed home on Friday, December 18th. Have a restful break.

“You can get help from teachers, but you are going to have to learn a lot by yourself, sitting alone in a room.”

Dr. Seuss

Site Council Meeting Dec. 2nd @ 3:30

2016-17 Calendar

Lease Agreement

MS/HS Wrestling

Close-Up

Cougar Code

Fundraiser

Road Board Meeting

AMP Testing

January PTC

Swimming Lessons

Book Fair

Reading is Fundamental

Updated on Jul 26, 2007

The following are some ways to turn a young reader's reluctance into enthusiasm:

1. Scout for things your children might like to read. Use their interests and hobbies as starting points.
2. Leave all sorts of reading materials including books, magazines, and colorful catalogs in conspicuous places around your home.
3. Notice what attracts your children's attention, even if they only look at the pictures. Then build on that interest; read a short selection aloud, or simply bring home more information on the same subject.

4. Let your children see you reading for pleasure in your spare time.
5. Take your children to the library regularly. Explore the children's section together. Ask a librarian to suggest books and magazines your children might enjoy.
6. Present reading as an activity with a purpose; a way to gather useful information for, say, making paper airplanes, identifying a doll or stamp in your child's collection, or planning a family trip.
7. Encourage older children to read to their younger brothers and sisters. Older children enjoy showing off their skills to an admiring audience.

Katherine Serge-Hoeschen (Kathy)

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.

Dec. 18th

Feb. 3rd

March 11th

April 1st

May 19th

“ But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22-23

December 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 HS Wrestling Tournament at Homer High @ 6:00pm	2 Site Council Meeting at 3:30	3	4 Vacation Day Holy Day	5
6	7	8 Book Fair @ Voz. All Day	9	10	11 Conference Wrestling Tournament in Homer	12 Conference Wrestling Tournament in Homer
13	14	15	16	17	18 End of Semester Dismiss at 12:45	19 Wrestling State Tournament in Bartlett
20	21 Christmas Break	22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break	24 Christmas Break	25 Christmas Break	26
27	28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31 Christmas Break		

January 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Christmas Break	2
3	4	5	6	7 Vacation Holy Day	8 Vacation Holy Day	9
10	11	12	13	14 In-service Holy Day	15	16
17	18	19 Vacation Holy Day	20 In-Service Holy Day	21 Evening Parent Teacher Conferences	22 Parent Teacher Conferences	23
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