



Cougar Comments

Principal's Corner

Greetings,

For those that I have not had an opportunity to see yet this year, hello.



It has recently been made official that Voznesenka School received a four star rating for the 2013-14 school year. This is based on a scale of one to five stars. **Great job to our students and staff!** Along with the star rating, schools are also given an AMO (Annual Measurable Objective) for reading, writing and math. The AMO increases every year, through the 2017-18 school year, reaching a level in which 90% or more of our students are expected to perform at or above a proficient level for each of the subjects above. For the last two years we have not met our AMO in writing, which will make that an area of focus for this school year. We can, and should, be proud of our four star rating! The link provided will bring you to the page where you can see the report for our school and every other school in the state.

<http://education.alaska.gov/aspi/2014/search.cfm>

We have had students involved in both football and cross country this year. Our football team has made a few long trips to Eielson and Valdez along with a home game in Homer. We have yet to secure a win, but are optimistic about our upcoming games. Our next home game is this Friday, September 12th. We would enjoy having you at the game to support our players and the program. Our cross country students will be traveling to Seward and Nikisiki over the next week. There will also be a Homer Spit Run on September 20th to end the season. Hope to see you there to cheer on our runners.



There is a new face in our school, Mrs. Melrose, who is teaching language arts and consumer science. She previously worked in Kobuk and resides in Homer. She has been a positive addition to our staff and is looking forward to meeting parents. Please stop by before or after school to introduce yourself if you haven't had a chance.



You may remember hearing a lot about PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) last year as we were working towards implementation this year. This was a goal that was achieved. Students and staff now know this as the "Cougar Code". If you ask your child about the Cougar Code they should be able to recite the words "Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible" and tell you what each of those words mean. Ask your child about the tickets they're collecting, all ages, and what those tickets can be used to redeem.

Thanks for a great start to a new year,

Mike Wojciak



KPBSD

Voznesenka School

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Special points of interest:

- ☉ Sept 13th Saturday School Minimal Day
- ☉ October 1st Parent Meeting
- ☉ October 9th Vacation Day
- ☉ October 11th Saturday School
- ☉ October 14th Vacation Day
- ☉ October 30th Minimal Day

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Welcome

Welcome back students, parents and family members! It is hard to believe the wonderful summer weather is coming to an end. Most students have returned from fishing, although there are still a few out on the water. Those that have yet to return are scheduled for on-line classes for the first quarter. We look forward to a great school year! Students at Voz have a variety of extra-curricular opportunities available to them from football, wrestling, soccer, cross country running, student council, and battle of the books. To offset the cost of travel, uniforms, etc. some of these programs require activity fees. HS Football \$150.00, Wres-

ting \$150.00, HS Soccer \$100.00. It is always a pleasure to hear students laughter in the halls. If you should have any concerns regarding your child's education don't hesitate to call the school. Thank you, parents, for taking the time to stop by the school and registering your child. I know your time is valuable.

"I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent."

Mahatma Gandhi

Title One Applications

Stapled to Cougar Comments you'll find the Title One application. Please take a moment to fill it out. Title One provides a variety of services throughout the district. At Voz we do not have a hot lunch program. However, we have two teachers paid by Title One/Migrant funds- Rachel Allmendinger and Justin Zank. If your child qualifies for the Migrant program they automatically qualify for Title One. Or, if your child receives food stamps they automatically qualify for Title One funding. If your child is Migrant still fill-out the application even if not everyone in the family didn't

go fishing. Migrant status is student based, not family based. If your family qualifies for food stamps, write in all students attending school in the district along with the food stamp case number. Filled-out applications can be brought to the school or sent directly to the district.

Rachel Allmendinger is our new Migrant Recruiter. She will be recruiting Migrant students by contacting parents in the next few months .

Picture Retakes and Sports Photos

Picture retakes and sports photos will be held on Monday, September 15th. Photo packages should arrive by then. If you're not satisfied with your child's photo, return the package fully intact and your child will get a retake. Plan on paying for sports pictures as early as possible. This makes things go a little smoother at the office the morning of picture day. We have Football, Wrestling, and Soccer sports teams scheduled. Order envelopes were sent home the week of Sept. 8th. Soccer uniforms have yet to be ordered. Lady

Cougars, plan on wearing our school colors for the group photo. At our first parent meeting we will be discussing ordering uniforms for the girls' soccer team.

"Act with kindness, but do not expect gratitude."

Confucius

GED Classes

Improve your English reading and writing.

Lolita Brache, from Kachemak Bay Campus, will offer classes on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00 in the Voznesenka School. We will work on reading, vocabulary and writing skills. Classes are free, but students will have to buy a book. If we have enough interest, this class will begin September 23rd and continue until December 11th. Students interested in improving math skills or working toward earning the GED (high school diploma equivalent) are encouraged to join our classes in Homer. If you have any questions or want to attend the class, please call Lolita at 235 1606.

Physicals for Lady Cougar Soccer

High School girls playing Lady Cougar Soccer will need to have a physical done. Donna Fenske and Nurse Sherrie will be at Voznesenka to give students physicals sometime the week of Sept. 15th. Donna Fenske is in private practice and will bill Denali Kid Care and Private insurance directly. If you would like your child to get their physical done at the school instead of taking them into town, make sure they bring their insurance card or Denali Kid Care card. The final date for physicals is yet to be determined. Once that date is set we will let the High School girls know. Should you have any questions don't hesitate to call the school.

Early Release Days on School Calendar

On this years calendar the following days students will be dismissed at 12:45. Per negotiated agreement teachers will use this time to collaborate. These are great days to book dental and doctor appointments.

- Sept. 13th
- Oct. 11th
- Oct. 30th
- Dec. 3rd
- Dec. 18th
- February 10th
- March 13th
- March 27th
- May 1st

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

Leo Buscaglia

September 2014

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8 in-service (no school)	9	10	11 Vacation Day	12	13 Saturday School minimal day	
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Parents/Guardians/Students

FROM: Julie Cisco, Director
Planning and Operations

DATE: Fall 2014

SUBJECT: AHERA School Management Plans

As mandated by Federal Regulation 40 CFR PART 763, known as the AHERA Act (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), local educational agencies are to notify parents/guardians/students in writing about the existence and location of AHERA School Management Plans for individual school buildings. Also required by regulation is the notification of all related asbestos activities which have occurred during the previous year.

Currently, all AHERA School Management Plans are located at the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's Operations office and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Maintenance office. Each school's administrative office maintains a copy of its individual School Management Plan. Plans may be inspected at any of these sites.

Below is an update of asbestos activities:

- a. _____ Your school, Voznesenka, has been inspected and there have been no areas of asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) found.

- b. _____ Your school, _____, has been inspected and there have been areas of asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) located in your building. None of the ACBMs present a hazard to any of the building occupants. The Borough Maintenance Department is following all monitoring procedures and instituting an operational and maintenance plan.

- c. _____ During the past year, the following asbestos related activities have occurred in this facility:

If you should have any questions concerning the AHERA School Management Plans or asbestos related activities, as the designated Local Education Agency's Asbestos Coordinator, I can be contacted at the School District's Planning and Operations office or phone (907) 714-8875.

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

2014-15 K Selo, Razdolna, Voznesenka Calendar - Revision 2

- C School Closes O School Opens
- E End of Quarter PN P/T Conference
- H Legal Holiday V Vacation Day
- IS Inservice W Teacher Work Day
- SS - Saturday School * - Minimum Day

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March 2015							April 2015							May 2015							June 2015						
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End of Quarter			Inservice Dates			Legal Holidays & Vacation Days		
1st Quarter	41 days	Teacher First	8/4/2014	8/6&13/2014	Independence Day	July 4		
2nd Quarter	41 days	Teacher Last	5/30/2015	9/8/2014	Labor Day	September 1		
3rd Quarter	43 days			10/31/2014	Thanksgiving	November 27-28		
4th Quarter	45 days	Student First	8/7/2014	11/4, 21, 26/2014	Winter Break	Dec. 19-Jan 2		
	170 days	Student Last	5/29/2015	1/14&20/2015	Spring Break	Apr. 13-17		
				2/11/2015	Memorial Day	May 25		

Inservice= 1 Outside School Year, 9 During
 Total S/T = 170/11 = 180/189
 Revised: 5/7/14
 Approved: 11/27/13

* 1.5 hour early release