



Cougar Comments

Voznesenka School

KPBSD

Principal's Corner

Greetings,

With the likelihood of sounding redundant, the beginning of our 2015-16 school year began with a myriad of activities, challenges and changes. I am excited about what this year will bring with continuous improvements being made in teaching practices and facilities. *Please continue to share the importance of education with your kids and help to ensure their timely arrival and attendance to school.*

I'm enjoying the absence of potholes, flag persons and the continuous movement of equipment and materials when traveling between home and town. I'm also appreciate of the major improvements that were made to the Loop Road. Regardless of how your children go to and from school stressing safety with them is always a big concern for me. *Thanks for your help in providing continuous reminders of safely going back and forth to school.*



A new face in Voznesenka School this year is Michelle Mitchell, our secondary Russian instructor. She comes to us with a host of teaching experience both here in Alaska and in Russia. Ms. Mitchell is also teaching Russian to students in Nikolaevsk via distance delivery. Additionally, it's my distinct pleasure to announce that Kathy Hoeschen is back at Voznesenka in a new Title/Migrant position. However, we have to share our fortunate addition with Nikolaevsk. Mrs. Hoeschen will be splitting her time equally between both schools. **Please welcome our new and returning staff members!**



Our ever-growing athletic programs are wrapping up the sports that opened our season. Our football team just earned their first win of the season with a decisive 40-6 victory. Please come and join us on Saturday at 2:00 for the season finale against Homer. Our cross-country team completed their last run of the year this past weekend in Colony. All the girls participating made improvements to the times they received at the beginning of the season. Thanks to everybody who has provided support to our athletic programs. Your support is critical in making these programs successful. Practice for high school wrestling will begin next week.

There is a district budget meeting scheduled for October 15th starting at 6:00 PM. If you would like to learn more about the budget process you can go to the Homer Middle School Library to hear the discussions that will be taking place. *Parent/Teacher conferences will take place the evening of October 29th and during the school day on October 30th. Please be looking for conference schedules in the next few weeks.*

Hopefully you've heard your kids talk about earning tickets and referencing the "Cougar Code." This year we expanded our Cougar Code expectations to include the bathrooms. This system recognizes positive behaviors being displayed by students, encouraging similar behaviors from all students.



Our district adopted the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) protocol. Please review the school safety closure information that's enclosed.

Thank you for your time,
Mike

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- ◇ **October 9th Holy Day**
- ◇ **October 14th Holy Day**
- ◇ **October 16th End of Quarter 1—Early release**
- ◇ **October 17th Saturday School**
- ◇ **October 28th Early release**
- ◇ **October 30th Parent Teacher Conferences**
- ◇ **Nov. 4th In-service**

School Stars 8:30

Lunch 12:20-1:05

Preschool Starts 12:30

School Dismissed at 1:05

Welcome

Welcome back students, parents and family members. It is hard to believe the wonderful summer weather is coming to an end.

Students at Voz have a variety of extra-curricular opportunities available to them: football, wrestling, soccer, cross country, student council, and Battle of the Books. To offset the cost of travel, uniforms, etc. some of these programs require activity fees. Activity fees are used to pay the bus cost, which is .55 per mile, plus fuel and the bus driver. HS Football \$150.00,

Wrestling \$150.00, HS Soccer \$100.00.

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 have a few parents that have yet to fill-out the necessary paperwork. I know your time is valuable, thanks for making this a priority.

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— Kathy Serge-Hoeschen 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 whole family did not go fishing, fill -out the appli-

cation. 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 Wednesday, September 30th. 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, Cross Country and Soccer sports teams scheduled.

Life is like a camera...
Focus on what's important,
Capture the good times,
Develop from the negatives,
And if things don't work out,
Take another shot.

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.

Sept. 16th
Oct. 16th
Oct. 28th
Nov. 25th
Dec. 18th
Feb. 3rd
March 11th
April 1st
May 19th

**DON'T BASE
YOUR DECISIONS ON
THE ADVICE OF
THOSE WHO DON'T
HAVE TO DEAL WITH
THE RESULTS.**
KUSHANDWIZOOM

Free adult classes

Free Classes for Adults!

Adult education classes will be available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00 at Voznesenka School, from October 6th to Dec. 10, interest permitting (must have 6 students registered).

Students can improve vocabulary, reading and writing skills.

In Homer on Kachemak Bay Campus, you can take classes to prepare for the GED exam (high school diploma), pass a college entrance test, or work on skills needed for a job.

All classes are free! You may need to purchase books.

Call Michelle at 235-1602 for more information or to register.

Site Council Meeting Oct 1st

- Welcome sign-in
- Federal Programs PowerPoint
- Alice—Emergency Action Plan
- PowerSchool Tips
- Title One/Migrant - Kathy Serge-Hoeschen, Justin Zank
- School Goals
- Athletics
- School Vandalism

Oct 15th Budget Meeting, October 3rd Community

- Revenue Sharing Program Meeting
- PBIS
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- AMP Results
- Adult Classes starting October 6th

IF IT IS IMPORTANT
TO YOU, YOU WILL
FIND A WAY.

IF NOT
YOU'LL FIND
AN EXCUSE

OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Football Game with Homer High 2:00
4	5	6	7	8	9 Vacation Day	10
11	12	13	14 Vacation Day	15	16 End of Q1 Early Release	17 Saturday School
18	19 Sports Eligibility Check	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Early Release 12:45	29 Evening Parent Teacher Conferences	30 Parent Teacher Conferences	31

KPBSD EMERGENCY GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

BEFORE A SCHOOL EMERGENCY

✓ Parents Should Be Prepared

- Contact information** entered in PowerSchool is used to make emergency contact with parents. So that KPBSD can keep you informed, make sure your child's emergency contact information is accurate, current, and updated as needed. That information may be used during an emergency to generate automated phone messages, emails, or text messages to parents from schools or the district office. **Parents need to go to the school office to update and sign their information.**
- Download the **KPBSD Mobile App** so you can automatically receive emergency update push notifications
- Become familiar with the **KPBSD Facebook** and **Twitter** social media sites where emergency information is posted

✓ Parents Should Be Informed

- Familiarize yourself with these KPBSD emergency terms and procedures:
- ✓ **Stay Put:** A "stay put" takes place when a potential threat is identified in the school's neighborhood. All school doors are locked but classes continue inside as normal. No entry into or exit from the school is allowed. Students will not be released until the situation is resolved and the "stay put" has been rescinded.
- ✓ **Safety Closure:** A "safety closure" takes place when a violent intruder is identified on school grounds or in the school building. The ALICE protocols will be followed. No entry into or exit from the school is allowed. Students will not be released until the situation is resolved and the "safety closure" has been rescinded.
- ✓ **Shelter-In-Place:** A "shelter-in-place" takes place when students take refuge in designated areas to be protected from hazardous materials or severe weather. Entry or exit from the schools will be controlled.
- ✓ **Evacuation:** In the event of certain building emergencies, students will be relocated to an appropriate evacuation assembly area. Students will be released to parents per district student release procedures.

DURING A SCHOOL EMERGENCY

Parents:

- ✓ Should **trust** that during an emergency the school and district is first doing what is needed to protect students, and then communicating to parents as quickly as possible when we have full and accurate information.
- ✓ Should trust that staff and students are prepared for emergency situations. Schools participate in emergency drills throughout the year, and staff and emergency responders know the best procedures for keeping students safe.
- ✓ **SHOULD NOT call or rush to your child's school** Phone lines, staff, and local roads are needed for emergency response efforts.
- ✓ **SHOULD NOT phone or text your child** The sound or vibration from cell phones and phone conversations could put students in danger. Also, students need to be paying attention to the instructions from trained staff. Conflicting instructions from parents may put a child's safety at risk.

AFTER A SCHOOL EMERGENCY

How will I be reunited with my child?

Parents and guardians will be directed by school or public safety officials to their child's specific location. This information will be distributed via the previously discussed emergency modes of communication. Students will be released **ONLY** to parents and guardians or other designated individuals who are documented as emergency contacts. All individuals will be required to present a valid picture ID such as a driver's license, military ID, or passport. Please remember to bring your ID with you and inform your child's emergency contacts that they will be required to show proper identification if they are picking up your child.

The reunification process can be time-consuming, so everyone is urged to be patient.

Recovery:

Following the emergency, we encourage parents to:

- Listen to and acknowledge your child's concerns
- Provide reassurance that your child is safe
- Assure your child that additional prevention efforts are being put in place
- Seek help from school personnel or a mental health professional if concerns persist

Should your child have serious concerns in response to an emergency or crisis, contact your school directly for information and guidance.

QUESTIONS?: Please contact your school principal or office.



Dear Parent:

August 25, 2015

I hope that your child is having a great year at Voznesenka School. Our teachers have worked hard for many years to prepare themselves for the challenging and rewarding role of providing a quality education for your child.

To that end, I wanted to share with you that our teachers have met all the criteria established by the State of Alaska's Department of Education and Early Development, as well as the criteria established by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, to obtain their teaching credentials and hold a teaching position with our school district.

In addition, the teachers listed below have acquired the "highly federally qualified" designation required under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002. This is a wonderful accomplishment on their parts. You are certainly welcome to request, through your principal, information about the professional qualifications of your child's teacher.

VOZNESENKA	ALLMENDINGER, RACHEL	ELEMENTARY K-6	Praxis II Exam
VOZNESENKA	ALLMENDINGER, RACHEL	MS SOCIAL STUDIES	Praxis II Exam
VOZNESENKA	ALLMENDINGER, RACHEL	HS SOCIAL STUDIES	Praxis II Exam
VOZNESENKA	CHALUP, ELAINE	ELEMENTARY K-6	HOUSSE (Includes National Board Cert Elementary)
VOZNESENKA	CHALUP, ELAINE	ECONOMICS	Equivalent to Major
VOZNESENKA	CHALUP, ELAINE	FRENCH	Equivalent to Major
VOZNESENKA	ETZWILER, LINDA	ELEMENTARY K-6	HOUSSE (Includes National Board Cert Elementary)
VOZNESENKA	FOSTER, FREDERICK	ELEMENTARY K-6	HOUSSE (Includes National Board Cert Elementary)
VOZNESENKA	FOSTER, FREDERICK	MS SOCIAL STUDIES	Major in the Subject
VOZNESENKA	FOSTER, FREDERICK	MS SCIENCE	HOUSSE (Includes National Board Cert Elementary)
VOZNESENKA	FOSTER, FREDERICK	HS ENGLISH	Praxis II Exam

VOZNESENKA	FOSTER, FREDERICK	GENERAL SCIENCE	HOUSSE (Includes National Board Cert Elementary)
VOZNESENKA	FOSTER, FREDERICK	HS SOCIAL STUDIES	Major in the Subject
VOZNESENKA	FOSTER, FREDERICK	WORLD/US HISTORY	Major in the Subject
VOZNESENKA	HOUGHTON, MICHAEL	MS MATH	Praxis II Exam
VOZNESENKA	HOUGHTON, MICHAEL	MS SOCIAL STUDIES	Praxis II Exam
VOZNESENKA	HOUGHTON, MICHAEL	HS MATH	Praxis II Exam
VOZNESENKA	MELROSE, KATIE	ELEMENTARY K-6	Praxis II Exam
VOZNESENKA	MELROSE, KATIE	MS ENGLISH/LA	Praxis II Exam
VOZNESENKA	MELROSE, KATIE	MS SOCIAL STUDIES	Praxis II Exam
VOZNESENKA	MELROSE, KATIE	HS ENGLISH	Praxis II Exam
VOZNESENKA	MITCHELL, MICHELLE	RUSSIAN	Major in the Subject
VOZNESENKA	NORDSTROM, LISA	ELEMENTARY K-6	HOUSSE (Includes National Board Cert Elementary)
VOZNESENKA	NORDSTROM, LISA	MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTENT (SELF-CONTAINED)	HOUSSE (Includes National Board Cert Elementary)
VOZNESENKA	WOJCIAK, MICHAEL	ELEMENTARY K-6	Highly Qualified in Another State
VOZNESENKA	ZANK, JUSTIN	ELEMENTARY K-6	Highly Qualified in Another State

As of this writing, the following teachers have yet to complete the “highly federally qualified” requirements for classes they teach in the following areas. These teachers are currently working to meet the requirement and we have full confidence in their ability to teach effectively in their assignment.

VOZNESENKA	MITCHELL, MICHELLE	GEOGRAPHY
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Our district is fully committed to the success of your child. We appreciate your partnership in our efforts. With parental and community involvement supporting our teachers and administration, together we will ensure that success.

Sincerely,



Michael Wojciak
Voznesenka School

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Parents/Guardians/Students

FROM: Julie Cisco, Director

Planning and Operations

DATE: Fall, 2015

SUBJECT: AHERA School Management Plans

As mandated by Federal Regulation 40 CFR PART 763, known as AHERA (the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, enacted in 1987), local educational agencies must notify parents/guardians/students in writing each school year about the existence and location of AHERA School Management Plans for each school building within their jurisdiction.

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

Your school, **Voznesenka Elementary School**, has been inspected for the presence of asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM), and none were found.

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 Central Office or phone (907) 714-8875.