



Cougar Comments

Voznesenka School

Principal's Corner

Greetings,

I'm hoping the winter break offered additional time to be spent with families and friends. Reminiscent of last year, the snow didn't provide much in the form of winter fun for the kids, or adults. However, the burden of removing snow from areas it is unwanted has been lightened. The days are finally getting noticeably longer, making student travel for our walkers a little safer.



Middle school wrestling began when school started up after break. A scrimmage took place in Anchor Point on Saturday, January 17th that seven students attended. All of our wrestlers won at least one match. On Saturday, January 24th, our wrestlers participated in the Rubber Chicken tournament in Soldotna. Three of our wrestlers placed at this tournament, which is attended by all teams on the peninsula. Elementary wrestling will begin on February 2nd and it is open to both boys and girls. Parents and/or students are encouraged to speak with Coach Zank to learn more about the program.

On Thursday, January 15th all students had the opportunity to go skating at the Homer ice arena. The students who participated had a great time and were a delight to skate with on the rink. This trip was arranged as a school-wide celebration for filling the ticket jar through positive behaviors recognized by staff members. Students earn tickets that are turned in for prizes (elementary) or a chance for a raffle drawing (secondary). All tickets are then deposited into a jar. When the jar is full a school-wide celebration is planned. Thanks to our students for demonstrating so many positive behaviors!



Parent teacher conferences will be held after school on Feb. 10th and during regular school day hours on Feb. 11th. Please refer to the attached schedule. We had a great turnout for conferences at the end of October and are hopeful that we will have most of our parents here again.



This year a new format will be used for the state testing that takes place every spring. The testing window for our school is from March 30th through April 10th. These are important tests for students in grades 3 through 10. Please do what you can to ensure students in these grades are in school for these two weeks. There are eight separate tests this year, therefore the longer testing window.

Thank you, parents, for everything you do to get your children coming to school as happy and healthy students. Life's challenges can make seemingly easy tasks difficult at best. Supporting your child's education through graduation will give you a huge sense of accomplishment as this will allow your child access to opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable.

Much appreciated,

Mike

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Special points of interest:

- ☉ February 10 Early dismissal
- ☉ February 11 No school Parent Teacher Conferences
- ☉ February 12 No school Holy Day
- ☉ March 4th Site Council Meeting @3:30
- ☉ March 13 Early dismissal End of 3rd quarter
- ☉ March 27th Early dismissal

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District Budget Committee Meeting

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is holding a Public Budget Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Homer High School library. Everyone interested is encouraged to attend. If there are questions, please contact Lassie Nelson at 714-8838.

Public comment opportunity for Superintendent of schools

The KPBSD Board of Education seeks public input into its process to select a superintendent of schools. The school board invites input from everyone interested in schools, including parents, students, KPBSD staff, site councils, PTAs, volunteers, business and community organizations that partner with schools, community groups, and the public. The school board has sole responsibility for the selection of candidates, final interviews, and selection of the superintendent, but would like to consider the views and interests of the public to help guide those decisions.

Visit the district's website, www.KPBSD.org, and follow the link on the homepage to rank attributes of importance in the next superintendent, submit general comments, and for more information about further opportunities for input as the process progresses.

[Superintendent of Schools Search](http://www.KPBSD.org) webpage with survey link: <http://bit.ly/2015SuperintendentSearch>

Early Release Days on School Calendar

On this year's calendar students will be dismissed at 12:45 on the dates listed below. As per negotiated agreement, teachers will use this time to collaborate or work on student grades. These are great days to book dental and doctor appointments.

February 10th

March 13th

March 27th

May 1st

"Real knowledge is to know the extent on one's ignorance"

Confucius

February 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 JH Battle of the Books	3 3/4 Battle of the Books	4	5	6	7
8	9 HS Battle of the Books	10 Evening Parent Teacher Conferences Dismissal at 12:45 5/6 Battle of the Books	11 Parent Teacher Conferences No School	12 Vacation Day	13	14
15	16	17 ELL Testing Grades 9-12	18 ELL Testing Grades K & 6-8	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28