



Cougar Comments



Voznesenka School: Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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School Schedule:

School Starts 8:30

Lunch 12:45—1:05

Preschool Start 12:30

School Dismissed 3:05

Calendar of Events:

- March 5th Family Lego Night
- March 7th K-5 Ice Fishing Field Trip
- March 8th End of the Quarter
- March 13th Grades K-5 McNeil Field Trip
- March 15th Grades 6-12 McNeil Field Trip
- March 19th Site Council Meeting @ K-Selo
- March 25th PEAKS testing starts



Principal's Corner

Greetings,

I'm appreciating and enjoying the increased daylight after our stretch of winter darkness. With spring comes the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, which begins on Sunday, March 10th. On this day your clocks will need to spring ahead one hour.

Soccer season will officially begin for our HOB high school girls on March 4th. With Frosia Polushkin taking a full time position at the school, we have a change in our coaching staff. This year, Fenya Kalugin will take the reins as head coach and Frosia will take the assistant coach role. So, it will be the same duo, with a change of responsibilities. We are excited to offer this program! Additionally, we would appreciate your help encouraging our H.S. girls to participate. Keeping a full team on the field will promote better games, provide more fun for the girls involved, and support the longevity of the program.

Friday, March 8th marks the end of our third quarter. Please watch for student report cards that will be mailed home the following week. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school and we will find a time for you to connect with the teacher. Your involvement in your child's education significantly influences student success.

On March 19th the last Site Council meeting of the year will be held in Selo. An agenda has yet to be developed, but I will share the most current information on how the State budget may affect the schools in Voz and Selo.

Our yearly State testing will happen during the week of March 25th. *This is an extremely important week for students to be in school, so please keep this in mind while making family plans.* When the daily schedule is available we will be sure to share it with you. A good night's sleep and healthy food will help kids perform their best!

I want to extend a shout out to Mrs. Hoeschen and the students on the M.S. and H.S. Battle of the Books teams. They didn't end with the results they desired, but did engage in some intellectually tough battles. My hope is that our large M.S. team will help feed our H.S. team to make for better practices and preparation for the battles. All participants positively affect the team's ability to compete. Thank You M.S. and H.S Battle of the Books participants. You make us proud!



Elementary students have an exciting day planned for March 7th. Students will take a bus to town to visit the post office, Islands and Oceans, ice fishing at the reservoir, and an outing at Wynn Nature Center. *Please mark this on your calendar and help your elementary students prepare themselves for the day's activities.* A lunch that may need to be eaten on the bus and appropriate attire for standing on the ice and participating in a nature walk will need to be kept in mind.

Over the district's spring break students at Voz will have a chance to use the McNeil gym. Elementary students will go on Wednesday, March 13th and secondary students will go on Friday, March 15th. Please watch for parent permission slips that will be coming home soon.

Middle school wrestling ended over the weekend. Thanks to the wrestlers who stuck it out for the entirety of the season! A special recognition to our Borough Tournament placers, Christopher Martishev who took second place and Irimey Reutov who took first place. Looking forward to all of our wrestlers coming back even stronger next year.

Have a great month,

Mike



Battle of the Books



“Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.” – Jim Rohn

Though neither MS nor HS team made it into the championship round this year, they did all make the Top Ten. The MS team placed 9th overall, and the HS 7th overall. We all felt we could've done better. But there's no going back: we'll move forward and aim higher for next year.

Students participate on a volunteer basis, encouraging each other to *rise above*, to read challenging books of various genres *on their own precious time*. These students sacrificed lunch times and many days after school to talk about the books and quiz each other on minutia from ten titles. Regardless of their battle performance, I am proud of them. **They are not just ordinary; they are extraordinary!**

The MS team was large this year, with ten students coming to practice consistently. We had an especially hard time choosing our final battle team among these fine readers, each with a strong grasp of several of the books. Even after our final team was chosen, the others still continued to come to practice and encourage their teammates. *Now that takes rising above to a whole other level, wouldn't you agree?*

From a fellow coach: The high school battles were amazing yesterday. Never have I experienced so many teams that were so close in points! There were several really great challenges; I was so impressed that teams could locate information as quickly as they did and argue for their choices so succinctly. Great job everyone!

Laura

a p.s. on the HS battle: Irina Ivanov challenged an answer, had to explain her reasoning (not easy for even the seasoned competitor) and convince the District judge that her points were valid... and.... she DID! **#winningisntalwaysplacingfirst**

Thanks to Ulita Matveev, my ever-optimistic sub, for covering my classes, and to the steadfast MS/HS staff who encouraged and supported the teams on their battle days, allowing them to miss class and get caught up later. Thank you.

"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." – Groucho Marx

Katherine Serge-Hoeschen (Kathy)

MS/HS Language Arts teacher at Voznesenka School

Citrus Spring Fundraiser

We will be participating in the fruit fundraiser once again. The school will receive \$10.00 profit per case. We are teaming up with Razdolna and Kachemak Selo for this fundraiser as the minimum cases we need to sell is 60. All proceeds from the fruit sales will go toward the planned field trips to McNeil Canyon and the K-5 field trip. This will offset the cost of the bus and parents will not need to drive. Fruit order forms are attached to the newsletter. Fruit is scheduled to arrive the 3rd week of April. Order forms are due in the office March 15th. Keep in mind during the March 7th elementary field trip students will need to be dropped off and picked up at the school bus turnaround. Permission forms will be sent out soon. We look forward to the fun events we have planned for students. Thanks for supporting your child's education!

Ksenia

“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.”
Maya Angelou

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KPC Programs

Good morning. I was hoping you could include a blurb in your next newsletter regarding the adult education program. We have some exciting new opportunities this semester!

Do you want to earn your GED, learn English, or apply for a college/trade program? Now is the time to join us at the Kachemak Bay College campus to begin working on your goals. During the spring semester, we offer Reading (Reasoning through Language Arts), Math, Life Skills, College and Career Preparation, and ESL classes every week. We are also beginning an evening session on Tuesdays (the first class is on February 5) from 6-8 p.m. to provide more flexibility for working adults.

*All of our programs and classes in ABE are **FREE!** Call Pam Simmons today for more information. 235-1606.*

Thank you for your assistance and support. Have a very happy 2019!

Best Regards,
Pamela Simmons

Adult Education Instructor and Adjunct Instructor

Early Release Schedule

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.

March 8th

April 3rd

May 8th