

# Mountain View Elementary School Newsletter

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## \*IMPORTANT DATES\*

**Tuesday, November 15**  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Winter Concert  
6:00 PM at KCHS

**Wednesday, November 23**  
EARLY RELEASE  
Students dismissed at  
1:55 PM

**Thursday & Friday**  
**November 24 & 25**  
THANKSGIVING  
HOLIDAY  
NO SCHOOL FOR  
STUDENTS

**Thursday, December 8**  
PTA Meeting  
4:00 PM  
In the Library

**December 12 – December 16**  
Holiday Wonderland  
Gift Shop Open  
for students

**Thursday, December 15**  
Winter Concert  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
at KCHS Auditorium  
6:00 PM

**December 22 – January 8**  
WINTER BREAK



Mountain View Elementary is bringing the Young Americans to Kenai on March 27, 28, and 29, 2017. This will be a once in a lifetime participatory performance arts opportunity for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade children, as well as a world class singing and dancing performance by a cast of international young adults for our community.

The intermediate wing and gym of our school will effectively become a performing arts institute for 3 days as the cast of 28 Young Americans bring a hi-energy comprehensive performance workshop covering everything from vocal techniques, dance, and comedy improvisation, to stage movement, sound lighting and more. A final show will take place at the KCHS Auditorium on the evening of the final day of the workshop. Learning a show in 3 days helps students learn to work together, to respect each other's strengths and to discover their own potential. The final performance will consist of two acts, one by the Young Americans and one with the Young Americans alongside the student workshop participants. Tickets will be sold for this show and the public is invited.

We have committed to raising the funds to ensure that all Mountain View 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students can participate regardless of their ability to pay the \$59 workshop fee. We will also be supporting parents of students in the show who may need assistance with purchasing tickets. We will be recruiting KCHS and KMS students to fill an additional 100 workshop spots.

Check out our school website for a link to the Young Americans Homepage and the link to our event. Please do not register online as we will be doing that for Mountain View students through the school.



## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our 1st installment of Parent/Teacher Conferences just concluded 2 weeks ago. It was good to see so many parents attend and meet with teachers to help our students continue to grow and succeed at school. Maintaining school to home and home to school communication is critical in maintaining success for our students and for our learning community. We appreciate your insights, and value your participation in making educational decisions for your student. Remember, you do not have to limit your participation to conferences, we welcome your involvement at any time and we want to hear from you and, of course, we love to see you each time you visit.

## Nurses News

Occasionally I get calls from parents who want to know if we have lice at school. With over 450 students in our school there is probably a louse on a kid somewhere in our building at any given time.

Lice are actually a lot harder to transmit than most people think. They won't jump on you and can't fly. They are very good at climbing on hair shafts but are extremely clumsy and unable to maneuver once they are not on someone's scalp. Almost all lice transmission occurs through CLOSE HAIR TO HAIR CONTACT. This occurs when kids share hats, touch heads together, and have sleepovers or share beds.

Many of us remember the days when the nurse went from room to room checking kid's heads for lice. We don't do that anymore because studies found that classroom checks are not effective in finding kids with lice. Instead teachers discreetly send children to the nurse when they are noted to be scratching their head excessively, this is the most effective way of finding children with head lice.

Today when a child is identified with lice the parent is called and requested to pick their child up from school. The student may return when there are NO LIVE LICE. Check with the nurse for lots of great resources on getting rid of lice. Students must check in with the nurse upon arriving back at school to verify the absence of head lice before going to class.

It is a good idea to check your child's hair on a weekly basis for lice and to treat them as soon as any lice are found. **Studies show that by the time the nurse finds lice on your kid they have had them for 30 days!** We will continue to do our part here to prevent transmission of lice at school. Remember, as frustrating and annoying as dealing with lice are, they are not a public health hazard and you and your child are going to be ok. If you have more questions about lice feel free to call the nurses office at 283-8605. Have a lice day!



