

Mountain View Elementary School

“Kenai’s Neighborhood School”

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, September 4
LABOR DAY
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 5
EVENING BIKE RIDE
with Chris Fegureida
5:00 PM

Tuesday, September 12
PTA MEETING
4:00 PM
In the Library

Wednesday, September 13
EARLY RELEASE DAY
Students dismissed at 1:55PM

Friday, September 15
PICTURE DAY



Thursday, September 21
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
5:00 – 6:00 PM



**Friday, September 22 –
Monday, October 9**
PTA Fundraiser begins
More information
coming home soon!

Positive Energy and Smiles

The Director of Elementary Education for KPBSD, John Pothast visited our building on the first day of school this year. His initial comment as he walked down our entrance side walk was “lots of positive energy and smiles.” While the fact that we had two Turbo 1000 bubble machines going, Dixie Land Jazz cranked on the Bose, and party flags lining the path certainly helped in that department. I also believe that the efforts we made that 1st day are indicative of our approach to school culture all year long.

The overriding principles for school culture at Mountain View Elementary are kindness and responding to conflict in a positive manner. In fact, the first 7 weeks of school contain age appropriate lessons and activities in these areas for all grade levels. It’s really hard not to smile when someone is kind to you and, equally as important, it puts a smile on your face when you are kind to someone else. Teacher’s constantly use the verbiage “that was kind of you to....” when conversing with students. This helps students to develop the self-identity of a kind person and perpetuates the student seeking opportunities to be kind. Conversely nothing sucks the energy out of the room like a nasty conflict.

Conflict is natural, whether it’s between adults, students or a combination thereof, it’s pretty hard to avoid. It’s how we deal with it that makes or breaks our day. By responding with specific, positive strategies and common language that avoid power struggles and guilt we can move forward and maintain the positive energy for a successful learning environment.

The initial strategy we work on is “Positive Questions”. This basic strategy asks that we all assume positive intent. That perhaps the person we are in conflict with did not purposefully seek to annoy us or break a rule. Questions starting with “Did you know...” are quite effective at deescalating a conflict and starting the dialogue to positively resolve a conflict.

So, while every day at Mountain View Elementary might not include bubbles, jazz and party flags you can be assured that we have the culture in place to keep up the Positive Energy and Smiles.

Hello Mountain View Families!

It is with absolute pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the Assistant Principal of Mountain View Elementary. I have thoroughly enjoyed our first days back in school! One of my priorities is learning each child's name because I feel that is very important, especially when I see their smiling faces throughout the school!

Prior to joining the phenomenal Mountain View Team, I spent a decade teaching intermediate grades in Norfolk, VA and most recently in Seward, AK. Outside of my career, I enjoy spending time with my husband and two daughters. I love long distance running, camping, fishing, baking, and any other outdoor activity that involves spending time with my family!

Mountain View Elementary values the importance of kindness and fostering positive student relationships. These standards provide a foundation for student success and I couldn't be happier to work in a building with such values. I look forward to serving the students, parents, staff and community of Mountain View Elementary!

Best,

Jenna Fabian
Assistant Principal

We are ready to have a great year!



Nurses News

Hi!

My name is Debbie Aubin and I am the new school nurse here at Mountain View. I have been a nurse for 41 years with most of those years in the Operating Room and the last few years in the Recovery Room and Pre op area. In all of those years I have cared for a lot of children and am excited to use all the knowledge I have gained over those years to care for your children.

I was raised in Massachusetts (die-hard Patriots fan), but lived in Florida for 23 years before moving to Alaska 3 years ago. I live with my wonderful husband of 39 years, 2 dogs, 2 parrots and 8 chickens in Sterling.

I am so excited to be a part of the team here at Mountain View. I don't think I have ever worked with such a caring and giving group of people. They have made me feel very welcome and they give their heart and soul to every student here, every day....such a joy to see!

Aside from tending to your children's daily medical issues...cuts, scrapes, bumps and tears, it is my hope to teach them to also care for each other and those around them. I will visit their classrooms and "teach" how important it is to stop the spread of germs and keep themselves healthy both here and home.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns.

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Preparing for the 2017/2018
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES
FREE & REDUCED MEAL PROGRAM (NSLP)



STUDENT PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS FOR 2017/2018 SY

Households with income: Households with income are encouraged to submit a KPBSD Student Programs Application (even if income is over the Income Eligibility Guidelines), because certain Federal programs base funding on the total number of students applying for benefits. Parents can submit an application (one application per household) for their household **BEFORE** school starts - Please allow 10 working days for processing by the Student Nutrition Services Office.

2017/2018 STUDENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS (cream with blue printing) will be available for pick-up by August 08, 2017 at all Kenai Peninsula Borough Schools, Public Assistance / Job Service and KPBSD Central Office.

Households receiving Public Assistance Benefits: Households receiving Public Assistance benefits (Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance) **DO NOT** need to fill out a Student Programs Application IF they have received and turned in a School Meals/Direct Certification Notice from Public Assistance. The Department of Education and Public Assistance will coordinate efforts to implement the Categorical Eligibility Process by also sending names of qualifying households directly to KPBSD / Student Nutrition Services (SNS). Once your student's name has been received and processed, SNS will send you a letter notifying you that benefits are available.

30-DAY GRACE MEAL BENEFITS: Students qualifying for free or reduced meal benefits on the last serving day of the 2016-2017 School Year (May 23, 2017) may receive meal benefits for up to the first 30 school days of the 2017/2018 school year (August 22 – October 3, 2017). The 30 day grace period allows students to qualify for school meals while their new application, School Meals or Categorical Eligibility Direct Certification Notice is being processed.

NOTE: If a student changes schools, a delay in receiving 30 day benefit may occur.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES: Elementary breakfast \$2.00 and lunch \$3.00. Middle/High School breakfast \$2.00 and lunch \$3.50. Students qualifying for free/reduced meals, breakfast free and lunch \$.40.

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Student Arrival/Dismissal Times

Doors Open for Breakfast - 8:20 AM

Student Arrival without Breakfast Program - 8:35 AM

Students will go to outside recess until being dismissed to class at 8:45 AM



Tardy Bell Rings
8:50 AM

Students being picked up by parents
will be dismissed at 3:20 PM

Dismissal bell rings
3:25 PM

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom or participate in a classroom field trip, you must apply for a background check. Please find the link on the KPBSD website (www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/).

All volunteers are required to pass a background check before volunteering at school or going on a field trip.

If you have any questions or need help with this process, please call the office at 283-8600. Volunteers are very important and appreciated here at Mountain View Elementary!



Evening Bike Ride/Family Activity

with special guest Chris Fegureida

TUESDAY, September 5th
Sign in at 5:00 PM
Bike ride starts at 5:30

We will have hot dog roasting & snacks after the bike ride.
Parents or guardians must accompany students and fill out
release forms before participating in the ride.

Chris Fegureida has ridden all across the country and visited 100's
of schools to promote nutrition, exercise and bike safety as part of
his Cycle for Heart Program.

Chris' latest ride started at Deadhorse on Alaska's North Slope
on August 16th.

Chris will also be giving presentations on his adventures and
talking to students about nutrition, exercise and bike safety to
all of our PE classes on Tuesday.

Our evening bike ride will include riding with Chris as he leaves
to begin the next leg of his journey.

