

# Mountain View Elementary School

## "Kenai's Neighborhood School"

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### \*IMPORTANT DATES\*

**Monday, October 9**  
Believe Kids Fundraiser  
orders DUE

**Tuesday, October 17**  
SITE COUNCIL MEETING  
5:30 – 6:30 PM  
at KCHS  
KPBSD Budget Meeting

**Thursday, October 19**  
FALL CARNIVAL  
5:00 – 8:00 PM



**Friday, October 20**  
INSERVICE DAY  
NO SCHOOL FOR  
STUDENTS

**Monday, October 23**  
PICTURE RETAKES

**Wednesday, October 25**  
EARLY RELEASE DAY  
Students will be dismissed  
at 1:55 PM

**Thursday & Friday**  
**October 26 & 27**  
PARENT-TEACHER  
CONFERENCE  
NO SCHOOL FOR  
STUDENTS

**October 23 – October 27**  
BOOK FAIR IN  
THE LIBRARY

### Helping Our Bus Drivers Keep Our Students Safe



Our bus riders are off to a safe and kind start to the new school year. At the beginning of school, teachers were on all busses as students loaded the first week and actually rode the busses to the intersection with the Spur Highway to help model and teach our bus safety kindness rules. We are asking parents of bus riders to please discuss our three safety and kindness rules with your students.

#### \*Stay seated

The seats are high you can't see what your friends in other seats are doing or talk to them because you have to stay seated. You can be injured if the bus stops or turns suddenly.

#### \*Hands legs and other body parts to yourself AND out of aisle

Same expectations as in your classroom. It is never okay to hit poke or kick another person. It's important to keep everything out of the aisle so that the bus driver can see traffic behind them.

#### \*Volume of voice is low and words are kind

You can only talk to your seat mates or who is across aisle from you. Not only would your voice be too loud but you would have to stand up to do it. Loud voices distract the bus driver from keeping his eye on the road. It is never okay to talk meanly to another student.

***We like to explain to students that the bus ride is not an exciting time to interact with your friends but a calm, somewhat boring ride so that the drive can keep everyone safe.***

***School Bus riding is a privilege.*** First interactions will result in a call home. Multiple interactions will result in a suspension of this privilege.

***Bus change? Please make sure to call the office by 2:30 p.m. if your child has a change in transportation plans for that day. Late calls cause a delay in our school's dismissal process and require students to be on the bus for a longer period of time.***

***Parents/Guardians: If you have a message that needs to get to the driver, please contact Apple Bus at 262-4900 and they will relay the message. Parent/guardian interactions during the driver's active route affect the safety of all students on board and cause route delays.***

## Lice Happens...

Just a reminder...The school is the second line of defense for lice. The first line is parents and family. Neither lice or nits can survive a weekend without a human host. Every Monday, the school is clear of lice until students and community return. If parents could check hair every Monday for signs of lice before sending to school...lice will not be present in our school.

## From the Nurse...

All parents, especially of young students...please make sure your child has an extra pair of underwear and pants in their backpacks. We keep a very limited amount of backup clothes at the school, especially if they are not returned after borrowing. On that note, if you're cleaning out your child's closet and going to donate clothes, please consider donating them here, all sizes of pants and shirts are needed and appreciated.

## When to keep your child home from school...

Children should not be sent to school if they have vomited during the night, have diarrhea, have had a fever of 100 degrees or greater during the past 24 hours, or have a frequent persistent cough. These conditions do not allow your child to participate in the educational environment of the classroom and are usually contagious to the other children and staff. In addition, if you feel your child needs an over the counter cold, flu or pain reliever in the morning due to illness, please don't send him/her to school. In most cases, students that have received such medication are not able to remain in the classroom once the medication has worn off.

Thank you for partnering with us to help provide the most healthful environment possible for your child and for all of us in our school!

Please go to the KPBSD website to see our current CDC based policy. Just click on "Departments", "Health Services" and then "Head Lice – Pediculosis Examination & Evaluation."

## HELP OUR PTA HELP OUR SCHOOL Orders due Monday, October 9

Your child should have brought home materials for the annual **Believe Kids Fundraiser** conducted by the Mountain View PTA. This is the only take-home, school-wide fundraiser that our PTA does each year. Your help has made this very successful over the years. All funds raised by the PTA are used for the sole benefit of students. Just a few examples of PTA funded items include: an annual, limited edition, Mountain View tee-shirt given to students each year, playground equipment, school wide site license for Reflex Math; a computer program for students to use to improve math fluency, end of the year barbeque supplies, repair of band instruments, author visits and assistance with field trip expenses.

We do not expect your students to go door to door selling these products. However, any help you can provide your child in terms of getting these catalogues and order forms to your friends and families would be greatly appreciated. These are items many of them would purchase anyway and purchasing them through this fundraiser would have the added benefit of helping our school. Sending the online link to friends and relatives living outside Alaska is great way to let them be a part of your student's fundraising efforts.

### Mr. Kircher is making the following challenge to increase participation.

If the PTA is able to once again make a profit of \$10,000 on the Believe Kids Fundraiser Mr. Kircher will camp out on the front lawn of the school overnight and cook hot dogs on his campfire for any students who stop by.

