

Mountain View Elementary School

“Kenai’s Neighborhood School”

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, February 7
EARLY RELEASE

Students will be dismissed
at 1:50 PM

Thursday & Friday
February 8 & 9

**PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCES**
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Monday, February 5 –
Friday, February 9
BOOK FAIR

Open in the Library
During school hours and
Parent-Teacher Conferences



Tuesday, February 13
PTA MEETING

4:00 PM in the Library

Wednesday, March 7
JA in a Day

Friday, March 9
INSERVICE
**NO SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS**

March 12 – March 16
SPRING BREAK
NO SCHOOL

Personalized Learning at Mountain View is off to a Great Start

Have you ever said “*That’s not how it was when I was in school?*”

Public education has certainly changed in many positive ways as the institution seeks to meet the needs of children to succeed in a changing society. From students sitting in rows listening to a “stand and deliver” teacher, to students working cooperatively in groups or pods, gradual changes have been made to ensure children acquire the knowledge and skills to prosper as adults. Exciting, gradual changes are once again afoot as Mountain View Elementary and KPBSD introduce Personalized Learning to ensure we not only meet our student’s individual academic needs but ensure they develop the 21st century skills necessary to positively shape their futures.

Personalized Learning (PL) is a multifaceted approach designed to tailor learning to individual student’s strengths, needs and interests. While more detailed information on PL can be found on the KPBSD homepage, the first steps we are taking here at Mountain View involve increasing student ownership of, and reflection on, their learning. Already in many of our classrooms students now have a choice of how they proceed through their daily, and in some cases weekly, independent work assignments. The students have to complete the various tasks but they have the choice of what sequence to do them in. In some instances, students are also able to choose from a variety of assignments. This ownership or choice, helps students become independent and self-directed workers. This not only enhances their education but develops a skill that most future employers will be looking for.

Another skill we hope to develop in our students is reflecting on the quality of their behavior and work. By teaching students to self-reflect using rubrics and specific examples we once again help them to be self-directed, this time focusing on quality, and develop the skills to help themselves excel both in and out of school.

It is our hope that the move towards Personalized Learning enables us to not only give our students the knowledge they need to succeed but the diverse skills as well.

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

CONGRATULATIONS!



SOARING EAGLES FOR JANUARY

Nikolas Bezdecny, Karina Brence, Luke Cole, Tait Cooper, Dorothy Devera, Rylee Drake, Courtney Galloway, Hailey Grace, Marian Jasky-Zuber, P.J. Matulin, Lyman McBride, Sepa Nicholas-Silvira, Bella Roberts, Amelia Ross, Isabella Shannon, Emma Torrence, Katie Van Sky, Alice Voight, Alyssa Walker, Leona Williamson, & Brandon Xiong.

NOTES FROM NURSE DEBBIE



I hope you and your families had wonderful holidays and that the new year brings you health and happiness.

Just a couple of reminders...

If your child comes home from school in different clothes than the ones they were sent in...it means they had some kind of accident at school. They may not have had a toileting accident, it might have been a spill or other issue. Please wash and return the clothes to the school. They are donated and my supply is very limited. If you find that it is happening frequently with your child, maybe it would be best to send a change of clothes in their backpack or bring to me and I will keep them in my office.

On that same thought. If you're cleaning closets and find shoes, sneakers, boots or snow pants that don't fit or are no longer used....please think about donating them to our sharing closet. We can always use them.

Now let's talk about lice!

Just a reminder of the district policy on lice. If your child is found with lice during the school day, they will be sent back to class. They will have all the information about what to do to treat in an envelope in their backpacks and I will call you and let you know. Once home, treat their hair and environment and they should be able to return to school the next day. Please drive them to school and bring them to the nurse's office. I will check their heads for LIVE lice. If there are none, they can go to class. Your job from then on is to "nit" comb their hair until all the nits (eggs) are gone. If you fail to do this step, you'll be repeating everything as they hatch!! I will recheck your child's hair 1 week after treatment to make sure there are no new live lice. We do not want students to miss school due to lice. We want them back with us to learn as soon as possible!!

Paperwork...

If I have sent papers home with your child or mailed them to you, they are important. Please return ASAP. For the most part, they have to do with me caring for your child daily or in an emergency situation.

I have been at Mt. View Elementary school now for 6 months now and I care about all of your children. They warm my heart and make me smile every day. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. If I don't answer, leave a message and I will call you back as soon as I can.