

# Mountain View Elementary School

## “Kenai’s Neighborhood School”

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## SAFETY FIRST

Keeping our students safe at Mountain View Elementary is our number one priority. However, that priority can be at odds with our desire to live up to our reputation as Kenai’s Neighborhood School. We enjoy being an open enrollment school and providing an environment where parents feel welcome to come in and visit or meet with staff to discuss their student’s needs.

While catastrophic school shootings make the news, keeping over 500 students and staff safe is a much bigger picture. The most important piece of that picture is knowing who is in your building. To that end we have always had all visitors sign in, explain their destination, and get a visitor’s badge. Our office staff and administrators monitor the entrance to ensure that this policy is followed. All staff are instructed to approach any adult without a visitor’s badge or a substitute teacher lanyard and ask them what their business is and if they checked in at the office. Any adult picking up a student that is not recognized is asked for identification and student records are checked, including custody arrangements or other legal paperwork, to ensure the student is safe to go home with them. Afternoon student pickup is inside the building and before bus dismissal where it can be monitored by administration and other staff on duty. We do, however, have one timeframe where we feel we need to increase our vigilance.

In the morning before classes start we have busses dropping off hundreds of students, parents coming in to drop off their students and walking them to class, parents coming in to bring birthday and other items to their students’ classroom, and parents coming in to see if they can find a teacher in class to meet with them.

Basically a huge mix of students and adults throughout the building. Currently we have an “open building” during this morning time frame and it has provided the “neighborhood school” feel we desire to have. Unfortunately, for the safety of our students, our staff has reluctantly agreed we need to change this.

**We will soon be applying the same policies during morning drop off as we do the rest of the day. All parents will be asked to sign in at the office if they need to go to a classroom. Items needed to be brought to a class will be left at the office and delivered by office staff. And lastly, we ask that you give your student that last hug and kiss in the foyer as opposed to walking them to their class. This will allow our staff at this time to follow the same safety procedures they do the rest of the day to ensure all adults in the building are meant to be here and our students remain safe.**

**If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. Kircher at 283-8600.**

# \*IMPORTANT DATES\*

**Thursday, April 12**  
SITE COUNCIL MTG.  
4:00 PM  
In the Library

**Friday, April 20**  
VACATION DAY  
NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday, April 24**  
Kindergarten  
Visitation  
Please call the office  
to sign up

**Thursday, April 26**  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
&  
5<sup>TH</sup> Grade Band  
Spring Concert  
6:00 PM at KCHS

**Tuesday, May 1**  
KINDERGARTEN  
SPRING CONCERT  
2:00 PM  
In the gym at  
MT. VIEW

## APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2018-2019 PRE-K PROGRAM AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

Screenings for this program will be held on Thursday, April 26.

Applications are available at the office at Mountain View Elementary.

In order to be considered, a child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2018, live in the Mountain View attendance area, and have a completed application returned to Mountain View Elementary.

For more information, please call 283-8600.



## CONGRATULATIONS!



### SOARING EAGLES FOR MARCH

Riley Bezdecny, Eli Campbell, Kasey Cunningham, Cora Frazier, Shay Gonzalez, Hunter Goodrich, Hannah Hardesty, Natalie James, Angel Johnson, Bella Kroto, Dennis Landt, Aiyana Lewis, Avery Munter, Effie Muster, Charles Roberts, Jeremy Smithwick, Hallie Songer, Alliston Stuart, Owen Swaby, Keanu Swearingen, & Kodiak Upton.