

Mountain View Elementary School

"Kenai's Neighborhood School"

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, January 17
Site Council Meeting
In the Library
4:00 PM

Monday, January 21
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
VACATION DAY
NO SCHOOL

Friday, January 25
PAJAMA DAY

PJ Day



Monday, February 4 –
Friday, February 8
BOOK FAIR
Open in the Library
during school hours and
Parent-Teacher
Conferences

Wednesday, February 6
EARLY RELEASE
School dismissed at
1:50 PM

Thursday & Friday
February 7 & 8
Parent-Teacher
Conferences
NO SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS

It Takes a Village

As Kenai's Neighborhood School, Mountain View Elementary is proud to be Kenai's only, open enrollment, public elementary school. As such, we have approximately 500 hundred diverse students come through our doors each day. **Did you ever wonder just how many staff members it takes to meet the safety (emotional and physical) and academic needs of those children?**

Our general education class size, determined by KPBSD pupil-teacher ratio policy, average about 23 students each. It takes 20 teachers to staff those classrooms. However, that is just the tip of the iceberg; the total number of teaching and support staff at Mountain View is 64. Where do all those other staff fit in the puzzle?

Adding to the number of certified teachers in the school is a music teacher, PE teacher and librarian. To help non-special education students who are struggling we also have certified teachers in positions as an interventionist and a reading teacher. Also contributing to the certified staff is a principal and vice principal.

A portion of our staff is dedicated to meeting the needs of our special education students. We have 3 "structured" special education classrooms where high-needs students spend the majority of their day. In addition, we have 4 special education classrooms that support special education students who spend the majority of their day in general education classrooms, including our gifted and talented program. We also provide speech and occupational therapy for those special education students who require it. Total special education staffing is 7.5 certified teachers, 17 aides, 1 psychologist and 1 occupational therapist.

Of course, students need to eat so there is a kitchen staff of three, and to keep our school looking as awesome as it does takes a custodial staff of 3. With 500 kids there are bound to be quite a few "owies", sicknesses and health issues so a nurse is a necessity. As you can imagine there is a ton of paperwork and records so we have a secretary for that. And, since somebody has to run the whole show we have a head secretary.

In addition we have 5 student support personnel from the Kenaitze Youth Services and a certified tutor from the Kenaitze Yaghanen Youth Program.

We are fortunate to have the staffing to be a full service, inclusive school. We are also fortunate to have students and families that contribute to making Mountain View a place where kindness counts and all students feel welcome and can achieve success.



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Central Peninsula Child Find Screenings

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and Frontier Community Services Infant Learning will be offering Child Find screenings for children birth to 5 years. The screening clinic will be on **Friday, January 18, 2019 from 9:00 – 3:00** by appointment only at Frontier Community Services, Suite 32 B, in the Copper Center (formerly the Red Diamond Center). We will screen your child's early development, motor skills, speech/communication, early learning concepts, vision & hearing. To make an appointment or for more information, call 714 - 6647.

CONGRATULATIONS!



SOARING EAGLES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Daniel Agayar, Angelina Bond, Kelsea Connor, Maci Daniel, Joel Gates, Braydon Imergan, Angel Johnson, Khloe Mae Knotts, Christine Lapinsky, Phillip Larson, Izzabella Mendoza, Camilla Roberts, Charlie Roberts, Amelia Ross, Joseph Smagge, Jeremy Smithwick, Antonino Stapp, Kodiak Upton, Lukas Vinzant, Evyn Witt, & Morgan Young.

Just a few reminders from the Nurses office:

PLEASE...put an extra underwear, socks and pants in your child's backpack. It is especially important for the younger grades, but with snowpant weather here, students of all ages wait too long to come in to the bathroom and cannot get them off in time. That being said, this request applies to all grades and ages. Remember it is not always a urinary accident...their clothes may get wet in the snow or rain, or a spill at lunch also.

Not only do I have a limited amount of donations, they are also missing valuable learning time while I hunt for something that will fit.

OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS

Cough drops and cough syrup must be brought to the nurse's office. Your child cannot keep them in the classroom or in their backpack.

A non-prescription medication form needs to be completed and accompany the medication for me to be able to give them to your child. They are available to print under "forms" on the KPBSD website or I would be happy to give you a copy to have on hand. If you absolutely cannot get one of the forms, I will need a written note with the child's name, medication, how often you want it given and your signature.

Nosebleeds

Does your child have frequent bloody noses in the winter? This is usually due to the heat being on and the air being so dry **everywhere**. You might want to try AYR Saline Nasal Gel. You do not need a prescription and it was recommended by an Ear, Nose and Throat doctor to help keep the nose moist and help prevent nosebleeds. Those that have tried it say it really helps!

Thanks, Nurse Debbie

Happy New Year!