

Mountain View Elementary School

“Kenai’s Neighborhood School”

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, March 8
INSERVICE DAY
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Monday, March 11-
Friday, March 15
SPRING BREAK
NO SCHOOL

Thursday, March 21
PTA Meeting
4:00 PM
in the Library

Friday, March 22
“DECADES DAY”



LOOKING AHEAD...

Thursday, April 18
Kindergarten Concert
2:00 PM
in the Gym at Mt. View

Friday, April 19
VACATION DAY
NO SCHOOL

Thursday, April 25
4th & 5th grade concert
6:00 PM
at KCHS

Governor Dunleavy has released a budget that matches his priorities and campaign promises:

- a full Permanent Fund Dividend Check for each eligible Alaskan, including monies held back over the past three years used to pay for state services,
- keeping Alaska as one of only 7 states without a state income or sales tax,
- not increasing taxes on oil and gas production.

To accomplish this Governor Dunleavy’s budget proposes massive state spending cuts including:

- a \$350,000,000 cut to Statewide K-12 education
- a resultant cut of \$20,000,000 to KPBSD for next year

In response, KPBSD has compiled a list of ways to meet these reductions:

- major layoffs of teachers and significant increases in class sizes
- school closings and consolidations
- elimination of extra-curricular activities
- closing pools and theaters
- reducing aide support across all schools
- For a full list of all proposed reductions go to [KPBSD > Board Home > Meetings > March 5 Work session > Budget Document](#)

The extent of these cuts will depend on the actions of our State Legislators. The State Legislature is responsible for producing the final budget. The governor can veto portions of the legislature’s budget but the legislature could override that veto with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority or 45 votes.

If the Governor’s priorities are not your priorities, you will need to be active and help convince a large majority of State Legislators to push back against the governor’s idea for Alaska’s future. It is important that you educate your friends and neighbors about the extent of the cuts to education and encourage them to contact members of legislature as well if they feel education is a priority for the future of the State. Ways to contact the Alaska State Legislature are found later in this newsletter.



SICK DAY GUIDELINES

Making the Right Call When Your Child is Sick:

Should I keep my child home or send him or her to school?



School policy (and state law) requires a child stay home if he or she:

- Has a **fever of 100.0 degrees** or higher
- Has been **vomiting** or has **diarrhea**
- Has symptoms that keep your child from participating in school, such as:
 - Very tired or poor appetite
 - Cough that he or she cannot control or sneezing often
 - Headache, body aches, or earache
 - Sore Throat – a little sore throat is ok for school, but a bad sore throat could be **strep throat**, even if there is not fever. Other signs of strep throat in children are a headache and stomach upset, or rash. Call your doctor if your child has these signs. A special test is needed to know if it is strep throat.
- Keep your child home if he is coughing or sneezing often because this spreads the sickness to others.
- Please notify the school nurse if your child tests positive for the flu.



REMEMBER THE 24 HOUR RULE!



- **FEVER:** Keep your child home until his or her FEVER has been gone WITHOUT medicine for 24 hrs. Colds can be contagious for at least 48 hours. Returning to school too soon may slow recovery and make others sick. IF your child has been sent home with a fever, they cannot return the next day!
- **VOMITING OR DIARRHEA:** Keep your child home for 24 hours after the LAST time he or she vomited or had diarrhea.
- **ANTIBIOTICS:** Keep your child home until 24 hours after the FIRST dose of antibiotics for anything like an ear infection or strep throat.

We often have many children and adults with colds coming to school, and each one is passing their sickness to others. PLEASE help others from becoming sick by keeping your child home while sick.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the School Nurse.



SOARING EAGLES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Jamel Barnes, Leo Bishop, Tayla Cole, Evelyn Cooper, Lydia Day-Bontly, Jared Duncan, Gage Engle, Tenley Fabian, Talia Greenstreet, Luchian Hawkins-Allen, Annie Hayes, Serenity Hickman, Sophia Kocinski, Cooper Medcoff, Grady Merveldt, Stolz Mueller, Alexander Nichol, Makalani Nicholas-Silvira, Sepa Nicholas-Silvira, Brayden Slaton, & Katie Van Sky.