

Mountain View Elementary School

"Kenai's Neighborhood School"

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, November 11
VACATION DAY
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, November 12
VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION
Wear Red, White & Blue!

Thursday, November 21
Site Council Meeting
4:00 PM
in the Library

Thursday & Friday
November 28 & 29
THANKSGIVING
NO SCHOOL



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 16
Winter Concert
Grades 1-3
6:00 PM
at KCHS in the auditorium

Tuesday, December 17
5th Grade Band Concert
6:00 PM
in the Mt. View Gym

December 21 – January 6
WINTER BREAK
NO SCHOOL

Brown Bears in the Neighborhood

Throughout late Fall, local news sources have confirmed that we are experiencing brown bear sightings later than usual. Bears have been observed near the buses, on the playground, and even in the classrooms! Players from Kenai's very own Brown Bear hockey team are actively volunteering in a variety of settings throughout Mountain View.

As an active part of our community, the Bears have a specific focus on advancing learning and building connections with our students. They are working diligently with our teachers and administrators to ensure that they are supporting instruction where they can. The players are engaged with our students on the playground in a "controlled fun atmosphere." The most popular activities include running around the playground, four square, basketball, and hanging on the bars together. They are also seen during lunch, in multiple classrooms teaching reading groups, working on persuasive writing pieces, helping students sharpen their math skills, painting with Pre-K, and learning about the brain with 3rd and 4th graders! Who knew that a four square game at recess would involve conversations about geography and how amazing our brain is? Notable quotes from students have included, "Don't let your amygdala take control! Your prefrontal cortex is in charge!" and "If you're from Canada, isn't that the same as California?"

We would like to thank the Kenai River Brown Bears for spending time within our school community. Go Bears! Aside from working in our building, there are opportunities to see them out on the ice for the next several weeks:

November 14

Youth Night/Fill the Net-Everyone 12 and under get in free,
Adults get a \$5 ticket with food shelf donation

November 21

Student ID Night- Get in free with your Student ID

December 6

Elementary Night- Elementary Students get in for free!

December 7

\$1.00 ticket night!



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District requests input from staff, parents, and community members at the districtwide KPBSD budget development meeting, on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 PM in the Library at KCHS.

If you have questions, please call Natalie Bates at 714-8888.



Lice Happens....

With over 450 students in our school, there is probably a louse on a student somewhere in our building at any given time.

Lice are actually a lot harder to transmit than most people think. They can't jump on you or fly. They are very good at climbing on hair shafts but are extremely clumsy and unable to maneuver once they are not on someone's scalp. Almost all lice transmission occurs through CLOSE HAIR TO HAIR CONTACT. This occurs when kids share hats, (there are no "loaner hats" at school. If students need a hat they are given a new one from the nurse) touch heads together, have sleepovers or share beds. Lice transmission at school is highly unlikely.

For this and other reasons, current KPBSD policy states that when a student is found to have lice the parent/guardian is notified and the student remains at school for the remainder of the day. Studies show that by the time the nurse finds lice on a student they may have had them for 30 days! When the student returns to school the nurse will verify there are no lice before sending the student to class. If lice are present, the student will be sent home to be retreated. As frustrating as they are, lice are not a health hazard, they are a nuisance.

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.

The school board policy regarding head lice can be found on the KPBSD website - www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us. Click on DEPARTMENTS - HEALTH SERVICES - and then scroll down to Helpful Information - Head Lice.

