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Dear Sand Lake Families,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you that made resolutions for the new year are still working hard to follow through with them. I'll start mine tomorrow.

Last week, our visitors from Chitose, Japan were here, and everyone had a great time during their short visit. I'd like to thank everyone in the community for being so kind to our visitors.

As a reminder, Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner, Wednesday, February 21st, and Thursday, February 22nd are the days scheduled for conferences. Approximately two weeks prior to the start of conferences, you will be able to go online to select a day and time for your conference. We will send home information with the exact date once it is announced. To access the link, visit www.asdk12.org, or go to the Parents page on the districts website.

During the month of February, ASD will once again have Visit Our Schools month. This event gives community members and prospective parents an opportunity to learn more about our public schools. Tours are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday in February. Sand Lake will also hold an evening tour at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, ASD released a newly designed website and new mobile app. Once you select a school(s) the app will include all events from the schools selected, so this is an excellent way to keep in touch with all of the upcoming events at your school(s) of choice. You can find the app in the App Store if you have an iPhone, or in Google Play for those with an Android phone.

Sincerely,

Linson Thompson

Upcoming events:

- 2/19 President's Day - No School
- 2/21 Parent/Teacher Conference - School ends at 12:30
- 2/22 Parent/Teacher Conference - School ends at 12:30
- 3/9 No School
- 3/12 - 3/16 Spring Break - No School

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Come see what we're doing

During the month of February, we are opening the doors of every school for guided, public tours.

We welcome everyone to join us by visiting our community's schools, whether you have children in ASD or not.

Every Tuesday

Every school

9:30 a.m.

All February

Evening tour at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27 only

www.asdk12.org/visit



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Tell us what your favorite part of your tour was by using the hashtag #MyASDSchoolVisit



AFTER SCHOOL SKATING WITH ANCHORAGE SKATE CLUB!



Registration is now open at SAND LAKE ELEMENTARY!

The after-school ice skating program is from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday afternoons for 3 weeks. Registration is limited to the first 30 skaters. All skating skill levels are welcome. Anchorage Skate Club will provide up to 2 instructors to assist skaters on and off the ice, offer instruction and lead group activities/games. Our instructors are focused on helping kids be active outside while fostering their ice skating skills in a fun environment!

We always encourage and welcome parent volunteers and school staff to assist the instructors during each lesson. Volunteers are particularly helpful with putting on skates and gear at the beginning of the class!

SAND LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RINK, Monday/Wednesday 3:30-4:30 pm

(Students are asked to go directly from dismissal to the benches beside the ice rink).

Please note that helmets are required – please contact us at anchoragekiteclub@gmail.com or 907-538-7667 if your child needs to borrow one of ours.

Fee: Cost per student is \$40.00. Please make checks payable to Anchorage Skate Club.

January-February Session Dates: January 29,31,February 5,7,12,14.

SKATER INFORMATION:

Student Name: _____ **Age:** _____

SKATING LEVEL (check one): _____ beginner _____ some experience _____ advanced

I need to borrow skates: Y/N **If Yes, what size** _____ **I have my own helmet: Y/N**

PARENT/GUARDIAN WAIVER/RELEASE:

I, _____ (name of parent or legal guardian),
give _____ (name of child) permission to participate in the Anchorage Skate Club Afternoon Skating School at the above named location, dates and times. I am aware that ice skating can present various elements of risk including accidental death, disability or dismemberment, to a person relative to the activity and facility and its surroundings. The undersigned assumes all conceivable risks related to participation in this program and relieves the Anchorage School District, the Municipality of Anchorage, and Anchorage Skate Club, Inc., its agents, employees and volunteers from any and all liability arising from participation in this program.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND REALIZE I AM RELINQUISHING LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING BELOW AND DO SO FREELY AND WITHOUT INDUCEMENT.

NAME OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (PRINT): _____

Email address: _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Parent 1 Cell Phone: _____ **Parent 2 Cell Phone:** _____

These sessions are open to **SAND LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** students, staff and families only. Registration is limited to a maximum of 30 students on a 1st come, 1st serve basis.

This is NOT an Anchorage School District sponsored event.

Sand Lake PE Dep't Hoops For Heart 2018

The Sand Lake Physical Education Department is proud to participate in our first ever Hoops For Heart to help benefit the **American Heart Association (AHA)**. In the past we have done the Jump Rope for Heart, this is not a replacement, just in conjunction as both help raise money for the AHA.

Students will be bringing home packets during **February's** basketball unit in physical education. Packets will include:

1. Informational message from us.
2. A parent letter from AHA which details online registering and fundraising, and most important to the kids – available **prizes!**
3. Fundraising envelope to help keep track of everything raised either online or through checks made out to AHA. This also provides a more detailed list of prize levels.

Here are a few important things about our Hoops for Heart 2018:






- We don't host one single event. Instead we promote the Hoops for Heart during PE, distribute the packets, and provide the prizes after.
- All checks must be made out to AHA, cash is not allowed
- The deadline to return the fundraising envelope is **February 28th**
- **This is the PE Department's only fundraiser. Last year we raised enough to purchase \$300 in new equipment.**
- Any questions should come through **Mr. Benson** or **Mrs. Hardin**, not the front office or classroom teachers.

New

Anchorage School District Mobile App

Connect with your child's school through our mobile app.

The ASD mobile app allows parents and families to stay connected in real time.

-  **Student academic performance**
-  **School calendars**
-  **Account balances and lunch menus**
-  **Timely updates and push notifications**
-  **News, photos and more**

Pick your schools and stay connected!

Step 1:

Download the app from the App Store or Google Play



Step 2:

For parents/guardians

Click "Student Info" and login using the email associated with your Q ParentConnection account. Your app password was sent to that email, if you lost it or haven't received it, click "Forgot Password" in the app.

Learn more at www.asdk12.org/mobileapp



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Women of Science & Technology Day



UAA Campus—Rasmuson Hall

Saturday, February 3rd, 2018

Girls in grades K – 3: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Girls in grades 4 – 12: 1:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Grades 4-12: Brown Bag Lunch Bonus Session: 11:45-12:45PM

Engage in fun, hands-on activities led by women working in STEM careers! Every girl will experience three different workshop activities and develop a curiosity of STEM! Join us for a bonus session during lunch. Bring your own brown bag lunch, chat with local scientists, and hear avian biologist Emily Williams of Denali National Park share her go-getter story of how she came to work with the birds of Denali.

\$8/girl—registered GS, \$0/adult (financial assistance available)

\$15/girl—non registered GS, \$0/adult (financial assistance available)

Brown Bag Lunch Bonus Session: additional \$5/girl, \$0/adult (Bring your own lunch)

Fun patch included. ALL girls welcome! You do not have to be a Girl Scout to attend. Bring your friends!

Register Online at <https://girlscoutsalaska.wufoo.com/forms/r13gpfum1r4dia5/>

or fill out the registration form on the back and mail or fax to Kelly FitzGerald at 907-243-4819.



Thank you for helping
make Women of
Science possible!





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Registration Form: Women of Science & Technology Day
(ALL GIRLS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ School _____

Grade _____ Attending with the following adult _____

_____ I am a currently registered Girl Scout (\$8/girl)

_____ I am attending as part of a troop (Troop # _____)

(The troop leader or designated adult should check in the entire troop on the day of the event.)

_____ I am attending as an individual girl

_____ I am not a currently registered Girl Scout (\$15/girl)

(You are welcome to register as a Girl Scout at girlscoutsalaska.org to receive the member price. Financial aid is available.)

Brown Bag Lunch Bonus Session (add \$5/girl) Yes _____ No _____ (Bring your own lunch—food is not provided)

Parent Signature is required:

My daughter (listed above), date of birth _____, has my permission to attend this event. She also has my permission to be a member of Girl Scouts of the USA and Girl Scouts of Alaska for the purpose of this event. She and I understand she will be attending the event accompanied by the person listed above. I give the council permission for Girl Scout purposes, to use photographs of my child in Girl Scout activities or accepting Girl Scout services. I authorize treatment by a physician in case of emergency and I cannot be reached.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Weekday Telephone _____ Saturday Telephone _____

Email _____

Registration is \$8 for girl scout members and \$15 for non-members, Brown Bag Lunch Bonus Session is an additional \$5 (payable to Girl Scouts of Alaska) and financial assistance is available for girls with a financial need. Signed registration form and payment should be received by January in the Girl Scout office by Jan. 26, Girl Scouts of Alaska, 3911 Turnagain Blvd. E., Anchorage, AK 99517. If you have questions about this event or need financial assistance, contact Kelly FitzGerald at Girl Scouts of Alaska: 273-0308, or kfitzgerald@girlscoutsalaska.org

Card number _____ Expiration _____ CVV _____

Name on card: _____

Sand Lake Elementary

SCIENCE FAIR



Wednesday

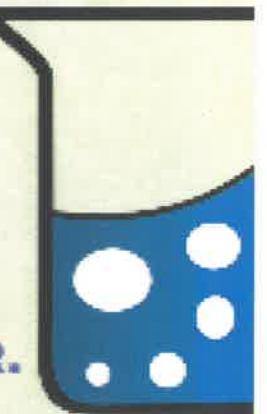
March 21st

Students will setup and present science fair projects on Wednesday March 21st. Viewing will take place Thursday, March 22nd 9:00-11:00am.

All science fair participants will receive a ribbon!

Please contact Mrs. Bjerke or Ms. Kangas with any questions. More information will be sent home soon!

Science Fair Projects will be setup in the MPR.



SAND LAKE LIBRARY READER

JANUARY 2018



Sand Lake Bookmark Contest

Many Sand Lake students participated in the Anchorage School District's bookmark contest. This year's theme was **Be Empowered @ your library**. The winner for the primary division (K-3) is Julian San Agustin in Mrs. Leach's 3rd grade class. The winner for the intermediate division (4-6) is Kassandra Hamilton in Mrs. Pock's 5th grade class. Their bookmarks will now be judged for the ASD contest to determine a winner for the whole district. Congratulations to the Sand Lake winners! Stop by the library to see all the bookmarks students designed.

Internet Safety Week

The first week back from break was internet safety week in the library. Internet safety is important to throughout the year. This is a week set aside for discussions with all grades and classes during their library time. The following topics are what each grade discussed:

K & 1st - Ask first; only talk to people you know; go to "just right" places

2nd & 3rd - Talk with a trusted adult if questions or problems come up; security and strong passwords; don't share personal information

4th, 5th, & 6th - Online life is real life; bullying hurts online, too; security: creating strong passwords & protecting personal information; be kind online - present your best self; think before you do or say something online

I'm Ms. B,
Sand Lake
Elementary's
teacher
librarian.



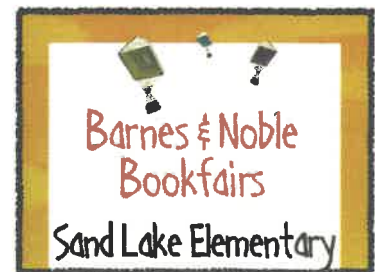
Please stop in
the library any time with
questions.

Rachael Bordelon
bordelon_rachael@asdk12.org

SAVE the DATE

**Saturday,
April 28th, 2018**

is our 4th annual Barnes & Noble
Day! Please save the date and plan
to attend and support our library!



English Language Proficiency Assessment

What is ACCESS 2.0?

ACCESS is the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) used to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English in the domains of speaking, listening, reading and writing. ACCESS 2.0 is online but features the same tasks and measures as the original ACCESS test.

Which students will take ACCESS 2.0?

The State of Alaska requires that students identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) in Grades K-12 are tested annually on an ELPA to monitor progress in acquiring English skills. Alaska's ELPA is provided by the WIDA Consortium.

When will students take ACCESS 2.0?

The ACCESS 2.0 testing window is February 1 - March 9. The District and schools will collaborate on creating testing schedules for each building to best support a positive testing experience for students.

Why online?

As an online assessment, ACCESS 2.0 has replaced the previous paper-based version of ACCESS. The online testing experience provides students with a consistent and dynamic test administration, access to built-in test features and accessibility tools and efficient delivery of the test with minimal impact to instructional services. Please note: ACCESS will continue to be administered in paper/pencil format for Kindergarten and for Alternate ACCESS. The Writing section of the test is also paper/pencil for grades 1-3.

What is on the test?

The test contains tasks that attempt to replicate communications that might be encountered by students in school contexts. Each assessment item and task will target components of the English Language Development Standards: social and instructional language, language of language arts, language of mathematics, language of science and language of social studies.

How long is the test?

ACCESS 2.0 is a self-paced test where students can work at their own speed. Approximate testing time is estimated to be 3-4 hours over 4 testing sessions.

Are accommodations allowed on ACCESS 2.0 for students with disabilities?

Yes. Information regarding accommodations for ACCESS can be found in the Participation Guidelines for Alaska Students in State Assessments, dated December 2015. In addition, many of what were previously considered accommodations are embedded in the online test.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact Donna Teekell, Sand Lake Assistant Principal, with any questions @ 243-2161.