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Event Calendar

January

- 1/9 Return to School
- 1/16** Martin Luther King Jr Day
Holiday - **NO SCHOOL**
- 1/17 Denali Battle of the
Books @ 9:15
- 1/26 100th day (2nd grade and up)
PTSA Meeting @ 5:45pm
- 1/27 Chinese New Year
Kindergarten Parade @ 9:30

February

- School Tours @ 9:30am
Each Tuesday and Friday of Feb.
- 2/2 Kindergarten 100th Day
- 2/16 Spelling Bee @ 9:15
- 2/20 No School**
- 2/22 & 2/23 Parent/Teacher
Conf. Early Release @ 12:30**
- 2/24 In Service - No School**

Happy New Year Families!

I hope you are enjoying the New Year. Today report cards are going home. We do not have conferences until February 22nd & 23rd. Please don't hesitate to ask to meet with your teacher if you have any question.

We have been reviewing data from the first semester and I am pleased that our attendance rate is steadily improving. Our school board goal is 90% and we are at about 88% as of December. Hurray! Regular attendance makes a difference to academic progress.

We are also in the process of changing any interventions to help your child. We've seen much improvement and are working hard to achieve 90% proficiency in reading and writing for all our children. I appreciate all you do at home by providing a quiet place for homework and reading every day with your child. It makes a difference. Cooking together is a great way to practice real life math skills together.

The geography bee, 3 / 4, and 5 / 6 Battle of the Books events are this month. We always look forward to this tradition. Thank you to Maggie Harth and Shawn Horning for coaching Battle of the Books and to Melissa Mathis for coaching geography bee. Practice for the spelling bee for 2-6 grades starts this week. Thank you to Helen O'Harra and Dawnmarie Riley for coaching this. Denali Montessori always does well in these citywide events. I think this is because of our real-life approach to learning.

Take care and please call or e-mail me if you have questions. My door is always open.

Ruth
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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Campfire Opens

8:00 Community School

8:30 Arrival & Breakfast

Staff Supervision Starts

8:50 Class Begins

8:51 Tardies begin

9:00 Announcements

9:30 Preschool Begins

LUNCH / RECESS SCHEDULE

11:10 - 11:35 *Kinder Recess*

11:45 - 12:10 *Kinder Lunch &
Primary*

Recess

12:15 - 12:40 *Primary Lunch &
Intermediate*

Recess

12:45 - 1:10 *Intermediate
Lunch*

3:30 Dismissal

3:40 Staff Supervision Ends

***Students not in aftercare or
with an adult will go to the
Office to call their ride.***

3:40 - 5:30 Community School

Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Student Breakfast \$ 2.00

Student Lunch \$ 3.55

Milk \$.50

Lactose-free Milk \$.75

***Menus are available online @
www.asdk12.org/studentnutrition
or can be requested in***

Information

Battle of the Books

Tuesday Jan 17th @ 9:15am

Students have been busy reading and attending practices, teams work together to answer questions about the 12 chosen books. Students from 3/4 grade and 5/6 grade, have formed their own teams with some guidance and have shown great teamwork and positive mindsets during practices!

Please look for news about **Denali Science Share/Fair** by the end of next week!

Geo Bee will be held on Jan 27th

Denali's Bee is a school-based Bee and is a preliminary step to the State National Geographic Geography Bee which is March 31.

Health Human Growth and Development

Starting January 30th, Health will begin the Human Growth and Development Unit. 5th and 6th graders will be learning about puberty and changing bodies. Students may have questions about HGD topics at home. Please email Mr. Shuck if you have questions.

Denali Spelling Bee Needs You

February 16th

We are looking for parent volunteers for judges and a pronouncer. If interested, please contact Mrs. Riley or Mrs. O'Harra

Denali Business Partners



The Anchorage Museum offers our children free class field trips, and professional development for our teachers.



Color Art Printing will be helping us with printing students' works of art.



NECA IBEW helps us in countless ways from our back to school picnic to our ice cream social in May.

How can your business support Denali Montessori ?

Become a school business partner! Use the link below to get more information.

<http://www.asdk12.org/sbp/forbusinesses/>



NOTES FROM ICE PACK HEAD QUARTERS

*All students need winter gear everyday! These 5 are required; coats, hats, snow pants, gloves, & boots. Recess fresh air is good for the brain :-))

*Thank you for your donations!

Highlights



Being located downtown allows us easy walking field trips like this one to the Courthouse.



Thank you to our Volunteers!!
We couldn't do it without you.



PTSA Page

Event Calendar

NEXT MEETING

January 26th

**All are welcome.
Student supervision will
be provided!**

Next meeting, Thursday January 26th. 5:30-7:00 (5:30-5:45 Potluck and discussion; Meeting agenda starts at 5:45). Childcare will be provided for kids 4 and up.

Classroom Liaisons: We are still looking for volunteers to serve as classroom liaisons. The job is to help get information out to the other families in your child's classroom and to spread the word when volunteers for school-wide events need help. Less than 1/4 of classrooms have one at this time. Please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/Sq4TXv>

We will be holding a fundraising goal and strategy meeting in the near future. PTSA fundraising directly supports our kids and our classrooms. We also want to make how we raise funds effective yet still fun and agreeable. The last thing we want people to feel about the PTSA is "ugh, another miserable fundraiser." So let us know your thoughts. If you have ideas or the motivation to help, please contact Liza Sanden at liza-s@rocketmail.com or 907-441-6287.

Stay informed. Stay involved. Follow us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/DenaliPTSA>

Community School

Is looking for volunteers to host or create a class and for volunteers to help an hour a week with administrative tasks.

If you are interested please email denalicommschool@gmail.com.

Spring Semester has begun, but its never too late to join! Registration paperwork can be found near the office.

NORTHERN LIGHTS COUPON BOOKS

for sale at DENALI

Books are only \$55
(usual retail is \$69.95)

The commissions collected will benefit Denali's Field Trip scholarships. We have already sold 5 books, if we sell 10 or more, we will make \$10 from each book to put towards field trip

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FEBRUARY

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
29	30	31	1	2	3	4			
				Kinder 100's Day					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
12	13	14	15	16 9:15am - Spelling	17	18			
19	20 Presidents Day-No	21	22	23	24	25			
26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	

Parent Teacher Conference
12:30pm - Early

In Service-No School

Presidents Day-No

12:30pm - Early

9:15am - Spelling

Kinder 100's Day

JANUARY

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Holiday						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
							Holiday - MLK (No	9:15am - Battle of					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	5/6 District wide	3/4 District wide	100's Day	9:30am - K - Chinese			
29	30	31	1	2	3	4			Kinder 100's Day				