

Happy Valentine's Day



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Dates to remember:

February 13th, Jump Rope For Heart Party

February 16th and 17th Parent teacher confer-

February 19th, Musk Ox Presentation

February 20th, 5th & 6th grade Jr. Native Olympic

February 21st, 3rd & 4th grade Jr. Native Olympic

February 22nd, 1st & 2nd grade Jr. Native Olympic

February 28th, Ski 4 Kids Day - Kincaid Park

February 29th, Special Reading Rotation Day

March 6th, Quarter 3 ends

March 9th-13th, Spring Break

Battle of the Books

Congratulations Fronteras Battle of the Books Teams! The Mat-Su School District Battle of the Books competition took place Saturday at

Shaw Elementary. The 3rd/4th grade team placed 10th out of 19 teams. Way to go Maeve, Samantha, Malachi, and Stormy! The

5th/6th grade team placed 12th out of 23 teams. Good job Ashton, Ali, and Isaac!



Soldier Care Packages

Thank you to all of the students, parents and staff for the care packages and letters to soldiers. We were able to collect enough to fill 55 boxes! Wow! What a



wonderful school community we have. Thank you! We have added new pictures to our military board in building

A. Please stop by and check it out next time you are there. Please keep those great pictures of friends and relative who are deployed coming in.

Lights! Camera! Book Fair!



The Scholastic Book Fair is all set up, and each class has had a chance to preview books and make a Wish List. These

lists, along with a book fair brochure, should have come home with your child this week. The Book Fair will be open for sales:

- Friday, February 13th from 8:30-3:30

- Monday, February 16th, from 8:30-4:00
- Tuesday, February 17th, from 8:30-11:00

If you will not be able to come to the Book Fair with your child on one of these days, you may fill out the form on the back of the brochure with the names and prices of the books they wish to purchase. Please put this form with payment

(check or exact change) in an envelope with your child's name on it, and send it to school Thursday or Friday. Students with money and filled out forms will have a chance to bring them to the Book Fair at lunchtime Thursday and Friday. A percentage of every purchase comes back to Fronteras to purchase books for our library!

Fronteras Spelling Bee Champ Emerges

The multi-purpose room of Building A buzzed with excitement as students, families, and teachers congratulated the winners of the first ever Fronteras Spelling Bee. Ten spellers began the bee, listening attentively to

Larry Burton as he pronounced each new word. Jackie Cyphert and Marilyn Thom served as judges, presiding over the spelling. After six rounds of competition, Ashton Lund, a sixth grade stu-

dent from Sra. Cook's class, took the championship round with the fitting word, "finale." Fifth grade student Emily Maxwell, also from Cook's class, took second place, while Maeve Blake, a third

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grade student from Sra. Cochran's class, earned third place. Other classroom finalists that participated in the bee were: Thomas Sasser and Eslie King, third grade students from Sra. Schneider's and Sr. Bowen's class; Amarah López, third grade student

from Sra. Cochran's class; Trevor Richie, Dawson King, and John Boyd, fourth grade students from Sra. Torres's class; and Derek French, a sixth grade student from Sra. Cook's class. All spellers did a fantastic job spelling in front of the enthusiastic (but never-

theless intimidating) audience. The staff and students at Fronteras would like to wish Ashton buena suerte (good luck) as she represents our school in Anchorage at the state spelling bee on March 4, 2009.

Come Support the Fronteras Library!

Would you like to help us build up our library collection with great, quality books? At the Book Fair parents will have an opportunity to make a book donation to our library! Teachers have each filled out



a WISH LIST, with names of books from the Book Fair that they would LOVE to have in our library! You can find your child's teacher's list, choose a book you and your child would like to

purchase, buy it, and then donate it to our new Fronteras Library! A label will be put in each donated book to tell who donated it! What a GREAT way to support our growing library!

Yearbook Ordering

It is time to ORDER YOUR CHILDS YEARBOOK. Our yearbook will be 32 pages long, FULL COLOR, 8.5 x11 in size and will be JAM PACKED with photos from the school year! This is our first ever FRONTERAS yearbook! How exciting!! I am sure that you will want a yearbook to remember this important year! The cost for each yearbook is \$16.00. IF you would like your child's name FOIL EMBOSSED

on the cover this will be an additional \$2.00. If you would like to order the foil embossing, please state this on the bottom of the payment envelope! PLEASE return ALL payment envelopes by FEBRUARY 23rd TO YOUR CHILDS TEACHER ONLY! You may pay with CASH or CHECK. Please make all checks out to SARA WISE or Fronteras. Since I have to have all materials mailed

into Inter-State Publishing by the 25th of February we will NOT be able to accept any LATE orders. PLEASE order by the deadline! Thank you - Sara Wise (Yearbook Committee Chair) (907-373-6243 or wiseguys@mtaonline.net)



Clean the Closets for Kids Drive



The MSBSD Federal Program, Families in Transition, is sponsoring the Clean the Clo-

sets for Kids Drive. Bring gently used clothing, outdoor gear, and school supplies to your local school. Label the donations "Clean the Closets Drive" and Families in Transition will take it

from there (with the help of MSBSD Warehouse). For more information contact 746-9228. Deadline is February 27, 2009.

Student Art Contest

The Mat-Su Borough School District Business Services Department announces a student art contest celebrating the state's 50th anniversary of statehood. Young Alaskans can express their artistic abilities while com-

memorating the state's first 50 years of statehood. All Mat-Su students are encouraged to submit entries for this art contest and winning art projects will be published in the spring. The deadline for submission is March 6,

2009. For more information go to <http://www.matsuk12.us/> or call Catherine Esary at 746-9251



Fronteras T-Shirts Available



We still have some sizes & styles of school t-shirts

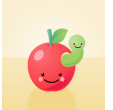
available. Stop by and talk with Mary Ann at the front office in Building A.

Early Bird Gets the Worm

Classes start sharply at 8:30. Please have your children to school by 8:25 (but not earlier than 8:15) so that all stu-

dents are in their chairs and ready to begin the day at 8:30. Learning to be

on time is a life long skill!
Muchos Gracias.



Teachers of Excellence

BP Teachers of Excellence- BP Exploration (Alaska) recognizes the "outstanding efforts of public and private elementary, middle,



and high school teachers." For more information go to www.bpteachers.com where you can also download a nomination

form for an excellent teacher of your choice. Deadline is March 6, 2009.

Childfind Screening

Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify, and refer as early as possible all young children with disabilities and their families who are in need of Early

Intervention Program (Part C) or Pre-school Special Education (Part B/619) services of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). There will a CHILDFIND SCREENING Monday, 3/2/09 at Central Admin

Building in Palmer. There is no charge for screening. Please call (907) 746-9267 for an appointment or more information.

Varicella (chickenpox) Immunization Changes

To all parents of Mat-Su Borough School District elementary students, The State of Alaska has adopted new immunization requirements. Beginning July 1, 2009, students entering Kindergarten through grade 6 will be required to have two doses of Varicella ("chickenpox") vaccine. Though chickenpox is usually a mild childhood disease, it can be extremely serious and can lead to severe



skin infections, scars, pneumonia, brain damage, and death. Therefore the State of Alaska is changing the requirements for Varicella immunizations with the goal of eliminating this vaccine-preventable disease. Most other states have already implemented similar requirements

based on the recommendations of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For more information, here is a link to the state's website on this requirement:

<http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/id/iz/factsheet/IZReqChanges2009.pdf>

English Literacy Class

On Feb 25th at 2:30pm, Room 136 Wallis Middle School, join Svetlana Gorioukhina for English Literacy

Classes. There is no cost and all ages welcome. Assistance with child care

will be provided. Contact Svetlana Gorioukhina at 352-5337.

Popcorn Fridays



Don't forget to send your order and money in on Thursday to receive popcorn on Friday. If you

forget to order your popcorn on Thursday then please take your money directly to the Popcorn poppers in building B on Friday, before school

starts. If you have any questions please call Toni Shaw @ 376-4775-Home or 841-0299-Cell.