

Fire Lake Elementary
December 2016

Calendar of Events

December 10th

- PTA Craft Bazaar 10-3:00

December 21st

- Winter Concert - 1:50pm

December 23

- No School for students-
Teacher In-service Day (End
of 2nd Quarter)

December 26 - January 6

- No School- Winter Break

January 9

- Back to School (3rd Quarter
Begins)

Cold Weather

Brrrr! It is getting very cold, and soon we will see more snow. Please be sure your child is dressed for the cold and wet weather. Students play outside for 20 minutes each day, so warm and waterproof clothing (including socks and boots) are essential. We want students to be warm from head to toe, and only have limited supplies on gear to borrow. Thanks for all of your help!



Note from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Winter break is just around the corner. We enjoy working with your children and wish you a happy holiday season. A few quick notes to support your child(ren)'s success:

Adequate Sleep

Please support your child to get a good night's sleep every school night- it really makes a difference in a child's social emotional well-being, behavior, and ability to learn for the day. Our suggestions are to have a regular schedule, to avoid naps during afternoon or early evening, to reduce access to electronics at night, and to have children sleep in a quiet area and separate from family members that are still awake if possible (ex: older siblings).

Attendance Matters

A missed day is a missed learning opportunity. Please avoid unnecessary absences and let us know if we can be of help. It is also important to send students on time, as minutes also add up to have a significant impact.

ALICE

ALICE fliers have gone home via email as well as a hard copy this is a new safety procedure. We are doing our first ALICE drill the week prior to winter break, focusing on how we would leave the building to go to our alternate emergency site (McDonal Center). We will add one step at a time to our new procedure. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or your child's teacher. Our goal is to keep your child safe, and we thank you for entrusting them to us each day.

Sincerely,

Christine Garbe

From ELL

Thank you to all of the teachers and students who participated in our Native Heritage Month Activities here at Fire Lake! We have had so much fun learning about the different Native groups in Alaska. We have learned about their languages, their cultures, and done some workshops as well! We have watched a presentation on the Yugtuun culture and people and looked up close at some of the Yugtuun and Inupiaq artifacts. We have also made an Athabascan chief's necklace and learned some Gwich'in words! The Native presentation included a presentation on the Dena'ina language as well and we listened to a traditional wedding blessing. December 1st, we topped off the monthly celebrations with a Yugtuun reading and some songs from a Yup'ik elder. All in all, we thank everyone for participating and we hope many things were shared around the kitchen table at home.

Winter Gear-We are in need of gently used winter gear. If you have any gloves or snow gear if you could please wash it and send it in we would greatly appreciate it.

Lunches- We have lots of students who are not bringing lunches or money to school. Please help make sure your students are prepared. We could also use some donations of cup of noodle soup.

Canned Food Drive- Our canned food drive is going strong. We are collecting canned goods until December 19th. All food will be donated to our local Eagle River Food Bank.

From the Library

Our Fire Lake Tumblebooks 3- year subscription is coming to an end December 21st 21st. Good news---Our Anchorage Public Library or APL has picked up this subscription so you can have uninterrupted service. If you opted-in, you have the choice of using your child's ASD library card or public library card to access all APL's online database. If you didn't opt in this year, don't worry, your child's or your APL Card will access Tumblebooks just fine. Click on the Kids Home link <http://libguides.anchoragepubliclibrary.org/kidsHome> Look on the left side banner, and click on the Tumblebooks!!!

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