

Fire Lake Elementary
January 2017

Calendar of Events

January 16th

- Martin Luther King-No School

February 16th

- Author Julia Cook visits Fire Lake
- 6:30-7:30 Parent night with the author

February 20th

- Presidents' Day-No School

February 22nd & 23rd

- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - 1/2 days student dismissal 12:30

February 24th

- No School

March 10-17th

- Spring Break-No School

Lost and Found

- Please visit the school and look through the lost and found. We have lots of gear!

**Connect @Your Library Bookmark Contest
Winners:**

K-3 Taliah Pickett Mrs. Duft's 3rd grade class

4-6 Jaxx Packer Mrs. Feuer's 5th grade class

**Our 4 FL Battle of the Books Teams head to
West High School for Tournament on
Monday Jan. 23rd for 5th, and Wednesday
Jan. 25th for 3rd/4th ~ Yeah Teams!!! for
more information, see our ASD B.O.B.
website <http://www.anchoragebattleofthebooks.com/battle-books.html>**



Note from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Canned Food Drive

Fire Lake Elementary is amazing!! We collected over 2,000 cans for the food drive in December.

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. Our schoolwide attendance was only 80% for the month of December, and our goal is 90%. Let's make it happen in January. 90% here we come!!!

ALICE

Our ALICE drill at the end of December went very well!!! The students did a great job exiting our building and getting safely to the McDonald Center. During our next drill, we will be working on what it looks to barricade. In the event that we could not safely leave the building, we will talk and practice what it would look like to barricade the door.

Sincerely,

Christine Garbe

Dear Fire Lake Parents,

All 1st thru 6th grade students of the Anchorage School District have been invited to compete in the Junior Native Youth Olympics (Jr. NYO). This event is held annually and sponsored by the Cook Inlet Tribal Council. Each participant may enter any or all of the grade level events. Games have been selected in the areas of strength, endurance, and skill. The games represent historical challenges and competition from within the Alaskan Native cultures. Today these games are played with pride to help preserve the traditions of the Alaskan Native people and culturally enrich our community.

Fire Lake students will have the opportunity to experience these games and events in their physical education classes. For those students who would enjoy a chance to compete against other students their same age from a variety of schools (including some of the Bush communities), we encourage their participation in this organized celebration of local Native culture.

The Junior Native Youth Olympics will take place on Friday, February 24th (grades 5-6), 25th (grades 3-4) and 26th (grades 1-2) at the Wells Fargo Sports Complex on UAA campus. Before winter break, the students at our school practiced these games during Physical Education class. After the break, we will practice after school for those that are interested. We would love to have any parent volunteers for our after school practices to make it more structured for your child. If your child is interested, Mr. Sullivan has registration forms and copies of the event rules for any student or family that may be interested or on the CITC website, <http://www.citci.com//page/97>. This information also includes the approximate time for each competition to begin. This could be a wonderful opportunity for your family to learn more about the Alaskan Native Culture. It's also a fun way for kids to be involved in fun, healthy competition. If you have any questions, please contact us at 742-3352. Look for more information coming home with your child after the break.

Mr. Sullivan
Mrs. Bombeck
Physical Education Specialists

Dear ELL Families:

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. From February 1-10, we will be conducting the annual WIDA ACCESS testing for all ELL students. All ELL students are required to take the ACCESS test, regardless of whether or not they receive ELL services, each year until they test out of the program. We look forward another great session where our ELLs can showcase all that they have learned! Thank you for your continued support.

Jaci Crace Murray and Jo Hobb

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