



# Cub Companion

## Message from the Principal

Greetings Kaleidoscope Families!

Love and friendship are so vital to our children’s success.

When we think of February, we think of hearts, love, happiness, and joy. This is what our school strives to achieve. To do this we use the Conscious Discipline program and philosophy to help enrich our school culture and to help student develop self-calming strategies and problem solving skills.

At home, we often are seeking new ways to show children we love them. The *Moments a Day* website offers great suggestions for showing our children we love and respect them, which include:

- ◆ Using a soft tone with our children, which includes our voices and our body language. Children can

sense calm within adults.

- ◆ Have a sense of humor. Make jokes with your children and have fun with them. It is easy to go on with “business as usual” days. Making time to have fun and laugh with our children shows them how the importance of connections are valued.
- ◆ Smile and listen attentively to your children. When speaking with our children we need to get down at their level, look at them and listen to them. Show them that their words are important.
- ◆ Get physical and get outside for fresh air. Being physically active, as a family we build unity and even traditions. February is a great time in Alaska to snowshoe, ski, walk and sled.

- ◆ Eat meals together. When we eat meals together, we are able to share about our day’s successes and struggles. We are able to support one another and that they are in a safe environment.

Days are long, but the years are short. Cherish the moments that we have with our children for one day they will be grown!

We look forward to seeing all of you at Parent Teacher Conferences on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Warm wishes,

*Dawn Grimm*  
Principal



## Office Notes

Please read the important message on back regarding **re-enrollment** forms!

Applications for the lottery are due by 4:00 p.m. on February 28<sup>th</sup>, including sibling applications for any child that is a sibling of a current student, but not yet attending Kaleidoscope. This is a firm deadline.

School tours are every Tuesday in February at 9:30 a.m. for all families interested in Kaleidoscope. Please help spread the word.

Parent information meeting is February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. This is for new parents, as well as, those who have not yet attended one.

Volunteering for upcoming study trips requires you to have an approved background check, as well as, completing the volunteer training. These steps have to be completed 48 hours prior to a trip along with the chaperone/volunteer indemnification statement being completed for each trip.

## Early Release Day!

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

School is dismissed at 2:10

### Special points of interest:

- Book Fair Feb. 10-17
- Parent / Teacher conferences Feb. 14 & 17
- Parent Information meeting Feb. 18
- Re-enrollment forms due Feb. 21



Monday, Feb. 10	8:35-9:10 3:40-4:00
Tuesday, Feb. 11	8:35-9:10 3:40-4:00
Wednesday, Feb. 12	8:35-9:10 3:40-4:00
Thursday, Feb. 13	8:35-9:10 3:40-4:00
Friday, Feb. 14	9:00-3:00
Monday, Feb. 17	9:00-3:00

## PTA

Thank you all to who participated in the staff appreciation planning meeting. If you are interested in helping, there are some fun ideas to show our staff gratitude for all that they do.

There are a couple of other opportunities to help in the near future. The book fair is coming up Feb 10-17 and we will need volunteers to help it run smoothly. Part of that same week is parent/teacher conferences and we would like to provide our hard working teachers with food. Please consider signing up to provide in this way. Sign-ups will be available on the PTA bulletin board at school, as well as online through Facebook.

This is Kaleidoscope's 15th year! Order forms will be sent home soon for special T-shirts commemorating this milestone! The yearbook committee has been hard at work and would love to have extra hands on this important project.

Please contact the PTA or Chantel regarding yearbook volunteering. Our next PTA meeting will be Wednesday, February 12 at 1:15 at the school.

Like us on Facebook under Kaleidoscope PTA as we post a lot of reminders there! You can contact us through email at [ksaspta@gmail.com](mailto:ksaspta@gmail.com)



## APC Information

Greetings from the APC!

We are proud to be displaying the mosaic artwork in our entry area! The work was completed by students along with artists Ms. Shala and Mr. Jim. We are also pleased to welcome Sue Biggs as our band director for the rest of the school year.

Our administrator evaluation process has concluded and the APC has renewed the contract for Dawn Grimm for the 2020-2021 school year!

The staff greenhouse committee is developing curriculum for indoor gardening and applying for an Agricultural classroom grant.

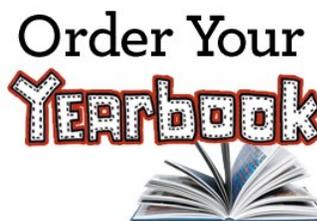
We need YOU! The APC has a parent seat opening for the term that begins in the fall of 2020. The election will be held in March. Please consider joining our group of volunteer parents and staff who help keep our school centered on our mission and vision. This is a valuable way to support our amazing school! Email questions to board chair Liz Burck at [lizburck@gmail.com](mailto:lizburck@gmail.com), or reach out to any board member.

Please join us at our next Regular APC meeting, February 5, 2020 at 4:15 in the KSAS Library.

### Lovelines, Ads &

### 5th Grade Baby Photos for the yearbook

Due March 5



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Before  
March 20

## Reenrollment Forms

Reenrollment forms were sent home January 17th and are due to the office by 4:00 on February 21st. This is the form that holds a spot for your child in 2020-2021. If your child is not returning, even those going into middle school, you do need to complete the back of the form and turn it in to the office.

If you plan to enter another child, a sibling of a currently enrolled student, you must complete a sibling lottery application by 4:00 February 28th.

## Nurse's Corner

I'm Nurse Francie and I'm so happy to be here at Kaleidoscope!

Some of you probably already know me. I've been a school nurse with the school district for about eight years.

We're having a "real Alaskan winter" this year, so don't forget to send your students to school with their snowsuits, coats, hats, gloves and boots! The nurse's office is running low on our winter gear. If you are able to donate, we especially could use bigger sizes of coats and snowsuits. Thank you!

As you know, Alaska is still fighting influenza as well as other viruses. If your children are running a fever, have diarrhea or are vomiting, please keep them at home. Please don't medicate them for a fever before bringing them to school, as your child is still contagious if they have a fever, even with medication, and we want to prevent the spread of illness to others.

If you have any questions, or want to stop by the nurse's office and say hello, I would love to meet you!

Nurse Francie

