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General News



AMP Testing:

The AMP testing schedule for Seward Middle School will be as follows:

7th and 8th Grade Students: April 5 & 6: Math , April 7 & 8: Language Arts

8th Grade Science: March 31 & April 1

6th Grade Students: April 12 & 13: Math, April 14 & 15: Language Arts

Please make sure that students get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, and are to school on time so that they can do their best on the test.



Yearbooks:

2014-2015 Seward Middle School yearbooks are now on sale. For \$23 students can own their own memory book of their exciting times at SWMS. Questions can be directed to: Mrs. Liljemark @ mliljemark@kpbsd.org or 224-9024.



Thank You:

THANK YOU PTSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND for helping out with the 8th grade science field trip.



Important Dates for April

- April 1: Early Release at 12:50 pm for students
- April 4: Track practice starts. \$60 track fee due.
- April 5-8: 7th & 8th Grade student AMP testing.
- April 12-15: 6th Grade student AMP testing.
- April 18: 7th Grade Marine Science Field Trip Kenai Fjords Tours
- April 22: 8th Grade Science Field Trip to Challenger Center and Kenai National Wildlife Center

Principals Desk

Happy spring! There are many more activities to come, both this month and next. We will work diligently to share what's going on and what is to come in the news! Here are a few cool things as of recent:

Student Leadership Team hosted a number of events last month. It was a busy month, so here they are in order:

We've designed and ordered new Seward Middle gear. We have t-shirts and sweatshirts for sale in the main office for \$12 and \$25.

Our first activity night of the year went off with a bang. Nearly 80 students and 15 chaperones listened to music, ate food and played games in the auditorium and gym. It was a huge success, and we were able to raise nearly 200 cans for the canned food drive. Looking forward to more!

SLT, Seward Middle, and the Spring Creek parent group were able to raise the 1000 cans needed to douse the principal in 10gallons of ice water and complete the ice bucket challenge for ALS. It was brisk! All donations were delivered to the He Will Provide food bank in Seward.

Coming up . . . Spirit Days! If students enter the door on Fridays wearing the theme for the week, or their Silver gear, they will be entered into a drawing for the chance to win a cool prize!

Seward Middle is hosting a number of performances, both past and on the horizon. Thank you to Ms. Walker and Mr. Barnwell for leading such awesome performances, and showcasing the talents of our kiddos! Here are a few more to come:

April 8 ukulele concert with Ms. Liljemark's class at Day Star Day Care

May 7 ukulele trail concert at Pink Cheeks triathlon

May 2 ukulele and guitars performance at school board meeting

Week of April 11 spoken word and beat poetry workshop

Mr. Swanson and Ms. Ray, in a cooperation between the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Seward Marine Center are working with our 6th graders at mile twelve. Our student measured the characteristics of snow, such as color, temperature dependent of depth, water equivalent, and density of the mile 12 snowpack. Hopefully you'll get to see some pictures in the local papers this week.

Track and field begins April 4th. Lori Allen and Bob Barnwell have been hired as our new coaches for this year. Both Bob and Lori are very excited to continue the traditions of the team, teaching a life-long skill and encouraging our athletes to believe in themselves. Welcome to the team, coaches!

Congratulations to Joshua Park (8th) for representing Seward Middle at the annual Alaska State Geobee this Friday (4/1)! Way to go, and good luck!

Thank you to Mica Van Buskirk for her tireless effort on behalf of our site council and Seward schools. Her recent letter to the school board, and resolution may pay off for Seward Middle. I am hopeful her work, and yours will increase programming for next year. Thank you, Mica! Lastly, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to work with your children. This is an incredible community for volunteers and support. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to stop in my office. My doors are always open!

Best Wishes,

Andy

Teacher News

Parents/Students please take time to visit the teachers sites below. If absent this is where you and your child need to check for assignments.

- **Mr. Barnwell (rbarnwell@kpbsd.k12.ak.us):** <https://sites.google.com/a/g.kpbsd.org/mr-b-s-6th-grade-09-10/>
- **Ms. Gal (jgal@kpbsd.k12.ak.us):** **Math 8:** <https://kpbsd.instructure.com/courses/10432>
Math 7: <https://kpbsd.instructure.com/courses/10433>
Math 6: <https://kpbsd.instructure.com/courses/11214>
- **Ms. Hammer (ahammer@kpbsd.k12.ak.us):** **PowerSchool:** <https://ps.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/public/home.html>
- **Mrs. Liljemark (milijemark@kpbsd.k12.ak.us):** <https://kpbsd.instructure.com/courses/10875>
- **Mrs. Nichol (cnichols@kpbsd.k12.ak.us):** <http://bit.ly/scisamurai>
- **Mrs. Journey-Scrive (kjurneyscrive@kpbsd.k12.ak.us):** www.scrivosuperstars.com
- **Mrs. Williamson (mwilliamson@kpbsd.k12.ak.us):** <https://ps.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/public/home.html>
- **Mrs. Walker (mwalker@kpbsd.k12.ak.us):**
Language Arts 7: <https://kpbsd.instructure.com/courses/10435>
Language Arts 8: <https://kpbsd.instructure.com/courses/10436>

3rd Quarter A/B Honor Roll Students



6th Grade: Kekoa Albino, Fisher Allen, Hailey Anderson, Rowan Bean, Ryan Brown, Gaia Casagranda, Caitlin Corrigan, Thomas Cronin, Wren Dougherty, Karlye Ebberson*, Gavin Foote*, Joseph Foutz*, Kloey Frederick, Luke Gunter*, Grant Hinders, James Milburn, Brian Mitchell, Annika Nilsson, Aiden Perea, John Polasek, Hannah Schilling*, Shelby Sieminski, Peter Spanos, Chynna Stanley, Sailor Terry, Emily Unrein, Destiny Walker.

7th Grade: Anevay Ambrosiani*, Reanna Brewi*, Lucas Brockman*, Cody Bryden, Selma Casagranda*, Levi Deboard, Malia Hewitt, Lucy Hankins*, Trey Ingalls*, Sam Koster *, Neil Lindquist, Calysta Lohman, Collin Mullaly, Kylie Mullaly*, Max Pfeiffenberger*, Dylan Marcus, Thomas Ooka, Tegan Retzer, Katelyn Sawyer-Lemme*, Jordan Sewell, Sequoia Sieverts*.

8th Grade: Madison Athey*, Sophia Dow, Dylan Dunning, Lincoln Farris, Lindy Guernsey*, Naomi Ifflander, Kyrsten Johnson-Gray, Jonah Lindquist*, Justin McMurray*, Madilyn Moore*, John Moriarty, Bjorn Nilsson*, Kamryn Pack, Joshua Park*, Kalista Rodriguez, Connor Spanos*, Callie Tomlinson, Jaden Vandyke.

*4.0 GPA

*Honor Roll Students have a 3.0 GPA or above **AND** a letter grade of a B or above.

School Spirit Days

Dress up in costume or wear your Seward Middle t-shirt/sweatshirts to show your school spirit!

April 1—Zombie Day

April 8—Disney Character Day

April 15—Nerd Day

April 22—Duct Tape Day

April 29—Star Wars Day



Ms. Waggoner's Art Class

In my Middle School art class, we experimented with different watercolor techniques – dropping salt and alcohol onto wet paint, squishing saran wrap and tissue paper onto it, scratching it with toothpicks... After this students came up with their own compositions and used whichever techniques they wanted! Click on this link to enjoy more art from my students:

<http://sewardhighart.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/wpmu/2016/03/07/middle-school-watercolor-paintings/>



Chynna Stanley—6th Grade



Lydia Jacoby—6th Grade



Onaangel Williamson—7th Grade



William Storle—8th Grade

Silvers Of The Month



SILVERS OF THE MONTH DEMONSTRATE QUALITY CHARACTER THROUGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AND ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP.



Fisher Allen
6th Grade



Angel Purigay
7th Grade



Kyrsten Johnson-Gray
8th Grade

Mr. Barnwell's Science Class

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Ms. Pechuzal Art

The Art Report!!!! Check out these awesome ceramics projects by 3rd quarter art students that focused on the three basic methods of hand building with clay: pinch, coil, and slab.



Anevay Ambrosiani



Trey Ingalls



Steven Harshman



Katelyn Correa



Daisy Terry



Lucas Brockman



Kamryn Pack



Paola Baez



Also very exciting is the new Student of the Month display, a collaborative artwork designed and created by Jonah Lindquist, Bjorn Nilsson, Daisy Terry, and Kamryn Pack. Nice work all!!!!

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The City of Seward Parks & Recreation department is seeking crew members for the ALPAR Litter crew this summer. The part-time job pays minimum wage, about 20 hours per week. The job will begin in early June and work through mid-August. Crew must be age 14 at a minimum. To apply, see www.cityofseward.us or email TFoster@CityofSeward.net.

We're on the web

<http://sewardmiddleschool.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/wpmu/>

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 3: Joseph Foutz

April 8: Michael Honebein

April 14: Peter Spanos

April 18: Seth Zimmerman

April 25: Sophie Dow & Krisnan Weston



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