



March Newsletter



General News



Need Some Silver Gear? Want to show your school spirit? Check out our online Squad Locker where you can personalize your own Seward Silvers gear and 10% of what you spend benefits the school.

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/seward-middle-school>



Did you know you can pay Sports Fees, Class Fees, School Lunches and more online. You will need your child's student ID number, which can be found in PowerSchool or call the office. Link to pay online:

<https://kpbsd.revtrak.net/Middle-Schools/Seward-28/>



Lunch Money: Parents if your student eats hot lunch at school please make sure they have money on their account.

Lunch is an **important** meal. Food is what gives you energy. **Lunch** raises your blood sugar level in the middle of the day, making you be able to focus for the rest of the afternoon. For kids, **lunch** is even more **important** because this is when they get their vitamins and nutrients for the day.

www.gpb.org/blogs/family/2012/07/26/the-importance-of-eating-lunch

Important Dates for March

- ♦ **March 8:** No school in-service. End of 3rd quarter.
- ♦ **March 10:** Daylight Savings set clocks ahead 1 hr.
- ♦ **March 11-15:** No School Spring Break.
- ♦ **April 1:** Track Starts, participation forms and \$60 fee due.
- ♦ **April 3:** MFA/CPR class for students



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Principal



We finally got more snow, and it is brightening up around here. I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy our beautiful surroundings. Conferences went well, and I'm glad you were able to attend with your student to get an idea of their progress. Sports are in full swing with volleyball, wrestling, and Nordic ski right now. Our kids are also working hard in the classroom. We are moving forward through this school year, and I have a few more "Hooks" that we are exploring each week. #TLAP-Ramp up the enthusiasm at every available moment.

"You are a full-time, public speaker every day. Be intentional with engagement." —Dave Burgess

Audience Participation - How can you keep your audience involved so they are not sitting and listening to you for long periods of time, especially when teaching new concepts? Can you cue students to make sounds or motions at different times in your lesson? Can students be pre-arranged to act out portions of your lesson without the whole class knowing, similar to a "flash mob" scenario? Remember those?? What makes a flash mob so fun is that not everyone is in on it, so the whole audience gets involved in one way or another, but on your terms. This is a great way to positively involve those class clowns or unmotivated students. This next week, look for ways to purposefully involve your audience in your lessons!

The Unseen - How can you spark curiosity with an unopened box or bag? How can you build up suspense for the unveiling? What would you put inside of it to intrigue your students and connect the lesson? Could you shake it to let them hear without seeing it, then have them describe and guess? How could this be used to engage your students in the learning process? We all have a natural curiosity for things we cannot see or that are being kept from us. Use that to your advantage and make the unveiling a golden moment. Watch their excited expressions!

Storytelling - What high-interest story can draw students into the lesson? How can you add a dramatic build to your presentation? Have you tried using accents, whispering, adding volume for effect, or speaking in character? How can you use facial expressions, dramatic pauses, and gestures? Stories work. Get out among your kids during the lesson. Stand beside and with them. Storm up and down. This is called Being in the Power Zone! Standing in one spot will put your audience to sleep. Wake up your kiddos and your lessons by breaking down invisible walls.

Tech Savvy - How can you give your students the option to create digital projects? Can you plan a paperless day in your classroom? How can your students use their own devices in your classroom? How can you use the power of social media in your own classroom? How have you seen others do it, and would that be something you could do? How can we connect to other schools using technology? How can you share what you're doing with others?

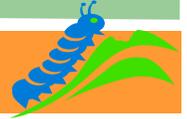
"Do you want to be safe and good, or do you want to take a chance and be great?" — Jimmy Johnson

Keep an eye on the district info coming out in regards to the budget. There are several opportunities for your voice to be heard as we consider making changes in the near future. There is a budget meeting on Tuesday, Feb 26 in the Seward High School Library @ 6:00. Please plan on attending to get the best info. There is additional info on the district's website and Facebook pages too. You can also get a good idea of what's going on at the site council meetings each month. Have a wonderful Spring Break, and we'll come back ready to kick off our last quarter! It's going to go fast into summer!

Jenny Martin
Principal, Seward Middle School
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Teachers News



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

 **Canvas:** <https://kpbsd.instructure.com/>

 **PowerSchool:** <https://ps.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/public/home.html>

Ms. Nichols: <http://scisamurai.com/index.html>

Ms. Walker Language Arts 8: <https://kpbsd.instructure.com/courses/53872> (students must login)

Ms. Walker Language Arts 7: <https://kpbsd.instructure.com/courses/63141> (students must login)

Parents if you have not signed up with PowerSchool please do today!

PowerSchool is a place to check for grades, lunch balance, pay student fees, communicate with teachers and receive our monthly newsletter. If you haven't signed up please call the office at 224-9000 .

[PowerSchool](#)

Check out our school blog:

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

Weekly announcements, sports schedules and so much more!

Yearbook

It's not too late to order your 2018-2019 Seward Middle School Yearbook! Bring \$23 to the front office to ensure that your student doesn't miss out on the opportunity to reserve their book!



MFA/CPR Class

What: MFA/CPR class for students only. The CPR certification will be good for two yrs. Will cover infant, child, and adult CPR.

When: April 3rd, 2019, Wednesday Early Release Day; 11am-3 pm

Where: Seward HS

Cost: \$14.00 cash or check. Checks payable to Health Services.

Participants please bring your own lunch. Nurse Yoly has 6 students signed up already and she can only take 12 students so please sign up with her soon if interested.

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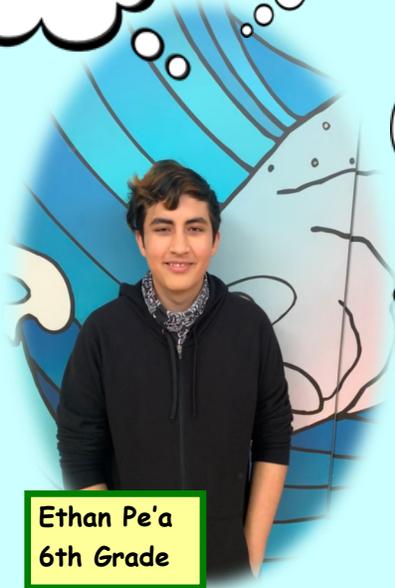
Silvers Of The Month



On a scale of 1 to 10 how funny, are you?
At least a 4!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
At home.....

What is the most dangerous thing you have done?
I jumped knee first into a river and had to get stitches.



Ethan Pe'a
6th Grade

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life what would it be?
Mac & Cheese

What makes you laugh the most?
My friends!

Are you clean or messy?
Messy, I do not like to clean.

Where will you be in 5 years?
High School playing basketball and wrestling.



Su McLinn
8th Grade

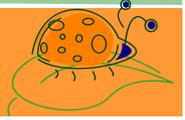
What are two of your pet peeves?
Tapping feet and chewing with mouth open.



McKenna Meyers
7th Grade

What exercise do you do to release stress?
Basketball and running.

Sports News



Nordic Ski:

Last Meet: Boroughs Saturday, March 2 @ Kenai 12pm.



Track Schedule:

Start date: April 1

End date: May 11

Friday, April 12—Homer Invite 4pm.

Thursday, April 18—Skyview Invite @ SOHI 3pm.

Tuesday, April 23—Seward Invite 3pm.

Friday, April 26—Nikiski Invite 3pm.

Friday, May 3—Kenai Invite 3pm.

Friday, May 7 —Borough Prelims @ Homer

Field events 1 pm. Running Events 3pm.

Saturday, May 11—Borough Meet Finals @ Homer 12pm.

***Participation forms and \$60 fee due on the first day of practice 4/1/18.**



Nurse

The Eyebox is a new device specifically invented for concussion assessment and diagnosis. This device is baseline-free, objective and personalized. The FDA has recently given marketing authorization for the Eyebox. I had recently attended a webinar about this with the company. The Eyebox is not yet available to us but I imagine will be in the near future. The cost is prohibitive for the school system but if the company has its way, it will be used in the ER and clinic settings. The company plans to market the device for use in pediatrics ages 5 and older and adults up to 67 years of age, starting with a pilot launch for select, qualified sites. The Eyebox device uses eye-tracking to provide objective information to aid in assessment and diagnosis of patients with suspected concussion. The test takes approximately 4 minutes. The technology collects and analyzes over 100,000 data points to generate an objective assessment that is unique to each patient. The machine reminds me of a typical eye exam when you rest your chin on a platform while the doctor looks closely at your eyes except it will be the machine that will be doing the assessment and diagnosis.

Nurse Joly



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Site Based Council News

The Seward Site Based Council met about the budget and the community also met on Feb 26 with Liz Hayes, Director of Finance, to talk about budget, etc. Links to all the budget materials Dave Jones and/or Liz Hayes have provided are available on the district's website. Minutes from the Site Council meetings are posted on their website and more info can be found on their Facebook page. Everyone is encouraged to be involved in the budget process and should contact representatives in both Juneau and the Borough.

District News

Collective Bargaining Public Comment Opportunity

[Please share your thoughts about issues to be addressed in collective bargaining negotiations](#) with the KPBSD, and the Kenai Peninsula Education Association (KPEA), and the Kenai Peninsula Education Support Association (KPESA). The process includes items for discussion such as compensation, employee benefits, health care, and work environment that one or both sides want to address for possible revision.

Superintendent Search open through March 15, 2019

The Board of Education of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) is seeking qualified applicants for superintendent of schools. The successful candidate will have outstanding educational leadership and advocacy skills. They will possess and demonstrate a strong background in improving student learning in a culturally responsive and student-centered approach. [Details and application requirements are online.](#)

Popular Links:

[Early Release Days](#)

[Bus Routes and Student Transportation](#)

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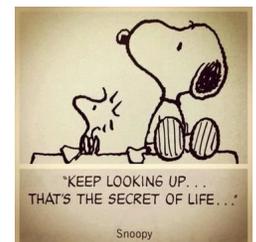
[School Development Plan Goals](#)

[School Start and End Times](#)

[Strategic Plan: 2017 - 2022](#)

[Volunteer in a neighborhood school](#)

[Common links for parents and students](#)



The mission of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is to empower all learners to positively shape their futures.