

Seward Middle School

May Newsletter

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GENERAL NEWS

Only 17 days of school left!!



We still have yearbooks available to purchase. For just \$23 you can purchase a yearbook to help you capture the memories of the 2016-2017 school year. The book is designed by students in the yearbook exploratory, and the cover features original art of a Seward Middle School student. If you are interested in making this purchase, bring \$23 (cash or check - made out to Seward Middle School) to the front office by .



Our school is now taking online payments for student fees. You can access the online payment system through PowerSchool, under Student Fees, through the KPBSD website, under the Students/Parents tab or through the KPBSD app, under online payments. There is a 3.61% per transaction fee for the service, not a source of revenue for the district. Food services payments are accepted online also.

Summer Vacation

Enjoy Summer break May 25– August 22

IMPORTANT DATES

- ⇒ Wednesday, May 3rd: Early release day for students at 12:50pm.
- ⇒ Thursday, May 18th: Drama Production 1:30pm.
- ⇒ Wednesday, May 24th: Last day of school!



TEACHERS NEWS



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

- Mrs. Hull class pages: www.lilglobalvillage.com
- Mrs. Journey Scrivo: www.scrivosuperstars.com
- Mr. Barnwell: <https://sites.google.com/a/g.kpbsd.org/mr-b-s-6th-grade-09-10/>
- Ms. Hammer: <https://ps.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/public/home.html>
- Mr. Skraba Reising: Algebra: <https://kpbsd.instructure.com/courses/33292>
Geometry: <https://kpbsd.instructure.com/courses/33102>
- Mrs. Nichol Canvas class page: <http://bit.ly/2bQkvi4>



- Mrs. Walker: LA 7 Canvas page to access homework, upcoming assignments, and expectations:
<https://kpbsd.instructure.com/courses/33703> or with a QR code reader on your smart phone:



- Mrs. Walker: LA 8 Canvas page to access homework, upcoming assignments, and expectations:
<https://kpbsd.instructure.com/courses/33701> or with a QR code reader on your smart phone:



STUDENTS CHECK WITH YOUR TEACHERS WHEN THE LAST DAY IS TO TURN IN MISSING ASSIGNMENTS AND MAKE-UP WORK!

GLOBES NEEDED

The 7th and 8th grade social studies class is looking to replace the six ancient and crumbling globes currently being used. To get an idea of how old they are consider this: three of the six globes still have the Soviet Union on them! If you have a globe at home that is collecting dust and you would like to see it put to good use, bring it by Seward Middle School. Thank you!!!!



MAKERS LAB



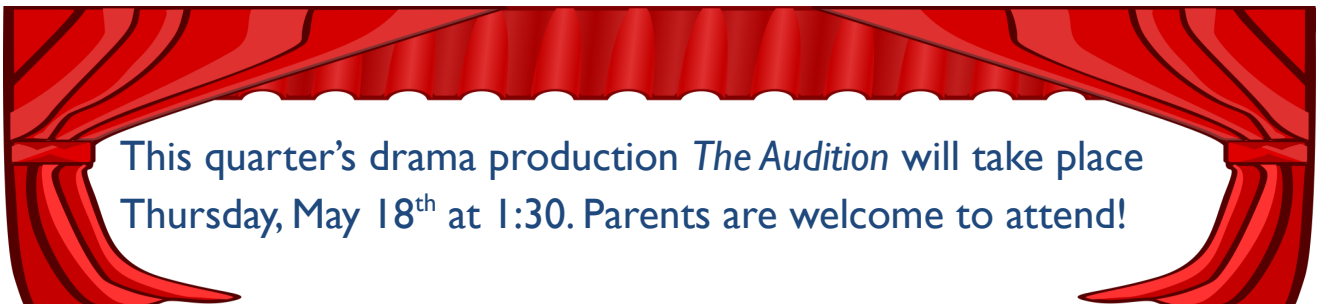
Our Maker lab will be awarded a Seward Community Foundation Grant. We are thrilled about this award it will enable us to expand the capabilities of our lab and insure its continuation into the future!

A giant THANK YOU to the generous donations to our new Maker Lab from...

- The Hinders Family
- Peggy Hamner
- Sieverts Family
- Lori Landstrom

Plus anyone else who brought things in and put them in the donation box!!

DRAMA



This quarter's drama production *The Audition* will take place Thursday, May 18th at 1:30. Parents are welcome to attend!

READ TO FEED CAMPAIGN

The sixth grade has joined forces with Heifer International and the Read to Feed campaign. Our goal is to raise \$1000 by getting sponsors for reading, which is something we do anyway. The money goes toward purchasing animals for communities in need; these animals are a more sustainable form of donation than just donating food. For more information, check out the link and join our team.

<https://fundraise.heifer.org/team/113545>

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART

The eye is the window to the middle schoolers soul... We studied and practiced drawing the human eye. The assignment was to draw an eye using oil pastel and chalk on black paper and to make something unique about it. Here they are, awesome job SMS Art students! Ms Waggoner

More art can be viewed at: <http://sewardcitynews.com/2017/04/sms-art-eyes/>



Mikya Wallace



Colt Ogle



Ryker Bradford



Jacob Wendt

8TH GRADE WORLD HISTORY

Mrs. Hull's 3rd and 5th Period, 8th Grade World History will be participating in the Junior Achievement Program on Economies of Success.

Junior Achievement is an organization that educates students in grades K-12 about entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy. At Seward Middle School we are fortunate to have Jake Collins from Edward Jones Financial Planning volunteering his time and expertise to facilitate the program.

The Junior Achievement program will be running during your regular 3rd or 5th period World History class on Monday May 1st, Wednesday May 3rd, Wednesday May 10th, Thursday May 11th, Wednesday May 17th and Thursday May 18th.



NURSES NEWS

Just a reminder to Parents

May 24th will be the last school day for the students! Those students with medications in the nurse's office will need to take them home. Parents may come to pick up medications at the end of the day on 5/24th, or 8-3pm on 5/25-5/26. If the medications are not retrieved, they will be discarded per school policy. Also, I will be sending a letter to you if your child needs vaccinations over the summer. Thank you very much and have a great summer!!! Nurse Yoly



SPORTS NEWS

Track Meets

Friday, May 5—Nikiski Invite @ Nikiski 3pm

Tuesday, May 9—Borough Prelims @ Kenai Middle School 3pm

Saturday, May 13—Borough Finals @ Soldotna High School— Time TBA





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Seward Arts council summer scholarship applications are now available at all Seward school offices. Stop by a office and pick one up today.

Scholarships are available for drama, dance, art classes, art camps and music lessons. All applications are due by May 12th. More information is available on the application.

Questions email: sewardartscouncil@gmail.com

DISTRICT NEWS

The Alaska State Legislature Visit the [KPBSD and the Legislature](#) webpage, and [follow the Alaska State Legislature](#) to track bills, locate and contact your legislators, and access committee information.

Funding for KPBSD schools – Learn. Get Facts. Act. KPBSD counts on the state and borough to fund public education, and if there is a further reduction in funding, your classes and quality of education will suffer. But, we can be part of the fiscal solution, and it starts with learning, facts, and conversations with friends, neighbors, schools, and elected officials. [Learn more.](#)

KPBSD Key Communicators Are helping people in their local communities learn more about KPBSD, while assisting the school district to learn what people in our schools and community think, feel, and know. [Learn more.](#)

2017 Graduation Dates Graduation takes place in May at eighteen of our high schools - [this is your schedule of school dates, times and locations. Congratulations to the Class of 2017!](#)

School Safety Closure or Delay Start information Parents and guardians, school safety is a top priority in the KPBSD. It's important for you to know what to do before, during, and after a school emergency, weather related delay start, or school closure. [Learn more here.](#)

Volunteer in a KPBSD School KPBSD appreciates our volunteers who make a difference every day in our schools! New and returning volunteers: begin your confidential, online application here: [Volunteer in a KPBSD school.](#)