



# DRAGON TALES

## Final Quarter Just Around the Corner

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The school year continues to rocket along, here it is the beginning of March and that means there are only 11 weeks of school left. Just two more weeks left in the 3rd quarter and we have a lot to accomplish as we look towards May.

Students have been busy working on Forensics, Talent show acts, Love of Reading Month activities, class projects and actively participating in after school activities like Cross Country Skiing.

We have even been able to ice skate at recess for these past two weeks.

In the near future, our K and

3rd graders will be doing a week of swimming immediately following Spring Break and then our 1st and 2nd graders will be swimming the next week.

Then it is time for the Alaska Measures of Performance assessments and so many other activities.

Please stay connected with what your student is doing in class and make sure they get the rest and nutrition that growing bodies need.

Your involvement with your child's education is one of the key pieces to their continued success.

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### Special points of interest:

- End of 3rd-Quarter
- Spring Break
- K-3 Swimming

### Dates to Note:

Dr. Seuss's B-Day Party	01 Mar
No School for Students	11-18 Mar
Report Cards Home	25 Mar
K&3 Swimming	21-25 Mar
1&2 Swimming	28-31 Mar

## Talent Show TONIGHT!!

We hope you can join us at 6 pm for the annual McNeil Canyon Family Talent Show. There will also be a Pie Auction, Bake Sale and Silent Auction.

Come enjoy being entertained by a variety of talents. Performers should arrive by 5:30 pm.

Help our Community Council out by bidding on a delicious pie or a useful item from the silent auction.

## Love of Reading Celebration

On Tuesday, March 1st, we will have our final event celebrating Love of Reading. There will be several cross grade activities in the afternoon followed by birthday cake to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.

LOR, our Love Of Reading Dragon, is almost covered with scales from all the books students have read. Keep reading this weekend and let's get him totally covered by Tuesday. A special Thank You to April Rhodes for designing and creating LOR for us.

## March is Music in the Schools Month

The National Association for Music Education has proclaimed March to be "Music In The Schools Month," to celebrate all that music brings to a student's education. In Homer, one of the ways that we celebrate this is with a Mass Band Concert!

The Music in the Schools Concert will take place on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm in the Homer Mariner Theatre. All students enrolled in band in the Homer Area will be participating! Each group will play individual pieces, and then all of the students (from grade 5 to grade 12, and even some adults!) will combine on stage as one big band!

Come and support our schools and see our students play. Free-will donations will be accepted at the door as well as any donations of used instruments that could be put in the hands of a student in the community. If you are an adult who is interested in playing with the large ensemble, please contact Amy Johnson as soon as possible at 235-4667 or [ajohnson@kpbsd.org](mailto:ajohnson@kpbsd.org) to get your music.

## Quarter Ends/Inservice Day

Third Quarter will be ending on Friday, March 11th. This is an in-service/work day for staff so there will be NO SCHOOL for students that day.

## Spring Break

Spring Break is March 14-18, 2016. Enjoy the time off and do something outside!!

## Spotlight Students

The following students have been selected as Spotlight Students for the month of March: Emma Fisher, William Greenstreet, Jade Campbell, Cassidy Carroll, Xandra Dooley, Braedan Pilant, Matthew O'Malley, Wolfgang O'Phelan, Laura Davoudlarian, Brianna Miller, Luke Nelson, Nathan Overson, Kayden Crosby, Lukyan Dax, and Mylan Johnson. Parents are invited to join their child and the principal for lunch on Tuesday, March 29th at 11:15 am. Spotlight Student forms are being sent home with these children today. Please return them as soon as possible so they can be placed on our Spotlight Student bulletin board. Thank you!!



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Next

Site Council Meeting

28 Apr 16

3:30 p.m.

McNeil Canyon Elementary Library

Agenda:

- Review Pupil Activity Funds
- McNeil Site News
- District Budget Impact

## Parent Volunteers Needed for Swimming

Swimming for Kg through 3rd grade is coming up after spring break. From March 21<sup>st</sup> until March 31<sup>st</sup>. We need parents that can commit to being in the pool with the kids for an hour every day for a week. Volunteers will **not** be responsible for coaching but will be used as an extra pair of eyes to make sure the kids are safe and following pool rules. This is a very important aspect in creating a positive experience for everyone. We know it can be difficult to commit to 5 consecutive days so we are sweetening the pot by offering these pool volunteers a swim pass valued at \$80 or one session of summer swimming lessons. You not only get to spend extra time with your child, your status as an extra cool parent will improve, you're helping out your McNeil Canyon community and you get free stuff. If you are able to help contact Laura and she will sign you up. Many thanks from your Community Council.

## Geography Bee News

Congratulations to Matfey Reutov! He has qualified to compete in the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee! The Alaska State Bee will be held on Friday, April 1st in Anchorage. Good luck!

## Spelling Bee News

The following students participated in our annual Spelling Bee last Friday: Payton Tobin, Jake Tappan, Chase Jones, Kayden Crosby, Matfey Reutov, Katerina Kuzmin, Eryn Field, Riley Huffman, Blaise Banks, Hudson Loboy, Wade Carroll, Bethany Engebretsen, Jenna Lapp, Hannah Stonorov, Sailey Rhodes, Bristol Johnson, Mariah McGuire, Melanie Morris, Braden Huffman, Sam Banks and Sean Pilant. Great job everyone!

The winner of the Spelling Bee was Eryn Field. Runner-up was Blaise Banks. Eryn will represent our school in the State Spelling Bee on March 22nd. Good luck!