



DRAGON TALES

Conferences Important for Communication

28 Oct 15

As we move into the Winter mode with the accompanying boots, hats, mittens and heavy coats, the cycle of seasons is a good reminder that we are always in the midst of changes. The children that we work with are also changing physically, mentally and emotionally.

One of the areas that has seen quite a bit of change in the past decade and probably will see more change, is the area of educational standards and how student progress on those standards is assessed and then reported to parents, districts, states and nationally.

Alaska is in a process of changing the way students

annual assessments are scored and what areas are tracked. The AMP test results that you recently received are supposed to provide that information.

You should have received a first quarter grade report for your child last week and you will have the opportunity to conference with your child's teacher these next two days.

We want to encourage you to ask questions about that report and give us feedback on how we could make the grade report more informative and helpful to you.

Thank you for your commitment to the best education for your child.

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Special points of interest:

- Fall Carnival
- P/T Conferences
- Book Fair
- Picture Retake Day
- Thanksgiving Holiday

Dates to Note:

Set Clocks Back	01 Nov
Picture Retake Day	02 Nov
Movie Night	06 Nov
Wear a Tie Day	25 Nov
Early Release	25 Nov

Fall Carnival FRIDAY 4-7 pm

We hope to see you at the Fall Carnival! This event is fun for all. Tell your friends and neighbors. Come support our parent group and join the fun!

Book Fair during Conferences

Be sure to visit the Book Fair when you come for your child's conference tomorrow or Friday. Proceeds benefit our Art Program. If you want a book that you don't see, The Bookstore will order it.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The Teachers look forward to seeing you at conferences tomorrow and Friday, Oct. 29th & 30th. There will be no school for students on these two days.

McNeil Days at the Homer Bookstore

As part of our Book Fair, The Homer Bookstore is sponsoring McNeil Day on Saturday, October 31st. Mention McNeil Canyon when purchasing or ordering books on this day and our art program will receive 20% of your purchase price.

Time Change— Reset your CLOCKS!

On Saturday night, Oct. 31st, remember to set your CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR before you go to bed. Daylight saving time ends on Sunday.

Picture Retakes on Monday

Picture retakes will be on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015. Please return the entire picture packet if you would like to have your child's photo retaken. If your child was absent on Picture Day, or you didn't get a chance to order photos, new order forms are being sent home today..

Movie Night Next Week

Sixth Grade is sponsoring a Movie Night on Friday, November 6th at 6:30 pm. There will be food and drinks for purchase and chairs for rent.

Wear a Tie Day

Student Council is sponsoring "Wear a Tie Day" on Wednesday, November 25th. Join the fun!

Spotlight Students

The following students have been selected as Spotlight Students for the month of November: Ila Slyce, Eli Weisser, Isaac Horn, Nico Erickson, Ulita Anfilofev, Avery Cathey, Willem Hakala, Rebecca Trowbridge, Briar Boyd, Leah Elkins, Charity Martin, Kaden Dooley, Katerina Kuzmin and Hannah Stonorov. Parents are invited to join their child and the principal for lunch on Tuesday, November 24 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!!

Early Release

The next early release day will occur on Wednesday, November 25, 2015. McNeil Students will be released at 12:50 pm and buses will leave at 1:00 pm. Your child will arrive home 1.5 hrs. earlier than usual.