



DRAGON TALES

Time to be Heard

03 Mar 17

Most of you have read or heard the news that the KPBSD is anticipating a 3.5+ million dollar shortfall for this coming school year. There have been many ideas presented on how to cut that much from our current budget. None of those ideas are good for students but we really do not seem to have a lot of choice in the matter. You however, the parents of these children, do have a choice in this matter and I am requesting that you get involved in this process.

heard in the forums that count; school board meetings, borough ballots, and state representative's email messages.

Alaska's school financial picture is not much different from just 10 years ago when we were experiencing this same kind of school funding deficit. We do however have the resources if we choose to access them. What a wonderful opportunity for us to lead the way by showing our children and the rest of the nation that we value education above self-interest and partisan politics.

There are many ways to get involved in the process, one of the simplest is to stay informed about the decisions that are being made in regard to funding schools and then making sure that your voice is

Your voice needs to be heard by the legislators and policy makers in Juneau and our nation. Speak up for our children!

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Special points of interest:

- End of 3rd-Quarter
- Spring Break
- K-3 Swimming
- Drama Club Begins
- Spring Pictures

Talent Show News

The Talent Show was a great success and including the wood raffle, raised over \$2,700! The Community Council would like to thank all of the parents, friends and family of our talented students, for coming out to support them. Thank you to all of the people who brought in pies, cakes and baked goods. Also for the generous donations to our silent auction. The winner of the wood raffle is Vicky Johnson.

Dates to Note:

No School for Students	10-17 Mar
Report Cards Home	24 Mar
2&3 Swimming	20-24 Mar
K&1Swimmi ng	27-31 Mar

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 7th 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 to get your music.

Quarter Ends/Inservice Day

Third Quarter will be ending on Friday, March 10th. This is an in-service/work day for staff so there will be NO SCHOOL for students that day.

Drama Club for the Spring Musical

By Corise Story and Lenore Swanson

Pirates! The Musical

“We’re off to sail the rollicking sea, pirates all are we!” But....ARRRR, and shiver me timbers! There’s a stowaway on board! Perhaps the King of the High “C’s” will know what to do! Join this salty crew of colorful scallywags when Bluebeard, Yellowbeard, Whitebeard, Purplebeard- well, you get the picture- along with the No Beards hoist the Jolly Roger and set sail for a mighty adventure!

Drama club will be on Mondays and Thursdays after school, starting Thursday March 23rd. There will be an informational meeting for all students interested in participating on Thursday, March 9th after lunch in Corise’s room. Kindergarten through 6th graders are welcome to participate.

Child Find Preschool Screening

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Child Find Program will be offering free screenings for preschoolers (3 to 5 years old). The screening will be held in Homer at McNeil Canyon School on Friday, March 24, 2017 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will screen your child’s motor skills, speech, early learning concepts, vision & hearing. Children will be seen by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call the McNeil Canyon School @ 235-8181. For more information contact Robin @ 714-8930.

Spring Break

Spring Break is March 13-17, 2017. Enjoy the time off and do something outside!!

Spring Picture Day & Volunteers

Spring Picture day will be on Wednesday, March 29th. This year students are invited to bring a prop to have with them in their photo i.e. basketball, headphones, instrument, etc. We need two volunteers to help out from 8:15 am to 10:30 am.

Volunteers receive a free packet of pictures for their assistance. Please contact Laura in the office if you can help. Picture Day flyers will be sent home after Spring Break.

Forensics News

Congratulations to the 7 Forensics participants who traveled to Soldotna last Saturday to compete in the District Forensics competition for grades 4 – 6. All of our students placed in this event:

1st place Interpretive Reading Multi/Grade6 – Hannah Stonorov, Josh Latham, Faith Latham and Kavindra Johnson

1st place Multiples Grade 4 – Alexandra Casey and Sofia Loboy

2nd place Storytelling Grade 5 – Charity Martin

Wow! Way to go everyone!

Skiing Ends Monday

Monday, March 6th will be the last day for after school skiing. A big thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered in different ways to make this great program possible. We had over 50 student skiers participate this year!

Family Math & Science Night

Our recent Family Math & Science Night was well attended and a lot of fun. We would like to thank Air Liquide for donating dry ice for this event.

Safe Sitter Class

There will be a Safe Sitter Class held on March 16 & 17, 2017. It is designed to prepare students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings or babysitting. Pre-registration is required by March 15th. Call 235-0258 or bbanks@sphosp.org for more information or to register. Cost is \$75 but scholarships are available upon request.

HEA Poster Contest

Homer Electric Association is sponsoring their 23rd annual Electrical Safety poster contest. The contest is open to 3rd and 4th grade students only and entries must be turned in to HEA office by March 31st. Additional information is available on the bulletin board in the main entrance. For more information call Tanya Lautaret at 283-2305 or tlautaret@homerelectric.com



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Next

Site Council Meeting

06 Apr 17

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 20th until March 31st. We need parents that can commit to being in the pool with the kids for an hour and a half every day for a week. Volunteers 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. For those who are able to commit to ALL 5 consecutive days, an hour and a half EACH session, 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.

Spotlight Students

The following students have been selected as Spotlight Students for the month of March: Yuki Bacher, Jack Engebretsen, Brilliant O'Phelan, Juneau Turkington, Myra Kalafut, Faith Overson, Wolfe Trejo, Wolfgang O'Phelan, Raiden Skorski-O'Donnell, Rebecca Trowbridge, Olivia Wilkens, Blaise Banks, Briar Boyd, Addi Grimes, and Kyeson Johnson. Parents are invited to join their child and the principal for lunch on Thursday, March 23rd 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!!