



SOLDOTNA SENTINEL

SOLDOTNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 2016

Cub Scout

Recruitment Night

When: Sept. 13th, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Where: Gym

This night is for boys in 1st - 5th grade who are interested in obtaining information about joining the Cub Scouts. Students should arrive with their parents



SOLDOTNA SENTINEL

The Soldotna Sentinel will be sent out via e-mail the first Tuesday of each month. It will contain important information for the Soldotna Elementary community. It may also be accessed on our website. If you do not have access to email, you can pick up a hard copy at the office. If you wish to have it mailed via the post office, please contact the office.

FREE & REDUCED MEAL PROGRAM

All households are encouraged to submit a KPBSD Student Programs Application. Applications will be available at the office and will be in a folder sent home with each student. Please allow 10 working days for processing by the Student Nutrition Services Office.

Students qualifying for free or reduced meal benefits on the last serving day of the 2015/16 School Year may receive meal benefits for up to the first 30 days of the 2016/2017 school year. The 30 day grace period allows students to qualify for school meals while their new application, School Meals or Categorical Eligibility Direct Certification Notice is being processed. Remember that families need to apply every school year for the school lunch program. If your child does not qualify for the Free & Reduced program they are considered full pay and lunches are \$2.85 per lunch.

Students are also welcome to the provision of a School Breakfast. For those students that qualify for Free or Reduced priced lunches, school breakfast is provided at no charge. For students in the Full Pay category, the price for breakfast is \$1.75.

"For SUCCESS in the classroom, a School Breakfast is a proven plus for the start of the Classroom Day!"

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Notes from the Principal....

Welcome to another great year at Soldotna Elementary! My name is Austin Stevenson and I am new to the Peninsula, coming here from the Mat-Su Valley. I have enjoyed the welcome and sense of community that being the new principal here has brought. As a parent myself, I know how busy life can become when caring for children at home. I encourage you to speak with your children on a regular basis about school asking them to talk about what they are learning, who their friends are and what challenges and struggles they may have. It's important for your children to know that their parents place a high value on learning, responsible behavior and good habits. Please communicate your expectations to your children and make sure they know school is a safe place to work hard, try new things, learn and socialize with friends. We are excited and eager to support your children to the best of our abilities throughout the year. If there is anything I can do to help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOKS

The Parent/Student Handbook is available online

http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/students_parents.aspx?id=28047

If you do not have access to a computer, stop by the office for a printed copy. Please note that the Acknowledgement of Receipt form needs to be signed and turned in to the school by Friday, Sept 30th.

THE PARENT PACK NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Parent Pack is in desperate need of volunteers. With the current size of the volunteer pool, we will be unable to offer many of the fun events we have offered in the past. Unfortunately this will mean no Movie Nights, Funfest, Souper Lunch and much more.


Wondering how you can help? Sign-up for email communications for specific needs or like us on Facebook to keep up-to-date on what is happening and where help is needed.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!

To ensure all students will be as safe as possible, anyone interested in being a school volunteer needs to complete an online form and agree to a background check; only criminal activity and driving record will be checked. All information will be kept confidential and information can only be accessed by a few members of the Human Resources department. To complete the screening process, visit the District's webpage at www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us, click on the volunteer link and then follow the instructions. Please contact the Human Resources department at 714-8888 if you have questions. (Please note: this process needs to be completed each new school year.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY!!! 
Wednesday, Sept. 21st

Early Release Day Wednesday, Sept. 14th

Students will be released at 1:55. If your student is riding the bus they will be dropped off 90 minutes earlier than their regular scheduled time. There will be no afternoon classes for Mrs. Cannava's Pre-School.

Students of Excellence Grades K-6 Starting in September

Students who meet the following criteria will earn a Certificate of Excellence and a chance to be eligible for the end of the semester E celebrations.

Excellent Attendance:

1. No more than one absence per month of any kind.
2. No more than one tardy.
3. Students that have regular therapeutic appointments are still eligible for the Students of Excellence award.

Excellent Behavior:

1. No office discipline actions