



Monthly Update



Anchorage School District



This month at the Anchorage School District

Remaining Class of 2005 Graduation Schedule:

6/6 AVAIL (Museum), 6 p.m. dinner, graduation to follow
Polaris (UAA), 7 p.m.

6/7 McLaughlin Youth Center (MYC), 1 p.m.
Steller (UAA), 3 p.m.

All district offices will be closed July 5-9, 2005.

Watch for back-to-school information, including registration, to be published in August.

Get connected... contact Parent Networks, 279-3966



Announcements

Minority Education Concerns Committee seeks applicants

The Minority Education Concerns Committee (MECC), which makes recommendations to the School Board relating to citizen involvement in school activities and in the education of minority students, is seeking applicants. Positions will be filled by Board appointment in August 2005. Qualifications include an interest in improving education, a willingness to attend monthly meetings and visit schools and a commitment to increase communication with the community. To apply, write or visit the Assistant Superintendent's Office or call 742-4321. Applications must be postmarked or in the school district office (4600 DeBarr Road) by June 30, 2005 (deadline extended).

Summer school classes start in June

Summer school is open to Anchorage School District middle and high school students. In addition to remediation classes offered, there are enrichment classes available. The elementary summer school program will provide intensive, direct instruction to students who attend kindergarten through sixth grades in the 2004-2005 school year and who are functioning at least one year below grade level in reading, writing or mathematics. Please contact your school principal for more information on dates, times and fees or visit www.asdk12.org/summer.

Camper Host Program

From June 10 through September 5, 2005, the Anchorage School District is looking for RV travelers to park and provide a presence at more than 40 school facilities. Parking is FREE and there are limited utilities which include: power, water, and once a week holding tank pumping. For more information call 348-5170.

Special Education Advisory Council seeks members

SEAC is seeking parents and community members to serve on the Council. The Council consists of a cross-section of citizens and parents of students with disabilities interested in and concerned about special education and related services in our schools. Meetings are held once a month during the school year. For more information call 742-4236.

H.U.G.S.S. & Coats for Kids

When starting your school supply shopping, you may want to consider purchasing a few extra items and make a donation to H.U.G.S.S. (Helping Us Give School Supplies) and Coats for Kids. Catholic Social Services' H.U.G.S.S. project and the Salvation Army's Coats for Kids project are continuing their joint community effort, with Lutheran Social Services of Alaska, to help children start the school year with proper school supplies and coats. For more information call 644-8477 for more information or visit their Web site at www.cssalaska.org.

New charter schools enrolling students

Winterberry Charter (K-6) and Eagle Academy Charter (K-6) schools are currently enrolling students for the 2005-2006 school year. For more information about Winterberry Charter call 301-1201 and for Eagle Academy Charter call 696-2990 or 688-0220.

Point of Pride



Morgan Jessee

East High School senior Morgan Jessee has been named as one of Alaska's two 2005 Presidential Scholars, a prestigious award given to 141 of the country's most outstanding high school seniors.

Jessee and the other scholars will be honored for their accomplishments in academics or the arts, as well as for their leadership, character and civic contributions during the program's national recognition events in Washington, D.C. later this month.

Presidential scholars are allowed to invite their most inspirational teachers to travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the recognition events. The teachers also receive Teacher Recognition Awards from the U.S. Department of Education. Jessee named East High's Janice Strickland as her most inspirational teacher. Strickland teaches AP English 12, English 10, French III, AP French IV, and Student Government. In addition, she is East High's Language Arts Department Chair, honor society sponsor and graduation coordinator.

A Word from Carol Comeau, Superintendent



On Friday, May 20, I attended an extraordinary event at Ocean View Elementary. I watched 20 adults take the official oath to become citizens of the United States. Whether their reasons for moving to Alaska were to join family, for employment or opportunity, the ceremony celebrated these individuals' desire for a better life. One at a time, the new citizens announced their names and birth countries to their families and friends who took photographs and wiped away tears. One of the adults taking part in the ceremony was Sonia Vasconi, a bilingual teacher assistant at Ocean View, from Venezuela. It was humbling and tremendously moving to hear dozens of our elementary students sing "It's a Small World" in honor of the new U.S. citizens, including their bilingual tutor.

This ceremony offered a peek into the demographics of our community. Anchorage is fortunate to be a diverse community that individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds call home. Our community's diversity is reflected in our staff and student population and this diversity lends strength to our district and its mission to educate *all* students for success in life.

As we prepare to finish up another school year, I hope that parents and students feel a sense of satisfaction, accomplishment and pride having completed another year of schooling. Principals, teachers, support personnel and administrators have worked very hard to provide excellent learning opportunities for all of our students. Our 2,688 graduates are beginning a new exciting chapter of life. I wish each of them the very best.

In my 31 years with the Anchorage School District, I've found the last day of school brings a bit of sadness. Soon we will say goodbye to students, colleagues and families, knowing that the coming year won't quite be the same without them. This year is no exception. To the many valued district employees who may either be retiring or moving on to other work, I sincerely thank you! I truly appreciate your enthusiasm, dedication and commitment – which has made a difference for our students. Providing the best academic environment for our students is nothing short of a team effort; many people contribute to our district's success.

Yes, the end of the year always brings bitter-sweet emotions. But don't miss the opportunity to embrace our community's success. Congratulate a graduate. Thank a teacher, bus driver or staff member. Encourage a young learner.

Have a safe, restful and rejuvenating summer. I hope you take time to enjoy the absolute beauty of Alaska and the company of friends and family. We'll start another unique and exciting school year in September, and I look forward to the challenges and opportunities the year will bring!

Most Sincerely,

Carol Comeau

Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

agendas current as of 6/3/05

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA				June 4, 2005	11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320
Call To Order, Roll Call Jeff Friedman, Presiding School Board Comments	Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) 1. Arbitration Report – AEA/ASD	Discussion Agenda 1. Team Building Superintendent's Update Adjournment				

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA				June 13, 2005	4:30 p.m.	4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320
Call To Order, Roll Call Jeff Friedman, Presiding School Board Comments	Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) 1. Student Hearings	Superintendent's Update Adjournment				

REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA*				June 13, 2005	6:30 p.m.	4600 DeBarr Road
Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute, Jeff Friedman, Presiding Approval Of Agenda Announcements Awards/Recognitions/Presentations 1. BP Teachers Of Excellence 2. Memo 312 - Certificate Of Achievement For Excellence In Financial Reporting 3. Memo 331 - NEA-Saturn/UAW Partnership Award Special Advisory Reports 1. Student Advisory Board 2. Military Delegate 3. M.E.C.C. Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items (30-minute time limit) Consent Agenda 1. Memo 315 - Resolution: Mayor's Task Force On Obesity And Health 2. Memo 316 - No Child Left Behind Federal Program Consolidated Project Application For 2005-2006 3. Memo 317 - Approval Of Partial Waiver For Rentals Fees - YMCA 4. Memo 308 - Prior Approval Of Discretionary Grant: Emergency Response And Crisis Management Grant 5. Memo 332 - Acceptance Of Contract: Alaska	6. Partnership For Teacher Enhancement 7. Memo 314 - Precalculus And AP Calculus Textbook And Materials Adoption 8. Memo 336 - Sixth Grade Music Book Adoption 9. Memo 313 - Award Of Contract: Multi School Concrete Slabs And Emergency Tanks 10. Memo 294 - Award Of Contract: Wonder Park Lighting Upgrade 11. Memo 288 - Award Of Contract: East Anchorage High School Renovation Project Phase 4A; Standby Generator 12. Memo 296 - Award Of Contract: South Anchorage High School Site Drainage Improvements 13. Memo 297 - Award Of Contract: South Anchorage High School Graffiti Sealant 14. Memo 270 - Award Of Contract: Food Service Expendable Supplies 15. Memo 302 - Award Of Contract: Food Staples 16. Memo 303 - Award Of Contract: Frozen Food Products 17. Memo 301 - Approval Of Change Order: East High School Renewal Phase 3	18. Memo 311 - Request For Student Nutrition Budget Adjustment 19. Memo 271 - Personnel Report Superintendent's Report 1. Memo 309 - Evaluation Of The District Improvement Plan 2. Memo 318 - Annual Review/End-Of-Year Report For FY 2004-2005 Highland Tech Charter School 3. Memo 319 - Annual Review/End-Of-Year Report For FY 2004-2005 Family Partnership Charter School 4. Memo 320 - Annual Review/End-Of-Year Report For FY 2004-2005 Frontier Charter School 5. Memo 321 - Annual Review/End-Of-Year Report For FY 2004-2005 Aquarian Charter School 6. Memo 322 - Project Status Report 7. Memo 323 - Facility Change Order And Completed Projects Report For The Month Of April 2003 Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items Communications & School Board Comments Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) Adjournment				

*The meeting will be aired live on cable channel 14 and will be rebroadcast June 15 at 5 p.m., June 16 at 12:30 p.m., June 18 at 12:30 p.m. and June 19 at 7:30 a.m. The meeting will be closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. The agenda is available in Braille by calling 742-4153. The ASD telephone number is 742-4000. A message may be left after hours.

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA				June 27, 2005	4:30 p.m.	4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320
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MECC: The mission of the Minority Education Concerns Committee (MECC) is to serve as the voice for families in the Anchorage School District and to promote educational success for minority students. The MECC meets the third Thursday of every month at 12 noon at 4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320.

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