

Monthly Update



Anchorage School District

Calendar

- **May 10** – Super Sweepers and Citywide Cleanup
- **May 22** – End of 4th quarter, last day of school
- **May 26** – Memorial Day, all administrative offices closed
- **June 9-11** – Summer school begins
- **August 4-7** – Registration begins for 2008-09 school year
- **August 20** – First day of school

Announcements

Graduation schedules are online

www.asdk12.org/Parents/graduation.asp

Surplus supply and material distribution

www.asdk12.org/events/Surplus/

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
May 5 - May 9**

The Anchorage School District will offer surplus and obsolete textbooks, library books and some school supplies to the public during the week of Monday, May 5, through Friday, May 9. Participating schools include Creekside Park, Huffman, Lake Hood, Lake Otis, Sand Lake and Scenic Park elementary schools, Goldenview Middle School, East and South high schools and Benny Benson Secondary. A list of materials available for pick up can be found on the Web site.

Phone requests will not be accepted; materials will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please call the Elementary Education Department at 742-4242.

Super Sweepers

www.anchoragechamber.org/cms/Default.asp?Page=68

Stop by your local elementary school Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., grab an orange bag and help students cleanup neighborhoods. Thousands of school children will pitch in to support the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Citywide Clean Up effort.

Summer school 2008

www.asdk12.org/summer

Summer school is an excellent opportunity for any student who needs to work on grade improvement, remediation, participate in enrichment courses and/or take required courses over the summer to free up scheduling in the fall.

Dates for elementary and middle school summer school classes are June 9–July 18, with high school dates set for June 11–July 18. The Indian Education Enrichment Program takes place June 16–July 11. There will be no school on Friday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. Registration dates and further details can be found on the Web page listed above.

New principal assignments

The Anchorage School District announced the following new principal assignments for the 2008-2009 school year.

Timothy Godfrey, Alaska Native Cultural Charter School

Sam Spinella, Benny Benson Secondary

Roger LeBlanc, Fairview

Michael Day, Kasuun

Mike Hanley, Kincaid

Chris Woodward, Mountain View

Lori Cheek, Ptarmigan

Brandon Locke, Rogers Park

Kim Bautista, Susitna

Point of Pride

Polaris K-12 senior Eryn Eby is a 2008 Presidential Scholar. Eryn is one of two scholars from Alaska joining the nation's top seniors who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, service and contribution to school and community. Eryn will travel to Washington, D.C. this summer to receive her award. Eric Packer of South Anchorage High School and Molly Quinn of West High School are 2008 Presidential Scholar Semi-finalists. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.



A Word from Carol Comeau, Superintendent

Over the next two weeks nearly 3,000 high school seniors will cross the graduation stage into a new life phase. These graduates are well prepared to face the employment and academic challenges ahead. With the support of staff and family, each has earned at least 22.5 credits and passed the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam. They've faced many tests, both literally and figuratively, and they have the academic, vocational and work-readiness skills to take them successfully into the future.

It is fitting that we honor educators on Tuesday, May 6, National Teacher Day and Wednesday, May 7, School Nurse Day. Dedicated teachers, nurses and other staff have nurtured our students from kindergarten through 12th grade. In ASD, more than 3,500 teachers work to open the minds of students to ideas, knowledge and dreams; they are mentors, role models and motivators. Highly trained school nurses care for the physical, emotional and mental well being of students and help ensure a safe, caring environment.

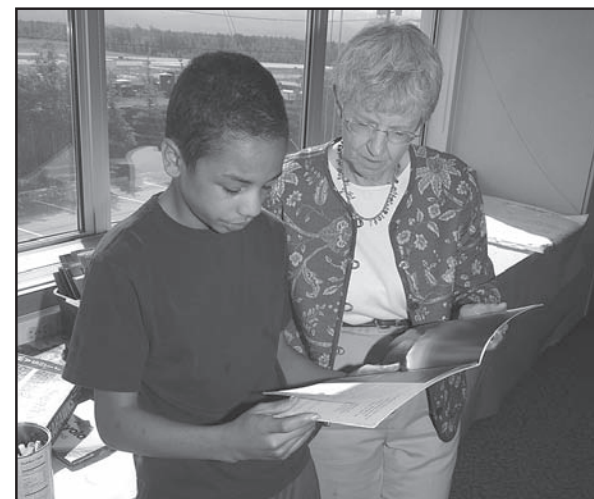
During the coming week, I urge you to reflect on your own education and that of your child. Consider the important impact educators have on our lives and take time to thank an educator for influencing the past, present and future. These dedicated professionals deserve our respect, support and praise.

For the third year, AT&T Alascom will be Web-casting the big eight high school graduations online. The graduations will be available live and on-demand via streaming video. For the first time, they will also be available for download within one day of the event. For graduation schedules and a link to the online video, visit www.asdk12.org. We are very grateful to AT&T for providing this wonderful gift to our community.

Please enjoy the final weeks of school and the glorious Alaska summer ahead.

Most sincerely,

Carol Comeau



Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

agendas current as of 5/2/08

MEETINGS ARE BROADCAST LIVE ON CABLE CHANNEL 14; SEE REBROADCAST SCHEDULE BELOW
SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA May 5, 2008 4:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conference Room 150

Call To Order, Roll Call – Jeff Friedman, Presiding
Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)
 1. Uncontested Student Hearings
 2. HSGQE Waivers
 3. Negotiations

School Board Comments
Superintendent's Update
Adjournment

REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA May 5, 2008 6:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom

Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute
Jeff Friedman, Presiding
Approval Of Agenda
Awards/Recognitions/Presentations
 1. Eagle River High School Choir, Andrea Lang, director
 2. **Memo 280** - Legislative Citation in Recognition of Anchorage Daily News "Perfect World" Reporters
 3. **Memo 285** - Recognition of Spring 2008 Denali Award Winners

Announcements

Special Advisory Reports

1. Student Advisory Board
2. Military Delegate
3. M.E.C.A.C.

Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items (30-minute time limit)

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Special Meeting - April 28, 2008
2. **Memo 284** - Resolution in Support of National School Nurses Day, May 7, 2008
3. **Memo 293** - Nomination for AASB Board of Directors
4. **Memo 302** - Modification of the Bilingual Education Plan of Service

5. **Memo 290** - Acceptance of Grant Award: Teaching American History Grant Program
6. **Memo 286** - Acceptance of Grant Award: 21st Century Alaska Community Learning Centers
7. **Memo 259** - Acceptance of Funds: Beringia Shared Cultural Heritage Program
8. **Memo 310** - Acceptance of Grant Award: AASB 1:1 Student to Computer Pilot
9. **Memo 287** - 2008-2009 Hazardous Transportation Recommendations
10. **Memo 282** - Personnel Report

Superintendent's Report

1. **Memo 283** - Project Status Report
2. **Memo 309** - Discussion of Budget Adjustments FY 2007-2008
3. **Memo 288** - Monthly Update Student Information System – Zangle
4. **Memo 304** - Technology Plan Update
5. **Memo 289** - Status Report: Submission of Discretionary Grants, Third Quarter 2007-2008 School Year

Persons To Be Heard On Non-agenda Items

Communications & School Board Comments

Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)
Adjournment

Persons wishing to be heard may call 742-4315 or sign up prior to the meeting being called to order.

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4. Live Student Hearing (5:30 p.m.)

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Approval Of Agenda
Awards/Recognitions/Presentations
 1. **Memo 314** - Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
 2. Project Iceberg: Antarctic Geoscience in the Anchorage School District

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Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Special Meeting - January 31, 2008
 - b. Regular Meeting - January 28, 2008
 - c. Special Meeting - February 7, 2008
 - d. Regular Meeting - February 25, 2008
 - e. Regular Meeting - March 3, 2008
 - f. Special Meeting - March 3, 2008
 - g. Special Meeting - May 5, 2008
2. **Memo 278** - Approval of Superintendent Entering into Transitional Agreement with Four Valleys Community Schools, Incorporated
3. **Memo 312** - Adoption of Diversity Plan
4. **Memo 303** - Acceptance of Grant Award: Willard L. Bowman Elementary School Tanglewood Park Boardwalk
5. **Memo 307** - Acceptance of Grant Award: Child in Transition/Homeless Family

Literacy Project

6. **Memo 313** - Prior Approval of Grant Award: Providence Heights, School for the Handicapped
7. **Memo 210** - Award of Contract: Enterprise Applicant Tracking and Hiring System
8. **Memo 292** - Revision to FY 2007-2008 Financial Plan
9. **Memo 308** - Budget and Fund Transfers – FY 2007-2008
10. **Memo 291** - Award of Contract: Food Service Expendable Supplies
11. **Memo 305** - Award of Contract: Food Staples
12. **Memo 306** - Award of Contract: Frozen Food Products
13. **Memo 311** - Award of Contract: Early Intervention Services Lease Space
14. **Memo 298** - Personnel Report

Superintendent's Report

1. **Memo 299** - Project Status Report
2. **Memo 294** - Facility Contract Modification Report and Complete Projects for the Month of April 2008
3. **Memo 267** - Profile of Performance Supplemental Report - Ninth Graders On-Track to Graduate
4. **Memo 295** - Third Quarter Parent/Teacher Conference Report 2007-2008
5. **Memo 296** - Operating Budget Transfers – April Monthly Report FY 2007-2008
6. **Memo 297** - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap April 30, 2008

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The meeting will be aired live on cable channel 14 and will be rebroadcast May 31 at 12:30 p.m. and June 1 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. Meeting podcasts are available at www.asdk12.org.

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MECAC: The mission of the Minority Education Concerns Advisory Committee (MECAC) is to serve as the voice for families in the Anchorage School District and to promote educational success for minority students. The MECAC meets the first Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. and the third Thursday of every month at noon at 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Board Conference Room.

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