

8/25/22

Issue #2

New 4th students: back row: Oscar, Olivia, Isla, Alison, Jayden, Levi- in front: Gabriel and Landon



Mr. Faris' Facts

Hello folks. I just want to say this group of students has been working hard. They seem to be making good connections and supporting each other. They worked very hard on testing (MAPs assessments) this week. They (MAPs tests) are a comprehensive, three-part subject assessment (reading, math and language arts) which students take three times (fall, winter, and spring). We use the data to target instruction and measure student growth. We will share this information with you at conferences.

Exciting news- we have an Upper Kenai River rafting trip in conjunction with an overnight stay at the KNWR Swanson River OEC! The trip will be on Sept. 14th and 15th. There is a cost of \$50 per student for rafting. Chaperones will be free. If you need help with the rafting cost, please contact me as the school does have a scholarship program.

If you would like to help chaperone on this overnight field trip, please let me know ASAP. You will need your background check filled out and complete (online at KPBSD website, and paperwork for driving.) If you have questions, you can call me or Mrs. Cavazos. We can only provide these hands-on learning opportunities with your help, so even if you cannot chaperone, you can help gather food for the trip. A menu sign-up will be online next week. **I am sending home a gear checklist, and permission slips in this week's Thursday folder.**

We will be taking many other field trips and going on learning adventures outside of our school site. Please think about putting aside some money for our Peterson Bay and Alyeska field trips this spring.

Don't forget to have your child bring in their Weekly Reading Log tomorrow. Hopefully they have been reading and keeping track of their minutes.

I was not able to locate any new blank album pages (none at Beemuns or Freddy's) so we will not do that activity this year. :(

We have a class blog (website), with lots of information, and links. tinuyurl.com/mr-faris You will find a generic schedule, newsletters, student blogs, a link to our school website, and more.

Thanks for all you do and please contact me with questions or concerns. 260-9221 or mfaris@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

Thanks, Mr. Faris

Important dates and upcoming events:

- No school Mon. Sept. 5th, Labor Day
- Picture Day, Thur., Sept 8th
- Fri. Sept. 9th early release day @ 2pm
- Kenai River Rafting and overnight OEC camping Sept. 14th and 15th
- Thur. Oct. 13th early release @ 2pm
- End of 1st Qtr. No School, In-Service, Friday, Oct. 14th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Thur. and Fri. Oct. 27th and 28th
- Fri., Nov. 11th early release @ 2pm
- Thanksgiving Holiday Nov. 24th and 25th No School