

Uriah and Claire at the Challenger Learning Center mission.

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Mr. Faris' Facts

Welcome back to school folks. I hope everyone had a restful break with their families. Students were very tired on Monday :), but are back in the groove now. Fourth quarter is going to blow by, as we have many events and things going on.

We are walking to Soldotna Creek Park for water quality testing on Monday, so please have your child dress appropriately.

We wanted to thank all the parents that helped us out on our Alyeska trip; Mr. Lautaret, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. DeRaeve, and Mr. and Mrs. Hand. There is no way we could have pulled off the trip without their help. They organized, coached, fitted, encouraged, and generally supported students skiing and snowboarding. A special thanks to Mr. Lautaret who took a group of six students to the top of the mountain.

We actually have scheduled a bus to the Nikiski Pool with Mrs. Carter's and Mrs. Moore's classes on April 13th, so will not need drivers. We will leave about 10:30 in the morning, and be back at school around 3. There is a permission slip in your child's Thursday folder. The cost will be \$10 for the trip. If you are able to help at the pool (you don't have to get in the water), please let us know.

We have our Alaska State Benchmark testing coming up soon; the week of April 3rd. That will be for grades 3-6 and will include AK STAR ELA and Math assessments. Please do not schedule any appointments for your children this week, and avoid vacations if possible. The Science Assessment will only be for 5th grade students, and will be the previous Friday morning, March 31st. If you have any questions please ask or you can look at the State of Alaska DEED webpage and click on the assessments tab and AK STAR. They have online practice tests, and online tools training (which we will look at here at school).

Thanks, Mr. Faris

Important dates and upcoming events:

- Early Release Days: 3/9, and 4/14
- Walk to Soldotna Creek, stream testing Monday in the afternoon.
- State testing the week of April 3rd
- Nikiski Pool trip April 13th
- Peterson Bay overnight field trip April 19-21st
- 6th Grade middle school prep, week of April 24th
- 6th Grade visit Skyview May 11th in the morning
- 6 Grade graduation May 18th and last day of school