



SCHOOL NEWS

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Happy Thanksgiving, Anchorage!

Thanksgiving Break - No School - Nov. 23 – 25



From our little turkeys ... to yours – Happy Thanksgiving, Anchorage! We hope everyone enjoys some family time over the break. School resumes on Monday, November 28!

Anchorage Public School Council Elections – Rescheduled Date – November 29, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



We appreciate everyone who participated in our School Council election on Thursday, November 17, 2022. Due to reported voting irregularities, which include reports of individuals voting from a second device and non-parents voting, we are going to hold a rescheduled election on **Tuesday, November 29, 2022, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** both at the school's front office and online at the

following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/68ZGPSN>.

Individuals voting in person, as has been the practice in the past, will need to sign the voting register. Individuals choosing to vote online will be required to submit their first and last names, email addresses, and mailing addresses. Once voting has closed, ballots will be reviewed to ensure

duplicate or ineligible ballots have not been received. **Parents from the same household, if voting electronically, will need to vote from different devices.**

We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to wrapping up the second election in order to name our School Council members who will take office in January.

APTA Christmas in Anchorage is 2 Weeks Away – Make Your Reservations NOW!



Only **TWO WEEKS** left until the **HOLIDAY PARTY & HOME TOUR** and **40TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN ANCHORAGE**! NOW is the time to make those final reservations. We have a few spots left for all offered activities and annual ornaments. Don't delay! Fill your schedules and your hearts with all the things Christmas in Anchorage has to offer. It's a win-win-win for your family, your school, and your APTA! <https://cia-2022.cheddarup.com>

Also, please consider signing up to volunteer in a limited capacity for this year's event. We need more helping hands to bring the magic to life. Opportunities and shifts come in all shapes and sizes and can be found in the SignUpGenius link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549afac29a1fb6-committee> (parent volunteers)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549afac29a1fb6-middle> (middle and high school volunteers)

Thank you in advance for all of your support. We can't wait to see you there!

ACT's Luminary Walk – December 3



LIGHT UP ANCHORAGE TRAIL
Saturday, December 3rd
Dusk-8pm

Support Anchorage Children's Theater by lighting up Anchorage Trail. Purchasing your luminaries today!

CLICK TO PURCHASE

2 Luminaries	\$5
5 Luminaries	\$10
12 Luminaries	\$20
30 Luminaries	\$50
75 Luminaries	\$100
Anchor Circle	\$150
Entrance Bridge	\$150
Small Bridge	\$250
Big Bridge	\$500

Personalized Sponsorship Sign.....\$100
limited availability



Following the Light up Anchorage Festivities, stroll along the Anchorage Trail for ACT's holiday **Luminary Walk** on Saturday, December 3.

Help us light up the trail by purchasing luminaries which will be placed along the path. [Click here to purchase your luminaries.](#) All proceeds benefit Anchorage Children's Theatre, a non-profit, community organization providing theatre experiences for children in this community for 75 years! Thank you for your support. Happy Holidays!

December Core Essential: Joy



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JOY

Finding a way to be happy, even when things don't go your way

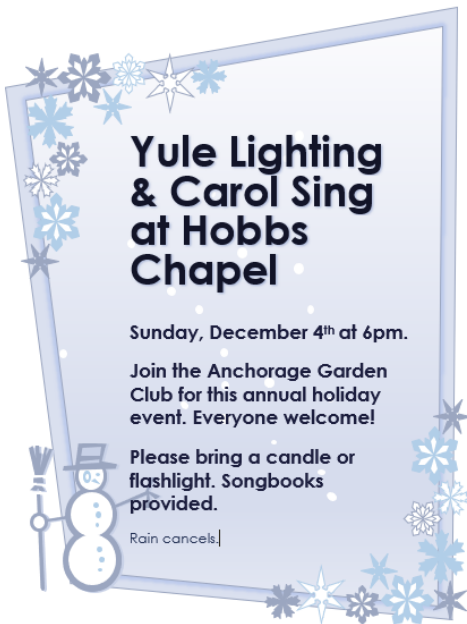


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The monthly value for December is **Joy** – *Finding a way to be happy, even when things don't go your way.* "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." – Einstein; "We are shaped by our thoughts; we become what we think. When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves." - Buddha

A core component of this program is family involvement; we greatly appreciate your continued support of our monthly value outside of the school day.

Yule Lighting & Carol Sing at Hobbs Chapel – December 4, 6:00 p.m.



Join the Anchorage Garden Club for this annual holiday event. Everyone welcome! Please bring a candle or flashlight. Songbooks provided. Rain cancels.

SCHOOL and APTA NEWS REMINDERS

Join Our School Safety Committee!



APS is looking for a parent to join its School Safety Committee. Generally, the committee meets twice a year. Interested parties should email Kelly Haile at kelly.haile@anchorage.kyschools.us by **Thursday, December 1.**

APS Holiday Concert News – “Holiday Hoedown”



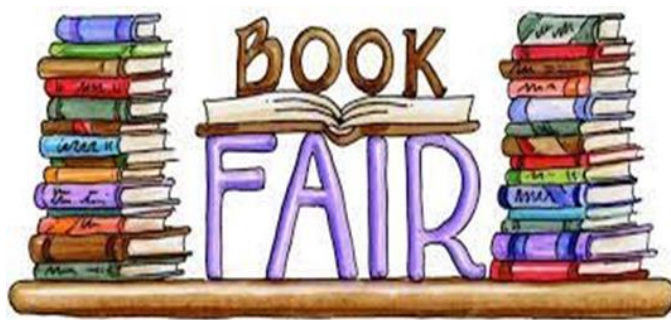
The Holiday Concert is very quickly approaching! The theme for the concert this year is "**Holiday Hoedown!**" All of our music this year is country themed. The attire for the Holiday Concert is pretty open! This is a chance for them to be festive and have fun! Some ideas are listed below:

1. Holiday Clothing
 1. ex: dress clothes, holiday pajamas, holiday hats and accessories
2. Country Clothing
 1. ex: cowboy boots, cowboy hat, no weapons
3. A Mix of Holiday and Country
4. Everyday Clothes

There will be two Holiday Concerts this year. The first one is Thursday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. Unfortunately, due to space constraints, this program will only be open to students and staff. The second concert is on Saturday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m. The program will be during Christmas in Anchorage. All are welcome on Saturday!

There will be an email sent out after Thanksgiving to all families with the information above, so be on the lookout for a reminder email.

Thank you, Book Fair Volunteers!



Thanks to our students, staff, APS families, and the entire Anchorage community for a grand Book Fair!

We would like to recognize the following volunteers for playing an important role in making the event a success: Tina Click, Kim Striegel, Wahida Khan, Kristin Delaney, Sarah Towery, Nancy White, Eleanor Takagishi, Megan Brady, Stacey Torgerson, Suzanne

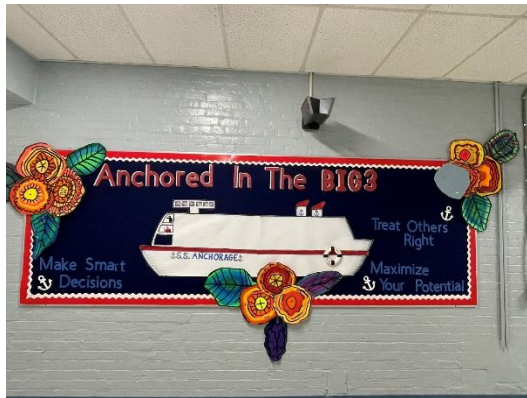
Ingram, Beth Barnickle, Amanda Pagano, Allison Clark, and Jennifer Archibald. In addition, we would like to recognize the efforts of past staff members and APS parents who joined us this year as well: Robin Hughes, Debbie Lichtenfels, Julie Magnuson, Phyllis Watson, and Connie Borders. We are grateful for Natasha Nyland, an APS student volunteer, who spent hours helping us on Election Day and during our evening Book Fair shopping event. Thank you, Natasha!

Kudos to Robin Nyland for making posters, and yard signs, distributing information to our community, and working at the Book Fair from start to finish. We had such an amazing event because of our caring volunteers.

We had an amazing event because of our caring volunteers and community! **A total of \$2,360 (Anchors) has been raised to rebuild Martha Jane Potter Elementary School's library, which was destroyed by floods in Eastern Kentucky.**

Our last shout-out goes to our Book Fair host [Blue Marble Books - Children's Independent Bookstore since 1979, located in Fort Thomas, Kentucky.](#)

Second “Anchor Down!” Celebration



Exciting news for our school - our anchor has dropped for a second time this year!! Students celebrated with a school-wide movie and popcorn celebration on Tuesday, November 22. We congratulate our students for making smart decisions, treating others with respect, and reaching their full potential!

For more information regarding our school-wide acknowledgments, [please visit the PBIS website.](#)

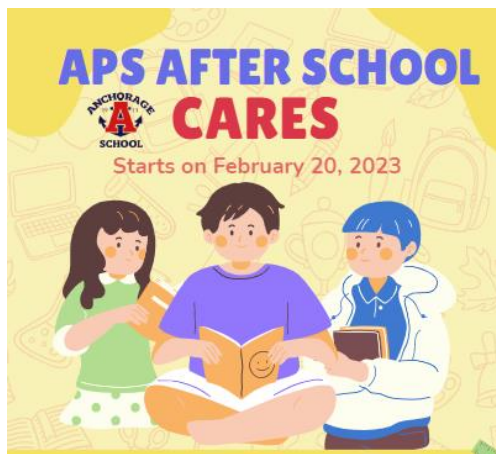
“Every Kid Outdoors” for 4th Grade Students



Hey, fourth graders! See America's natural wonders and historic sites for free. Please visit <https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm> for more information.

ATHLETICS, AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, and COMMUNITY REMINDERS

Save the Date! K-5 APS After-School Cares “Pilot Program” - Starting in February 2023



We are excited to announce a new after-school opportunity starting on Monday, February 20, 2023.

Club Sponsor: Yancey Walters, PE Teacher (assistant as needed)

What: APS After-School Cares Club - an after-school program for K-5 APS students, including fun activities, such as PE games, Go Noodle, reading, drawing, playground time, etc. Make sure your child has a snack packed for snack time.

When: Monday -Thursday, from 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. on days that school is in session. For early pick-ups (before 5:00 p.m.) please call or text Mr. Walters at 812-455-9563.

Where: The club meets in the Large Gym right after school. Pick-up: back carpool

Cost: \$15.00 per session/day (single session fee regardless of early or regular dismissal)

Registration details will be released after the holiday break.

Questions? Email yancey.walters@anchorage.kyschools.us or call/text 812-455-9563.

MS Community Connections Club - “Family Scholar House Holiday Party”

Can you believe Christmas is just 4 weekends away?! 🎅



This holiday season, Community Connections once again partners with the downtown Louisville Family Scholar House to help its 82 children. There are two ways YOU can help:

1. We plan to give each child a *snow day goody bag* (with hot chocolate packs, candy canes, coloring books, markers, and a toboggan) from the APS elementary students and a gift from our middle school students. Each grade level is asked to donate a different item for the goody bags - [see the item list HERE](#). Items can be dropped off by **Friday, December 9 in the boxes located throughout the school building. The Community Connections *elves* will collect all donated items at the end of the school day on Friday, December 9.**

2. Additionally, there will be a “Love Mom/Dad” box. In this area, students of all grades can donate new or gently used items (purses, lotions, candles, jewelry, etc.) that

will be taken to the Love Mom/Dad Shop. With the items they receive, the Family Scholar House kids can buy and wrap a gift for their parents. ♡

For more information, [please review our slideshow](#) and enjoy the promotional videos made by our students (slide #4)!

Thank you in advance!

Community Connections Leaders,
Steve Stewart & Judy Lamoreux