



# SCHOOL NEWS

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

### Superintendent Vacancy Notice



At the September 19, 2022 Anchorage Independent Board of Education meeting, Dr. Kelley Ransdell announced her retirement, effective on July 1, 2023. Dr. Ransdell has been integral to the success Anchorage has experienced over the past 10 years. The Board recognizes the contributions of Dr. Ransdell to the continued growth and success of Anchorage School during her tenure as truly exceptional. We know we can count on Dr. Ransdell to continue serving our community's students and staff with excellence for her remaining months as our district's leader.

At this time, the Board is seeking a professional search consultant to assist with all phases of the superintendent search process, including timeline development, stakeholder meetings, surveys, advertising and selection of the most qualified individual for the role. The Board intends to name a search firm at the October 17, 2022 meeting.

Upon establishing a timeline with the selected search firm, a screening committee will be formed in accordance with KRS 160.352 to provide recommendations to the Board. Screening committee members will be elected by our teachers, classified employees, principals, and parent-teacher organization in the upcoming weeks.

Finding the next Anchorage Independent Superintendent is a community-wide endeavor. The Board hopes that you will consider joining this important work as opportunities are announced in the upcoming weeks in order to help identify, recruit and select the most qualified individual to carry on Anchorage Independent's tradition of high academic standards and nurturing well-rounded students..

## Halloween Parade, Dinner, Carnival, and Haunted House – Dinner Reservations Due on Thursday, October 6



The Halloween Dinner, Carnival and Haunted House is on Friday, October 21, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (directly after the parade at 5:00 p.m.). Don't miss out on the delicious meals, carnival games and, of course, the scary and not-so-scary haunted house (the District Office building) - full of ghosts and goblins!

**Skip the lines and pre-order your tickets and wristbands!** The dinner buffet is provided by Texas Roadhouse – \$13 for adults, and \$7 for children! **\*NEW this year: cotton candy for dessert!** To accommodate the supplier's request, meal and cotton candy tickets need to be pre-ordered by Thursday, October 6. There will be ONLY a limited number of extra meals/cotton candy servings at the event so please purchase your tickets **NOW!** You may **order online via Cheddar Up** or **turn in your downloadable registration form and check/cash to the front office.** It will not be possible to make online purchases or use credit cards at the Halloween festivities, so please bring cash or checks to the event. **Pre-purchased tickets can be picked up from the “pre-purchased tickets table” at the event.**

Dinner and carnival will be outside in the back parking lot near the gyms, so please dress appropriately! \*In case of inclement weather, the carnival will be in the large gym and dinner will be served in the cafeteria.

This is such a great fundraiser for the 8th graders and we really hope to see you there (having a spooky good time)!

## Anchorage Public School Athletic Program (APSAP) 2022-23 Basketball Registration is Now Open for K-8 Students!



It is time to register for APSAP K-8 Basketball! The registration deadline is September 30, 2022. The late registration fee for basketball will go into effect on October 1, 2022.

**Click this link to register and pay: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/338957>.**

The parent/player meeting will be on October 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the large gym. We will distribute uniforms at this mandatory meeting. To help inform your decision about basketball participation, please visit this link for additional details on the APSAP basketball program: <https://tinyurl.com/apsapbasketball>.

**\*\*We are seeking additional coaches for 1-2 Coed Basketball and 5 Boys Basketball this season. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Brent Bach at [Brent.Bach@anchorage.kyschools.us](mailto:Brent.Bach@anchorage.kyschools.us) as soon as possible.**

## **Get Your Boots On and Scoot On Over for the APS Middle School Barn Dance - Pre-Purchase Your Ticket Online by Thursday, September 29!**



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**ANCHORAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**BARN DANCE**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**7PM-10PM**

Middle School Students, put those boots on and get ready to scoot over for our Middle School Barn Dance on **Friday, September 30 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the school's cafeteria!** The event is sponsored by the Class of 2025. Parents, [you may pre-purchase your child's ticket and sign the permission slip online by Thursday 29, 3:00 p.m.](#) (the link will close promptly at 3:00 p.m.). Or students can [print this form](#)/pick up a hard copy from the front office and bring the signed form with them to the dance, along with the \$20 entry fee. \*Please bring cash for concessions – online payment will not be available on site.

We can't wait to see your dancin' boots!

# Parent Volunteers Needed for Anchorage School Council Standing Committees 2022-2023 - Apply by Sunday, September 25!

## *Helping Hands Make a Difference!*



When parents pitch in to help, who wins? **OUR STUDENTS!** Therefore, we encourage all parents/guardians to consider participating in an Anchorage School Council Standing Committee! It's a great way to get involved in school life, and it's generally a once-per-month commitment.

If interested, **please submit the following by Sunday, September 25:**

- a biography with names and grades of their children
- the reason for running for a committee seat
- the reasons why they should be selected for membership on the committee.

Your information must be submitted no later than **September 25, 2022** to Principal Andrew Terry via email at [andrew.terry@anchorage.kyschools.us](mailto:andrew.terry@anchorage.kyschools.us). Email submissions should include the subject line "APS Standing Committee Submission." **Parent submissions will be reviewed at the October 3, 2022, School Council meeting, and those selected will be contacted after the council meeting with terms beginning immediately.**

### **Standing Committees**

Committees are designated as Standing Committees when the duties are of an ongoing nature, the functions/tasks to be conducted are an integral part of the responsibilities of the Council and there exists a need for continuity across multiple school years. The Board's Strategic Plan currently in effect shall determine the hierarchy of related Council committee reporting structure for a given academic year. In years the Strategic Plan does not include committees working in the following areas, the Council will maintain Standing Committees that report directly to the Council in the following areas:

1. School Organization
2. School Environment
3. Student Activities

Annually, the Council will determine a detailed charge statement for each Standing Committee. This charge statement will include information about a specific area, need, or concern(s) to be addressed. [Click here to view the current charge statements.](#) Standing Committees will provide reports to Council on their progress in meeting the goals set by Council. Should the Standing Committee complete the goals set in the Charge Statement, they may provide information to Council pertaining to additional areas of focus. The Council may then establish a new Charge Statement at that time.

The Chairperson, or a designated representative from each Standing Committee, will provide a report to the Council at least once per year or as determined by the annual Charge Statement developed by Council. Council members also may request additional reports and updates from a Standing Committee at their discretion.

For more information regarding the School Council Standing Committee, [please click here.](#)

## ANCHOR Your Support for the Rebuilding of Martha Jane Potter Elementary School's Library Following the Eastern KY Floods



During the next few weeks, we enthusiastically invite all APS families, as well as all Anchorage community families to join the APS Library partnership with Martha Jane Potter Elementary School in Whitesburg, Kentucky. As a result of the recent floods in Eastern Kentucky, their school library was totally destroyed, losing all its books. The Anchorage community can now help rebuild the Martha Jane Potter School's library by purchasing ANCHORS (books) [through a link set up by Blue Marble Books](#), APS's Book Fair host. The link will be live until the last day of the Book Fair (November 10).

When you purchase **ANCHORS for \$20**, they will be exchanged for library books, selected by the Martha Jane Potter Elementary School librarian, to best meet the needs of their students and faculty. **Our school library has 14,000+ titles and as a community, we are aiming for at least 250 ANCHORS, with hopes to exceed our goal, to help refill the demolished Martha Jane Potter School library with amazing books for all of their students. A [letter from their librarian](#) describes their devastating experience and shows photos of the school before and after the flooding.**

If you have any questions, contact Robin Bowman, APS librarian at [robin.bowman@anchorage.kyschools.us](mailto:robin.bowman@anchorage.kyschools.us)

Thank you for your support in rebuilding MJP School's library!

## Anchors in Lieu of Birthday Books This Year



*Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get. **We make a life by what we give.**" Giving to others who truly have a need feels good and is the right thing to do.*

This year we enthusiastically invite all Anchorage students to purchase ANCHORS instead of Birthday Books. Students who buy ANCHORS will help restock the book shelves at Martha Jane Potter Elementary School's library, which was totally destroyed in the floods this summer. Your gifts will benefit the hundreds of students and staff at MJP for years to come! [Click this link to purchase your ANCHORS!](#)\* *There is no limit on how many*

*"anchors" you may purchase.*

Thank you,  
Robin Bowman, APS Librarian

## APTA Auction Kick-Off Meeting - Wednesday, September 28, 6:00 P.M.



Please join us for our auction kick-off meeting! It's open to all who want to join to learn more about the auction and those who are looking for a chance to get involved! We'll introduce the auction chairs, talk about the theme, committees, planning and more! We promise to keep it fun and quick!

- **When:** Wednesday, September 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Owl Creek Country Club, Fireside Dining Room (12400 N. Osage Road)
- **Who:** Anyone!



## School Council Meeting - Monday, October 3



The Anchorage Independent School Council will meet in Room 117 for their monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, October 3, 2022. Visitors are welcome to attend.

## APSAP Meeting - Monday, October 3, 2:00 p.m.



The APSAP Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the APTA Room at the District Office. Visitors are welcome to attend.

If you have an item, you would like considered for the agenda please email Brent Bach at [Brent.Bach@anchorage.kyschools.us](mailto:Brent.Bach@anchorage.kyschools.us)

## APTA Board Meeting - Thursday, October 6, 9:30 a.m.



The APTA monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the APTA Room at the District Office. Visitors are welcome to attend.

**SCHOOL and APTA NEWS REMINDERS**

# Picture Day and State High Attendance Day on Tuesday, September 27



Get Those Smiles Ready!

Individual Picture Day for Anchorage Public School students and staff is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27. This also coincides with State High Attendance Day.

## Online Orders Only! How to order?

- ☐ 1 – Visit [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)
- ☐ 2 – Enter your Picture Day ID: **EVTXCD39M**
- ☐ 3 – Order your perfect package. Don't worry about returning anything on Picture Day!

Questions? Contact Galadriel Schulze Morgenthau at [galadrielschulze@gmail.com](mailto:galadrielschulze@gmail.com)

# APS "Color War" Spirit Day - Friday, September 30



We've got spirit, yes, we do! In honor of the first Pep Rally of the school year, the 8th grade Spirit Day Committee decided to hold a "Color War" on Friday, September 30. Head-to-toe color coordination is encouraged among students and staff to their assigned grade levels:

**Grades K-5: Dress in RED!!**

**Grades 6-8: Dress in BLUE!!**

WHO will win the COLOR WAR?



## High School Fair - Thursday, September 29



Please join us for the Anchorage High School Fair on Thursday, September 29, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the large gym. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8th-grade students and their families are welcome! Many Louisville area high schools will have representatives at the fair to speak with Anchorage students and families. Attending the fair will help you and your child gather the information you need to assist you during the high school decision-making process.

## SAVE the DATE for APTA Christmas in Anchorage - Saturday, December 10!



Save the Date! *Christmas in Anchorage* is scheduled for Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., sponsored by the APTA. All of the classic favorites will be back this year plus a few new and exciting offerings too. This festive day is full of fun for all ages!

*The Holiday Party & Home Tour* is also back in 2022! This elegant evening of neighbors, hors d'oeuvres, and beautiful holiday decor is scheduled for Thursday, December 8 at the home of TJ & Lindsey Graves (1663 Cold Spring Road).

Mark your calendar to experience both of these beloved community traditions. More details to come but these are two events you don't want to miss!

## Gifted/Talented and Primary Talent Pool - Parent Sessions

Do you have questions about the K-3 Primary Talent Pool and/or 4-8 Gifted and Talented programs? Then, please join Leigh Turner, GT Coordinator, in the APS Library from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on the dates listed below.

The following sessions will focus on various aspects of high-ability learners and are designed for all parents at APS regardless of their child's identification as PTP or GT.

### Schedule:

- Wednesday, September 7 Identifying Gifted Learners @ APS (If you missed the meeting, please [watch a video of the presentation here.](#))
- Wednesday, October 5 Characteristics of Gifted Learners
- Wednesday, November 16 Services Provided to Gifted Learners at APS

## ATHLETICS, AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, and COMMUNITY REMINDERS

### Purchase Your Annual Sports Pass Now!



The Annual Anchorage Sports Passes are available to purchase on [Ticket Spicket](#). This platform provides an easier way to purchase tickets at Anchorage sporting events and reduces the volunteer workload at games. Children through 12th grade are admitted free, so you will only need to purchase tickets or a sports pass for adults attending the games.

Fee: \$50 which includes entrance to all home games for all sports, field, and gym, for one adult during the 2022-2023 school year. \*\*This pass is not eligible for tournaments or post-season

## APTA Elementary Community Connections Committee Update

The APTA Elementary Community Connections Committee is planning several opportunities for all Anchors to come together and serve our community. In October, we are hosting a booth at the Harvest for Hope Festival supporting Seven Counties Services at the Bellewood location. Later this fall, we will host a community-wide food packing event with Lifeline Christian Mission. Looking ahead to 2023, we are planning to restock local food banks with a food drive. Stay tuned to the Weekly Waves emails for additional details and how to participate!

## Community-Sponsored Anchorage Dog Show



### Anchorage Dog Show



The 2022 Anchorage Dog Show is on September 25 at 4:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 3:15 p.m. This year, the event will be held at Owl Creek Country Club. Prepare your pooches and get ready for some friendly competition! **The registration deadline is September 18 and payment is due upon registration.** [Register via this link.](#)

