



CHAPMAN SCHOOL NEWS

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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Principal's Corner

Each year, I read in the media about situations that happen in schools across the nation regarding certain events. For example; fires, natural disasters, or school intruders. Each time this happens, I find myself questioning if staff, students, and principals at those schools were prepared for such a situation. Currently, Chapman School participates in monthly fire drills. We cannot predict when or if any of the above situations could occur. We can, however, prepare for the unthinkable by practicing what we would do as a school in an emergency.

This morning, Friday, January 6, Chapman School participated in a lockdown drill. In my own experience, I have been involved with one lock down that was the real deal. In that situation, students were safe and the perceived threat turned out to be inconsequential. The fact that our students and staff knew what to do was a testament to us practicing emergency procedures for any given situation. Other colleagues of mine have had to deal with much more serious incidents, and while reflecting on what took place, have stressed the importance of being ready for such events through practice.

The drill this morning was not intended to scare our students. This morning's drill was merely our way of making sure we, as a school, are prepared for any situation and our students and staff know how to deal with each situation appropriately and in ways that will keep everyone safe. Incorporating regular earthquake and lockdown drills into Chapman School's drill schedule (i.e. fire drills) is necessary to insure that our students and staff are prepared. I encourage you to talk to your children about the drill today and welcome any feedback you may have.

If you need to reach me, my email address is cwoodhead@kpbsd.k12.ak.us. My cell number is 907-625-1358. You can also join us on Facebook at *Chapman School Anchor Point Alaska*.

Sincerely,

Conrad A. Woodhead

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Principal, Chapman School



Volleyball & Wrestling have begun practicing for the 2012 season. Heidi Stokes is coaching the Volleyball team and Michael Wells is coaching wrestling. The wrestling schedule is posted in "Dates to Remember", our Blog and Facebook pages & Daily Bulletin on Power School. The Volleyball schedule will be posted when scheduling is complete.

Practices times are as follows:

Wrestling: Monday & Tuesday 3:10-5:00pm Thursday & Friday 5-6:30pm

Volleyball: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 3:10-5:00





Dates to Remember



January

- 10th 2nd Quarter Awards Assembly 2:30pm
- 14th Wrestling @ Homer 11am
- 21st Wrestling @ Soldotna 9am
- 21st Cabin Fever Variety Show @ Chapman 7pm
Sponsored by Anchor Point Public Library
- 27th Spelling Bee 1pm
- 28th Wrestling @ Nikiski 10am

February

- 4th Wrestling @ Chapman 10am
- 18th Wrestling @ Kenai 10am
- 24th Snow Rondi Talent Show 7pm
- 25th Snow Rondi Pinewood Derby
Weigh In At 10am Race Start 11am
- 26th Snow Rondi Dog Show 2pm

Battle of the Books!

What is Battle of the Books? you may ask... Well, it is a competition where Alaskan students from all over the state in grades K-12th grade read a WHOLE BUNCH of books. At the 7th and 8th grade level they read as many as 13-15 books! The books that they read range in ability level, but on average these books are slightly above the grade level in terms of difficulty. In February, teams then compete against each other by answering questions. The questions are developed by a committee of Alaskan librarians. Whichever team answers the most questions correctly, along with knowing the author of each book, wins the competition. Each grade level is awarded a plaque if they win at the district level. They then move on to compete at the state level.

Chapman School is always very competitive in Battle of the Books. For a number of years we have been in the top 4 teams district-wide at several different grade levels.

We would like to thank the coaches who dedicate their time and energy reading with the students and quizzing them on the books they have read.

- 3rd/4th Coach: Linda Brady
- 5th/6th Coach: Lila Little
- 7th/8th Coach: Chris Crum



WINTER FUN

How do you handle the long, dark Alaskan winters? Here's a great suggestion: get active! Not only will exercise benefit your physical health, it's a great way to boost your mental health, too.

Exercise is a great way to reduce the risk of obesity and Type II diabetes for kids and adults. If you're feeling sluggish or down, or find yourselves snapping at each other, a workout is sure to increase your energy and improve your mood.

Sledding, making a snowman with the kids, or just playing tag or romping in the snow, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, ice skating will get your heart pumping and your lungs working. If you haven't been active, walking together is a great way to start. Work your way up to 20 to 30 minutes of activity five times a week.

A few pointers: If you haven't been active, start slow and build up gradually to at least three times a week... Check with your doctor if you have any health problems or concerns. Wear comfortable clothing and don't forget your hat in winter. Exercise with a family member or friend -- if one of you doesn't feel like getting out, the other will. Exercise is one of those things that is good for you, but it also can be a lot is also fun. Enjoy yourself!



Parent Group Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th—9am

We will discuss fund raising ideas for the Snow Rondi. Please call Tanya Shafer for meeting location, 235-2461. We hope to see you there!



The Music Department will be having a bake sale during the Cabin Fever Variety Show - January 21st - 7pm. They are asking for donations of baked goods. If you would like to donate some items to sell please bring them to school on Friday, January 20th or to the gym on Saturday the 21st by 6pm. Thanks for your support.