



CHAPMAN SCHOOL NEWS

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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Principal's Corner

It's hard to believe we're into our third week of school. Already, the feedback from our students has been positive. There are several things in place for this year that folks tell me they are pleased about: a more middle school model of scheduling with multiple teachers teaching different content areas, an actual Chapman School Handbook that will provide consistency and transparent expectations, and a clear vision for where the school is headed. I am proud of the partnerships between students, teachers, and parents and the working relationships we share. Because of them, this year is off to a great start.

One thing that I have asked teachers to share with parents and students is clear expectations for homework. In my mind, homework exists to provide practice to supplement classroom instruction. An additional purpose of homework is to help students develop good, consistent study habits. Each student is responsible for understanding homework expectations before leaving school and for completing the assignment on time. Below is the homework policy for each grade at Chapman.

PreK—2nd Grade Homework Policy

Homework may involve formal and/or informal experiences. Formal experiences might include completing set homework from homework sheets. Informal homework might include reading books, being read to by parents, home readers, games, crosswords and crafts. Reading nightly for 10-20 minutes will encourage your child to develop a lifelong love of reading and learning - the more practice we receive, the more skilled we become, and the more we enjoy it. **"Beginning readers need a lot of practice and support in order to succeed at independent reading. Home practice sessions make independent reading a habit and help students develop the skills and confidence needed to be successful at it."** Institute of Reading Development

On the K-2 report card under Classroom Community Skills your child will be given either emerging or proficient mark. To receive a proficient mark they need to return Homework sheets. No formal grade is given for homework at this level.

If your child was absent from school, he or she will need to complete the work that they missed and return it when complete. This work is considered makeup work not homework.

3rd—8th Grade Homework Policy

Homework is assigned Monday thru Thursday: a minimum of 20 minutes of reading per night, a minimum of 20 minutes of math per night, and any makeup work not finished in class will need to be completed by the following day's class. Homework is 10% of overall course grade. All homework will be graded and shared with students.

Feel free to stop by and visit with me anytime. 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

Conrad Woodhead
Principal, Chapman School



Upcoming Events



September

10th Soccer: CIA @ Chapman 4pm
 12th Soccer: Kenai @ Chapman 3:15pm
 17th Soccer: Chapman @ CIA leave 2:30
 18th Soccer: Chapman @ Homer 4pm
 Carnival Committee Meeting 3:30pm—Library
 21st Soccer: Chapman @ Kenai leave 2:30
 22nd Parent Group Rummage Sale 10am-3pm—Gym
 24th Soccer: Homer @ Chapman 4pm
 26th HEA Community Barbeque 5pm
 27th 3rd-6th Riders In the Sky Performance in Homer

October

1st Basketball Starts
 10th Parent Group Meeting 12:30pm
 19th NO SCHOOL—In-service
 27th Halloween Carnival 4-7pm—Chapman Gym

Scholastic Book Fair 10/29-11/2

10/29-10/31 8am-3pm
 11/1 8am-7pm
 11/2 8am-Noon

November

1st/2nd Parent Teacher Conferences—No School
 3rd Senior Citizen Craft Bazaar 10am-3pm—Gym
 22nd/23rd Thanksgiving Break No School

Help Us Help Your Kids

Join Chapman Parent Group

**We are looking for Donations for our Rummage Sale
 Sports Fundraiser**

Rummage Sale: September 22 Chapman Gym 10-3

Dates to Remember:

Halloween Committee Meeting September 18th @ 3:30

Next Parent Group Meeting: October 10th @ 12:30

**Thank you to Angelo Toci & Mike Charles for taking
 down the school sign to prepare the
 location for the.....**

NEW SIGN COMING SOON!!!

*Our very own Tanya Shafer will be running the 26.2 Equinox
 Marathon in Fairbanks Saturday, September 15th. If you see her
 give her a 'high five' and wish her luck! GO TANYA!!!!*

IMPORTANT LUNCH INFORMATION

30-DAY GRACE MEAL BENEFITS: Students qualifying for free or reduced meal benefits on the last serving day of the 2011/2012 School Year (May 23, 2012) may receive meal benefits for up to the first 30 school days of the 2012/2013 school year (August 21 – October 2, 2012). The 30-day grace period allows students to qualify for school meals while their new application, School Meals or Categorical Eligibility Direct Certification Notice is being processed.

If you have not already submitted an application, and you wish to apply for meal benefits, please fill out a 2011-12 Student Programs Application. Applications are available at the office.

We Would Like to Welcome All Parents to Be Volunteers at Chapman!

Chapman School depends on volunteers to help out in the classroom, for special activities and in the decision making process.

Any amount of time you can volunteer is appreciated and makes a huge difference.

Our goal is to make Chapman the best place it can be and we believe with your help we can accomplish this goal.

- Site Council
- Parent Advisory Group
- Classrooms
- Event Committees
- Library
- Halloween Carnival
 - ⇒ Set Up
 - ⇒ Clean Up
 - ⇒ Booths for Classes
 - ⇒ Baked Goods
 - ⇒ Raffle Donations

All volunteers must complete the volunteer screening process annually.

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click: *Volunteer tab*

scroll down - click: *Volunteer Openings*

scroll down to Chapman School: click *Apply*