



# CHAPMAN SCHOOL NEWS

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*Kenai Peninsula Borough School District*

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## Principal's Corner

Thank you to all who joined us last week for our back to school bbq. It was nice to see everyone again and I am continually appreciative of all you do for our school. Coming back to school is certainly an adjustment for parents and students alike, but it always amazes me how quickly we get back in the swing of things.

If you remember from last year, our 3—8 grade students took a new state assessment called AMP (Alaska Measures of Progress), which replaced the SBA (Standards Based Assessments). It's important to note that when districts and schools from around the state receive our scores in October, that we understand the differences between the two tests. States that have already adopted this assessment saw a 50-60% drop in scores. However, it's important to know that comparing the AMP score we receive and our previous SBA scores is not an accurate or appropriate comparison, because they are two completely different assessments. In addition to this being the first time students have seen this test, it was also the first state assessment using a computer. Regardless of the test results that come out in October, I'm confident that we will continue to meet student needs and to continuously get better as a school each and every day. I've included the below website that helps explain the new AMP assessment. <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=34290>

For the past two years, Chapman School has been recognized as a 5 Star School (5/5). This was not the case in FY14 because our attendance rate in FY13 kept us from being a 5 Star school that year. We missed the attendance cutoff (93%) that year by .40%, with an attendance rate of 92.60%. In FY15, our attendance reached 93.97%, and was the deciding factor in our 5 Star status. This example shows that as long as the state insists on evaluating schools based on parents' ability to get their child to school on time and each day, attendance will continue to be an emphasis for schools. Attendance is one of Chapman School's goals this year. It's important that parents communicate with the office when their child will be gone. Parents who do not inform the office will receive a courtesy automated telephone call (robo call) informing you of your child's absence. We are also closely monitoring each classroom's attendance, and will chart it across from the office, as well as indicating each classroom's previous weekly attendance by hanging a ribbon outside their classroom's door (Blue-100%, Red 99%-96%, White-95%-93%, Yellow-under 93%). Classrooms with the highest attendance will earn an extra recess on our early release days, like they did last year. An important reminder is that students who miss school more than once a month make us susceptible of not making our attendance goal, effectively making it impossible to continue our 5 Star status. Therefore, it's important that students miss school only when it is absolutely necessary. Students with 100% attendance for the year receive special recognition at the end of the school year.

Every year, we look for those interested on being a part of Chapman School's Site Council. This group is the direct advisory committee that makes recommendation about our school to me. It is also the sounding board for when I implement school wide initiatives, such as our school-wide goals or classroom splits, and share information about district and state initiatives state education news. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please let me know.

Please find enclosed information on KPBSD’s Emergency Guidelines and Safety Closure. We will continue to make sure that Chapman School is a safe place for **all** who enter. This will include are continued collaboration with law enforcement and the Anchor Point Fire Department. Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

One of my roles this year, in addition to being the principal of Chapman School, is KPBSD’s new Native Education Program Coordinator. This means that half of my job is attending to the needs of the district’s 1100 identified Native/ American Indian students. I’m excited about this opportunity and look forward to this year. If your child is enrolled with a tribe or possesses a Certificate of Indian Blood, please make sure they are identified through the district. These students can potentially qualify for several opportunities throughout our district, and could also lead to increased services for Native identified students at Chapman.

I recently saw surveys that placed Anchor Point on two lists; 1. The most boring place to live in Alaska and 2. The worst place to live in Alaska. I realize that credibility of those who made these lists, but it hard to not have feelings about this. The truth is, I love our community and where I live. I love my lifestyle and where I get to raise my family. I’ve traveled throughout the state and have lived in some of the most remote villages on earth. I truly feel lucky to be where I am. Chapman School and Anchor Point is a wonderful place to be.

Thank you for all you do. Please 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](mailto: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

**August 13, 2015—In-service Agenda**

**MORNING - DISTRICT TRAINING**

**Wednesday, August 12 - In-service**

- Welcome Back /Sharing
- Guides/ Code of Cooperation
- Vision
- Assignments, numbers, and class lists
- Schedule Changes
- Where we’ve been, where we’re going
- Chapman SIP Goals (Jon S and Conrad)
- Reminders
- Early Release
  - September 16
  - October 28
  - November 25
  - February 3
  - April 1
  - May 4
- Eligibility
  - Monday to Monday
  - Grade checks on Fridays
  - PowerSchool complete by Friday
- Crisis Plan
- First day assembly
- Stipends
- Potluck Dinner on Thursday, August 22 @ 5:30
- SGMs
- Closing

- 9:00 – 9:45 Sean Dusek, Superintendent and Joe Arness, Board President (*broadcasting from Kenai*)
- 9:45-10:00 KPEA/KPESA, Patty Sirois and David Brighton (*broadcasting from Kenai*)
- 10:00-10:15 John O’Brien, Assistant Superintendent (*broadcasting from Seward*)
- Instructional Updates: Digital Technology Initiative (DTi); *Canvas*, KPBSD’s Learning Management System (LMS); & Blended Learning
- 10:15 -10:30 **Break**
- 10:30 -11:30 John O’Brien - KPBSD Effective Instruction/ Evaluation Training & Information
- Christine Ermold, Director of Elementary Ed. and Melissa Linton, Curriculum Coordinator
- Evaluation Process Calibration Conference (simulation) and Professional Development Modules for 2015-2016
- 11:30 -12:30 **Lunch (on your own)**

**AFTERNOON – REGIONAL TRAINING**

- 12:30 – 1:30 Mandated Training Sessions
- FERPA
- 504
- Internet Use Policy
- BBP Review
- 1:30 – 3:30 A.L.I.C.E. Training
- 3:30 Wrap-Up by Region

August 25, 2015

Dear Parent:

I hope that your child is having a great year at Chapman School. Our teachers have worked hard for many years to prepare themselves for the challenging and rewarding role of providing a quality education for your child.

To that end, I wanted to share with you that our teachers have met all the criteria established by the State of Alaska's Department of Education and Early Development, as well as the criteria established by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, to obtain their teaching credentials and hold a teaching position with our school district.

In addition, the teachers listed below have acquired the "highly federally qualified" designation required under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002. This is a wonderful accomplishment on their parts. You are certainly welcome to request, through your principal, information about the professional qualifications of your child's teacher.

CHAPMAN	AUSTIN, DONNA	ELEMENTARY K-6	HOUSSE (Includes National Board Cert Elementary)
CHAPMAN	BADAJOS, EDAN	ELEMENTARY K-6	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	BRADY, LINDA	ELEMENTARY K-6	HOUSSE (Includes National Board Cert Elementary)
CHAPMAN	CROCKER, JONATHAN	ELEMENTARY K-6	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	CROCKER, JONATHAN	MUSIC	Equivalent to Major
CHAPMAN	CROCKER, JONATHAN	MS MATH	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	CROCKER, JONATHAN	MS ENGLISH/LA	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	CROCKER, JONATHAN	MS SOCIAL STUDIES	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	CROCKER, JONATHAN	MS SCIENCE	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	CROCKER, JONATHAN	HS ENGLISH	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	CROCKER, JONATHAN	GEOGRAPHY	Major in the Subject
CHAPMAN	CROCKER, JONATHAN	HS SOCIAL STUDIES	Equivalent to Major
CHAPMAN	JOHNSON, KIMBERLY	ELEMENTARY K-6	HOUSSE (Includes National Board Cert Elementary)
CHAPMAN	JOHNSON, LILA	ELEMENTARY K-6	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	JOHNSON, LILA	MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTENT (SELF-CONTAINED)	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	SHARP, JONATHAN	ELEMENTARY K-6	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	SHARP, JONATHAN	MS MATH	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	SHARP, JONATHAN	MS SCIENCE	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	SHARP, JONATHAN	MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTENT (SELF-CONTAINED)	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	SIMONDSSEN, MARY	ELEMENTARY K-6	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	SIMONDSSEN, MARY	MUSIC	Major in the Subject
CHAPMAN	SIMONDSSEN, MARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTENT (SELF-CONTAINED)	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	STOKES, HEIDI	ELEMENTARY K-6	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	WOODHEAD, CONRAD	ELEMENTARY K-6	Praxis II Exam
CHAPMAN	WOODHEAD, JASMINE	ELEMENTARY K-6	Praxis II Exam

Our district is fully committed to the success of your child. We appreciate your partnership in our efforts. With parental and community involvement supporting our teachers and administration, together we will ensure that success.

Sincerely,

*Conrad Woodhead*

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Principal, Chapman School



## Upcoming Events



### September

7th	No School Labor Day
8th	Soccer @ Homer 3:40
10th	Soccer @ Kenai
11th	Soccer @ Chapman VS Skyview
15th	Soccer@ Nikiski
16th	Early Release 1:40pm
17th	Soccer @ Skyview
18th	Soccer @ Chapman VS Nikiski
21st	Soccer @ Chapman VS Kenai
23rd	Bus Evacuation Drills 8:15am School Pictures
24th	Soccer @ Chapman VS Homer Middle

## IMPORTANT LUNCH INFORMATION

**30-DAY GRACE MEAL BENEFITS:** Students qualifying for free or reduced meal benefits on the last serving day of the 2014/15 school year (May 20, 2015) may receive meal benefits for up to the first 30 school days of the 2015-16 school year (August 19 – September 30, 2015). 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 2015-16 Student Programs Application. Applications are available at Chapman School's office.



We would like to thank all those parents and visitors who sign in at the office.

If you are not signing in at the office we would like to remind you that it is required for ALL visitors at Chapman School, even if you will only be in the building a short time.

### Attendance

*Beginning September 8th all students marked with an unexcused absence will receive a robo-call at 10:30am. If you know your child is going to be gone please call the school to excuse the absence. It is very important that in addition to letting the teacher know you contact the front office, 235-8671. Thank you.*



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

### Wednesday, September 16th—First Early Release Day

Six times throughout the academic year, schools will meet the minimum day, leaving teachers with approximately ninety minutes of additional time to work on improvement strategies. On these early release dates, school will end ninety minutes (1.5 hours) earlier. Chapman Students will be released at 1:40pm. Bus transportation will be adjusted by ninety minutes.

#### 2015-16 Early Release Days:

- ◆ Wednesday, September 16th
- ◆ Wednesday, October 28th
- ◆ Wednesday, November 25th
- ◆ Wednesday, February 3rd
- ◆ Friday, April 1st
- ◆ Wednesday, May 4th

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.

All volunteers must complete the volunteer screening process annually.

<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/employment.aspx?id=19556>



On August 21, it was kid's day at the Ninilchik Fair and the kids were in school! So the Fair organizers opened up the fair early from 9:00 to noon for KPBSD students to go on a special field trip where they went on a guided tour through the fair to learn about the fair animals. Talk about excitement! Mrs. Austin's and Mrs. Woodhead's classes and lots of parent volunteers headed to the Ninilchik Fair for a wonderful field trip, along with many other school kids. Students were so excited as they boarded the bus, for most Kindergarteners, it was the first time they had ever ridden a school bus! Once at the fair, students visited many stations, such as the swine barn to learn about pigs, how to care for and feed the pigs. They enjoyed some hands on activities such as petting a snake, grooming the horses, holding chickens, and petting sheep. There were at least 10 different stations which included fiber arts station, reptile station, horse station, poultry, Band Stand, steers, goat house and several more. Students enjoyed watching the pig races at 11:00. After the races they had a picnic lunch while they listen to the band warm up. Each student came back with a goodie bag! Everyone had such a wonderful time. We would like to thank the fair organizers, especially Lara McGinnis and Katie Matthews, along with all the other volunteers who escorted the students around the fair.



The middle school retreat, held at principal Conrad Woodhead's home, is a yearly tradition for all Chapman middle school students. Each year we focus on team building, cooperative and character building games that encourage our students to think beyond the individual and focus on the group and community as a whole.



### **Student Safety**



We would like to remind parents to watch for students waiting at bus stops in the mornings and those being dropped off in the afternoons. We have students crossing the highway each morning and afternoon. Please observe the speed limit and stop to allow students in the crosswalk to cross safely. Also, exercise extreme caution in the parking lot before and after school as students cross to exit and enter vehicles. Please do not block the parking lot when dropping off or picking up students. We appreciate everyone's help in assuring the safety of all students.