



COYOTE HOWLER



SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

Dear Kincaid Coyotes,

I'm honored to be starting my seventh year as your principal! My family is so blessed to be a part of this great Kincaid family! Thank you for such a fantastic, smooth, start-up. Go coyotes!

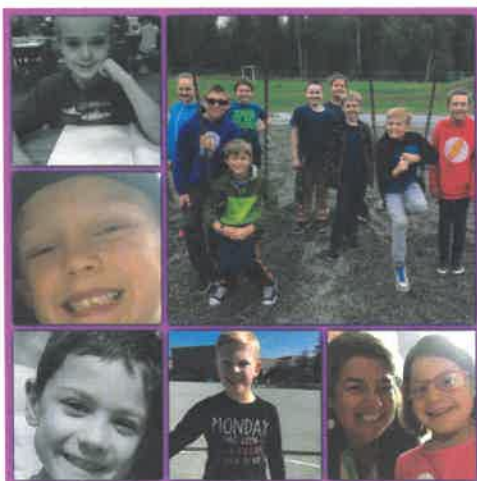
Our staff is kicking off the year with three goals in mind: we want to provide our coyotes with a high quality education, we want all of our guests to receive a positive customer experience, and we want to provide you with transparent accountability for teaching what we teach. If you have questions or curiosities about what your student is learning, please don't hesitate to contact our wonderful teachers or myself. We also want to enrich each students' social and emotional well being (SEL: social and emotional learning). We are in our third year of implementing direct instruction in SEL thru our Connected and Respected curriculum. Teachers will be leading lessons every other week, and incorporating extension activities such as infusing read-alouds with character building and problem solving strategies. Additional information regarding curriculum and instruction can be found online at asdk12.org (*search: academic plans*).

In regards to being safe at school, our Fall weather often changes rapidly, and at Kincaid we plan to be outside rain or snow, until it's -10 below; unless, it is an absolute downpour! Please send raingear for school, or leave a set in your backpack. Our safety plan includes practicing a school-wide evacuation to our alternate site, the former KULIS campus across Raspberry Road. We will have our school-wide evacuation drill on Wednesday, September 27 at 1:45pm. We are grateful for our Anchorage International Airport Police Department for providing us with support. In addition to this school wide drill, we will have monthly evacuation drills (formerly known as fire drills), and quarterly ALICE drills. Information regarding ALICE is included in this newsletter.

I would like to send a coyote howl of thanks to our fabulous Kincaid PTA! Woot woot! Popsicles on the Playground was a huge success, our ASAP after school program is up and running (x-country, get it!), and soccer kicked off this week. We look forward to seeing our cross-country runners tomorrow at the Coyote Fun Run. Parking is also available along Raspberry and inside the KULIS gate, please look for parking signs.

Congratulations to our Kindergarten families, the first three weeks of school have flown by, and you've made it! If there is anything we can help you with, please don't hesitate to contact our staff or myself with questions or suggestions, at 245-5530, or via email at gallagher_shannon@asdk12.org.

With much appreciation,
Mrs. Gallagher



Coyote Kindness for Texas

Join us in filling our
Purple Dresser
this month with
school supplies for
TEXAS!

Pencils, pans, sharpeners, highlighters, markers!





New emergency procedures for schools

Student and staff safety is the top priority of the Anchorage School District

This school year, the Anchorage School District is implementing a program to better prepare staff and students for a violent intruder situation. The training incorporates additional methods to increase readiness and understanding of options for safety and survival such as an emergency.

ASD's current lockdown procedures will expand to include evacuation and means to distract or counter an intruder as a last resort. All staff and students will be trained in the ALICE Training Institute response, a program already in use on many school campuses in Alaska and nationwide. Adopting these additional methods will bring district policies and procedures in line with current federal recommendations, which are based on years of research following attacks on school grounds nationwide.

"This response empowers staff and students to be smart about the environment around them, understand their risks and do something," said Dr. Deena Paramo, superintendent. "Student and staff safety is the absolute top priority in our district. This revision in our emergency procedures is based on national standards, evidence and data."

Conversations about the new procedures will be age-appropriate for students. For example, younger elementary students may be told to look at their teacher for direction on what to do, such as evacuate or lockdown. Older students may have discussions with their teacher about why such drills are necessary and how to respond based on the situation immediately surrounding their classroom.

Timeline

August–September 2016	Online training for staff
September–October 2016	In-person scenario training for staff
November 2016–May 2017	Student drills begin

A **Alert**—Sound an alarm using plain and specific language. Seconds matter. Use any and all communications means available. Describe the threat in plain language; give location, description, activity and what direction intruder is heading. Call 911 when it is safe to do so.

L **Lockdown**—Move to a secure location, lock the door and take action to better barricade the room and begin preparing for other strategies if needed, such as evacuate.

I **Inform**—Share the intruder's location and direction as often as possible using any means necessary (such as the intercom, handheld radios, text, cell phone or other means) so that everyone on site has access to the information.

C **Counter**—This is a last resort. Distract the intruder with noise, movement or throwing objects at the intruder in order to create space to evacuate. This is an age-specific response and some may choose not to counter.

E **Evacuate**—This is always the best first choice, if it is safe to do so. Get as many people away from the danger zone to a safe location as quickly as possible. Leave belongings behind and call 911 when it is safe to do so.

The strategies do not need to be completed in order and should not be considered a checklist. Staff and students will rely on the information at hand and their own judgment to determine the safest course of action.



Anchorage School District
Educating All Students for Success in Life

Learn More

www.asdk12.org/safety/alice

KINCAID COYOTE CLASSIC

Saturday, Sept 16, 2017



Please Join Us At Our **FREE** Community
Race For All Elementary Age Youth!

Fun Music!

DJ Bud
will be at the race!

Race Schedule:

9:00-9:45am – Registration

10:00am – K - 2nd

10:30am – 3rd & 4th

11:00am – 5th & 6th

Held at Kincaid Elementary School
4900 Raspberry Road

**Please Note: Parents are required to stay at
the event with their children. There will be no nurse on duty.**

For questions, please email Coach Akin at akin_tim@asdk12.org

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SUPPORTERS:



Kaladi Brothers Will be Serving
Complimentary Coffee & Hot Chocolate
at the Race!

Water & Snacks Given to Race
Participants Compliments of:

**Kincaid
PTA**

everychild.one voice.®

Race Bibs & Medals from:



Apple Snacks Provided by
Jewel Lake McDonalds:



School Hours

8:50 AM: First bell. Students may enter the building. Please do not send your child to school earlier than 8:40 as there will be no supervision on school grounds.

9:00 AM: Tardy bell. Students arriving after 9:00 AM MUST sign in at the office and receive a tardy slip prior to going to their classroom.

3:30 PM: Dismissal



ASD Student Transportation (buses) 742-1200

Please refer to <http://www.asdk12.org/depts/transportation/bus/> for information about your child's bus route.

Parking Lot Safety

Parking lot safety requires the cooperation of all students and adults. If you are new to Kincaid, please review the traffic pattern information sheet provided to you at Registration. Please assist us in making drop off and pick up times safe for everyone.

Handicapped Parking

It is very important to our families with children in wheelchairs to have access to our handicapped parking spots and access to a clear crosswalk. Please be considerate and keep those parking spots clear for those with the proper identification and do not park in the crosswalk.

Note to all visitors

We are serious about safety at Kincaid. All visitors to the school including all parents and guardians are required to sign in at the main office and collect a visitor's ID badge to wear while in the building. Classroom visits by parents and guardians are welcomed. To insure the least interruption to the teaching process, requests for classroom visits should be arranged through the teacher.

Attendance

To report an excused absence, please call the school office at 245-5530 and press 2 or send an email to kincaidattendance@asdk12.org before 10AM. NOTE: Information in a note to

your child's teacher may not be forwarded to the school office. Absences must be excused within 3 school days after the absence.

Lunches 2015-2016

Hot lunches may be purchased daily for \$3.55. Menus are sent home monthly. If you apply for free or reduced price lunches, applications must be submitted and approved each school year. Students bringing lunch from home may purchase milk from the cafeteria for \$.50. If your child forgets his/her lunch, leave it under the hanging lunchbox and pickle in the front office. Students will be notified to pick up their lunch at lunchtime. Thank you for your assistance. Our goal is to minimize interruptions during instructional time.

Zangle Parent Connect

Zangle Parent Connect is a web based application providing parents with read-only access to student data via the Internet. Using a confidential PIN and password, parents can connect to the school district database and view data such as progress reports, attendance records, homework assignments, report cards, transcripts, test history, classroom news, and more. Parents may also use Parent Connect to pay for school lunches with a credit card. Information is available online at www.asdk12.org or at the school office. Your Zangle pin and password do not change from year to year. If you have never received your log-in information, please email harrington_kelly@asdk12.org. Write Zangle PIN Request in the subject line of the email and provide your student's name, birth date, and your name in the email. Instructions will be emailed back to you; usually within 24 hours.

Our phone # is 245-5530

Our school FAX # is 245-5535

Our phone number is equipped with an automated voicemail attendant. You may call to report an absence, talk to the nurse, leave a message for the Cafeteria Manager, or talk to someone in the office. Just listen to the voicemail prompts for instruction.

Calls for teachers during the school day will be directed to voicemail. For teacher email addresses, please see the staff page on the website. Teachers check voicemail boxes and email regularly.

School Telephones

School phones are limited to school business and emergencies. Children will be permitted to use the phone only in an emergency. Plans for after school activities should be made at home before the school day

End of the Day Early check out and Student Messages

If you need to take your child out of school early for an appointment, please make sure that you allow enough time to come into the office to sign your child out with the office staff. No child will be called out of class until you arrive. Sending a note with your child informing the teacher that your child will be leaving early will assist them and increase the possibility that homework assignments are given before they leave. Please remember that the end of the day is very busy in the classroom and in our office. If you need to send your child a message regarding a change in after school plans, we ask that you call us at 245-5530 before 3:00 PM.

Lost and Found

Please mark your child's clothing, backpacks, boots, shoes, lunch boxes etc. for easy identification. Small items are turned into the office. Parents are invited to check the lost and found. We are not responsible for personal toys, games or other personal items that should not be brought to school.

Box Tops Yes!

Remember it's hip to clip! We do collect BoxTops to earn money for our school. Window shades for several classrooms were replaced in 2015 using BoxTop money. Thank you!

Social Media!

Please like us on Facebook [KincaidElementarySchoolAnchorage](https://www.facebook.com/KincaidElementarySchoolAnchorage)

Coyotes are Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Kind Leaders