

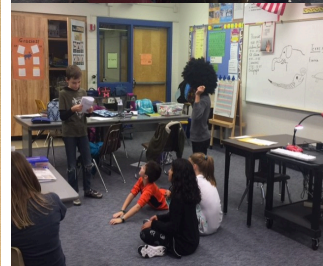
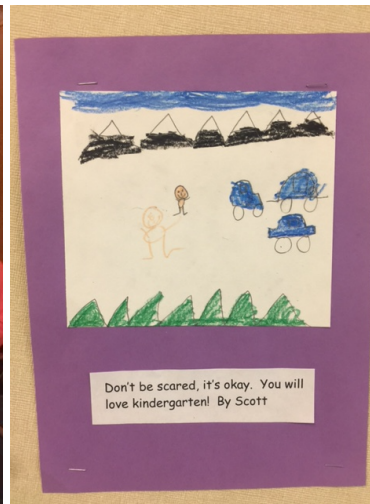


# Chuggiak Chat-ter

2017-2018

Edition #2: September 13, 2017

We are having a FANTASTIC FALL!



Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that it is already mid-September and that we are approaching the mid-quarter mark!! Now that we are moving along at full speed, here are some highlights to celebrate!!! Our young kindergartners are practicing letters, sounds, numbers, cutting, pasting, and tracing; we are settling into routines and are modeling kind, caring, and helpful participation and cooperation. Our older students are demonstrating independence, leadership, collaboration, and model citizenship in all areas of our school. We are problem-solving, partner reading, giving presentations, and more! Friendships are forming and emerging, students are thriving, and teachers are leading their students to achieve big goals!

It's INSPIRING!

All of our successes are possible because of your partnership at home. Thank you, families, for all that you do and for your dedication, encouragement, and perseverance. We are off to an amazing start and have lots to look forward to in the very near future—starting with Pirate Day and the Rams' Roots Garden Harvest on Friday the 22nd!!!

Sincerely, Ms. Alvarez ☺



## UPCOMING EVENTS!!

- ★ Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>: POPCORN FRIDAY! 50¢/bag (unless prepaid)
- ★ Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>: PIRATE DAY!
- ★ Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>: Garden Harvest!
- ★ Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>: Beach Lake Running Jamboree
- ★ Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: In-Service -- No School
- ★ Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>: Parent-Teacher Conferences -- ½ Day
- ★ Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>: Parent-Teacher Conferences -- ½ Day
- ★ Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>: In-Service -- No School
- ★ Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>: FALL CARNIVAL!!!
- ★ Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>: In-Service -- No School
- ★ Thursday & Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Break

## PARENT/FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

**WE LOVE PARENTS AND FAMILIES!!!**

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education! We love having volunteers, helpers, and parents in our classrooms!!!

If you would like to volunteer, we would love to have you! The best way is to connect with the teacher ahead of time so we can plan activities for you.

If you need to connect in-depth with your child's teacher, the best way is to set up a meeting before or after school. Teachers will respond to emails and phone calls between 24-48 hours.

Thank you for all of your support!  
We couldn't do it without **YOU!**



G A R D E N

H A R V E S T

Help us harvest our beautiful garden next, Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. *WE NEED LOTS OF PICKERS!*

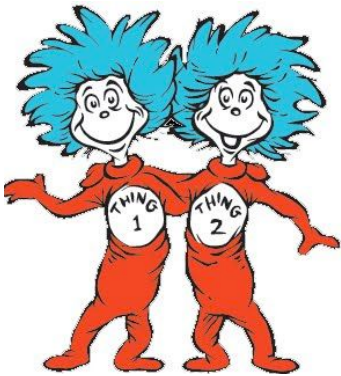


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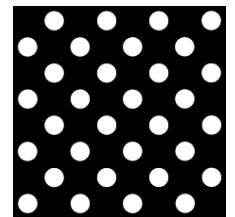
## 2017-2018



September 22: Pirate Day  
September 27: Camouflage Day  
October 4: Pajama Day  
October 11: Hawaiian Day  
October 18: Crazy Hair Day  
October 25: Sunglasses Day  
November 1: Chugiak Spirit Day  
November 8: Twin Day  
November 15: Favorite Color Day  
November 22: Polka Dot Day  
November 29: Fall Colors Day  
December 6: Crazy Sock Day  
December 13: Holiday Spirit Day  
December 20: Ugly Sweater Day  
January 10: Favorite Outfit Day  
January 17: Mustache Day  
January 24: Chugiak Spirit Day  
January 31: Sports Jersey Day  
February 7: Hat Day  
February 14: Valentine's Spirit Day  
February 21: Athletic Wear Day  
February 28: Character Day/Dr. Seuss Day



March 7: Alaskan Spirit Day  
March 21: Neon Day  
March 28: Chugiak Spirit Day  
April 4: Dress Like Your Teacher  
April 11: Ugly Tie Day  
April 18: Leopard Print Day  
April 25: Chugiak Spirit Day  
May 2: Hawaiian Day  
May 9: Rainbow Day  
May 16: Dress Like A Movie Star  
May 23: Chugiak Spirit Day





# Beach Lake Area Trails

## Cross Country Running Jamboree



**Thursday, September 28, 2017**

- 5:00 PM Walk Through
- 5:20 PM National Anthem and Welcome
- 5:30 PM Kindergarten girls
- 5:45 PM Kindergarten boys
- 6:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls
- 6:15 PM 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys
- 6:30 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls
- 6:45 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys
- 7:00 PM 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls
- 7:15 PM 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys

### Chugiak High School Soccer Field and Trails

1.2K for Kindergarten, 1.5K for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1.8K for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2.1K for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Medals for all runners. Parents are encouraged to pre-register at your home school. Volunteers needed. Contact [Nielsen\\_caela@asdk12.org](mailto:Nielsen_caela@asdk12.org) or your P.E. teacher for more information.

\*Late registration table open from 4:30 - 6:30PM.

### \*Beach Lake Area Trails Cross Country Running Jamboree\*

Runner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female

Runner's School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### Anchorage School District Waiver

#### \*Waiver must be signed by legal guardian to participate\*

I know that running a cross-country race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to complete the run safely. I also know that, although traffic precaution will be in effect, there might be traffic on the course route. I assume the risk of running in traffic. I also assume any and all other risks associated with running this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, and the conditions of the trails, all such risks being known and appreciated by name. Having read this waiver, and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I waive, release and discharge the Municipality of Anchorage, the State of Alaska, the Anchorage School District, the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame, Providence Health & Services Alaska, all race officials and volunteers, be they individual or organizations, singly and collectively, and all sponsors including their agents, employees, assigns or anyone acting on their behalf, from any and all claims of liability for death, personal injury, or property damage of any kind of nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. I also hereby consent to and permit emergency treatment in the event of any injury or illness. I grant full permission to organizers to use photographs of me and quotations from me in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event.

\*\*Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*Date \_\_\_\_\_



ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Summaries for Battle of the Books, 2017-18**

GRADES 3 - 4

*Listed below are the summaries for the Battle of the Books titles. ASD Board Policy requires that summaries be given to all participants prior to participation.*

**Dog Sledding and Extreme Sports**

By Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce

Returning from their adventure in Balto of the Blue Dawn, Jack and Annie learn fun facts about sled dogs, the Iditarod and other extreme sports, from the X Games to Ironman competitions.

**Freckle Juice**

By Judy Blume

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

**Magic Half**

By Annie Barrows

Eleven-year-old Miri Gill feels left out in her family, which has two sets of twins and her, until she travels back in time to 1935 and discovers Molly, her own lost twin, and brings her back to the present day.

**Marty McGuire**

By Kate Messner

When tomboy Marty is cast as the princess in the third-grade play, she learns about improvisation, which helps her become more adaptable.

**Ms. Rapscott's Girls**

By Elise Primavera

At Great Rapscott School for the Daughters of Busy Parents, the lessons learned are far from the ordinary. From getting lost on purpose to a making birthday cake, Ms. Rapscott strives to create well-rounded students who can enjoy an adventure. After being shipped to

the school in flying boxes, the students are not as keen on the adventures as Ms. Rapscott. Nonetheless, after time, the girls begin to see the beauty and fun in the "less travelled road" which is the Great Rapscott School.

**One Dead Spy**

By Nathan Hale

Nathan Hale, the author's historical namesake, was America's first spy, a Revolutionary War hero who famously said 'I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country' before being hanged by the British.

**Rise of the Balloon Goons**

By Troy Cummings

Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue, a notebook he finds is full of information about monsters-- and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him.

**Sasquatch Escape**

By Suzanne Selfors

Sent to spend the summer in his grandfather's small town, 10-year-old Ben Silverstein has an adventure bigger than any he could fabricate when he and new friend Pearl corral an escaped Sasquatch.

**Sugar**

By Jewell Parker Rhodes

In 1870, Reconstruction brings big changes to the Louisiana sugar plantation where spunky ten-year-old Sugar has always lived, including her friendship with Billy, the son of her former master, and the arrival of workmen from China.

**Tornado**

By Betsy Byars

As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy. When a doghouse landed in the backyard during a tornado, the family wasn't really surprised. What did surprise them was that there was a dog inside, whom they named Tornado.

**Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer**

By Kelly Jones

Through a series of letters, Sophie Brown, age twelve, tells of her family's move to her Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends.

**Where is the Great Barrier Reef?**

By Nico Medina

Kids can explore the Great Barrier Reef--big enough to be seen from space but made up of billions of tiny living organisms. The Great Barrier Reef, off the coast of Australia, is the world's largest coral reef system. Stretching more than 1,400 miles, it provides a home to a wide diversity of creatures. Designated a World Heritage Site, the reef is suffering from the effects of climate change but this fascinating book shows this spectacular part of our planet.

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Summaries for Battle of the Books, 2017-18**

GRADES 5 - 6

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**Diary of a Minecraft Zombie**

By Zack Zombie

Ever wonder what it would be like to be a Minecraft Zombie? In the first book of this hilarious Minecraft adventure series, you get to read the diary of an actual 12 year old Minecraft Zombie. Take a peek at what is really between the hollow eyes, and dead expression that we normally see when we face the dreaded Zombies of Minecraft. Are zombies really different from us? You'll be surprised at what you discover.

**Do Not Pass Go**

By Kirkpatrick Hill

When Deet's father is jailed for using drugs, Deet learns that prison is not what he expected, nor are other people necessarily the way he thought they were.

**Dragon Slippers**

By Jessica Day George

Orphaned after a fever epidemic, Creel befriends a dragon and unknowingly inherits an object that can either save or destroy her kingdom.

**Golden Goblet**

By Eloise McGraw

A young Egyptian boy struggles to reveal a hideous crime and reshape his own destiny.

**Gregor the Overlander**

By Suzanne Collins

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

**Immigrant Kids**

By Russell Freedman

Text and contemporary photographs chronicle the life of immigrant children at home, school, work, and play during the late 1800's and early 1900's.

**Keeper of the Lost Cities**

By Shannon Messenger

At age twelve, Sophie learns that the remarkable abilities that have always caused her to stand out identify her as an elf, and after being brought to Eternalia to hone her skills, discovers that she has secrets buried in her memory for which some would kill.

**Menagerie**

By Tui Sutherland

When twelve-year-old Logan Wilde wakes up to discover a baby griffin hiding under his bed, he suddenly finds himself thrown into a mystery involving his classmate Zoe Kahn and a magical menagerie right in the middle of his sleepy Wyoming town.

**No Talking**

By Andrew Clements

"Boys vs. girls" : The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

**Rules**

By Cynthia Lord

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

**Tapper Twins Go to War**

By Geoff Rodkey

An oral history that reports, through transcribed recordings, text messages, photographs, illustrations, screenshots, and more, an epic prank war between twelve-year-old twins Reese and Claudia Tapper of New York City.

**What Was the March on Washington?**

By Kathleen Krull

Describes the 1963 March on Washington, helmed by Martin Luther King, Jr., where over two hundred thousand people gathered to demand equal rights for all races, and explains why this event is still important in American history today.





# Battle of the Books

Chugiak Elementary School

Chugiak Elementary students are about to begin the Battle of the Books program. Battle of the Books is a statewide reading motivation program. The goal is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading and to broaden reading interests and comprehension while promoting academic excellence.

All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join!

All students interested in participating will need a signed permission slip which includes a summary of the books. Each student will be given a bookmark with titles and authors. Students in Christiansen, Ugarte, Himes, and Sparkman's classes will practice on Mondays during recess. Students in MacNaughton, Tkacs, and Senchantixay's classes will practice on Wednesdays during recess. Students in Canada, De La Rosa, and King's classes will practice on Fridays during recess. Practices will help reinforce reading books and help students answer questions about the books.

## How Do We Pick Teams?

All interested students will practice together in a large group during the months of September through December. In early January we will select two teams of three students (plus one alternate) for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade and two teams of three students (plus one alternate) for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, who will represent Chugiak Elementary at the Anchorage Battle in February. These sixteen will have earned a place on one of the two teams. A point system will be used to determine who places on the final teams. Students earn points for the number of books read, attendance at Battle meetings, overall attitude, and points for correct answers on the final test given to all students in early January.

## Important Dates to Remember

- Sept. 22 Turn in permission slips to join Battle of the Books.
- Sept.-Dec. All students practice and read, read, read.
- Early January Teams selected
- TBD Anchorage Battle 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade at West High

If you have any questions please see or send a message to Mrs. Welge Happy Reading!

I have read the Battle book summaries and give \_\_\_\_\_ permission to join Chugiak Elementary's Battle of the Books. Please sign and return this bottom portion.

\_\_\_\_\_  
parent/guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

Coach - Jackie Welge - Librarian  
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# CHUGIAK ELEMENTARY

## ~HOLIDAY BAZAAR~

19932 OLD GLENN HWY, CHUGIAK

Saturday, November 11th, 2017

10:00am-4:00pm

80+ VENDORS WITH ONE OF A KIND GIFTS  
JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SHANNON AT  
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