

# News from the Sun

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## February 5th, 2024

### Winter Faire is this Saturday

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Winter Faire! From making cakes and goodies for the Tea Room to staying after the event to clean up, we couldn't pulled off this special event without YOU!

Please make sure to log all your hours from this weekend in our volunteer tracking program, [Track It Forward](#). Please only use ONE account per family as we have a limited number of users available. You can add hours in a lump sum if you haven't logged all the hours you've volunteered this year.

Kind Regards,  
Stacy Foshee  
Principal, Boreal Sun Charter School

### Important Events

#### February.

**2/6** Lottery Orientation 9:15-12:15 & 1:15-2:45

**2/7** APC meeting 5-7:30pm [Agenda](#)

**2/8** Kindergarten & 5th grade FT to Forget-Me-Not Books 9:45am - 12:15pm

**2/9** Lunar New Year Assembly 9-10am

**2/12** Boreal Sun Spelling Bee 9-10am

**2/15** 4th grade FT to Food Bank 9:30am - 12pm

**2/16** 4th grade FT to Morris Thompson Cultural Center 9:30-11am

**2/19-2/20** Parent/Teacher Conferences - **NO SCHOOL**

**2/21** Professional Development Day - **NO SCHOOL**

**2/22** APC Election closes



**2/26** Friends of Boreal Sun (FOB) monthly meeting 5:45-6:45pm

**2/28** BSCS Science Fair (Great Hall) 3:30-5:30pm

### March

**3/6** APC meeting 5-7:30pm

**3/21** Kindergarten FT to Children's Museum 9:45-12:15pm

**3/25** FOB meeting 5:45-6:45pm

**3/7** Lottery Orientation 9:15am-12:15pm

## **Winter Faire - THANK YOU!**

Winter Faire was a huge success, even in the coldest temperatures Fairbanks has seen in years. We got the vehicles started and came together to create some warmth and magic during this frigid time. Our school community is truly beautiful and amazing, and we were able to show Fairbanks our best!

A huge thank you to each of the activity leads who spent countless hours planning and putting together the event: Jessica Bennett, Alisa Butcher, Davya Flaharty, Amy Ford, Erika Gaskins, Nicole Hansen, Shawn Miller, Bill O'Malley, Melanie Payton, Harmonie Peters, and Abby Tolman.

Thank you to those who stayed after to clean up: Alisa Butcher, Bill O'Malley, the Munoz, the McMillan family, and others!

Special thanks all of our vendors for braving the cold, to student performers and Cirque Alaska providing great entertainment, to the Munoz and St. Pierre families and Tiffany Green for putting in long hours both Friday and Saturday, to the 7th grade class for their help setting up on Friday and running a beautiful Tea Room, and to Ms. Kerndt, Ms. Jenny and the 4th grade class for putting on an amazing puppet show!

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who donated items, made food, crafted, planned, set up, cleaned up, and volunteered to help run the event. **YOU** made this special, unique event possible. It's amazing what we can do when we all come together. Thank you!



**"Campfire" for hot cocoa bar**



**Beeswax luminaries made in the 6th grade room**



**Beautiful igloo in 2nd grade**

## Thank you, Tanis Harvey!

Tanis leads up the PCG with so many wonderful people who worked hard on making Winter Faire a great success. We want to extend a HUGE thank you to Tanis for the many, long hours she put in again this year. We appreciate you so very much, Tanis!



## Missing items from Saturday?

We have several items left behind from this weekend. They are on the round table in the front lobby. They will be put into Lost and Found tomorrow if not picked up this afternoon.

## Lottery Orientation tomorrow!

Our first lottery orientation is tomorrow. Please let your friends know and share the flier below!

# Boreal Sun Charter School

A Waldorf-inspired public charter school

## 2024-25 LOTTERY ORIENTATION DATES

“Open House” style

**Tuesday 2/6:**  
9:15am-12:15pm/1:15-2:45pm

**Thursday 3/7:** 9:15am-12:15pm

**Tuesday 4/2:** 6:00-7:30pm

**Attendance at an orientation is required for applications to be accepted.**

Application window: 2/6 - 4/10  
<https://lottery.k12northstar.org/>

Have questions?  
Call 907-452-5444

## Everything below is for reference & was in a previous News From the Sun

### BSC Promotional Video

A HUGE thank you to Tyson Paris-Hansen for creating a video to promote our school! This video will be on our school website, Facebook pages and shown at our lottery orientations.

[BSC Promotional Video](#)

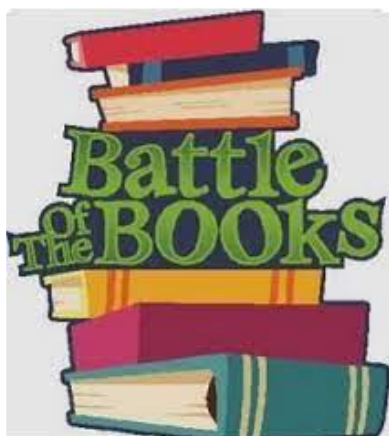


## Spring materials fees due now!

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You may also pay by cash, check or credit card with Julia at the front office anytime.

Fees are \$50 per student per semester/\$250 for the year for families with 3 students or more.



### Good Luck Battle of the Books Teams!

Best of luck to the following students & their coaches:

#### **Grades 7/8: coach Mandra Denney**

Ali Denney, Aviva St. Pierre, Alex Trahanovsky-Grimes

#### **Grades 5/6: coach Sharon Hansen**

Kitty Trahanovsky-Grimes, Rorik Hansen, Sonja Robinett, Elisa Hernandez Meurlott

#### **Grades 3/4: coach Ashley Paris-Hansen**

Isabella Meurlott, Cora Paris-Hansen, Charley Payton, Henry Miller

The battles will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons

## Up with Art -Submissions due by Feb. 16th

Every year the Fairbanks Arts Association sponsors the *Up With Art* student art exhibition in partnership with the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD), during National Youth Art Month in March. **K-12 students enrolled in an FNSBSD-affiliated institution** are invited to submit *one* piece of art made at home or in school to the *Up With Art* student art exhibition!



Artwork may be any of the following media: painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, print, mixed media, jewelry, fiber, and photography. We just wanted to send out a reminder about this fabulous opportunity in case students choose to work on an art piece over the holiday break.



### Lunch accounts - low balances

Many students have low or zero balances on their nutrition accounts. Please check your child's account and add money as needed: <https://www.schoolcafe.com/> OR through PowerSchool.

We welcome any donations to the [Principal's account](#) as we have had to dip into it recently to cover shortages of students' account under "School Misc Donation". Thank you!

## BSCS Science Fair!

Mark your calendar! The 6th Annual BSCS Science Fair will take place on **February 28th** starting at 3:30 PM.

If your child is interested, you can still sign up! We've extended the interest form due date in an



effort to encourage more students to participate. Just fill the attached interest form out and deliver it to Julia Chapman.

For those participating (or are interested in participating), the Fairbanks Children's Museum is hosting **Science Fair 101** on the following two days:

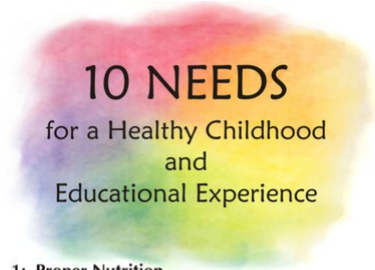
Tuesday January 23 from 4-7 PM @ North Pole Library

Thursday January 25 from 3-6 PM @ Joy Community Center

Stop by to get a free display board!

Reach out to Kalee Meurlott at [kjmeurlott@gmail.com](mailto:kjmeurlott@gmail.com) with your science questions.

## Some good reminders!



### 10 NEEDS

for a Healthy Childhood  
and  
Educational Experience

- 1: Proper Nutrition**  
A good, hot, nutritious breakfast every day before school. Breakfast, snack and lunch should contain lots of protein, and no sugar or food additives.
- 2: Adequate Sleep**  
Be in bed no later than 8:00 PM on school nights. Most young children still need 10 to 12 hours of sleep each night.
- 3. Minimal Media**  
No computer, TV, video games or other screen time on Sundays through Thursdays. No murder, mayhem or adult movies or videos on the weekend, ever.
- 4: Quiet Time**  
Provide some daily quiet time, without radio, CDs or tapes. Give your child the gift of silence.
- 5. Time in Nature**  
Spend some time in nature every day. Experience the weather; pay attention to the seasons, moon, stars and sky.
- 6. Chores at Home**  
Assign some responsibilities for taking care of the home, pets and yard.
- 7. Appropriate Dress**  
Pay attention to keeping your child warm and dry while at school, especially their feet.
- 8. Cultivate Reverence**  
All spiritual traditions offer practices that help develop the reverence for life that supports home, school and community relationships. If need be, create your own.
- 9. Support Your Child's Education**  
Help develop healthy homework habits, participate in school activities, and communicate honestly about your concerns with your child's teachers.
- 10. Support the Class Community**  
Get to school on time. Plan vacations during breaks. Support the class code of conduct. Children need shared values and alignment among their adult role models.

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## Inclement Weather Procedures

### **\*\*Inclement Weather Procedures\*\***

When severe weather conditions are anticipated, our district follows a diligent process to determine whether it's safe to keep schools open or if closures are necessary. This process involves:

1. Monitoring weather reports and forecasts.
2. Assessing road and school site conditions.
3. Consulting with transportation and safety officials.
4. Making timely decisions to ensure everyone's safety.

### **\*\*Notification Process\*\***

In the event of a school closure or delay, our Communications Department will provide notice through phone call, text, and email. Notices will also be posted on our website and social media.

### **\*\*Safety First\*\***

Your safety is paramount. We will always prioritize student and staff safety when making weather-related decisions.

Let's stay prepared for a safe and enjoyable winter season!

# Interior NYO 2024

Looking to compete in one of the eleven events in this year's games? Fill out the form at the link below or scan the QR code to get your contact information to the coaches.

If your last physical was before October 20th, 2022, you'll need a new one.

Meet 1: Friday February 9th, Saturday February 10th

Meet 2: Friday March 1st, Saturday March 2nd

Meet 3: Thursday March 28th, Friday March 29th, Saturday March 30th



<https://forms.gle/wLKpj252h6jwxJHf7>



## Calling all 6th & 7th Graders interested in NYO!

Are you interested in competing in the Native Youth Olympics or just learning more about this sport? Student athletes do not need to be Alaska Native to participate. 6th graders may join our practices and local meets, however, they can't qualify for the state meet that happens in late April in Anchorage. If you are interested check out these three practice locations. Students may attend any of the three locations.

**Effie Kokrine:** Wayne Horine [wayne.horine@k12northstar.org](mailto:wayne.horine@k12northstar.org)

**Ryan:** Michael Mallette [michael.malette@k12northstar.org](mailto:michael.malette@k12northstar.org)

**North Pole:** Michael Hollett [michael.hollett@k12northstar.org](mailto:michael.hollett@k12northstar.org)

Specific days and times for practices will be sent out the first week of January.

We can collect field trip fees through Power School. Please refer to the picture/link below to find the fee and pay it:

<https://ak-fairbanksnorthstar.intouchrecepting.com/>

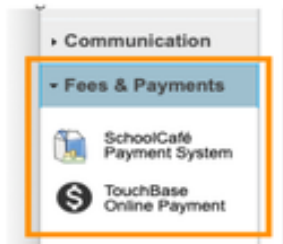
Whenever we collect field trip fees, I put the name of the field trip and date with the fee amount onto the students' PowerSchool accounts. Parents can pay online through PowerSchool or they can pay me by cash, check, or credit card in person. We cannot accept credit card payment over the phone.



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## TOUCHBASE | ONLINE PAYMENTS

**Welcome to FNSBSD's convenient online payment system.**



### Parents/Guardians/Students:

1. Sign into your **PowerSchool Student/Parent Portal** (please use an internet browser NOT the PowerSchool Mobile App).
2. Once signed in, **click** the icon in the left panel labeled **Fees and Payments** (see image on left).

**You will be immediately taken to TouchBase without having to sign in...**

## Volunteer Info

Here is the link to sign up for Track it Forward:

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/boreal-sun-charter>



So far, 992 hours have been recorded! We report our volunteer hours in our annual report to the school board in the Spring....every hour counts! We ask each family to volunteer 20-45 hours per year.

**Please use/register only 1 account per family as we have limited licenses.**

### We currently need volunteers to help with reading groups:

M, T, W & F 2:30-3pm Great Hall - Supporting student who are reading

Ms. Snell needs help M, T, W & F from 1:45-2:15pm for reading groups and on Thursdays at 11:20am. Please email her if you are available to help on a certain day:

[heather.snell@k12northstar.org](mailto:heather.snell@k12northstar.org)

Some other ways to earn volunteer hours:

- Assist in the classroom or teach a class using special skills you have to offer
- Participate in class field trips ([Approved Volunteer](#) Status required)
- Assist with class plays – costuming sets, lighting, etc.
- Help assemble class furniture, paint, and prep classrooms before and after the school year
- Support for Winter Faire and May Faire festivals
- Attend PCG meetings the 3rd Monday of each month
- Sewing projects or other take-home projects such as baking for the class



- Chaperone nature walks, field trips, and camping trips
- Playground, garden, and site beautification
- Provide snacks for staff, students, and events
- Other important tasks to improve the quality of classroom life as needed
- Lawn maintenance in the summer



## Winter Weather Gear for Boreal Sun

**+26° to +35°**

Jacket/sweatshirt/long-sleeved layers, gloves/mittens, hat, long pants, boots

(outdoor shoes for 4th-8th grade students are allowed if there is no snow or mud on the ground)

**+1° to +25°**


Coat, gloves/mittens, hat, insulated boots/footwear, snow pants for K-3rd grade students  
Long pants for 4th-8th grade students

**-20° to 0°**

Warm coat, snow pants, gloves/mittens, hats, winter boots, and face covering recommended

**Please follow this Wellness Check before sending your kids back to school from sickness:**

Updated: August 3, 2022



## Wellness Check for Students & Staff

Help keep our schools symptom free!

<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Major Symptoms</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Fever</b> - over 100° F</li> <li><b>Cough</b> - severe cough, rapid and/or difficulty breathing, wheezing, accompanied by a sore throat or not feeling well</li> <li><b>Diarrhea</b></li> <li><b>Ears</b> - pain, swelling, drainage or difficulty hearing</li> <li><b>Eyes</b> - red, itchy eyes with clear, yellow, or green drainage may be contagious and a sign of bacterial conjunctivitis (pink eye)</li> <li><b>Rash</b> - accompanied by fever and behavioral changes, or that is oozing/open wound, or tender with the rash worsening</li> <li><b>Sore throat</b> - difficulty swallowing, white spots in back of throat</li> <li><b>Vomiting</b></li> </ul>	<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Minor Symptoms</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congestion/runny nose</li> <li>Mild headache</li> <li>Mild fatigue</li> <li>Mild sore throat</li> </ul>
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**Stay Home**  
Consider Evaluation  
by Healthcare  
Provider

Return to school or work  
when free of major  
symptoms without  
medication for 24  
hours.

**Positive  
COVID Test**

Individuals who  
test positive for  
COVID-19 should  
follow the State of  
Alaska guidelines  
found here:  
[kt2northstar.org/  
COVID](https://kt2northstar.org/covid)

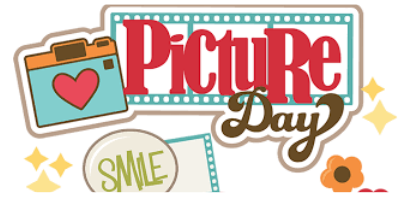
**Questions?**

For more information,  
contact your school  
nurse or call the district  
nursing department at  
(907) 452-2000 x11253.



## School Pictures

Here is the link if you still need to order school pictures: [View Photos](#)



If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [applegumphotography@gmail.com](mailto:applegumphotography@gmail.com).

Thanks!

Ashley Leppert

Applegum Photography



## Handwork helpers needed!

Hi families!

Are you looking for a meaningful and fun volunteer opportunity? Try volunteering in Handwork! Younger grades **especially** need extra sets of hands to guide them through the challenges of finger-knitting and knitting (no experience required). Then crochet, cross-stitch and embroidery at 3rd, 4th, 5th and sewing in 6th would also benefit from helpers.

Times are as follows:

1st Wed/Fri 11:20-12:00

2nd Wed/Thurs 9:00-9:40

3rd Mon/Thurs 12:05-12:45

4th Tues./ Thurs 11:20-12:00

5th Wed/ Fri 12:00-12:45

6th Mon/Wed 9:45-10:25

Please contact Heidi Collins, Handwork Teacher

[heidi.collins@k12northstar.org](mailto:heidi.collins@k12northstar.org)

## 2023 ~ 24 Charter Lunch Menu

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	<b>Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly sandwich</b> ♦ Celery & Cherry Tomatoes ♦ Pineapple Tidbits	<b>Bologna &amp; Cheese Sandwich</b> ♦ Potato Salad ♦ Fresh Orange Wedges	<b>Chicken Drumstick &amp; Dinner Roll</b> ♦ Romaine Salad & Grape Tomatoes ♦ Peaches	<b>Chicken Salad w/ Breadstick</b> ♦ Crispy Ranch Chickpeas ♦ Apricots	<b>Yogurt &amp; String Cheese w/ Cranberry Oatmeal Cookie</b> ♦ Baby Carrots ♦ Blueberries
2	<b>Teriyaki Chicken Noodle Bowl</b> ♦ Bean Salad ♦ Applesauce	<b>Club Hoagie Sandwich*</b> ♦ Cucumber Coins ♦ Mixed Berries	<b>Ham &amp; Cheese Bento Box*</b> ♦ Jicama Sticks ♦ Fresh Cantaloupe	<b>Chicken BLT Salad w/ Breadstick</b> ♦ Baby Carrot Sticks ♦ Pears	<b>Turkey &amp; Swiss Sandwich</b> ♦ Broccoli Buds & Cherry Tomatoes ♦ Peaches
3	<b>Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly Sandwich</b> ♦ Potato Salad ♦ Mandarin Oranges	<b>Turkey &amp; Cheese Hoagie</b> ♦ Celery Sticks ♦ Mixed Fruit	<b>Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Breadstick</b> ♦ Baby Carrot Sticks ♦ Strawberries	<b>Chicken Salad Bento Box</b> ♦ Romaine Salad & Dice Tomato ♦ Fresh Grapes	<b>Ham &amp; American Sandwich</b> ♦ Crispy Ranch Chickpeas ♦ Peaches

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
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♦ Designates a Required Cold Pack Item   \* Designates a pork item   - Menu is subject to change dependent on item availability



### Boreal Sun Charter School Families Facebook page

Did you know Boreal Sun has THREE Facebook pages?!

We have a private Facebook group just for enrolled families and staff.

[Click here to join the private group!](#)

[This is the public Boreal Sun Facebook page.](#) More specific information will be posted on the private Boreal Sun Families

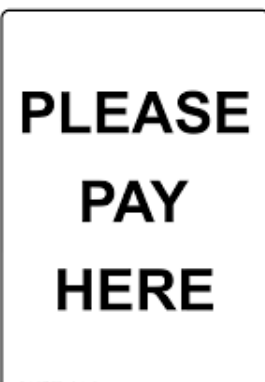
Facebook page.

We also have a private gear sales, rideshare and childcare requests [Facebook Page](#).



### Free & Reduced Lunch Application

Please fill out the [Free and Reduced Meal Application](#)



## FREE COVID Test Kits

We have plenty of at-home COVID test kits to give away. Please stop by the office or pick some up in the lobby.

This information is not shared in any way and may help the school to gain important funding through federal funds. To view menus or add money to your child's lunch account <https://www.schoolcafe.com>. No account is needed. You can view the menus as a guest!

## Materials Fees

Please pay materials [here](#).

Materials fees are collected every Fall and Spring:  
\$50/student/semester  
\$250 Family max for 3 students or more

## School Times and Office Hours

Office Hours: 8:15am - 3:45pm

Student Hours: 8:45am - 3:15pm (Thursdays are early release days at 1:15pm)

Supervision on the playground and breakfast service both start at 8:30am.

For any questions about attendance, enrollment or general information, please contact Julia Chapman, our Admin Secretary: [julia.chapman@k12northstar.org](mailto:julia.chapman@k12northstar.org)



## Boreal Sun Charter School

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Email: [stacy.foshee@k12northstar.org](mailto:stacy.foshee@k12northstar.org)

Website: <https://www.k12northstar.org/Domain/41>

Location: [2404 S Barnette St, Fairbanks, AK 99701, USA](#)

Phone: [907-452-5444](tel:907-452-5444)

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/Boreal-Sun-Charter-School-](https://www.facebook.com/Boreal-Sun-Charter-School-1470069149883616)

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**Stacy Foshee**

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