UPCOMING EVENTS: REMOTE LEARNING STARTS THURSDAY

- **August 18th** - Meet n’ Greet: Kinder by schedule/ Returning students teacher communication/ New Students 5:30-6:30pm outside our school
- **August 18-19th** - Device and material pickups
- **August 20th** - first day of Remote Learning

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – WE'RE EXCITED.

Greetings,

Our Remote Learning is organized and structured for successful learning. We’re ready!

This Thursday is Day 1 of Remote Learning. Each student should receive information about their learning expectations from their teacher. For many, the learning will start with an informational email or paper. These communications will explain how and when to be live with your classmates and teacher.

New School Times for students: 9:30am - 2:30pm. While this applies to In-Person Blended Learning, during this phase of Learning, *Remote*, the teachers will do their best to mimic those times. Keep in mind, students are not expected to be online for 5 hours, they are expected to meet the district's guidelines for Remote Learning (see flyer below).
Does your student need a device? We are loaning devices (Kinder- 2nd= iPads/ 3rd-8th= Chromebooks). Monday: 1-3pm and Tues-Wed: 9am-3pm families can pick devices up along our Gym entrance loop. Make sure you have confirmed your proper tech use policy (sent to families in an earlier email).

Information from your teacher will be available Tuesday. For some students, class lists were completed earlier and you have already heard from your teacher. For most families, class lists this year have proved difficult and we are just finalizing the names. Teachers will have information about Remote Learning expectations, directions for Live Learning, curriculum links, as well as information about other resources. Students who have played a musical instrument in the past can check-out instruments soon and lesson scheduling will follow.

Are you new to Arctic Light? Tuesday is our Meet n’ Greet for new students. Due to Covid policy about congregating and the current Remote Learning order, our Meet n’ Greet will be outside our school Tuesday, August 18th, 5:30-6:30pm (social distancing & masks).

Is your PowerSchool information up-to-date with our secretaries? If your contact information has changed, please communicate those changes with our office staff. Having the correct information ensures delivery of emails, texts, calls, and mailings throughout the school year.

Earlier the school board voted for Remote Learning. Soon, they will meet to decide about when we will have In-Person Blended. When that day comes, we look forward to safely educating your child following Covid best safety practices. Until then, please keep us posted about your concerns, ideas or needs.

Do Good Work, Be a Friend, Every Day.

Mr. Keener
Principal – Arctic Light K-8
CAN I GET MEALS FOR MY CHILDREN DURING REMOTE LEARNING?

Yes.

Distribution of daily breakfast and lunch meals will occur between 9 am – 1 pm in the Arctic Light Gym Loop. If your children will not be with you please have a state issued photo ID and your children's student ID #.

Our staff is required to ask for this information to ensure we are compliant with the federal program regulations. Your child's meal status will apply (e.g. free, reduce, full pay) and funds (if required) must be available on the child's account in order to receive meals.

Nutrition Services - (907) 451-1004

OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

Welcome to an exciting and diverting new year of school. My name is Nick Hoy and I'm the new instructional coach for Arctic Light Elementary. I have been with the district for over ten years. Several years as a classroom teacher, and this will be my fifth year as an instructional
coach. Before teaching, I served four years in the military, and so I completely understand what it means to have to move from one place to another with such regularity, not to mention the stress it can cause for our families.

It is my pleasure to support and collaborate with all of the teachers as they continue to strive toward facilitating the growth of students into knowledgeable, self-sufficient, caring citizens, capable of navigating in a global society.

Nick Hoy
Instructional Coach
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RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONAL TIMES FOR REMOTE LEARNING

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Students can achieve total minutes through various online experiences:

- Online Skill Building (SmartyAnts, RedBird, Read Live etc.)
  - Synchronous whole class
  - Synchronous small group
- Online independent work (online components of adopted materials, google docs, etc)
- Other online experiences (Nat Geo, PBS, Sora, Pebble Go etc.)

*7th and 8th Grade add on an additional 30 minutes instruction per day*

LUNCH MENUS AND MEAL INFORMATION

Lunch menus and important information from our Nutrition Services Center.
COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello Families!

We have had several months to become more aware of insights for well-being specific to ourselves and for the people we care about. What did you figure out that works well for daily schedules and weekly goals? As we transition into more organized learning times, how can summer insights support autumn health? Back to school can be bumpy. Allow yourself time to figure out new routines and insights for the remote learning and in-person learning blend that is ahead. In other words, practice living in moments of observation to respond to challenges thoughtfully. Model this for others, and allow yourself to recover from moments of reactive emotion. It feels good for a brain to learn new material and to interact more with others. Make adjustments based on summer wisdom and learn and grow with all of us. We care about all of you and are here to support you through much learning this year. Stay in touch.

TEACHER WELCOME VIDEO

Greetings from: Mrs. Berry, Mr. Sagers, Mrs. Fraissinet, Mrs. LaSota, Mrs. Villalobos, Mrs. Nuss, Mr. Hoy, Mrs. Cerven, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Jaeke, Mrs. Lehman, Mr. Crömer, Ms. Wolfe, Mrs. Turner, and Mrs. Nelson. More soon!
**Meet n' Greet**

**Tuesday, August 18th**

Learning begins remotely on Thursday.

Returning students receive teacher information electronically.

New students visit their teachers outside on Tuesday, 5:30-6:30pm.

Kindergarteners receive scheduled 'safe' visits.

**Learning materials are available for pickup:**

Tues-Wed, 9-3pm along the Gym Loop.

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**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION**

https://www.k12northstar.org/arcticlight
Remote Learning Begins Thursday
August 20th

**Need a Device?**

**Arctic Light**

device checkout begins Monday,
August 17th 1-3:00pm

Confirm the District User Agreement and come by our Gym Entrance.
Additional Pickup Times:
Tue-Wed 9-3pm

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**QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, THOUGHTS... GIVE US A CALL.**

Facebook

Now is the time to address your concerns. Please contact us if you have questions, concerns, even ideas. Tammy and Tanya are in the office from 8:30 - 4:30 to take your calls.

(907) 356-2038

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**WANT TO CONNECT WITH ARCTIC LIGHT FAMILIES AND STAFF – JOIN US ON FACEBOOK**

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