

THE FALCON FLYER

UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Allyson Nicholson

Dear Families, Parents and Friends,

Welcome Back - we missed you!!

On behalf of our entire staff, we would like to welcome all of our new and returning students to the 2018-2019 School year. Much planning and hard work has gone into preparing for a successful school year.

Let me begin by introducing myself! My name is Mrs. Allyson Nicholson and I will be your principal! For those of you who have not met me, I have been in the education field for the last 24 years. I taught in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District for 9 years and have had the privilege of being an Assistant Principal at Randy Smith Middle School and North Pole High School. Tennessee, Texas, and Hawaii are where my other teaching adventures have taken me. I am very excited to work together to make this a fabulous new school year!

Our enrollment is around 470 students and our staff is eager to work with them and their families. Besides the new students, we also have some new faces on staff, too. Mrs. McCleery-1st grade, Mrs. Lengel-K/1 Aide, Mrs. Engman-K Aide, Ms. Fyke-K Aide, Ms. Bruhn-Lowder-PreSchool, Ms. Seamon-PreSchool Aide, Ms. Sparks-PreSchool Aide, Ms. Cadzow-3rd Grade, Mrs. Kettle-Music, Mrs. Borba-Special Education Secretary, Mr. Cobbs-Recess Aide, Ms. Gilliam-Recess Aide. We are also welcoming back Mr. O'Regan from his leave of absence. Everyone is working together to provide a safe and personalized learning environment.

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Please contact your child's teacher to share your interests, ability to volunteer and/or concerns. Education is a "team" act. We are in this together and communication is the key.

We will be hosting an Open House on September 11 from 5:30-6:30. Mark your calendars now to come meet your child's teacher and the staff that works with your child every day.

As excited as I am to offer this monthly newsletter, it is the face-to-face interactions that I value most. Please know that we have an open-door policy, and welcome any opportunity to meet with you. We are looking forward to our collaboration in providing a safe and nurturing environment as well as a challenging and diverse curriculum.

This will be a fantastic year!!

Sincerely,
 Allyson

PTA EVENTS

Sep 11 3:30 - Board Meeting

Sep 13 - Hosting All School XC
Meet at Birch Hill

Sep 17 - Oct 12 - Membership Drive

Oct 4 - Picture Day

Oct 23 5:30 - General Membership
Meeting

PTA Fundraising is Easy!

Register your Fred Meyer card online by scanning this QR Code or going to <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4> to link your card.

The PTA currently receives about \$850 each quarter. We would love to see this raised to \$1000! It's no cost to you, so please register today! This money goes directly to student activities and teacher support at our school. Look for: University Park Elementary School PTA (CY234).

You can also link your Amazon account to our school with Amazon Smile and they send us 5% back each quarter as well. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and then select University Park Elem PTA in Fairbanks, AK!



FROM THE PTA

Stephanie Rozell, President

Hello UPK Families!

The University Park PTA would love to welcome all of our families to a fantastic new school year- those returning and those new to the Falcon Family! We hope that you'll find we truly are a family here at University Park. It is our goal that you feel welcomed and supported as you enter into this community.

We would like to encourage you to join the PTA. Membership in the PTA is more than just volunteering and participating in events. We are an advocacy group for ALL students at University Park. Your child is important to us and your membership in PTA helps us provide ways to keep your child and your family connected to the school. Membership forms will be available around the school and in your child's classroom.

The U-Park PTA sponsors many of the favorite events throughout the school year - such as the annual Make and Take at Christmas, Family Dance and Game Nights, the Science Fair, and the Reflections Art program. We always need volunteers to steer these events and also just to be happy helpers. Watch for announcements as the year progresses and know that we welcome your participation!

PTA Board meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month in the library at 3:30. Members are welcome to join the meeting for information or comments.

With excitement,
Your 2018 - 2019 PTA Board

Stephanie Rozell, President
Nicole McKee, VP Committees
Heather Grill, VP Membership
Stephanie Morning, Treasurer
Nan Pfisterer, Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES

Sep 3 - No School

Sep 11 - Open House 5:30pm

Sep 27 - Early Out 1:45pm

Sep 28 - No School

Oct 12 - End Quarter
Early Out 1:45pm



Cross-Country Running Club

Practice Schedule (3:30-4:30)

Tues. Sep 4 -- Wed. Sep 5
Mon. Sep 10 -- Wed. Sep 12
Mon. Sep 17 -- Wed. Sep 19

Race Schedule (5:30 first race start time)

Thurs. Sep 6 @ Salcha
Thurs. Sep 13 @ Birch Hill
Thurs. Sep 20 @ Chena Lakes

Practice and races occur rain or shine.

Races are approximately 2K (1.2 miles) for grades K-2nd and 3K (1.8 miles) for 3rd-6th grades. Please make sure transportation from practices and meets is arranged in advance. Please carpool to races - parking is very crowded.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Running Club

Parent volunteers are needed during practices and meets. We are hosting the meet at Birch Hill on Thursday, September 13th and need at least 14 volunteers to assist and organize. We also need two volunteers per race that we are not hosting.

If you have any questions please contact Coach Davis at University Park
479-6963 ext. 44039, or by email at norm.davis@k12northstar.org.

XC Race Concessions

The PTA will be running a concessions stand at the September 13th XC meet. We need parents to help staff the stand or provide baked goods to sell.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Nicole McKee by email at nikurae@yahoo.com.

Library MakerSpace

Do you like to sew, knit, or create paper crafts? Do you use Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, or know how to code? We are looking for adults who would like to share their knowledge with our students!

Contact Carol Smallwood, Library Media Associate, for additional details. She may be reached by stopping in at the school library, emailing carol.smallwood@k12northstar.org, or calling 479-6963 x 44035.

FNSBSD Volunteer Packet

Volunteers who will be performing services near children outside the sight and sound of a district employee are required to complete the Volunteer Packet and receive approval prior to volunteering. The packet may be found at <https://bit.ly/2woVjGm> or by searching "FNSBSD Volunteer Packet".

Are you on Facebook?

Be sure to join our school page. You'll find important announcements and reminders. You'll also be able to network with other parents. Use this QR Code or type in "University Park Falcon Families". Membership to the page must be approved in an effort to maintain some privacy and protection of our kids.



The Nurse Is In

Parents—please note our school nurse has a new schedule this year. Nurse Baring will be at University Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other Friday. If you have questions or concerns please contact the nurse on those days or feel free to email her at sharon.baring@k12northstar.org



The school is collecting BoxTops once again! Each little Boxtop is worth 10 cents to the school, and last time we collected over \$1,800 worth! Thank you for taking the time to clip these and send them in.

DRIVE SAFE

We have a lot of traffic coming and going around the school as parents drop off and pick up students. For safety reasons, students need to meet their ride at the supervised "Stop, Drop, and Go" curb. Parents are welcome to park in the lot as well. Do not use the back maintenance road, as it needs to be clear for service and emergency vehicles.

School staff supervises students crossing Loftus at York and the bus lane exit at 8:30–8:45 and then again 3:15–3:30. First Student (the bus company) supervises students crossing Birch Lane at Fairbanks Street and again at Driftwood before and after school. Students must cross Loftus at supervised areas.

Please be attentive while walking or driving near school, especially during the high volume times of arrival and dismissal.

UPK SPIRIT T-SHIRTS



UNIVERSITY PARK
E L E M E N T A R Y
Fairbanks, Alaska

Show your school spirit by wearing a UPK shirt. T-shirts are available for \$15! They come in Royal Purple or Dark Heather Gray. If you'd like to send money and a note with the desired color in an envelope to your child's teacher we would be happy to size your kiddo and send them home with a new shirt on Fridays. Sizes run from YS to Adult XL - so you can wear one too!

MakerSpace in the Library!

It has taken several years of planning and fundraising, but it is finally ready!

What is a MakerSpace, you might ask?

A MakerSpace is a dedicated place where students can make or create things. This section of the library will be devoted to arts, crafts, and technology - introducing students to ideas and techniques using low and high tech solutions.

Who will be able to use the space?

Everyone will have the opportunity to try something!

The space will be available to students during the school day as a place to create, conduct small group research, or work on special projects.

When will the MakerSpace be open?

Starting September 10th, the space will be open during library classes, select lunchtimes, and occasionally on Friday afternoons. A calendar will be available with specific dates and times.

There will be a limit to the number of students using the space at a time depending on the activity and availability of supplies or tools.

What do we have to use for creation?

Legos - Knitting Supplies - Paper Crafts - Rock Painting Kit - Take-Apart Bin - Bloxels - Code-a-Pillar - Sewing Machines - Fabric Scraps - Capsela Building Sets - Lego Mindstorms - Lego Boost Build, Code, Play - Robot Turtles Board Game - Poetry Making Kit - Art Supplies - Computer with Adobe Creative Cloud Applications - Small Robots

What are the behavior expectations?

Be respectful of adult supervisors and other students.

Be respectful and careful with supplies and electronic devices.

Clean up work area when finished with a project. Projects that are being worked on will be stored in a special location.

TEACHER & STAFF BIOS

Many thanks to UPK teachers and staff for sharing these short bios. Apologies from the editor for any I inadvertently missed or edited incorrectly. They start out sorted by grades and then become organized based on how they fit on the page.

Bonnie Bruhn Lowder, Preschool Special Education

I am excited to be teaching Pre-K at University Park this year! I have been teaching special education students of varying grade levels for over 12 years (8 years with the FNSBSD). My educational background includes a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Master's degree in Special Education, both from National University in La Jolla, California. I am currently working on another degree in Early Childhood Special Education with the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

My adventurous parents moved to Fairbanks to teach, met each other here, and stayed to raise their family here. While I am originally from Fairbanks and eventually moved back, I have also lived in Honolulu, San Diego and Healy. When I'm not studying, I enjoy traveling, singing, reading and knitting.

I have loved working with staff in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program over the years and am super glad to be seeing them more often now that our program has moved to U-Park. I am looking forward to a great school year!

Becca Sparks, Preschool

Hello! My name is Becca Sparks and I work in the pre-school program here at U-Park! I am Alaskan born and raised and love living in this great state! I have two children--my son Josh is in the Marines and my daughter Sara is a Senior at West Valley. My husband and I love to go on walks and bike rides. And I love to spend time baking and reading! I have worked in special education for almost 13 years and 11 of those have been in pre-school! I am excited to be here and am looking forward to a great first year at U-Park!

Michelle Claar, Kindergarten

This is my twenty-fourth year teaching in Fairbanks, with 14 years at University Park. I have taught all grades K - 6 and was a reading teacher for one year. Most of my years teaching are in kindergarten and first grade. I really enjoy working with all the staff, students, and families at UPK. It feels like a big extended family. I have lived in Fairbanks for 26 years now. I love all the light in the summers and hunker down with some artsy projects in the winter. I enjoy embroidery, beading, sewing, collage, basketry, and making new things from recycled items. If I am not at school or working in my "art studio", I am out watching my small flock of chickens or camping with my husband, daughter, and dogs.

Brent Curtis, Kindergarten

I am extremely happy to be teaching Kindergarten. I am looking forward to working with students, parents, and the wonderful staff at UPK.

Mr. Curtis at a glance:

Home town - Canandaigua, New York

Wife - Martha Curtis

Children - Trae Curtis (19), Allison Curtis (15)

Pet - Moca (dachshund)

Loves - Pizza

Eyes - Two

Hair - None

Becky Engman, Kindergarten Aide

My name is Becky Engman and I am Mrs. Claar's Kindergarten Aide. I'm originally from Michigan, but have lived in Fairbanks for 19 years. I have a wonderful husband Eric, two children Ella 11, Elias 13 and a dog named Luna. I like to ski, bike, knit and camp in our 1972 VW microbus. I'm so happy to be part of the U-Park family!

Heidi Lewis, First Grade

Hello, I have taught 17 years in kindergarten, 3rd grade last year, and am now teaching 1st grade! I am excited to be learning about 1st grade along with the students and enjoy their excitement for life and learning. In my "spare" time I enjoy reading, running, traveling and relaxing at home. Looking forward to a great year!

Jenny Rowland, First Grade

I'm looking forward to another year of teaching first grade and getting to know my students and their families. I was born and raised in Alaska and have lived in Glennallen, Seldovia, Palmer, and settled in Fairbanks where I finished my B.E.D. at UAF. My husband, Dale, and I have lived here for over 20 years and I have two sons, Dalton and Kade. I enjoy card making, working outside in the summer, and especially, baking. My favorite thing about fall: Football! (Go Cowboys) Welcome back to school!

Carol Harrison, Second Grade

I have been involved with U-Park for many years as both a U-Park parent and teacher, and this will be my twenty-fifth year teaching at U-Park! My family lives on the Chena River where we enjoy the wildlife, boating, kayaking, canoeing, and fishing opportunities that the river offers us. I was able to view Alaska's beauty from our float plane this summer as well! We have two children who are now young adults! My daughter is a nurse at First Care here in Fairbanks and my son is working on his PhD in Philosophy, where he and his wife live in North Carolina. I am looking forward to another exciting new year here at U-Park, as I do every year!

Cathy Klaes, Second Grade

I'm so happy to be starting my seventh year as a teacher at UPK! I'm really starting to feel a part of the family! I know so many of you now! My roots started in Wisconsin, then I spent many years in Colorado before landing in Fairbanks, Alaska. I'm a Packer fan for life. :) My favorite things to do include camping, reading, biking, hiking, and flying to remote lakes in the Brooks Range. I have a 13 year old daughter at Randy Smith, and a two and a half year old boy that keeps all of us very busy at home! Here's to another great year!

Julie Ortis, Third Grade

My name is Julie Ortis and I am teaching third grade this year! I grew up in Iowa and graduated from the University of Iowa with a BA and MA in education. I like to spend time camping, reading and enjoying my family and pets. We have a great bunch of third graders! I'm sure it will be a great year!

Beth Roth, Second/Third Grade

I grew up in a family of six children on a farm, attending elementary, junior high, and high school in a small town in Western Oregon. I then went to Western Oregon College (now Western Oregon University) to earn my degree as a teacher. I've been working as a teacher since 1985, going on to teach five years in villages, and the rest of the time in Fairbanks. My favorite grade to teach is third. I totally love to teach, and I enjoy watching students learn how to be responsible and caring people. I have three children, and two of them are teachers. I have a granddaughter who is so fun to be around!! My husband grew up in Fairbanks, and went to school at the old UPK. In my free time, I like to cook, exercise, visit my friends, and surprise people.

Kirsten Gray, Fourth Grade

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and let you know how excited I am to be teaching at University Park. My name is Kirsten Gray and I have been teaching school for eighteen years. I have been married to my wonderful husband, Matt, for twenty-six years and we have two children, Sarah and Joshua. Sarah is twenty-one and a Senior at the University of Alaska- Anchorage and Joshua is seventeen and a Senior at Monroe Catholic School. Beyond my human family, we also have one other family member, a dog-named Ben. Although I spend a great deal of time working, you might also catch me doing a few of my other favorite things: watching my son play football for the Monroe Rams, traveling to Anchorage to visit my daughter, grabbing a hot cup of coffee at Just Espresso Yourself, walking my dog, camping with my family, or just reading a good fourth grade chapter book. Here's to a new and exciting year!

Sharon Attla, Fifth Grade

Hello! I'm excited to be teaching 5th grade at UPK once again! I have taught grades K-6 and worked for the school district as a cross cultural and learning styles partner teacher. This is my 29th year of teaching and I have two grown sons. I enjoy reading, sewing and travelling.

Amanda Macomber, Fifth Grade

Hello! My name is Amanda Macomber. I am beginning my twelfth year teaching. This will be my second year teaching fifth grade. I have taught in this district for the past four years. I grew up in Washington state, but have lived in Oregon, Arizona, and rural Alaska as well. I'm excited to have a great year!

Karen Kay Marquez, Sixth Grade

This is my seventh year at UPK and my 21st year of teaching. My dream career was to become a teacher and I love teaching. I am looking forward to a great year ahead. Spending time with my two sons and their families brings me much happiness. I am lucky to have four beautiful and healthy grandchildren. I have a rambunctious black lab named Ranger. I've lived in Alaska for almost 24 years and I love it. I also love to travel and am looking forward to seeing more amazing places in this world.

Kim Wallingford, Sixth Grade

I can hardly believe that this will be my seventh year at UPK! Time flies when you are doing what you love—and I do love teaching. Prior to beginning my career in Fairbanks 14 years ago, I was a stay-at-home mom. The Army brought my husband and me to Alaska with our two beautiful children, Samantha and John. Now my husband is retired, and our children are grown and living on their own. So, when I'm not at school, you might find me curled up with a good book, playing with our dogs, Brodie and Kona, or traveling somewhere with plenty of sun and sand.

Ron Harper, Sixth Grade

Welcome back to another great year at U-Park! I moved to Alaska in 1979 in search of adventure and I have lived here ever since. This will be my 21st year teaching in Fairbanks; every year I have taught either 5th or 6th grade. I have a wife, Barb (who teaches at Pearl Creek), and two sons, Kai and Colin. Kai goes to college at Western Washington University in Bellingham and Colin just graduated from West Valley. We also have a dog, Bean, a tiny little poodle mix. When I'm not working I like to read, play guitar, ride my fat bike, and ski, both downhill and Nordic. I love winter; you can find me at Skiland almost every weekend! I had a great summer and I hope everyone else did as well! I'm looking forward to having a great school year!

Ginger Egan, Primary Resource Teacher

I was born and raised in Fairbanks and am currently entering my 11th year of teaching in Fairbanks. Prior to teaching, I was a reading tutor and a Behavioral Specialist. This is my 15th year working for the FNSBSD. I have four delightful daughters; all four are in college. I have been involved with various different choral groups since 2008 in Fairbanks and have been singing with the Fairbanks Symphony Chorus for the past five years. I feel blessed to be working with such great teachers at University Park and am excited to be a part of the Falcon Family!

Jim Roon, Intermediate Resource Teacher

My name is Jim Roon and I am the intermediate resource teacher. I was born and raised in Michigan. I taught in Nashville, MI for three years before moving to Alaska in 1998 with my wife, Traci. I worked two years in Anchorage before moving to Fairbanks in 2000. I have worked at Barnett Elementary, Ryan Middle School and now UPK. I have been at UPK since 2008. I have two sons, Bryson and Braden, both attend UPK. Our family loves spending time together. We enjoy hiking, fishing, four wheeling, hunting and most outdoor activities. My boys are very involved in sports and that takes up most of our time outside of school. I am looking forward to another great year as a U-Park Falcon!

Lori Seamon, PreSchool Aide

Hi my name is Lori Seamon. I was born and raised in Fairbanks. I have one kid - Cheyanna - who is an 8th grader at Randy Smith Middle School. When I have free time I like to spend time with family and watch soccer games.

Jennifer Ryle, Intermediate Intensive Resource Teacher

I am starting my fourth year as a Falcon at UPK and am beginning my tenth year teaching. I am originally from Pennsylvania but have spent the past dozen years living wherever the army has directed. The army brought our family to Alaska in 2014. My husband and I have two children, a five-year-old son and a ten-year-old son. When not at school, you might find me volunteering with the army, coaching soccer, coaching baseball, fishing, camping, or 4-wheeling. I cannot wait to have a wonderful year and create amazing memories!

Tammy Baxter, Intermediate Intensive Resource Aide

My name is Tammy Baxter. This is my 13th year at U-Park as an IR Para Professional. My husband and I were born and raised here in Fairbanks. We have three grown children. We just became grandparents in June, to a healthy little boy. Welcome Kadin to our family. I am excited to be here another year at U-Park! Go Falcons.

Anne Kettle, Music

Greetings! I am excited to join the UPK team this year as the general music teacher. I have taught band, choir, orchestra and general music during the past 13 years. I have been teaching in Alaska since 2007 and am starting my 6th year in Fairbanks. My husband Nathan and I have two young daughters, Elizabeth, 3, and Lydia, 1, who keep us quite busy. I love gardening, hiking and baking in my spare time. I am looking forward to a musical year!

Rose Walker Nicholia, Alaska Native Education Tutor

I am happy to be back for my 9th year with ANE at University Park Elementary and my 25th year with FNSB School District. My parents are Robert & Jeanette Walker of Shaw Creek, Alaska (near Delta Junction), where I was born and raised. As a child, I loved growing up on a remote homestead and living a subsistence life style, but going to school, and then moving to Fairbanks were culture shocks, so I try hard to make school and learning a positive experience for students. I now have two grown daughters, and three grandchildren. My husband, Craig from the village of Tanana, teaches PE at WVHS, where we first met sixteen years ago. I have a fire science degree in Wildland Fire Control and have worked each summer since 1999 as an emergency fire fighter (EFF). I love both of my jobs, but I'm blessed to be able to work with the wonderful children at Upark!

Gina Moore, Kitchen Manager

My name is Gina Moore and I'm the Kitchen Manager. I was born and raised in Germany, and came to the US in 1984. I have two beautiful kids and two grandkids. I've been here in Alaska since 1999 and we love it! Love my fishing time and of course camping. I've worked for many different schools, but I love working with you all and I'm impressed how many things you do with the kids. I am excited to be a Falcon at UPK. See ya' in the lunch line!

Raeann Edwards, Extended Learning Program (ELP)

I am excited to be teaching extended learning again this year. This is my sixteenth year of teaching. I taught ELP for my first three years at North Pole Middle School, then I taught the next nine years here at UPK in third and then fifth grade, before moving to ELP. I have lived in Fairbanks for 29 years. I came up in 1989, planning to spend just two years to attend graduate school at UAF. I received a Master's degree in Natural Resources Management and those two years turned into many more. I am married and have a 10th grade daughter, a 23-year-old son who is a student in Washington State, and a 27-year-old son who is working on a PhD. in astrophysics at Virginia Tech. I enjoy playing hockey, watching my daughter play hockey, and hanging out at my cabin at Lost Lake.

Carol Smallwood, Library Media Associate

Hello, this is the beginning of my almost 10 years at UPK, my eleventh year of library media. I enjoy getting to know all the students in the school; there are many avid readers here, and many new faces to U-Park!

Our family, (my husband and I and our two daughters), have been Falcons for a while. Both of my daughters went to school at UPK from kindergarten through 6th grade. We have lived in Fairbanks now for almost 29 years, since coming back up to stay in 1990. We love the beauty of the area and the people! We like pets, too; I have two dogs - a Sheltie and a husky-mix dog. I also love to garden, read books, dance, and do art. I have a booth at the Farmers Market, where I sell my hand-painted Bella Art to Wear, so I see many of you in the summer, and thru most of September there, as well! I look forward to helping all of you become people who love to read!

Carrie Nash, Reading Tutor

Carrie is born and raised in the Fairbanks area. She taught Japanese and English at the high school, Jr. High and University level before becoming a reading tutor. She loves unlocking the world of reading for kids at UPK. Carrie and her husband Art have three kids, a crazy cat and a collie named Buttons!

Cheryl Cadzow, Third Grade

My name is Cheryl Cadzow. I am a new 3rd grade teacher at University Park Elementary. This is my twelfth year teaching in Fairbanks and twentieth year teaching in Alaska. I look forward to having a great year at University Park Elementary.

Lila Grzeda, ELL Tutor/Instructor

I am looking forward to my ninth semester at UPK, a school where my own son started seventeen years ago. I assist students, whose families come from different parts of the world, in obtaining English proficiency. I was born and raised in Poland and received a degree in Polish Literature and Language from Wroclaw University. While teaching in various elementary and high schools in Poland, I never dreamed of moving to Alaska: so far away from the land I had known. My husband Jarek and I moved here when my son Kuba, who graduated last June from Portland State University, was six months old. What began as an adventure became a second home for my family and me. I'm looking forward for another great year in Alaska and at UPK.

Jessica Schultz, Speech-Language Pathology

I was born and raised on the Kenai Peninsula and came to Fairbanks in 1998 to pursue my undergraduate degree. At the University of Alaska Fairbanks, I met my husband and we settled in to Fairbanks life. I finished my Master's program as my kids grew up. Both of my kids are now middle schoolers at Randy Smith! My favorite hobbies are spending time with my family, being outdoors, reading, and cooking. I love working with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program for the school district and LOVE University Park!

Ali Squires, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

I am originally from Soldotna Alaska. My family moved to Fairbanks six years ago with my husband's job. This is my fourth year at University Park as the Speech Language Pathology Assistant. I have three girls Mickey (21), Sofia (15), Avalyn (5), and one boy Max (19). In my spare time I enjoy relaxing with my family, playing with my crazy cattle dogs, and spoiling my chickens. University Park is a great school and I am happy to be part of it.

Renee Melegari, Administrative Secretary

Wow! Time flies! I started as a parent volunteer in '98 (last century!). Both my sons went here and are now grown. When I'm not at work I enjoy spending time with my family, knitting, reading, traveling, and learning new activities.

Kristina Hoffman, Behavior Specialist

I'm happy to be returning to UPK as a Behavior Specialist. My husband and I are originally from Minnesota and moved to Fairbanks in 1979. We have raised all five of our children in Fairbanks - Jamie, Jodi, Jenni, Dustin and Jori. We have seven grandchildren - Kierra, Kaelem, Kianna, Kinley, Haylie, Wylie, and Emma. I'm looking forward to another great year at UPK.

Kristin Presler, School Counselor

Hello! I am happy to be returning to UPK this year for my 18th year as a school counselor. As the counselor I see all classes at least once a week for Counselor time. I am a longtime Fairbanksan and even attended the old UPK, as well as Tanana Middle School and Lathrop High School. I then completed my Bachelor's and Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling at UAF. My husband Don and I have two wonderful daughters, Peyton, 19, and Mallory, 16. We have a doggy named Nashville--named after a city we love to visit! I have a dream job here at this wonderful school helping students and families to be successful. I am excited to be back to work and looking forward to another great year here at UPK.

Sharon Baring, BSN, RN, NCSN - Nurse

Greetings! This will be my 11th year at UPK; my 28th as a registered nurse and 6th as a nationally certified school nurse. I am a lifelong Alaskan (Homer) and very much a product of, and invested in, the Alaskan public education system (both parents were educators, nursing degree from UA-Anchorage, 1990, my husband teaches 1st grade at Joy Elementary, my son and daughter attend West Valley High.) My nursing experience includes hospital orthopedics, family practice and public health. My favorite, though, is the one I'm doing now. I love working in the school with this staff and your student/s! I'm looking forward to this school year.

Joseph McGrady, Day Custodian

I have worked at UPK for almost three years and am looking forward to the next one. I have lived in Fairbanks, Alaska for most of my life. During the summer, I've helped clean the schools and picked blueberries in the autumn. I hope to make this school year safe and clean.

Lunch Menu

September 2018

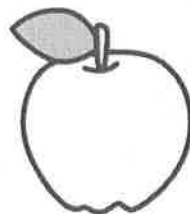
Meal Prices Elementary Lunch: \$3.50 Elementary Breakfast: \$2.00 Secondary Lunch: \$3.75 Secondary Breakfast: \$2.25 Visitor Lunch: \$5.50 Visitor Breakfast: \$3.75 Reduced Lunch: \$0.40 Reduced Breakfast: \$0.00 Milk Purchased Separately: \$0.75

University Park Elementary Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Labor Day	4 • Teriyaki Meatballs, Rice, & Broccoli • Popcorn Chicken & Green Beans • Romaine Salad & Fresh Orange Wedges	5 • Cheeseburger w/ Baked Beans • Meat & Bean Chili w/ Cinnamon Roll • Pickle Spears & Pineapple Tidbits	6 • Chicken Patty Sandwich w/ Tator Tots • Mini Corn Dogs w/ Seasoned Carrots • Cherry Tomatoes, Cauliflower & Grapes	7 • Cheese Pizza • Turkey & American Panini • Celery Sticks & Diced Peaches w/ Jello
10 • Beef Fried Rice w/ Mixed Veggies & Broccoli • Chicken Nuggets & Baked Beans • Peaches & Mini Cookies	11 • Ham w/ Mashed Potatoes & Dinner Roll • Spaghetti w/ Meatballs & Peach Bake • Sweet Peppers & Cantaloupe Chunks	12 • Cheese Quesadilla • Taco Boat • Taco Fixins' & Chilled Peaches	13 • BBQ Chicken & Potato Wedges w/ Dinner Roll • Beef, Bean, & Cheese Dip w/ Tortilla Chips & Peach Bake • Spinach Salad & Strawberries	14 • Pepperoni Pizza • Yogurt & Sunflower Seeds w/ Cereal Bar • Diced Pears & Baby Carrots
17 • Chicken Tenders & Waffles • Macaroni & Cheese • Applesauce & Baby Carrots	18 • Cheese Filled Breadsticks & Marinara • Bean & Cheese Burrito w/ Whole Kernel Corn • Romaine Salad & Fresh Melon	19 • Beef Hot Dog "Blanket" w/ Baked Beans • Hamburger w/ Tator Tots • Fruit Cocktail & Mandarin Oranges	20 • Biscuit & Country Sausage Gravy • French Toast & Sausage Patty • Cucumber Coins & Mixed Berries	21 • Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich • Grilled Cheese Sandwich • Broccoli, Cherry Tomatoes, Cauliflower, & Pineapple
24 • Beef Steak Nuggets & Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy • BBQ Pork Rib Sandwich w/ Green Peas • Blueberries & Baby Carrots	25 • Teriyaki Meatballs, Rice, & Broccoli • Popcorn Chicken & Green Beans • Romaine Salad & Fresh Orange Wedges	26 • Cheeseburger w/ Baked Beans • Meat & Bean Chili w/ Cinnamon Roll • Pickle Spears & Pineapple Tidbits	27 • Chicken Patty Sandwich w/ Tator Tots • Mini Corn Dogs w/ Seasoned Carrots • Cherry Tomatoes, Cauliflower & Grapes	28 Professional Development - No School

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Peggy A Dargan, Teacher of Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the District

I moved to Alaska from Vermont in 1992 in search of snow - we found it in Fairbanks! However, an opportunity to move to McGrath, AK took us on an adventure of living in a bush village. While we loved our time there, we always wanted to come back to Fairbanks. After three years in the village and seven years in Valdez the opportunity to return came up and we have been here since 2003. I have two children; my son is 24 and left Fairbanks to pursue a PhD in Math at CSU in Fort Collins and my daughter is a senior at LHS and an amazing xc ski racer! We have three old black labs who keep us busy and loved. We enjoy xc skiing, hiking, running, biking and camping. We are continuously working on our house and gardens. I love teaching and am so happy to be a part of the amazing University Park team.

Wendi Raygor, After School Program Coordinator

Hello! Welcome back to school! I received my B. Ed. Degree from UAF and was a building substitute teacher at Denali Elementary for two years. I took several years off to be a stay-at-home mom; and returned to work as a reading tutor, playground duty, and building substitute at U-Park. Now I am returning for my sixth year as the After School Program Coordinator. My husband, Scott, and I will celebrate our 23rd wedding anniversary in June. We have two boys, Ethan - a senior at West Valley, and Adam - a freshman at West Valley. My favorite things are watching our boys play soccer, reading, camping, hiking, spending time with my family and friends, and playing with our chocolate lab, Timber. I am looking forward to another great year at U-Park!

Eamon O'Regan, Fourth Grade

After earning my Masters degree in Education at the University of Northern Colorado, I began my teaching career in 1997 in Windsor, Colorado, teaching fourth grade for four years. Then, in 2001, my wife accepted a PhD position at UAF, and we headed north to Fairbanks. In the years since, I have taught grades three through eight, most of which were in fourth grade. This is my seventh year in fourth grade at U-Park. Last year, during a leave of absence, I taught fourth grade at Airport Heights Elementary in Anchorage. I love exploring Alaska with my wife Anja and our sons Lief and Flynn. Skiing, backpacking, biking, rafting, and kayaking have taken us on many wonderful journeys throughout the state. We also enjoy traveling both domestic and abroad, adventures I always share with my students.

LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Parents, the following is the schedule for library classes during the week. Please help your student be responsible and remember to bring back their library books on the day their class comes in here.

We are sharing all these books with each other, so it helps to get them back on time in order for someone else to check them out.

Thank you!

Monday

Wallingford, Simpson, Curtis, Harrison, Klaes

Tuesday

Harper, Ortis

Wednesday

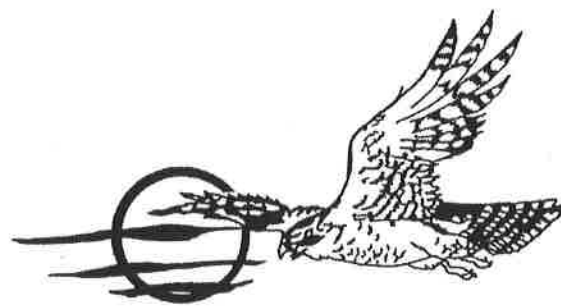
Mobley, Macomber, McCleery, Rowland

Thursday

Titus, Lehmann, Claar, Roth

Friday

Cadzow, Attla, Gray, O'Regan, Lewis



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