



# News from the Sun...

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Dear Boreal Sun Families:

Welcome back to school after a glorious boreal sunny and warm week of Spring Break! We hope you had a nice and meaningful time.

We are now in the final quarter of the school year. Grade reports will be ready on Thursday for families.

The playground is melting, like everything else. It is messy—wet and becoming muddy. Please continue to send snow pants, boots, and jackets through break-up. Hats and gloves are not needed when the temperature is above 35, and layers are best at these temperatures.

### Important Dates

3/19	Friends of Boreal Sun (FOB) Meeting @ 5 p.m.
3/20	Informational Meeting @ 6 p.m.
4/3	APC Meeting @ 5 p.m.
4/21-4/26	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to San Francisco
5/2	May Faire @ 10 a.m.

### Grade Reports

As the Friday before Spring Break was the last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, grade reports are being finalized and will be available for pick up from your child’s teacher on Thursday at dismissal. If you do not pick up your child’s grade report by Friday at the end of the day, it will be put into the mail and you can expect to receive it by next Friday. The third quarter reports for K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade are narrative-format reports.

### Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found baskets in the entry of the school. It is overflowing! There are many items that need to be reunited with their owners. Thank you.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip is approaching!

The 8th Grade Class is extending their special offer of The Universe\* to anyone who donates to their class trip through their \$1-100 board. Get your Universe today! \*the fine print: Universes may be smaller than the observable universe.

Additionally, if you ordered a Boreal Sun t-shirt or hoodie they are now in! Please bring your receipt to the 8th Grade room and claim yours!

### Friends of Boreal Sun (FOB)

Did you know that our school’s non-profit, Friends of Boreal Sun (FOB) is the caretaker of all non-district related funds our school earns? In truth, that is only one of our jobs. Our mission states: Friends of Boreal Sun promote Waldorf principles to the communities within Interior Alaska. We support the students, staff and stakeholders of the charter school through fundraising, program assistance and community awareness campaigns.

FOB is currently working on establishing and growing strong business ties within our community. We are also beginning a strategic planning process. We hope to find and apply for local, federal and state grants that can support our teachers and students. If you have thoughts about our FOB and our mission, we value your input. Meetings are open and we are currently seeking two new board members.

Our meetings are held monthly, on third Tuesdays, from 5pm-6pm. If you are interested in being a member of the board, please consider attending one or two meetings beforehand. Your family’s annual volunteer hours will be fulfilled by your service on the FOB. For more information, please reach out to our Head Teacher, Elizabeth Hilker.

### Barnes and Noble Book Fair—Call for Easter Egg Hunt Trinkets

We are collecting plastic Easter Eggs and trinkets to go inside of them for the Spring Barnes and Noble Book Fair. There will be boxes in the front entryway to collect your donated treasures. Thank you!

### **Waldorf Insights**

Enduring relationships—and the time needed to develop them—are central to Public Waldorf education.

The fourth core principle of the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education is **Human Relationships**. This principle illuminates the effort to which Public Waldorf schools foster a culture of healthy relationships. These relationships live at different levels.

- The teacher works with each child and class as a whole to support relationship-based learning.
- Healthy working relationships with parents, colleagues, and all stakeholders are essential to the wellbeing of the student, class, and school community. Everyone benefits from a community life that includes festivals, events, adult education, study, and volunteer activities.
- Public Waldorf education encourages collaboration in schools, within the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education, among all schools working out of a developmental approach, and in conjunction with the broader field of education.

In Gratitude,

Elizabeth Hilker  
Head Teacher