



MARCH 2018

Seahawk News

Notes from the Principal

In the blink of the eye, we are suddenly making plans for the Class of 2018's graduation. It's important to remember, however, that students need to remain focused through the end of the year. Please help us by monitoring their grades and attendance and by continuing to encourage their best efforts.

Test season is upon us. Students will participate in a computer-based, state-wide test, known as the Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS). This assessment measures 9th grade student proficiency in the areas of English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math. 10th grade students will be assessed in Science. The PEAKS Summative Assessment supplies the State of Alaska with comprehensive student performance data that can be compared school to school and used to develop school-wide strategic improvement goals. Each of the sections of the test will take about 90 minutes to complete, and students are allowed breaks at specific intervals during the test sessions. All tests will be completed during the week of April 2nd-6th.

Make-ups will occur by pulling students out of classes as needed. There will be no changes to our bell schedule and no impact on Junior and Senior classes. Teachers of Freshmen and Sophomores will adjust their instruction to accommodate proctoring the PEAKS assessment.

It's important that all students participating in the PEAKS get a good-night's rest and a healthy breakfast prior to taking the exam. It's also important to remember that while we encourage participation from all students, state law allows parents to excuse their child from taking these tests. For more specific information about PEAKS, please visit the State Department of Education and Early Development's website listed below

<https://education.alaska.gov/tls/assessments/peaks.html>

I'm not sure if you're watching the education funding discussions occurring at the State Legislative and local Borough levels. At the time of this writing, the Alaska State Legislature and Borough Assembly are each contemplating flat funding from last year. If this happens, and taking into consideration the cuts we've faced from the last three years, then it will incur further cuts into our staffing and the programs we're able to maintain for our students. I'm hopeful that you are as proud of the quality of education we provide in Seward as I am. If so, please don't hesitate to contact our state representatives and share your support of our schools with them. You can also check out the KPBSD's Legislative Priorities and find your representative's contact information at <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/communications.aspx?id=30098>

Finally, the School District is requesting that the Borough fund "to the cap." If the Borough agrees, then this will effectively erase the cuts for which schools are currently being asked to prepare. This agenda item will appear on the April 17th Borough Assembly Meeting that is hosted in Seward. This is your chance to share your support of Seward schools with the Borough Assembly.

Track and Field and Soccer are in full swing. Dan Marshall has taken the helm as the Track and Field Head Coach. He will be assisted by Ronn Hemstock and Aaron Sorensen. Coty Beck will take over as the Girl's Soccer Coach. Dustin Phillips returns as the Boy's Soccer Coach.

I know school violence has captivated national headlines and your thoughts for these last several weeks. It has absorbed my thoughts and conversations (and sleep), as well. Pegge Erkeneff, KPBSD's Communications Specialist, recently put out a media release about the District's response to national news and our on-going efforts to ensure student safety. Please take the time to review that release, within the pages of this newsletter, and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for student safety or any of Seward High's programs.

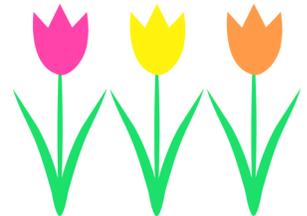
I can always be reached at twalker@kpbsd.org or at (907) 224-9077.

Sincerely,

Trevan Walker, Principal

Happy
Spring!

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Early Release Day

12:50pm

April 4

Eligibility Grade Check

April 18

Prom

8:00 p.m.

April 14

Nurse's News

Mumps Outbreak in Alaska



Currently, there has not been any known documented case in Seward. Most of us have been vaccinated with two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) as children. Unfortunately, some of us who have received the two doses can still get the virus but vaccinated individuals will usually experience a less serious infection. Mumps is caused by a virus and highly contagious. If you have been infected, symptoms should be apparent within 18 days. It is spread by coughing, sneezing, talking, sharing cups and utensils or touching contaminated surfaces. Common symptoms include fever, headaches, painful facial/cheek swelling ie. swollen salivary glands under the ears or jaw and jaw soreness. Other symptoms may include fatigue, muscle aches, loss of appetite and respiratory symptoms. If you have the mumps, Alaska's Public Health organization recommends self-isolating for 5 days after facial swelling begins. Avoid all public places ie no work, school, church, and other social activities. Wash your hands with soap and water to decrease spread of illness. Call your health careprovider and tell him/her that you suspect you may have the mumps and you will get instructions on what to do and they may have you avoid the waiting room.

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Counselor's Corner



Graduation Dates:

- May 16-17 Senior Finals**
- May 18 Makeup Finals, clean up, turn all books in, pay all fees.**
- May 18 Gym open for graduation set up**
- May 20 Baccalaureate (Parents organize, no time scheduled yet)**
- May 21 Mandatory graduation practice 9:00 a.m.**
- May 21 Senior BBQ Branson Pavilion @ 12:00 p.m.**
- May 21 Senior Parade – 1:30 p.m. from Pavilion to Seward High**
- May 22 Award Assembly @ 6:30 p.m.**
- May 22 Mandatory practice 9-12:00 p.m.**
- May 23 Mandatory practice 9-12:00 p.m.**
- May 23 Graduation 7:00 p.m.**
- Reception to follow by Senior Parents**



The Art Room



Rachael O'Rourke



Chris Kingsland



Riley von Borstel



Kiersten Cooke



Clara Lee



Ashley Jackson



Hana Cooney



Teagan Retzer



Coulter Fiore-Pruitt



KPC-Resurrection Bay Extension Site News



JumpStart: Sophomores and juniors keep an eye out for Kenai Peninsula's College's JumpStart, dual credit program letter in the mail. **Online registration for fall classes opens Monday, April 16th.**

JumpStart Basics: Discounted tuition program for eligible high school juniors and seniors.

Tuition for up to six credits per semester is subsidized by the Kenai Peninsula Borough, for residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Students are responsible for the remaining tuition, all student fees and textbooks.

KPB residents are eligible to use the JumpStart program in the fall semester of their 11th grade school year.

Classroom Presentations: KPC's, Resurrection Bay Extension Site Coordinator, Jackie Marshall will be visiting Seward High sophomore and junior classes beginning in April to share details/handouts about the JumpStart Program.

Fall 2018 Schedule: Intermediate Algebra – Math A105, Monday nights, 6pm – 8:45pm. Introduction to American Government (web based). WRTG A111 - Writing Across the Contexts, Tuesday nights, 6pm – 8:45pm. Math and English classes require placement test scores. Stop by KPC Office for details.

KPC Student Satisfaction Survey... Enter to win! Heads up students! Let your voices be heard about how you feel about your experiences at KPC by completing the survey that was emailed to your university email account on March 21. There are several incentives and they are GOOD! How about a **3-credit tuition waiver (\$600 value!)**? Or maybe **\$50 gift cards for Amazon and iTunes**? Any way you look at it, KPC would love to hear your feedback!

Grades for Fall semester 2017 grades are available at UAOnline. Grades for Spring semester 2018 will be available at UAOnline on May 10th.

Transcripts for the college classes taken at KPC will need to be ordered and sent to the post-secondary institution you plan to apply or attend. Transcripts must be ordered online via www.kpc.alaska.edu click on UAOnline and log in to secured area using UA Username and UA Password. **Please note**-It is the student's responsibility to review their unofficial transcript for accuracy prior to submitting the online request for an official transcript.

Consider pursuing a college degree at KPC: Check out the areas of study offered at <http://www.kpc.alaska.edu/academics/areas-of-study/>

KPC Residence Life (student housing) Please visit <http://www.kpcreslife.com>

Contact Resurrection Bay Extension Site Coordinator Jackie Marshall for more information 224- 2285 or jjpepimars@alaska.edu

Seward High School Blog

<http://sewardhighschool.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/>

For all the latest news! Takes the place of our daily bulletin.
Be sure to add to your favorites for easy access.



School Resource Officer News:

Good morning everyone! I am happy to say we are in the final stretch. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Spring Break. I know some students went on vacation, while others logged some serious video game hours. However you decided to recharge your batteries, it is good to see everyone back and hitting the books. As the weather continues to warm, I am longingly looking at both the mountains and the bay in anticipation for this summer's activities. This is one of my favorite times of the year, as the entire summer and fall just seems so full of promise. If I had an endless supply of money and all the time in the world, I still don't think I would be able to accomplish all the recreational activities I plan for! But to me, that is what makes this time so great. It seems like the whole of Alaska is emerging out from under its blanket of winter for us to enjoy and take part. Come on summer!!!

This month I wanted to chat for a minute about the issue of self-awareness. I have lived in Seward now for about 8 years. While I absolutely love the small town vibe that comes with living here, I will admit there are still some things that perplex me. I myself went to school in a very large high school in Colorado. I believe my graduating class was north of 750 seniors, which is more than we have in K-12 here. The entire school population was over 2500 students. And that was just one of three high schools in the city I lived. So there was a very different mindset compared to the one I see here. I am always amazed when I walk the halls and I see lockers jammed open, or even worse, just left wide open. I cannot count how many times I have seen an electronic device just plugged into an available outlet in the hallway, with no one around. This is a foreign concept to me, since where I went to school, your stuff would be gone, and most likely your locker trashed.

I 100% agree that everyone should respect personal property, and in a perfect world, this would not be an issue. But unfortunately we do not live in a perfect world. There are people in this world who will and do take advantage of those who are complacent with their property. Let's say hypothetically, you left your iPhone in the hallway, and came back to find it gone. Of course you are going to report it. And I will do my due diligence to try to follow up on it and try to find the person responsible. But there is an entire school of students there and one of me. I cannot be in all the hallways, and cannot watch everyone's belongings 24/7. There are a number of old-timey sayings that could apply here. An ounce of prevention beats a pound of cure is one that comes to mind. As satisfying as it may be to get your belongings back, it pales in comparison to never having your belongings taken in the first place. I can tell you that I lock my vehicle every time I leave it, and my front door is always locked on my house. It is not that I live in fear, or don't trust anyone, but I don't want to provide an opportunity for someone to take advantage of me and steal my things.

In my class I talk about the difference between a soft target and a hard target. Generally speaking, I use this as an example of why students should always be paying attention. When I was brand new in the Coast Guard, I was stationed in Alameda, just outside of Oakland. Being young and brand new, I did not have a car, like many of my fellow Coasties. So I walked everywhere. At least once a quarter there was a story of a young enlisted person who was robbed. Inevitably they had headphones jammed in their ears, or left their stuff lying next to them on the bus. They were soft targets. They did not pay attention to themselves or their surroundings, which allowed someone to take advantage of them. Thankfully, we do not deal with robberies in Seward, like what happened in Oakland. But there is still issues with theft, and we can do our part by paying attention to our belongings. Lockers have locks for a reason. I am not saying you have to leave everything you own locked up. But if you make yourself a hard target for theft, there will be a much lower chance of you losing your property to someone else.

I understand that the trust that we have as a community is part of what makes this town great. But I want to implore you to take ownership with your own belongings. Of course it is not the victims fault the theft happened, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't do our part to prevent it in the first place. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this or anything else any further, please do not hesitate to contact me. That is what I am here for!!!

Until next time,
Morgan Woodard
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Seward Seahawks Athletic Booster Club News!

Since this newsletter reaches a wide audience we thought we'd include the *Seahawk Day of Caring* letter and sponsorship form for those of you out there with a personal relationship with a local business, organization, or company that comes to Seward. You might know the Coca Cola representative. You might own a commercial fishing boat or your own business. You might be the Board Chair for Sons of the American Legion. SSABC, SHS, and the student athletes would love and appreciate it if you could use your contacts to get the word out that we need sponsors for this awesome event! Please contact any of the officers listed below to let us know that you'll be reaching out on SSABC/SHS's behalf or give us the contact name/number so we can reach out.

We're expecting the annual SSABC Best Ball Golf Tournament to take place in July. This is a best ball tournament so you don't have to be a good golfer to play. Teams are evenly matched for a full day of fun! Every team wins a prize! Please watch for more information in Seward City News and the Seward Journal to learn how to sign up, donate, or volunteer. The main food is usually donated and SSABC members usually donate sides and desserts.

The second semester is also a busy time for our graduating seniors. They've been busy applying to colleges and technical programs and *scholarships*! SSABC offers a \$500 scholarship each to a male and female athlete. Applications are due the second Friday in May which falls on May 11th this year. A panel of Booster Club members (who do not have a graduating senior) will score the applications with the winners announced at Awards Night, May 22nd.

We're at the home stretch of our Booster Club fundraising season and it's been a great one but it's not over. We're getting offers to host a booth at the chute during 4th of July and other events. We need your input on all of this so please plan to attend the meeting. Our goal someday is to have enough money in our endowment fund where we don't have to work as hard to support SHS athletics.

Meetings are the first Monday of the month, 6 p.m., SHS Library.

"It's not the team with the best players that win.

It's the players with the best team that wins!"

Maya Moriarty, President
Ariel Sieverts, Vice President
Andrea Rodriguez, Secretary
Denny Murphy, Treasurer
OPEN, Member At Large



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Dear Seward High School Athletic Supporter,

I'm writing this letter to introduce you to a new signature fundraiser that the Seward High Athletic Department and the Seward Athletic Booster Club is hoping will turn into a new legacy for the school and community. It is my great pleasure to introduce the *Seahawks Day of Caring*.

We have worked with the City of Seward and other community stakeholders to identify various projects that the Spring teams could complete during an afternoon in late April/early May. The teams will forgo their traditional practice time and conduct various service projects in the community. Possible projects include:

1. City of Seward Parks and Recreation:
 - a. The nice day project is to paint the three brown buildings around the city campground to Sea Foam Green.
 - b. The rainy day project is rake rocks, pine cones, garbage, and other refuse around the entire campground complex.
2. Seward Ministerial Association: sweeping and collecting gravel in parking lots and sidewalks, and basic landscaping and maintenance of the premises.

Funds raised in the *Seahawk Day of Caring* are needed to subsidize our athletic programs and help pay for bussing, referees, uniforms, scholarships and equipment. Unfortunately, the funds necessary to continue supporting our nine varsity sports programs continue to increase. We are trying to be proactive in order to meet these costs and ensure that we can continue to provide opportunities for our students to represent their school and their communities throughout the State of Alaska.

In exchange for your support the school and the Seward High Athletic Booster Club will display a banner with the names of all of our sponsors in the gym, at strategic spots around town on the event day, and on the *Day of Caring* t-shirts. We will also market this event through local/social media and the school newsletter. Kindly review the sponsorship options in the attached form and help us reach our goal of raising \$20,000.00.

Words cannot describe the level of appreciation that I, the coaches, and our student athletes have for your generous contribution. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Trevan Walker, Principal

Day of Caring Sponsorship Form

April Events

- April 12 Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Palmer @ 4:00 p.m.
 Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Palmer @ 6:00 p.m.
- April 13 Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Grace @ 4:00 p.m.
 Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Grace @ 6:00 p.m.
- April 16 Prom @ 8:00 p.m.
- April 20 **Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Houston @ 3:00 p.m.**
Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Houston @ 5:00 p.m.
- April 21 **Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Homer @ 12:00 p.m.**
Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Homer @ 2:00 p.m.
 Track @ Homer
- April 24 **Track @ Home**
- April 27 Girls Soccer vs. Voznesenka @ 6:30 p.m.
- April 28 Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Nikiski @ 1:00 p.m.
 Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Nikiski @ 3:00 p.m.
 Track @ Kenai



Click here for our Online Events Calendar: <http://sewardhighschool.bigteams.com/main/calendar>

Calendar of Events

Home sporting events are in bold print.

PowerSchool - Where to Go To Be In The Know

Seward High School makes every effort to communicate with students and their families about what is happening at the high school. A great source of information is our online *PowerSchool* program. Students and parents can access a wealth of information including class schedules, grades, attendance, and the school blog. Parents and students must have their own access code to use *PowerSchool* and letters with this information have been sent home this year. If you have not logged into *PowerSchool* please contact our school counselor.

There are two ways to log into *PowerSchool*. Go to the internet and type in 1.) <http://ps.kpbsd.org/public>. This will take you to the login page, or 2.) Go the school district's website www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us and click on Students/Parents. On the left side of the screen you will see the *PowerSchool* icon or symbol. Click here and it will take you to the login page. If you haven't checked out *PowerSchool* by now you should.

We also distribute information via daily announcements to the student body every morning and we send out a monthly newsletter that has a calendar for the month's events with important dates to remember. All three schools use the electronic sign on the highway that is updated weekly. Also check out the High School's blog for daily information. Be sure to take an active role in finding out what is happening at the high school. So, now you know—where to go—to be in the know!

Seward High School Pool Schedule

Jan 8 – May 25 2018

Closed Jan 15, Apr 20

Open Swim

M, W, F 6:30 – 7:50 pm

Sun 4:00 – 5:20 pm

Lap Swim

M, W, F 6:30 – 8:00 am

T & Th 11:00 – 12:30

One lane 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Sun 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Parent & Tot swim

T & Th 11:00 – 12:30

Water Aerobics T & Th 6 – 7 pm. Call to sign up

Admission Fees

Adults \$5, 10 plunges \$45. Youth/senior \$4, 10 plunges \$35.

Under 3 Free.

Closed Evenings: Feb 1, 2

Schedule subject to change. 224 – 3900 for update. 224 – 9050 to leave message.



Prom 2018

Night at the Oscars

Saturday, April 14th

8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

@ Seward City Church





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