



Trailblazer Times

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Coming Events

Book Fair Pre-View Week	Oct. 14-18
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Oct. 24-25
Fall Carnival	Oct. 25
Swimming Begins	Oct. 29
Halloween	Oct.31



Fall Carnival

October 25th from 6:00-8:00p.m.

Pre-order your punch cards and duct tape today. Yes we are going to tape Mrs. Boatman to the wall! We will need a lot of parents to help with our booths. There is a sign-up sheet in the office. Please send in candy (to the office) and bring cakes or cupcakes (during the parent/teacher conferences or the night of the carnival) for the calk walk. Thank you for your help! Can't wait to see all of the wonderful costumes!

Student Early Release

There has been a large increase in the number of students being called out of class in the last hour of the day. This is very disruptive to teachers giving instruction and student attention and participation. During this time of day classes are often finishing projects and assignments and getting homework assignments for the evening. Students will only be released at the 3:45 bell each day. We will no longer be calling students out of class early unless there are extenuating circumstances. Thank you for supporting student learning for all of our Snowshoe students.

Tidbits from the Gym

Ask your parents if they remember Harry Houdini. Maybe not, since he died in 1926, but most likely, they've heard of him. Considered America's most talented magician, Houdini was famous for his escape tricks. He was born exactly 26 years before the turn of the century, and died on Halloween exactly 26 years after the turn of the 20th century. He was 52 when he died - the exact number of cards in a standard deck.

From the Library:

GET WIMPY!

Reserve your copy of **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck** today!

- Jeff Kinney's newest book is scheduled to go on sale **November 5**.
- Our Scholastic Book Fair is offering a specially priced paperback edition of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck*.
- To order your copy, complete a Pre-order Form.
- Orders placed at the Book Fair will be shipped directly to our school beginning November 5.*
- There's **NO cost for shipping** and, remember, each purchase benefits our school!

Specially priced paperback edition at the low price of **\$8.49**
Compare to hardcover list price of \$13.95 elsewhere

*Allow 5-7 days for shipping from release date.

SCHOLASTIC

Reserve your copy by bringing your payment to the Library during the Book Fair. Last day to order will be October 25th.

Book Fair Hours: October 24th from 9am -7 pm
October 25th from 9am - noon AND during the carnival (Oct 25th) from 6-8 pm.
See you there!!

Cross Country News

Latest news from the Snowshoe Cross Country world! The Snowshoe 4th grade girls team came in 3rd place in the entire district behind the speedy running of Raeley Carney, Mindy Monroe, and Katelynn Curtis. The Snowshoe 4th grade boys team came in 1st place in the huge Mat-Su School District with the incredible finish times of Caleb Lovejoy, Cameron Hill, and Evan Koivunen!!



Notes from the Nurse

Here is some information for you about head lice.

If 3-4 students in one class are affected than all classmates will be checked according to policy.

Head lice do not usually start at school, but sometimes we do find it in our schools. It is usually spread by close contact such as a sleep over, sharing coats or hats or combs or hair clips etc. The head louse is generally considered to inhabit only the hairy surface of the scalp and the hair. The insect is small (1 to 2 mm long) and varies in color, depending on the coloration of the human host. The eggs are grayish white, oval eggs and are called nits. The nits are firmly attached to the shaft of the hair very close to the scalp. Usually you will find these nits at the nape of the neck and behind the ears, but they can be anywhere close to the scalp.

The School Districts policy states that a child must be free from all live lice before returning to school. If crawling lice are not seen, finding nits attached firmly within $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of the base of hair shafts suggests, but does not confirm the person is infested. Students may remain at school if there is no presence of live lice.

Head lice can be a nuisance but they have not been known to spread disease. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting lice. In cases that involve head lice, as in all school health issues, the student's privacy will be protected.

If you suspect your child may have head lice and you need any help or have questions please feel free to call your School nurse anytime. See the attached AR5141.22(b) for further procedures involving head lice.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jenson RN, BSN, NCSN

Parent, Student and Staff Opinions Wanted!

The Mat-Su Borough School District is asking parents, students, and staff to participate in the K-12 STAKEHOLDER REVIEW by clicking on the link below to review the curriculum and take the Review Survey.

Click here to participate in the

<http://www.matsuk12.us//site/Default.aspx?PageID=22401>

Our schools are your schools, your participation is appreciated!

Web Words

The internet is filled with fun ways for kids to build vocabulary. Here are a few sites to get your youngsters excited about learning:

*Visit the Kids'Place at

www.eduplace.com/kids/games.jsp. Have fun solving word find puzzles in categories such as reptiles, flowers and sports. Choose from 3 levels of difficulty.

*There are more than a dozen activities at www.funbrain.com/words.html. Unscramble words, practice formatting plurals, or fill in the blanks to write a silly story.

*At www.wordcentral.com, learn a word of the day, build your own dictionary, and play vocabulary games. You can also look up the definitions of new vocabulary words.

Attention!!!!!!

Students and parents...

Interested in

Battle of the Books?

The official Battle of the Books lists are out and Snowshoe will prepare two teams (3rd/4th grade team and a 5th grade team) for this competition. Each team may have up to 4 members.

The coaches, Mrs. Redington (3-4) and Mrs. Turner (5) will have information, practice dates, required books and sign-up sheets available in their classrooms during Oct 24th-25th conferences.

Practice will start in the beginning of November.

Parents wanting more information can call Mrs. Redington (3-4 team coach) at 352-9511 or Mrs. Turner (5th Team Coach) at 352-9520.

More information is available on the Battle of the Books Official website;

<http://www.akla.org/akasl/bb/bbhome.html>

Happy Reading!

Students

AR 5141.22(b)

Head Lice

Purpose

To promote a healthy environment for learning by preventing the transmission of head lice (pediculosis) among school age children while decreasing unnecessary absences from the classroom.

A. POLICY AND PROCEDURAL DETERMINANTS

MSBSD Health Services determine head lice (pediculosis) policy and procedures from the following sources:

- National Association of School Nurses (NASN) (www.nasn.org) NASN standards are adopted by reference in the absence of local and/or professional guidelines.
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) head lice position statement
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- MSBSD Board Policy BP 5141.22(b)
- Local professional consultants

B. HEALTH SERVICES PROCEDURE

1. Staff, student, and community training as needed

Upon request from staff and/or the building administrator, the school nurse will provide instruction and discussion regarding the transmission and treatment of head lice to students, staff, parents, and community partners using the National Association of School Nurses training resources.

2. Head Lice Examinations

- An infestation will be determined by looking closely through the hair and scalp for the presence of live nymph or adult louse.
- Because adult and nymph lice are very small, move quickly, and avoid light, they may be difficult to find. Use of a fine-toothed louse comb may facilitate identification of live lice.
- If crawling lice are not seen, finding nits attached firmly within ¼ inch of the base of hair shafts suggests, but does not confirm, the person is infested.
- Nits frequently are seen on hair behind the ears and near the back of the neck.
- Use of a magnifying lens may be necessary to find crawling lice or to identify a developing nymph inside a viable nit.

3. Head Lice Evaluations

a. If live lice are found:

- The student will be informed of ways head lice are transmitted, discouraged from direct head to head contact with other students, but will remain in his/her classroom for the remainder of the school day.
- The parent/guardian will be notified by the end of the day, recommended to use an over-the-counter head lice treatment and/or contact their

health care provider for other treatment options, and informed that their student can stay for the remainder of the school day but will need to be re-evaluated by the school nurse and found to be live lice free before re- admittance to the classroom.

- Information will be provided to the parent on MSBSD head lice policy (no live lice), head lice transmission and the methods to eliminate infestation, including recommendation to examine household contacts for lice infestation.
 - Parents/guardians may be referred to their health care provider for follow up if there are positive findings, or lice are resistant to over-the counter treatments.
 - The school nurse or designee will examine the students most likely to have had direct head to head contact with the affected student (especially recent sleepovers). If 3-4 students in one class are affected, all classmates will be examined.
 - Notify teacher and principal of students need to be re-examined by the nurse prior to re-admittance to the classroom. Remember in cases that involve head lice, as in all school health issues, the student's privacy will be protected.
 - Students who have been found with live lice and then cleared to return after treatment will be re-evaluated by the school nurse or designee at 2 days after re-admittance and 8 days after re-admittance to guard against re-infestation.
- b. If no nymphs or adult lice are seen, and the only nits found are more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the scalp, then the infestation is probably old and no longer active and does not need to be treated. However, head lice education should be provided to student and the parent/guardian. They should be encouraged to check the students head frequently to guard against possible re-infestation.

**MATANUSKA SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Adoption Date:
10/16/13**

