



American Charter Chats

Upcoming Events

- ♦ 10/04 Fun Fall Fling for Elementary Students
- ♦ 10/13 Session 1 Quest Clubs End
- ♦ 10/18 Early dismissal @ 11:30am, End of Quarter 1
- ♦ 10/19-20 No School, Parent Teacher Conferences
- ♦ 10/23 - 10/27 Red Ribbon Week
- ♦ 10/25 Picture Retakes
- ♦ 10/30 Session 2 Quest Clubs Begin
- ♦ 11/10 No School, Veterans Day

Principal's Corner

Hello AMC Families. Congratulations!! Your hard work is paying off..... AMC's attendance rate is looking great: cumulatively AMC's attendance rate is 95%, which is the goal!! Way to go! Also, there was one day, the first day of MAP testing, that AMC had 100% attendance. Amazing!! Also amazing are the results of the MAP testing... students did very, very well, and they approached testing seriously and with dedication! Super exciting to see students demonstrate the American Charter mission of Academic Excellence. I so enjoy walking through classrooms and seeing all that students are doing. Thank you for partnering with us as we, *Reach for the Stars*'.

Ms. Farren

Are you interested in helping out at American Charter? AMC is looking for substitutes. Being a school substitute is a great way to be more involved with the school community! Check at the front office for more details.



Students at AMC's first Elementary Science Night sailed boats across a "pond", sailed cars along tables, and made energy from wind. They also flew rockets across the room using their own air in balloons. Can you guess what the theme of the Science Night was?



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***** Wednesday, October 18 - End of Quarter 1 - Early Release @ 11:30am *****

Mrs. McCabe's Class - In science, students worked in teams to complete the Go Long Plate Challenge. First students made predictions; then they cut a paper plate to make a continuous strip. The longest strip measured over 12 feet!



Mrs. Ostendorf's Class - Students made Totems for Alaskan Studies. Beautiful art work; wonderful display of red-shirts for R-E-D Friday!



Staff Spotlight



A lifelong Alaskan, Mrs. Jonquil Kerkove has spent all of her years in the valley. Her parents, retired now, were both educators in the MSBSD. Jonquil married her high school sweetheart, and they have four beautiful children; Jamie, Lander, Korbin, and Paxson have all attended AMC.

Mrs. Kerkove received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Alaska, Anchorage in 2004. This is her 9th year as a primary prep teacher at AMC. She never turns down a hug from former students and gets a laugh when they grow taller than her. In the winter months, she enjoys trips to the cabin with her family, which involve snowmachining, ice fishing and cabin chores. During the summer months, she enjoys everything outdoors! You might see Mrs. Kerkove at the ballfields watching her kids play baseball or her happiest place...on the water fishing.

Mrs. Anne McCabe has over 20 years of experience in education and moved back to the valley from Kenai in 2021 to spend time with family. Since her return, she has found her home away from home here at American Charter.



She said, "I love teaching all grade levels, but nothing compares to an elementary multiage classroom. This school has so much going for it: an incredibly devoted staff, involved parents, and children filled with curiosity and wonder. Teaching at our charter school is hard work, but definitely worth the effort."

Mrs. McCabe graduated from Palmer High School and spent a year abroad before starting her college training to become a teacher. After taking a few years off to raise children and work as a grant administrator, she received her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 2002. Over the past 20 years she has taught students in grades K-12 as well as spending six years as a middle school librarian. If she's not at school, you'll likely find Mrs. McCabe with her nose in a good book, kayaking a local river, or in deep conversation with family or friends at a nice restaurant. "It's about finding balance. Work hard, play hard... the American way."