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Upcoming Dates:

Fri. December 8
Early Childhood
Christmas Program and
Cookie Walk @ 7 p.m.

Fri. December 15
Elementary Christmas
Program and Cookie
Walk @ 7 p.m.

Wed. December 20
ALL PROGRAMS:
Christmas Spirit Day

Wed. December 20
Elementary Christmas
Class Parties



CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The Early Childhood Christmas Program is scheduled for tomorrow Friday, December 8th at 7 p.m. Our Elementary Students will have a Christmas Concert on Friday, December 15th also at 7 p.m. Please have students dressed in their Christmas Best!

WEATHER

As a reminder, if ASD cancels school due to weather, Anchor will be closed as well. This includes ALL PROGRAMS, including afterschool activities, programs, and sports. We will send emails, Remind, post on social media and the website if there is a closure, www.ALSalaska.org.

CHILDWATCH

Have you signed up for Childwatch over Christmas Break? If not please stop in and fill out a usage form in the office. We are trying to finish our employee's schedules and need to know the number of students attending. Space is limited, please reserve your spot today!

If you have signed up already please remember the following:

Bring all snow gear, they will be going outside daily.

Pack a lunch, morning and afternoon snacks will be provided.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DAY

Gather your red, green, and Christmas Gear! On Wednesday, December 20th we will be showing our school spirit with Christmas attire. From Ugly Sweaters to reindeer antlers, bring on the Christmas Spirit! We can't wait to see you all!

SCHEDULE

Kindergarten through 8th Grade is closed from Thursday, December 21st through Friday, January 5th. Classes will resume on Monday, January 8th. ALL PROGRAMS will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25-26 and again on Monday, January 1st.

Letter to Parents

Dear Anchor Family,

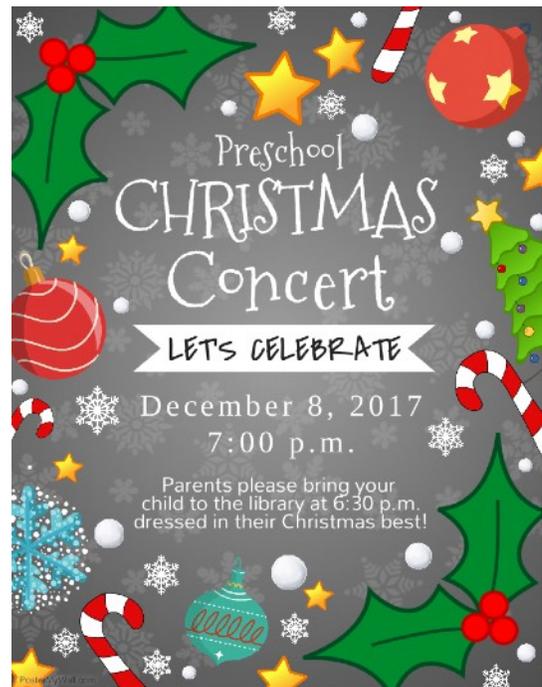
Congratulations to all who participated in basketball this year. Everyone learned a great deal, and they represented our school with excellent effort and Christian Sportsmanship throughout the season and right through the League Tournament.

With the upcoming Christmas Programs, that means we have Cookie Walks as well! We need our talented and skillful bakers to create some cookies! The Early Childhood Program has their Cookie Walk tomorrow evening. Sign-up sheets have been in the classrooms next to the sign-in sheets. Prizes will be given out to the bakers that are Most Creative, Most Delicious, and Most Original. Please have all cookies to the kitchen by 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 8th.

Our Kindergarten through 8th grade Cookie Walk is next Friday, December 15th. A poster of information is up at the front of the school. Cookies may be dropped off in the kitchen throughout the day of Friday, December 15, with 3:45 p.m. being the deadline to be part of the judging. *Only homemade cookies, please.*

In Christ,

Mrs. Dean & Ms. Chandler



PARENTING TIP OF THE WEEK

Contentment

Even in a culture of comparison, you can find contentment when you take the necessary steps to train yourself – and your children – to practice gratitude.

Step One: Recognize your own discontentment. When you're open and honest about your own struggles, you're better equipped to help your children with theirs.

Step Two: Lead by example. Before helping someone else, it's best to start by helping yourself. It's easy to see comparison struggles in your children, but the same issues may crowd all of your days.

Step Three: Do a mental reboot. Encouraging words may be great, but actions go a long way in taming your tendency to struggle with comparison. Consider using the control-alt-delete process:

- Control your thoughts. Catch those uneasy notions at the onset.
- Opt for an alternate perspective. Be grateful for life and for your many blessings (James 1:17).
- Then, delete or stop comparing. Just don't do it.

As we approach this holiday season, we'll find it's the perfect time of year to recapture contentment in our hearts and in our homes. Gratitude helps to shift our focus so we can move beyond being the center of our own attention.

