



Trailside Elementary

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Home of the Timberwolves!

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Educating all students for success in life.



Greetings Trailside Families,

The 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start! Students are smiling, learning routines, making new friends, and learning. This year we welcomed 37 new families to Trailside—we're glad to have you as part of our school community! Open House was well attended with *many* eager and excited faces ready to share their classrooms and student work with parents and siblings!

Please join me in welcoming our new staff to Trailside! Mrs. Davenport is our music teacher and Mrs. Wilson is our school nurse. Welcome!!

Attendance continues to be one of our top priorities. Students need to be at school by 8:50 a.m. each and every school day. If your child is sick, please call the office at 742-5500 to let us know before school starts. "Robo calls" will go out for all unexcused absences. School ends at 3:30 p.m. Early pick-up is discouraged because students miss important information and education from their teachers. Good attendance is extremely important for academic success.

We are continuing to offer breakfast from 8:30-8:50 a.m. Monday through Friday. A full priced breakfast is \$2.00 and a reduced breakfast is \$0.30 (for those students who qualify).

The Trailside PTA does many amazing things for our school. We are very appreciative of their support throughout the school year. Please consider joining the PTA. Our next meeting is this Thursday, September 1, at 3:45 p.m. in the library. For PTA news, please continue to follow them on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TrailsideElementarySchoolPTA.

Trailside has a new website and Facebook page. Find us at <http://trailside.asdk12.org> or www.facebook.com/TrailsideElementary. This is the official Trailside website and Facebook page for our school. Please like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with current events and happenings in our school!

Again, WELCOME to another great year at Trailside. The staff and I look forward to working with you and your child/children to provide a safe, positive, and successful school year!

Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Mary Ellison

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Principal



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 30	Open House, 6:00-7:30
Sep 1	PTA Meeting in Library, 3:45
Sep 16	PTA Family Scavenger Hunt
Sep 28	School Picture Day
Oct 1	"Hit the Trails" Fun Run
Oct 6	PTA in Library, 6:30
Oct 21	End of 1st Qtr, Professional Development Day/No school for students
Oct 26 & 27	Parent/Teacher Conferences, PM
Oct 28	Professional Development Day/No school for students
Oct 28	PTA Fall Festival
Nov 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Vacation

FROM THE STACKS

Welcome back! We (Mrs. Masterson and Mrs. Rand) are so excited to see our returning and new students coming through our library doors this week!



Just a few tidbits to get this year started . . .

- * Each class will visit the library once a week for a 30 minute class. While they are here, we teach a lesson (see notes that we will be sending home) and students will have time to check out books.
- * The library is also open each day from 9:00-9:30 and from 3:15-3:30 for Open Checkout.
- * We strongly encourage students to carry their books to and from school in a backpack pocket separate from liquids and snacks.
- * Library books are checked out one week at a time.
- * The cost for a lost or damaged book is \$25.00 (hardcover) or \$10.00 (paperback).

We are looking forward to a great year in the library!

Mrs. Masterson & Mrs. Rand
Trailside Librarians

HEALTH/SEL EDUCATION



Welcome to another year of health and wellness study through The Great Body Shop curriculum! My name is Mrs. Hallinan, and I teach Health at Trailside Elementary and Gladys Wood Elementary schools. Our first unit is all about safety, including safety at home and at school. Look for an introductory letter and parent bulletin to come home with your child the week of September 5 describing our program. In the meantime, please visit the following website for additional information, including online parent bulletins:

<http://www.asdk12.org/home.asp?num=100804>
My Health Class webpage with monthly updates

<http://www.asdk12.org/healtheducation/>
District webpage for health education

I look forward to working together with you to ensure your child's safety and good health!

Mrs. Amy Hallinan
Health/SEL Teacher

TIMBER WOLF CHOIR NEWS

Choir is open to all 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders. We will meet at 8:00 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The first day of choir will be Tuesday, September 13. Our performance is scheduled for December 15 with a school performance at 2:00 and an evening performance from 7:00-7:30.



The only fee in choir will be the cost of a t-shirt. I am estimating the price to be \$15.00.

All choir members need to turn in a choir permission slip.

I am hoping to also schedule at least one community performance.

I look forward to making music with all of the students here at Trailside Elementary and witnessing the musical skills develop!

Sincerely,

Liesl Davenport-Wheeler
(aka "Ms. D:")
Trailside Elementary Music



PAWS-itive Awards

Trailside Students Caught in a "Paws-itive Act!"

Trailside has a school-wide behavior expectation focus program, and we are on the lookout for students who show **responsibility, respect, honesty, caring for others, self-discipline, integrity, perseverance, and citizenship.**

These expectations are posted in the classrooms and throughout the school. We talk to students about what these expectations look like in different settings. School and class rewards/recognition are related to those expectations.

We are proud to list the students who have been "Caught in a PAWS-itive Act" so far this year. We will add names to this list each week. And listen for their names once a week on 96.3 FM, "The Moose Radio."

*Citlali Elias
Saige Prater
Ivory Wade-Gonzales*

Congratulations to these Trailside Timberwolves!!



TRAILSIDE PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Welcome to Trailside . . . or welcome back to Trailside! I am Mr. Leiser, and I teach Physical Education along with Ms. Morton who is here on Tuesdays. I am looking forward to another fun, action-packed year. I will do my best to help your child succeed both in the gym and in the classroom.

This year we will be learning the importance of exercise, as well as how to get and stay healthy. We will be exploring a variety of different movements, skills, and games, while working on social skills through cooperative and team building activities.

It is recommended that children get 60 minutes of exercise a day. Each class gets 90 minutes of PE each week, 45 minutes a session. I highly encourage you to get your child involved in some sort of physical activity after school. This could be going on walks, bike ride, signing up for a sports team (YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, etc) or participating in the various after-school sports and activities offered here at Trailside.

Upcoming activities are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Permission slips are available in the main foyer or you can sign up online at <https://sites.google.com/site/trailsideelementaryasd/>.

Finally, if you are interested in helping out with any of our before or after-school programs, it would be greatly appreciated. We need volunteers to run with our Cross Country Running Team, bike with our bikers, etc. Let me know if you are interested in helping. If you have questions, please email leiser_nicholas@asdk12.org.

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 1st Quarter

The following after-school classes are now beginning. Registration is available on the PTA website.

Cross-Country Running (Gr K-6)
(Gr K & 1 must be accompanied by an adult)
W & F: Sep 2, 7, 9, 14 & 16, 3:30-4:30 PM
Instructors: Mrs. Locke and Mr. Leiser

Mountain Biking (Gr 4-6)
Tu & Th: Sep 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, Oct 4 & 6,
3:30-4:45
Instructor: Mr. Miner

Soccer (Gr 1-3)
M: Sep 12, 19, 26 & Oct 3, 3:30-4:30
Instructor: Mr. Leiser

Soccer (Gr 4-6)
Tu: Sep 6, 13, 20, 27 & Oct 4, 3:30-4:30
Instructors: Mr. Leiser, Mr. Rufner & Ms. Morton



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LOST AND FOUND NEWS

Please label all of your child's outerwear with his/her name. At the end of each quarter we have quite a few items to donate to local charities.

We'll make sure and return any clothing that is labeled for your child. We are also asking our students to be responsible and to check the lost and found bin if they are missing a sweater, a hat, a jacket, etc.

Items will be donated on:
October 28
December 23
March 10
May 24

Thank you for helping our students to be responsible and retrieving missing items from the lost and found bin.



THE ALASKA CLUB



