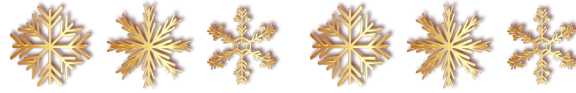




Principal's Corner



Kaitlin Tallman, Acting Principal

Dear Taku Families,

Let me begin first by introducing myself. My name is Kaitlin Tallman, and I get the privilege of stepping in for Mr. Opitz for the remainder of the year at Taku. I must say, Taku's reputation is top notch! I'm looking forward to working with the families and community, the wonderful staff, and students. I want to give a huge shout out and thank you to Mr. Opitz for his leadership and dedication.

I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year filled with many successes and continued progress.

During winter break, I hope you had the chance to catch up with friends and family and enjoy some rest and relaxation. It's a pleasure to see all the children, teachers, and staff back at school after a well-deserved break.

Just a reminder that as the snow flies and the temperatures dip here in Alaska, children need to be dressed appropriately to come to school and to play at recess. Coats, hats, mittens or gloves, and boots are a must this time of year. If you're in need of any gear, let us know and we will see what we can do to help.

Please reach out with celebrations, concerns, or questions. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Kaitlin Tallman
Acting Principal
Taku Elementary





Nurse's Note



Laura Beckett, Nurse

Families,

Please make sure your students come to school with winter gear. We do our best to help students when they forget gear or lose it but we don't have enough for everyone! Kids are outside for recess until the temperature reaches ten below zero.

If you need assistance purchasing winter gear please call me.

~ Nurse Beckett ~



January Features



**Holiday
fun last
month at
Taku!**





The Bulletin Board



Joy Gordanier, Admin. Asst.

Alexia Rickard, Secretary



HAPPY NEW
YEAR

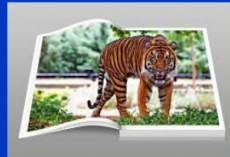
Did you enjoy winter break?
We hope you got some rest!
Snow days come and snow days go
But school days are the best!
Hope you rested and relaxed,
restored your energy...
Be ready for a brand new year
In 2023!





Taku Specialist News January 2023

Library



Welcome to 2023 in our library!

I hope you and your loved ones had a wonderful Winter Break. Our second semester of this school year is going to be academically challenging and fun-filled! In the library, we're going to explore the genre of Fantasy, which many kids really enjoy reading. I'm looking forward to exploring magical worlds and beings, and often the battle between good and evil, with our students.

Wishing all of you the very best for the New Year!

Sincerely,
Ms. Johnson, Taku Librarian

PE



Our Healthy Futures program began in September. This program encourages kids to be physically active for at least 60 minutes a day and then log it on the exercise logs. Students can get incentives for doing at least 15 days in the month and turning in the log.

K-3 Logs came home

4-6 Logs stay in PE Class

Gym Shoes:

Reminder: your student needs a clean, non-marking pair of gym shoes to leave at school for PE class.

Thank you, Mrs. Washington



Music



Hello Taku families! We are learning and having so much fun in music class. We have been focusing on singing, reading rhythms, and playing instruments. Taku Tiger musicians are awesome!



Art

Welcome to 3rd Quarter! Art is a great opportunity for kids to explore, engage, stretch their minds and even experiment with paints, shapes, glue, ways to cut and more. My style of teaching gives students a lot of decision-making and artistic choice. Sometimes it's a little messy and the results can be unexpected. That's good. Kids often learn more from figuring things out on their own than they do from perfect directions with me. I love to see their skills growing! --Ms. Feucht

Health

Welcome to Health class! During the 2nd semester, the Elementary Health curriculum, The Great Body Shop, will cover Human Growth and Development and Diseases.

Katrina Hill Rhodes





ASD Education Center Art Show 2022

Taku has 3 student artists featured at the ASD Education Center on the corner of Boniface and Northern Lights Blvd. Their art will be on display from now through January 23. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to go see it along with all of the other art from around the district. Congratulations, artists!



Abrielle Kuahuia Castro
Ms. Dodson's Class
"the Dot"

Le'Aoni Smith
Ms. Burnworth's Class
Roller Coaster



Savannah Indiongco
Ms. Lopez's Class
"the Dot"

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 First Day Back!	10 PTA Meeting 5:30pm	11	12	13	14
15	16 MLK Day No School	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Student of the Month Lunch	28
29	30	31				