

Alpenglow Snow Leopards

Welcome Back to School 25/26

Kids come first at Alpenglow

It is the mission of the Alpenglow Elementary School staff to create confident learners for academic and social success.

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that our school is on the traditional lands of the Dena'ina People of Upper Cook Inlet. For thousands of years, the Dena'ina People have continued to be the stewards of this land.

ASD is committed to diversity and inclusion, and it is with honor and respect that we recognize all Indigenous people who live and learn in our community.



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to the 2025–2026 school year!

We are thrilled to welcome you and your child(ren) to another exciting year at Alpenglow Elementary. Our dedicated teachers and staff are eager to collaborate with you to ensure a successful and enriching experience for all our students. Your partnership is vital to your child's education, and we deeply appreciate your continued support.

We are especially excited to meet our new Snow Leopards and reconnect with returning families. Thank you for your commitment to excellence in education. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

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Navigating Student Placement at Alpenglow Elementary

As we embark on the 2025–2026 school year, we recognize that one of the most common inquiries from parents is regarding classroom placements. We understand that this is an important decision for both students and families, and we appreciate your trust in us.

The Placement Process

At Alpenglow Elementary, student placements are determined through a thoughtful and collaborative process involving teachers, staff, and the building principal. Several key factors are considered to ensure each child is placed in an environment conducive to their learning and development:

- **Gender Balance:** Ensuring a balanced representation of boys and girls in each class.
- **Academic Levels:** Grouping students with diverse academic abilities to foster a supportive learning environment.
- **Special Services:** Considering the number of students requiring exceptional services to provide appropriate support.
- **Social Dynamics:** Addressing past social challenges and promoting positive peer interactions.
- **Teacher-Student Compatibility:** Aligning student personalities with teaching styles to enhance the educational experience.

This comprehensive process begins in the spring of the preceding school year and may continue up to the posting of class lists. Due to the complexity and importance of these decisions, changes to class placements are challenging and can lead to imbalances.

Before Requesting a Change

If you are considering requesting a change in your child's classroom placement, we encourage you to:

1. **Engage in Dialogue:** Schedule a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss any concerns. Approach the conversation with an open mind and provide specific examples.
2. **Understand the Purpose:** Recognize that elementary education aims to prepare children to adapt to various teaching styles and personalities, which is beneficial for their social development.
3. **Trust the Process:** Remember that placements are made with the intent to provide each child with a high-quality education in a safe and nurturing environment.

Supporting Your Child's Transition

Adjusting to a new grade, peer group, and teacher can take time. We appreciate your support in helping your child understand that while having a preferred teacher or friend is ideal, it is not always possible. Your positive reinforcement plays a crucial role in your child's successful acclimation.

Thank you for your continued partnership in fostering a positive and productive school year for all our Snow Leopards.

Alpenglow Elementary's school hours and guidelines

School Hours

- **Front Office Hours:** 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Mondays:**
 - School begins at 9:00 AM
 - Doors open at 8:45 AM
 - Students should not be on campus without a guardian before 8:45 AM
 - Learning starts promptly at 9:00 AM; students arriving after are considered tardy
- **Tuesday – Friday:**
 - School begins at 8:00 AM
 - Doors open at 7:45 AM
 - Students should not be on campus without a guardian before 7:45 AM
 - Learning starts promptly at 8:00 AM; students arriving after are considered tardy

After School Guidelines

- Students walking home should go directly home to check in with you before returning.
- The playground is closed until 3:00 PM.

Safety during drop-off and pick-up times

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

- **Morning Drop-Off:**
 - **Mondays:** Doors open at 8:50 AM; school begins at 9:00 AM.
 - **Tuesday–Friday:** Doors open at 7:50 AM; school begins at 8:00 AM.
 - Students should exit vehicles on the **passenger side only**.
 - Remain in your vehicle; do not park or leave your car unattended in the drop-off lane.
 - Have your child ready to exit quickly to keep traffic moving smoothly.
- **Afternoon Pick-Up:**
 - Pull forward to the vehicle's bumper in front of you.
 - Stay in your vehicle; your child should enter on the passenger side and buckle up independently.
 - If your child needs assistance, park and meet them at their exit door.
 - Any changes to afternoon pick-up must be reported to the office before 2:00 PM to ensure your student receives the information on time

Parking & Traffic Flow

- **No parking along the curb** in the drop-off and pick-up areas; these zones are for loading and unloading students only.
- Please park in designated parking spaces if you need to leave your vehicle for any reason.
- Do not block crosswalks, driveways, or fire lanes.
- Use turn signals when entering or exiting the lot.

- Observe the posted speed limit of 5 MPH on school grounds.

Additional Safety Tips

- Do not use your cell phone while driving on school grounds.
- No tobacco use on campus.
- If parking, please use the crosswalk to meet your child.
- For Campfire pick-up, follow their specific procedures.
- Handicapped spaces are for vehicles with valid placards or plates only.

For a visual guide and more detailed information, please refer to the [25/26 Drop-Off and Pick-Up Guidelines](#).

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe and our school community strong.

Alpenglow Elementary's attendance reporting guidelines

Reporting Absences

If your child will be absent, please:

- **Call:** 907-742-3300
- **Email:** alpenglowoffice@asdk12.org
- **Use:** Q/ParentConnection app

Automated attendance calls are sent at 9:00 a.m.; please report absences before that time.

Family Trips

Before heading out on a family trip, please:

- Contact your child's teacher to obtain any make-up work or assignments.
 - Note that these absences will count toward your child's overall attendance record.
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Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

What is PBIS?

PBIS is a researched-based framework for teaching and supporting positive behavior for ALL students. This school-wide approach focuses on building a safe and positive environment in which all students can learn.

What will PBIS look like at Alpenglow?

- Clear, consistent expectations for behavior across all school settings
- Explicitly teaching expected behaviors the same way we teach academic skills
- Frequent praise for expected behaviors
- Common language used by all staff

- Safe learning environments to promote academic success

Alpenglow Elementary School-wide Expectations

Be Safe

- Follow all classroom, school, and district rules. Report bullying to adults at school and home.

Be Respectful and Kind

- Treat others and yourself with care. Celebrate differences and model kindness.

Be Responsible

- Act appropriately without reminders. Take ownership of your actions.

Be Ready

- Come prepared to learn and make positive choices.

These expectations are integral to creating a safe and nurturing environment at Alpenglow Elementary.

Ways you can partner with us to support your child

- Discuss our school-wide expectations and how they relate to your expectations at home
- Talk to your child about their day
- Praise your child when you see them doing what they need to do
- Be clear in the expectations you have for their behavior in different settings
- Expect mistakes and have a plan for how you will respond
- Set family routines to build consistency
- Model the social behavior you would like to see from your child
- Encourage open communication with your child's teacher(s)

Join The Team

Alpenglow Elementary School is currently seeking dedicated individuals to join our team in the following positions:

- **Noon Supervisors:** Assist and supervise students during lunch and recess, ensuring their safety and well-being.
- **Cafeteria Manager:** Oversee the preparation and serving of fresh, hot lunches to students.
- **Building Plant Operator (BPO):** Maintain a clean and welcoming school environment by ensuring the building is well-kept and functional.
- **Substitute Teachers:** Provide temporary instructional support in various classrooms as needed.



To apply for these positions, please visit the [Anchorage School District employment portal](#).

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, please contact Mrs. Demetree-Trombley at 907-742-3300.

We look forward to welcoming new team members who are committed to fostering a positive and productive learning environment at Alpenglow Elementary.

Alpenglow Elementary PTA: Join Us in Making a Difference

We invite parents and community members to become active participants in our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). By joining, you contribute to enhancing Alpenglow Elementary, supporting teachers, volunteering in classrooms, fundraising for school supplies, and fostering a collaborative environment that directly benefits our students. Research consistently shows that student performance improves when parents and teachers work together as a unified team.

How to Get Involved:

- **Email:** Reach out to the Alpenglow PTA at alpenglow.alaska.pta@gmail.com to express your interest in joining or to learn more about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.
- **Facebook:** Stay connected and informed by joining our [Alpenglow Elementary PTA Facebook group](#), where we share announcements, events, and ways to get involved. [Facebook](#)
- **Volunteer:** Alaska PTA requires all volunteers to be approved by the district. Please complete the [ASD Volunteer Application](#) to ensure you're ready to assist in school activities.

Why Join the PTA?

- **Support Student Success:** Your involvement directly impacts the quality of education and resources available to students.
- **Build Community:** Collaborate with teachers, staff, and other parents to create a supportive and engaging school environment.
- **Advocate for Education:** Be a voice in advocating for the needs and interests of our students and school community.

Upcoming PTA Meetings:

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 25**. We encourage all interested parents and community members to attend and participate in shaping the future of our school.

We look forward to welcoming you to the PTA and working together to make Alpenglow Elementary an even better place for our children to learn and grow.

Dates to Remember

Every Friday, Show your Alpenglow school spirit by wearing an Alpenglow shirt or school colors—black, teal, and white.

August 2025

13 Welcome Back Social 5:30 - 6:30

14 School Start 1st – 5th

14 - 29 No Fundraiser's Fundraiser

18 - 20 Kindergarten Academy

21 School Start K

21 Coffee and Kleenex
25 PTA Meeting
TBD Running Club

SEPTEMBER 2025

1 No-School Labor Day
5 Popcorn Friday
12 Jog-a-thon- PTA
25 Running Club Ends
25 Picture Day
17 – 23 Constitution Week
19 Talk-Like-a-Pirate Day
29 PTA Meeting
TBA Chugiak/ER Area Jamboree



Dates, times, and events are subject to change. Check the School Calendar on our Website for changes.

[Request ASD Student Records](#)

[ASD Volunteer Application](#)



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<https://www.asdk12.org/alpenglow>

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