Dear KGH Students and Parents,

With the excitement of a new year ahead, and the holidays behind us, our staff and students look forward to focusing on academics and taking part in state, and district-level assessments. These assessments show how your child is doing compared to students within our school.

School attendance is important throughout the school year, but it is especially critical during assessment times. Please note the following dates listed below:

March 30th-April 17th: PEAKS window

The PEAKS is a state-wide assessment for students in grades 3-10 this year. Students will be assessed in math and language arts. Fourth graders will take a science test in addition to the math and language arts assessments. District staff is currently working on a schedule for grade levels to test within our March 30th – April 17th testing window. There will be more information about this as the testing time nears.

These tests give us an idea of our students’ and schools progress each year. It is essential that ALL students participate in these exams and do their best work. Please help us by ensuring that students are well-rested and have eaten a nutritious meal each morning. Please call the office or your child’s teacher if you will be out of town during testing days.

I hope each of you experienced a restful holiday season, shared with people you care about and the new year finds you excited about its possibilities!

Sincerely,

Casey Demmert, Principal
3rd-5th grade girls are invited to join this season of Girls on the Run!

WHAT: After-school program where girls learn skills to deal with gossiping and bullies, set goals for healthy living, build respect for self and others, and have lots of fun with a great team, all while training for a 5K fun run on May 16th!

WHERE: Gym at Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School
WHEN: Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday from 2:40pm-4:00pm (right after school)
SEASON DATES: March 2nd-May 16th

Pick up an application in the KGH front office or apply online at the link below!

SAVE THE DATE: Family Pizza Party on March 5th from 6-7:30pm!

Scholarships available!

For questions, please call Emma at 747-3489 or email at ethompson@safv.org
Want to register or get more information? Please visit: www.tinyurl.com/AKGOTR20
Want to make a difference and coach? Please visit: www.tinyurl.com/CoachGOTR20
The P.E. Playbook

Welcome to the gym, where sportsmanship and safety are the most important aspects of everything we do!

Happy New Year!!! In January we will have our Introduction to Racquet Sports Unit. This will include Badminton, Pickle Ball, and Koosh Ball. The last week of the month the kids will play Mat Ball.

Please call 966-1239 or email rosss@sitkaschools.org with any questions or concerns.

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Science Notes

January is Astronomy Month at KGH!! All science students will visit Starlab, a portable planetarium.

- **Second graders** will learn about the Moon, the Sun, the planets in the Solar System, and some constellation legends.
- **Third graders** will focus on identifying constellations and their importance to ancient navigators, as well as learning to tell time using the Big Dipper.
- **Fourth graders** will visit Starlab to review moon phases, constellations, and seasons.
- **Fifth graders** will review the constellation identification and legends lessons and learn about deep space objects.

Please start preparing for the KGH Project Fair on February 26 & 27!!

**You can print this form from the KGH district website**

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Lunch account balances can be paid online;

https://sitka.revtrak.net/School-Lunch-Payments/
**NOTICES FROM THE LIBRARY**

I am impressed once again with the number of students reading for Battle of the Books. How exciting to see so much enthusiasm for reading! The details for competitions are still being worked out. *Local battles (battle between teams at Keet) will be during school, January 27th-30th. Exact times TBD.*

**Upcoming Events:**

- **January:** District Battles for Battle of the Books 27th-30th
- **February:** State Battle for Battle of Books 5th/6th grade 27th-28th
- **Book Fair and Spirit Week 24th-27th**

**4th Grade Choir Concert**

All are invited to attend the 4th Grade Choir Concert on Thursday, January 23rd at 7:00pm in the KGH MPR. These students have spent two lunch recesses each week since September to learn the music they will perform. Please come and join in the fun!

**Happy New Year!**

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing extended holiday break and is as happy as I am to be back in school!

Thank you so much for the wonderful attendance at last month’s winter concert. I am so proud of our children! They were so energetic and excited, it was quite an experience! Thank you also for the very nice comments I saw on social media. It is my privilege to be their music teacher and I will cherish each and every moment I have enjoyed with them.

For our future endeavors, we are busy preparing to name two additional tones on the tone ladder and a couple of more intricate rhythm figures while we sing, play games and dance our way to increasing our musical knowledge.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or just stop by and join in the fun.

Keep Singing!

Kathi Jones, 966-1318 or jonesk@sitkaschools.org
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Leave Your Print is an online challenge to gather ideas to help the Sitka School District better serve students and families. It is part of the district’s strategic planning process.

The challenge will include students, staff, families, and the community. Leave Your Print uses the Innovate K12 platform.

Challenge Question: What positive ideas can the Sitka School District implement to better serve students and families?

Point the camera at the square. Follow the link to our challenge!

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Visit: tinyurl.com/SitkaPrint