



Midnight Sun Family Learning Center

Where the Sun Never Sets on Learning

February 19, 2015

Dates to Remember

February 19 APC 6:00
February 23 & 24 No School
March 2 NAEP Testing for all 8th
Graders
March 3 Green Screen Training
March 5 Last Day of Third
Quarter
March 6-15 Spring Break
April 2 Grades 4 & 8 Grades
SBA Science Test
April 6-10 State Mandated AMP
Testing Grades 3-8
April 17 Science Fair

Phone Numbers:

Mrs. Allen -376 -6772
Ms. Foster- 357-6455
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Mr. Sidelinger – 376-6776
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Mrs. Olsen – 357-6772
Mrs. Tro. – 357-3733
Mrs. Menzia & Mrs.
Sandvik – 357-6458

APC Meeting

Our regular monthly APC
Meeting is tonight at 6:00
P.M.

No Pizza Wednesday Next Week

Due to the short week next
week, there will not be
pizza available for lunch
next week.

No School on Monday and Tuesday

The teachers will be
attending the ASTE (Alaska
Society for Technology in
Education) Conference in
Anchorage.

Green Screen Training

On March 3 students and
staff will be learning how to
use a green screen with the
i-pads. This technology is
how news stations and
movie producers use to
make it look like they're
standing in New York City
or San Francisco.

Charter Renewal

Last night the Mat-Su
Borough School Board
approved our Charter
Renewal. Thanks to all the
people who worked on this
huge project. A special
thanks to Mari Troshynski
for technical editing; Jamie
Woodside for typing;
Heather Littau for
information gathering;
Cherry Roach for copying
and setting up notebooks;
and to all the parents who
wrote letters of support for
the project.

Staff Training

This week staff have been
involved in two days of
writing instruction training.
On Monday we worked
with a local writing expert;
Vanessa Powell. We learned
some great narrative writing
strategies that we will be
implementing in our
classrooms. Today each
teacher spent half of the day
with the Step Up to Writing
Trainer. We are hoping that
the skills that are a part of
this program will increase
our students' ability to
produce excellent writing.
Writing is directly tied to
reading comprehension.

“We think to write. We
write to read. We read and
write to think.”

Eligibility

Per School District policy:
students wishing to
participate in a school
activity must be in
attendance all day on the
day of the event or activity.
If the activity takes place on
the weekend, the student
must be in attendance for
the full day on Friday and
Monday.