

APPRENTICESHIP FAIR – Wednesday, March

17th: The UAS Apprenticeship/pre-nursing/trades and unions will be holding a trades fair at the UAS Tech Center. JDHS students will attend the morning sessions with their classes.

Parent / Teacher Conferences:

March 11th (Thursday) 12-2 & 4-7

March 12th (Friday) 10-1

No student attendance on these days.

See you there!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Spring break is coming up and frequently we have families who take an extra day or two due to travel restrictions. Please remember if you are planning an absence for your child—for spring break or any time—that your student should complete the Family-Planned Absence form. This form should be used for family trips, club or sport team travel (such as a Native dance group or city league travel), and even for planned medical absences such as oral surgery. The completed Family-Planned Absence form puts these absences in a special category. Students are allowed 8 additional days for Family-Planned absences or School Activities beyond the 10 day absence cap.

Frequently parents or students want to excuse the family-planned absences without going through the process. This is a disservice to students who need to learn the work-place skill of requesting leave using the designated procedure. Please start the process by sending a note to the attendance office 7 to 10 days before the absence. I'll give your student the family-planned absence form and get them started on the process. The process includes the students checking in with each teacher to get homework and a grade check. Be sure to take the opportunity to carefully review your student's make up work before you sign the form. Then remember the absence isn't excused until the completed form is returned to the attendance office.

Please be aware that the week of April 6 to 9 is testing at JDHS and no family-planned absences will be approved for students who are scheduled to test. Sophomore and upperclassmen who have not passed all portions will be taking the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam. Freshmen will be taking the Standards Based Assessments. Keep this in mind as you schedule doctor and dentist appointments as well. We need each student to be in school and ready to do their best. Students need to pass the tests to graduate. The school is graded on the number of students who are present to test. Please put April 6 to 9 on your calendars. Thank you!

Juneau teams compete in Fairbanks!

Hotshot teams from JDHS and TMHS were among more than 30 teams competing in a statewide FIRST Tech Challenge robotics tournament in February. Their challenge was to design and build a ball-shooting robot in autonomous and tele-operated modes with motors, sensors, gears, controllers, software and Bluetooth communications. Our Crimson Bear team did well overall, especially due to the time constraints the students had in building their robots (the kits came in late!). Go Bears!

Nurse's REMINDER:

Please get your student caught up with vaccines. We cannot have students who are noncompliant with state immunization requirements. Students close to non-compliance will be given reminders and letters will be sent home. Immunizations are available for free at the Teen Health Center, but papers must be signed by parents before the vaccine is administered. If you have questions about your student's immunization status, call the nurse. Students who are not in compliance can be excluded from school.

Voluntary Drug Testing Program Kicks Off!

The Volunteer Drug Testing program officially started on February 10th with all high school students who turned in their signed consent forms receiving a free movie theater pass. A grand prize of 25,000 Alaska Airline miles will be awarded at the final drawing on May 28, 2010. The students eligible to be in that drawing will be those who turned in their signed consent form by February 17, stayed enrolled and remained clean during the entire testing period.

The businesses have been very supportive and have contributed generously toward the success of the Voluntary Drug Testing program. With their financial contributions the students who are part of the program will be eligible for prizes at the weekly and monthly drawings. They will also receive an ID card allowing them discounts for food and movie theater tickets. Students will be selected for testing in random drawings and must test negative in order to be eligible for the prizes and discounts.

Please join the Juneau School District in thanking the following business supporters that have contributed to the success of this program: Action Appliance & Repair, Alaska Pacific Bank, Alaska Commercial Contractors Inc, Alaska Electric Light and Power, Alaska Glacier Seafoods, Alaska Litho, Alaska Pacific Bank, Bullwinkle's, Construction Machinery Industrial LLC, Faulkner Banfield PC, First National Bank, Gross-Alaska, Intershelter, Jerry's Meats and Seafoods, Josten's, Kasberg Appraisal Services, Key Bookkeeping, Lessmeier & Winters, McDonald's, Murray & Associates, North Pacific Erectors, Radio Shack, Schmitz & Buck LLC, Sonie's Cleaning Service, and Southeast Mine Supply.