

# Viking Saga

Tri-Valley School, PO Box 400, Healy, AK. 99743

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## Upcoming Events Thursday, January 16, 2020

Jan. 16 – 18: HSBB @  
Birchwood Christian  
Tournament

Jan. 17: HS Hockey (Home)

vs. Glenallen/Tok @ 7 pm

Jan. 18: HS Hockey (Home)

vs. Glenallen/Tok @ 10 am

**Jan. 20: In-Service; No  
school for students**

Jan. 21: HS Hockey (Home)

vs. Monroe Catholic @ 6  
pm

Jan. 23 – 25: HS BB TVS  
Winter Classic

Jan. 23 – 25: HS Hockey @  
Glenallen/Tok Tournament  
Ice Cube Classic

Jan. 29 – Feb. 1: HS BB @  
North Pole JV Tournament

Jan. 30: HS Hockey @  
Homer (@ Kevin Bell  
Arena) @ 7pm

Jan 31: Penny Market Day  
(elementary classes)

Jan. 31: HS Hockey @  
Kenai (@ Municipal Rink)  
@ 7 pm

Feb. 1: HS Hockey @  
Kenai (@ Municipal Rink)  
@ 12 pm

Feb. 4: DBSD Battle of the  
Books @ TVCL

Feb. 6 -Feb. 9: HS Hockey  
@ Division II Tournament  
(@ Menard Ice Center)

Feb. 6 – Feb. 9: HS BB @  
NIT Classic

Feb. 7 – Feb. 8: MS VB @  
Queen of the Court @ Tok

Feb. 8: ACT testing @ TVS  
(See Saga entry for more  
details)



We had a special visitor, Nick Hanson, Eskimo Ninja Warrior, visit our school this week. He was able to spend time with all of our students, and we're cheering him on for his future American Ninja competitions! Photo credits: Karri Keith, Lori Brewer, and Paula Newton

## School Events

**Music Fundraisers:** MS/HS Choir will be selling sub sandwiches in January (pick-up 1/21) and pizza in February (pick-up 2/17). Order forms for the hoagies are in the office.

**NEW DBSD Science Fair:** Mark it on your calendar! DBSD Science Fair will be held on **March 4<sup>th</sup>** inTVS MPR. It is less than two months away! Remember to submit your entry forms to Mrs. Striker at TVS, Ms. Turley at Anderson and Ms. Santos in Cantwell. If you need an entry form, you can pick one up at the front office or ask your teacher. The categories are as follows: Experiment, Demonstration, Invention, Science Report, Science Collection, and Computer Coding. There will be many prizes awarded in each category and you could win a gift card, science book, backpack, or free admission to the trampoline park in Fairbanks! Start working on your projects and presentations and if you have any questions, please direct them to Mrs. Striker ([gretchenstriker@dbsd.org](mailto:gretchenstriker@dbsd.org))

**NEW Congratulations!** Kyler Frazier, a third grader at Tri-Valley School, and Arabella Batori, a sophomore at Cantwell School, are semifinalists in the national contest to name NASA's 2020 Mars Rover. There were over 28,000 entries and Kyler and Bella were selected as 2 of the 155 Semifinalists in the competition. Finalists will be announced on January 21st and the winner will be chosen on February 18th. Please offer Kyler and Bella "congratulations" on making it this far in the competition and wish them luck!

## Community Library

**Library:** Find us at [www.tvclibrary.org](http://www.tvclibrary.org) and on Facebook.

Phone: 683-2507.

### **Winter Hours:**

Sunday: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Monday: 3:30 – 8:30 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday: 3:30 – 7 pm

**Story Hour:** Tuesdays, 10:15 am – 11:15 am

### **Pre-K Story Time**

**Plus:** Tuesdays, 9 am – 11:30 am

## School Events (continued)

**NEW Penny Market Day!** This will take place on January 31<sup>st</sup> for elementary students. Please bring something small to sell. Please bring 100 pennies.

**NEW TV Warrior Stickers:** The class of 2024 is selling TVS Warrior stickers! One for \$3 or two for \$5. These are durable, waterproof, high quality stickers. Show off your Warrior spirit in style! Please contact Nurse Keith ([karrieketh@dbbsd.org](mailto:karrieketh@dbbsd.org) or 907.347.3499) to purchase or ask any current 8th grader for details.

## Counselor Corner

**Tri-Valley ACT Sign Up for Juniors and Seniors:** The February 8 ACT test is available at Tri-Valley School. The regular signup registration date is January 10, and the late registration date (additional fee required) is January 17. Juniors and seniors, please be proactive and sign up now at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)! If you need help please contact me. Ms. Stickle

## Community Events

**NEW Little Dribblers:** Every Monday and Tuesday starting JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup>. Will continue through 2/18. K-5<sup>th</sup> all together from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm @ MPR.

## Community Library Events

**NEW Youth Writing Club:** TVC Library is hosting a youth writing club after school from 3:45-4:15 on Mondays. The club is a space to explore creative writing without the pressure of grades or even proper spelling and grammar. Students will have the opportunity to explore different writing styles and learn different writing techniques. The club is open to all ages K-12. Writing boxes will be available to checkout from the library desk for anyone who wants to explore creative writing outside of club hours.

**NEW TVCL Hours Change:** Please check out the yellow sidebar to the left for the new TVCL hours.

**NEW Trivia Night at the Totem Fridays:** Kicking off a new weekly event, the TVC Library will be hosting Trivia Nights from 7-8pm Fridays at the Totem. Come test your knowledge in a number of areas from Disney to Science. This week (1/17) you will get a taste of all the upcoming themes. Bring the family and your friends to see which (upto 5 person) team knows the most trivia.

### **NEW Tundra Tales: a live storytelling event:**

Theme - Beginnings

Jan 22nd 7:30pm

Please join us for an evening of entertainment as your friends and neighbors tell true personal stories on the theme *beginnings*. Hosted by TVC Library. Happening at the Totem.

## What's for Lunch?

**TUESDAY LUNCH:** The 8th grade class will be offering hot lunches on Tuesdays. Menu includes hot dogs, chips, fruit, and a cookie. One hot dog \$4. Two hot dogs \$5. Punch cards available. Please make checks out to Tri-Valley School.

**DPLC WEDNESDAY LUNCH:** Pancake, bacon, and fruit. \$4 for one cake; \$5 for two cakes.

**NEW FIESTA FRIDAY:** Healy Valley Lions Club will have tacos, nachos, and taco salad available for purchase starting **Friday, 1/17**. (With the home TVS BB tournament, the Lions Club lunch won't be available, but will resume on 1/31.) K-5<sup>th</sup>: \$4; 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: \$5; Adult: \$6. At school, add an extra taco for \$1. Carry out orders, add an extra item for \$3. Punch cards will be available, 5 meals per card. Checks payable to Healy Valley Lions Club.

## Nurse Notes

**Health Fair:** Our annual community wide health fair is scheduled for April 4, 2020 this year and will be here before you know it! We have confirmed that Siddall Medical Clinic will be on site for students to receive sports physicals for a nominal fee (approximately \$35-\$40). Bike Rodeo for elementary students! Suggestions for what else you would like to see at the health fair are welcome! If you have a healthcare related business, sell products that provide skin care benefits or promote healthy eating, or simply have a passion about safety (helmet use, gun safety, bike safety, bus safety, proper car seat placement, hiking safety, etc.), please let me know. We would love to have you set up a table with information. Please contact Karri Keith at [karrieketh@dbbsd.org](mailto:karrieketh@dbbsd.org) or 907-347-3499 for more information or to be involved.

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Regular, consistent attendance in school is important and one of the highest indicators of success in school. I think most of us know and agree with the above statement, and there is a ton of research that says the same.

(Check out <https://www.attendanceworks.org/> for some quick and easy resources.) However, we can be lulled into thinking that we are okay, or that *our* kids don't miss "too much" school to really matter.

**Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing more than 10% of school** and can serve as a pretty clear line for what is "too much". That is **17 days a year, 8 or 9 days a semester, or 2 days a month**. We know that chronic absenteeism can have negative impacts on a child's education, even if the effects are different for everyone. And just finishing assigned work does not equate to the quality time and experiences and interactions missed.

A powerful strategy for reducing chronic absences involves tracking, reporting, and communicating about the number of absences, to help make us all more aware. I will be working to identify trends and to contact families regarding absences that go beyond a certain level or that happen during certain times of the year. I look forward to working with all of you to address this issue.