# Schoenbar News

***Third Quarter Progress Reports Included– February 2016***

**Parent –Teacher Conferences Tuesday, March 7th from 4:00 – 7:45pm** in the Schoenbar Commons. No appointment is required.
*This will be the only night for spring conferences!*

**Volleyball Tryouts** Will be February 27th- March 1st after school from 3:00 – 5:00pm. A sports physical needs to be on file if you make the team.

**Attention 8th Graders and Parents – Class of 2021**
There will be an informational meeting about transitioning to the high school for students parents of 8th graders on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:00pm at the Kayhi Library. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

**Middle School Music Day - Friday March 31st**
The month of March is just around the corner and is "Music in our Schools Month"! As a tribute to this, the Ketchikan Charter School and SMS Music Departments have put together a Middle School Music Day field trip that will take place on Friday, March 31st at Kayhi. This is an optional afternoon field trip and all music students are encouraged to participate. Students who wish to participate need to turn in their signed permission forms to Ms. Karlson by Friday, Feb. 17th.

In January, the Schoenbar English teachers launched a project called One School, One Book. Each class has begun reading the book *Chew on This*, by Eric Schlosser and Charles Wilson. This book explores the fast-food industry and its influence on health, jobs, and urban development. Its impact has been huge, and the authors' point out that "Americans now spend more money on fast food than on college education, personal computer software, or new cars".

In addition to reading and evaluating information in the book, students will be working in teams to create or find a recipe for the best healthy snack, which needs **no refrigeration** and would work well as a snack you would pack for a hiking or camping trip. During the weekend of March 4th and 5th, the teams will need to meet together at a home to make the recipe, and on **Monday, March 6, students will bring their healthy snack creations to school.** The first round of competition will take place in the individual English classes that day. From each class a winning team will be selected, and those teams will enter round two. The final judging will happen Tuesday, March 7. Winners will be announced Tuesday afternoon.

Parents, we're counting on you to help with the food items/ingredients. The final snack doesn't have to be expensive. The team members can share the costs, and they only need to prepare four servings, one for the classroom judge and three for the school judges. Teams may prepare enough for each member of the class.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin Harford, Beth Sandefur, or Taylor McKenna.

**Come Join us for Schoenbar Totem Pole Carving**
**Totem Tuesdays 2:45pm-4:30 pm, Schoenbar Middle School And Every 3rd Saturday Feb. 18th, Mar. 25th (due to spring break), Apr. 15th, May 20th**
Young people are encouraged to bring parents and grandparents. Elders are encouraged to come and tell stories and share experiences. Students 7th grade level and up are invited to participate and work with our artist, Kelly White. Be a part of this historic pole. Made possible by a Rasmuson Foundation grant and The Alaska State Council on the Arts.

## Camping and Survival Trips

**7th Grade Camping Trip Dates:**
Wednesday, May 17th through Friday, May 19th

**8th Grade Survival Trip Dates:**
Wednesday, May 24th through Friday, May 26th

There will be two grade checks to determine whether students will be eligible to go on this trip in May. The first one will be the report card for 3rd Quarter. Any students with 3 or more F's on that report card will NOT be allowed to go on the Camping or Survival trips. There will then be another grade check for students during the 4th Quarter Mid-term reports. Any students who receive 3 or more "F's" on this grade check will NOT be allowed to go on the Camping and Survival trips.

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**Vacations, Appointments, Leaving Early, etc.**
Please keep the office aware of school day absences. You may do so by calling the school office or email(karen.lane@k21schools.org or colleen.castle@k21schools.org ) when your child will not be attending school. This would be due to illness, vacation, appointments, etc. If the office is not aware of why a child is not in school, we will attempt to contact a parent/guardian. Until we receive contact, the child's absence is unexcused.

**Homework Club –** After school homework help is available M/T/Th in the library from 2:40 – 3:30pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES

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| Volleyball tryouts 3:00 – 5:00pm | Feb 27th – Mar. 1st |
| Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:45 in SMS Commons | March 7th |
| NO School | March 10th |
| SPRING BREAK | March 13th – 17th |
| Kanayama Exchange Students in Ketchikan | March 23th – April 2nd |
| Japan Day Dance - *after school* 3:00 – 5:00pm | March 30th |
| Middle School Music Day | March 31st |
| In-service - NO School | May 1st |