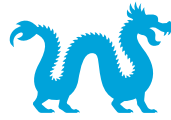


UPCOMING
EVENTS:

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR...



KIDS' RUSSIAN MOVIE
NIGHT: FEB 21ST,
6:15PM - TURNAGAIN



MEET THE WORLD:
FEB. 29TH, 11AM-4:30
EGAN CENTER



RUSSIAN EXCHANGE
TRIP
FEB. 29-MAR 15

MIR PARENTS

Russian Spring Festival - 2020



By Sophia Zielinski - 1st Place Winner of 2019 Maslenitsa Art Contest

So here's the plan! On Saturday, **April 25th, 2020 from noon-3pm**, MIR Parents will host a Russian Spring Festival at **Romig Middle School**. We plan to have Russian food, immersion student performances, Russian song/dance, kids' games/crafts, a silent auction, and a community "yard sale" fundraiser.

Russian Spring Festival (continued):

Here are 6 ways you can get involved:

1. Mark your calendar now! Save the date! April 25th, noon-3pm @ Romig Middle School.
2. Sign-up online to join a festival volunteer team:
<https://signup.com/go/BUipJFu>
3. Sponsor a game or craft by providing what's needed for a fun activity (like a cake-walk game, face painting, a nerf-ball toss game, supervise drop-in basketball or broom hockey in the Romig gym, or plan a blini-eating contest).
4. Procure a donation for the silent auction.
5. Save your quality "spring cleaning" donations for our YARD SALE. We will collect donations Saturday morning, April 25th, in the Romig parking lot (or in the Romig gym if it's raining). Stay tuned for more details.
6. Donate Russian baked goods or a crock-pot of borscht to sell.
7. Show up, help out, and enjoy! Celebrate spring and support this Russian cultural event, sure to enrich your student's immersion education.

What is "Meet the World"? It is a community event celebrating Anchorage's international cultures. It will be at the Egan Convention Center as a part of the Fur Rondy festivities on Feb. 29th, 11am-4:30pm. Admission is free. It is sponsored by Bridge Builders, a local non-profit.

MIR Parents will be co-sponsoring a Russian-themed table at the event. If you could volunteer a short time at the table as an ambassador for the Russian Immersion Program, please email us at russianimmersionak@gmail.com.

PARENT TIP: "Meet the World" is a great way to teach your child and learn new things yourself about other countries & cultures. The costumes, music, and dance are fantastic!

Nutcracker, 2019 School Play

Photos to remember...



Wow! What a great show. Hats off to the amazing student performers and their teachers. Spaseeba to the parents and teachers behind the scene that made this play, including costuming, the silent auction, flower sale and bake sale possible.

Russian Storytime & MIR Meeting

Thank you to Mrs. Reep, West High's Russian teacher, for rallying her students to present a Russian story time to some of our elementary students during the Jan. 23rd MIR member meeting. Highlights of the membership meeting included a presentation by Galina Tommiser of CRAFT (Center for Russian-American Friendship & Trade) of Alaska; recap of Nutcracker event & Parents Night Out event; \$3400 raised with Kaladi coffee & mug sales; and planning for upcoming events.



Russian Storytime presented by Ashlee Larson & sisters Kayleigh & Natalie Piscoya - Jan 23rd

SHOUT OUTS!

A big thank you to Heather Probasco for coordinating our most successful Kaladi coffee and mug sale ever: \$3400 raised! And thank you to all the coffee-loving customers!

Another big thank you to Mrs. Reep, West High seniors, Ms. Natalia Bagramian, and parents for raising \$740 at the Parents Night Out in December.

“If you make it a habit not to blame others, you will feel the growth of the ability to love in your soul, and you will see the growth of goodness in your life.”
- Leo Tolstoy



MIR Parents Presents: (Yes, the movie is in the Russian language.)

Movie Rated PG

RUSSIAN MOVIE NIGHT!

Friday, February 21st - 6:30-8pm

Turnagain Elementary Multi-purpose Room
Doors open at 6:15pm. Free Admission.

\$2 pizza \$1 popcorn/drinks/cookies for sale (Cash only). All kids attending must have an adult chaperone.

Attending & Want Pizza? Text by Feb 20th how many large slices of cheese, pepperoni or combo to: 907.727.6736. This will give us an idea of how much to order. Thanks!



Thank you to Kyle Reardon for sharing all the awesome Nutcracker, 2019 photos!

A message from....

Exchange trip 2019 visitors with our “sister” school,
St. Petersburg School #534:

"Thank you,
America, for the
wonderful people
on my way, the
golden autumn
which is called
there Indian
summer in the

mountains, the wild cold of the glaciers, the heat of the deserts, the endless legendary route 66, the lovely and not so much roadside cafes, the fantastic Las Vegas, the Great Canyon, the grandiose achievements of human hands, the ocean, a million diverse entertainments, tons of burgers of various sizes, liters of coffee and all the rest I will remember and smile for a long time.

I do hope you will come to Saint-Petersburg one day. Thank you for everything again and again."
Love,
Olga and Serogie

SERVICE & OUTREACH:

Catholic Social Services' Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services is welcoming **11 immigrants from the Russian Federation** this February! MIR Parents has the opportunity to put together a welcome basket for each group:

- 1) Family of 5 to arrive Feb. 6th
(with son age 19, daughter age 17, and daughter age 13)
- 2) Family of 4 to arrive Feb. 6th
(with daughter age 7 and son age 3)
- 3) Single female to arrive Feb. 6th
- 4) Single female to arrive Feb. 13th

Here is what MIR will gather for these practical-use welcome baskets:

Laundry basket, laundry detergent, dish soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, soap, floss, deodorant, band aids, ibuprofen/acetaminophen (and any other small item you'd like to donate). Art/drawings/cards would be awesome, too!

Please send in your donation to your student's Russian teacher. Thank you, teachers, for collecting these items. **MIR will pickup donations on Feb. 5th** (next Wednesday) & deliver it to Catholic Social Services for these families on Feb. 6th/13th.

Thank you so much for your help in welcoming these new members to our community!!!