

MIR PARENTS

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Thank you, Teachers,

For giving the gift of education & language to our students this year!!!

Kinder: Olga Piekarski & Joyce Hudson

1st: Olga Pustina & Moira Van Alstine

2nd: Inna Ashcraft & Alison Turner

3-4th: Inna Erickson & Amanda Kyle

4-5th: Marina Hunter & Aimee Marx

6th: Clayton Bronnee

7-8th: Tatiana Artemyeva

9-12th: Yelena Reep

Russian Exchange: March, 2020

If you or your middle/high school Russian immersion student is interested in traveling to Russia with our Romig/West school group, please contact asap Ms. Tatiana Artemyeva at artemyeva_tatiana@asdk12.org



Welcome to our Russian Teaching Intern: *Natalia Bagramian*

MIR Parents is host to Natalia Bagramian, from Saransk, Russia (pictured center above with Finn Dudley and Annamaria Pustina). Natalia graduated this spring from Mordovia State Teacher Training Institute and will be working at Turnagain Elementary this school year. Natalia comes to us via Amity Institute (amity.org). She works in multiple Russian classrooms each day, teaching K-6th students Russian language.

She will be living with five Turnagain Elementary MIR families this year. Thank you to the Dudley family for being her first fantastic host family & thank you to Brooke Dudley for spearheading the intern program this year!

Natalia has never downhill skied before and would like to learn how while in Alaska. If you would like to invite her to join you on the slopes this winter (or elsewhere), feel free to contact her. You can email Natalia at tshabagramyan@mail.ru.



MIR Board Members

The MIR Board is comprised of parent & teacher volunteers. For 2019-20:

- President: Karen Loeffler-Quintieri (parent of Madison in grade 7)
- Vice-President: Valerie Ekberg-Brown (parent of Keegan in grade 11 and graduate Joseph)
- Vice-President: Vlada Sotskaya (parent of Sonia in 2nd grade)
- Vice-President: Olga Pustina (parent of Anna Maria & Evelysa, grades 3 & 1)
- Secretary: Charlie Hansen (parent of Harper in 1st grade)
- Treasurer: Karen Biggs (parent of Lauren in grade 11 and graduates Megan & Greyson)

Contact us at:

russianimmersionak@gmail.com

Or

mirparents.org (our website)

Or

@AnchorageMIR (on Facebook)

Russian Exchange: Sept 22-Oct 4

Sixteen students and 4 adults from School 534 in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, will arrive in Anchorage on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. The Russian teens will be attending school at Romig Middle School and West High during their visit, as well as seeing some of Alaska's sights. They will be lodging with Russian Immersion families and/or staff. Below is "the plan" for the 20 Russian guests that MIR Parents is hosting.

ITINERARY SNAPSHOT:

Sept. 23 (Mon.), 2-2:45pm - Welcome Assembly at Romig Middle School

Sept. 24, 3-4:30pm - School Dance at Romig (Russian immersion students welcome to attend)

Sept. 25, 3:15pm - Tour of Aleutian Pribolof Islands Assoc. (1131 E. Int. Airport Road) to learn about Russian/Aleut history

Sept. 27-28 - Trip to Seward to stay overnight at the SeaLife Center, visit Exit Glacier & AK Wildlife Conservation Center

Sept. 29, 4-7pm - Tailgate Party at Matt & Kivlina Block's house (2358 Loussac Dr. / 907-952-4375)

Oct. 2, 8am-2pm UAA Visit and Planetarium show

Oct. 3 - 8am-2pm - AK Native Heritage Center & downtown Anchorage visit

Oct. 4, 6-9pm - Anchorage Museum visit (optional)

If you are interested in meeting our guests, please join in the above activities. Email russianimmersionak@gmail.com to get more info. Thank you to Mrs. Reep and Ms. Artemyeva for their leadership in making this exchange trip happen!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Nili Reynolds...



Nili is a current 4th grade immersion student. When asked what she enjoyed most this summer, she said she enjoyed a trip to Israel to visit family and friends. Her favorite sports are karate, downhill skiing and dance. Her favorite subject in school is reading, and her #1 movie is Disney's "Descendants."



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

We currently have 82 MIR Members for 2019-20. That is fantastic! But...we need to reach our goal of 100. So, please go to mirparents.org – there are 2 tabs on the right, "Membership Form" and "Membership Payment." Please complete both and pay securely via our link with Paypal. Thanks!

Looking Ahead

Sept. 22-Oct 4 - **MIR hosts 20 guests from St. Petersburg, Russia**

Nov. 15, Fri., 6:30pm - **MIR Member Meeting & Russian Movie Night for kids** (Turnagain Elem.)
- NOTE: this event pending approval / more info to come

Dec. 15, Sun., 2pm - **"Nutcracker" Russian Immersion School Production** (West High)

Jan. 10, Fri. - **"Father Frost" visits Turnagain Elementary** (with 2 school assemblies)



Wesley Eastham and Jan Foss are on task in Mrs. Reep's 12th grade Russian class.