

# April, 2025 PACE Statewide Homeschool Newsletter

## **Homeschool Newsletter: April Update**

Dear Homeschool Families,

We hope you're all enjoying spring! Here's a quick update on all things PACE:

### **Third Quarter Grades Due – March 31**

Just a reminder that third-quarter grades were due on March 31. Please make sure your quarter grades are submitted. If you have any questions or need assistance with your child's progress, don't hesitate to reach out to your contact teacher. We're here to support you!

### **Spring Activities Coming Soon!**

Spring is in the air, and so are exciting learning opportunities! Be sure to stay posted for details on the spring activities scheduled in April and May across each of our learning centers. From hands-on projects to outdoor adventures, there will be plenty of ways for our students to engage and grow. More information will be coming your way soon!

### **Enroll Now for the 2025/2026 School Year**

It's already time to start thinking ahead to next year! Enroll now for the 2025/2026 school year to ensure that your child receives all of the technology and supplies needed well in advance. Early enrollment helps us prepare and makes sure everything arrives on time, so your child can start the year fully equipped.

Thank you for being part of our homeschool community. We look forward to continuing the journey of learning and growth with you and your family!

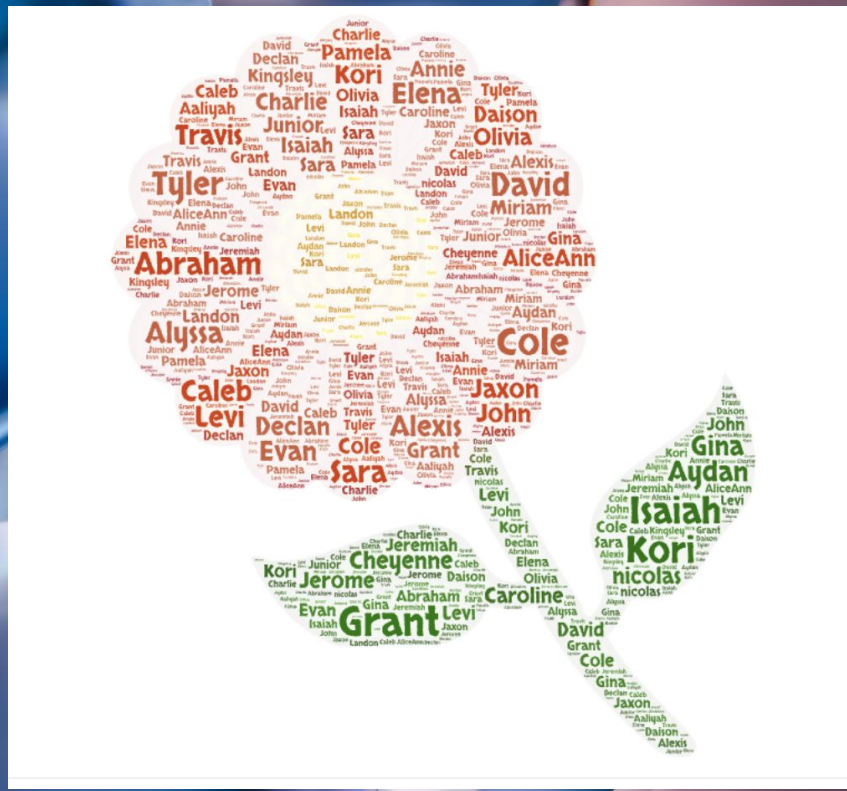
Warm regards,  
Heather Mendonsa  
Principal/Contact Teacher

## **April Events:**

April 23 at 2:00 Anchorage Activity - Meet Breland, the Peregrine Falcon!

April 30 8:00 am to noon - Ketchikan Activity - Beach Day!

April 30 6:00 pm - Craig City School District School Board Meeting - 7:00 pm



# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

The PACE Statewide Homeschool Anchorage Office invites YOU to

# Meet Breland, the Peregrine Falcon!

Wednesday \* April 23, 2025 \* 2:00pm

AMBASSADOR  
BRELAND



Peregrine falcons are the **FASTEST ANIMALS** on Earth! They are faster than cheetahs, diving for prey at 200+ miles per hour. They watch other birds to learn their flight patterns so that they can predict where their next meal will be when they get hungry! It's one of the reasons that these highly intelligent raptors have been trained to hunt for humans for centuries. We invite you to come learn about these **FASCINATING CREATURES** and meet Breland, the Peregrine Falcon in person at our Anchorage Office!

**4241 B Street Suite #203 (907)373-9701**

**SPACE IS LIMITED  
YOU MUST RSVP TO ATTEND!**



# JOIN US FOR KETCHIKAN LEARNING CENTER'S BEACH DAY



**APRIL 30th, 8AM-NOON**  
**-3.6 Tide at 9:20AM**  
**South Point Higgins Beach**  
**RAIN OR SHINE**

**Be sure to  
dress for the  
weather**

Bring a  
picnic lunch -  
optional

**A Fish and Game biologist and divers will be there  
to discuss tidal zone organisms**



Bring your own buckets and beach tools  
for gentle observation

## **Alaskan Boy, 8, Becomes a Trapping Prodigy with an Impressive-Beaver Season**

In the wilds of Southeast Alaska, an 8-year-old boy named Calder Wilson has become the talk of his community after pulling off an impressive trapping season. Calder, is making waves for his incredible skill in trapping beavers—with a little guidance and encouragement from his father, BJ.

Over the course of the season, Calder's excitement grew alongside his catches. Each new beaver seemed to outdo the last, with sizes that left seasoned trappers tipping their hats in amazement. Among his impressive haul were a 1X at 64 inches, two 2X's measuring 66 and 68 inches, and two jaw-dropping whopper 3X's at 72 and 74 inches.

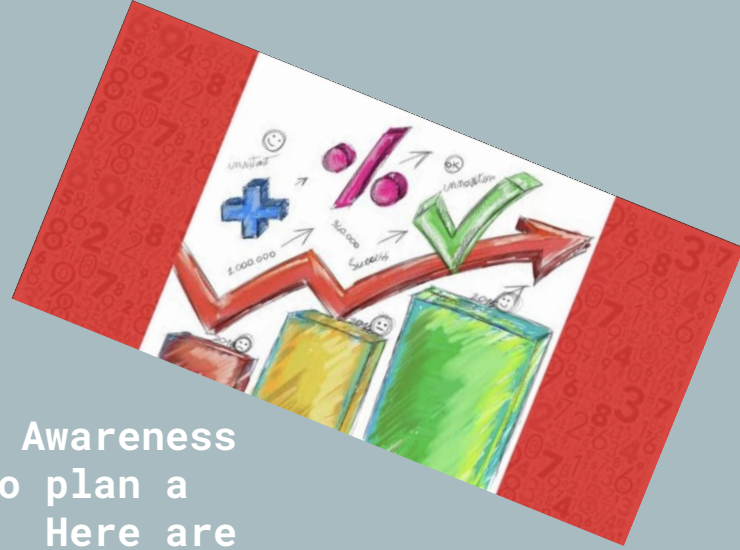
Calder enjoyed his dad videoing his catch, he estimated the length and weight (and was almost spot on every time), and telling what trap was used. He looks forward to keeping a few for wall mounts and pillows, while allowing his mom to make some puff balls with scraps, then selling skulls and fur to artisans and collectors.



**What interests do YOU have? Please submit a picture and we may share your story in an upcoming newsletter**

# April Teacher Tip: By Jen Whicker

April is Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month! This would be a great time to plan a Math Night for you and your family. Here are some activities for a fun evening.



- Read entertaining math books together. Click here for a list of books: <https://dreme.stanford.edu/news/40-childrens-books-that-foster-a-love-of-math/>
- Card games that use basic math concepts like War (greater than/less than), Go Fish & Crazy 8s
- Online or printed books of logic puzzles such as Sudoku or Nonograms
- Toothpick problems are fun and easy - google search "toothpick problems for kids"
- Board Games such as Candy Land, Sorry, Trouble, & Monopoly
- Play "I Spy" and describe objects by their geometric shape. For example, "I Spy a blue cylinder" so kids need to figure out it's the water bottle.
- Strengthen money concepts by having a Movie Night then have the kids "buy" their snacks and movie tickets using pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. Popcorn - \$.38, ice cream - \$1.20, Cost of Admission - \$2.50, etc.
- Take Movie Night a step farther and have the kids make Drive in cars made of cardboard using measurement and shapes.