

March 21, 2026

Dear Parents and Students,

Final plans have been made, students are doing last minute studying and perfecting their projects, and we are about ready to head to Fairbanks.

This note is to give you info on the trip and set your minds at ease as we take your kiddos to Fairbanks. Mrs. Huerta and I will be taking them. Mrs. Huerta has been involved in planning and leading many group events and I know you all feel safe with her leadership ability. I have led about 25 different national and international student trips over the years, so we have both “been there, done that” and know how to keep your sons/daughters safe while on trips.

Included with this info note is the flight itinerary and the event times for our students.

Listed here is a “to bring” list...and a “DO NOT bring list”

To bring:

- Couple changes of clothes including “jammies”. Please don’t plan on wearing the same clothes everyday...there are people who will be sitting next to you on the plane home.
- Winter coat...it IS Fairbanks
- Good shoes...we will be walking a bunch
- Bathroom junk...you know what you need to have fresh breath and a nice smelling presence
- Towel for showering AND swimming
- Modest swimsuit...boys, no Speedos :)
- Make sure any medication needed is brought and discussed with Mrs. Huerta or myself
- Notes, supplies, extra parts, tools to adjust builds, builds, calculators if needed, etc for event(s)
- Great attitude and desire to represent ABCS in a positive way

NOT to bring:

- Here’s the big one...no cell phones. I know, I know, life without your phone is...just not life at all. But, school policy follows us everywhere we go on a school activity, so the cell phone rule applies to this trip.
- You do not need to bring bedding/blankets, etc. since they provide them. If you do need your special blankie or stuffy, you are free to bring that along...or if you really need your own bedding, that is fine.
- Obviously, there are lots of things you probably shouldn’t need like: a toaster, a kitten, or a grocery cart...but I will leave this unending list of “things not to bring” in your hands and hope common sense makes your suitcase a reasonable size.

\*\*Make sure all you are taking to Fairbanks is brought to school on Thursday morning and dropped off in Mr. Leiter’s classroom. We will talk about everything and get it all together during math class so we have time to “fix” issues that may come up.

Cell phone numbers for Mrs. Huerta and Mr. Leiter:

Mr. Leiter: 907-953-1609

Mrs. Huerta: 907-512-5815

Any questions, don’t hesitate to ask  
My Best,

Gary Leiter