

March is set to be a very busy month with wonderful opportunities for our district. On March 1<sup>st</sup> we will be holding a joint City Council/School Board meeting to hear from the city's architect John Weir about our options for moving forward. On March 7<sup>th</sup> we will be having our first School Board meeting of the month and we will be discussing the budget for the 2011-12 school year. The following week, you as parents, get the chance to have your students home for spring break. Once spring break is over we have the begin the quick slide until the end of the year and summer. Please remind your children that April 4-8 is state testing and we want them to do their best!

The longer I live and work in Valdez the more I realize how much I truly love the sun. The days continue to get longer and the scenery gets more and more beautiful. I am constantly amazed that I get the opportunity to not only live and work in this spectacular setting, but I also get to work with such wonderful professionals. The staff members of the Valdez City School District are the most hardworking, dedicated, and professional employees I have ever worked with in my career. Please join me and the School Board in honoring our professional staff for all that they do each and every day.