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TO: News Room: ATTN: Schools Section
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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Tuesday, January 22)

NEW Emergency Notification System to be tested

Because of the growing number of college campus emergencies, Kenai Peninsula College has purchased the MIR3 Intelligent Notification™ System to inform students, staff and faculty if an emergency happens. According to the company website, the system directs the dissemination of time-urgent information to and from any communications device, including cell phones, both voice and texting, landline phones and email.

The system will be tested at 11 a.m. on January 23 on the Kenai River Campus to ensure all components of the system are working properly. Because this is a test, not a drill, efforts have been made to inform everyone when the testing will occur.

All students, staff and faculty are encouraged to visit the MIR3 website to register their contact information so they can be notified of any campus emergency that may occur.

Reading Carnival volunteers needed

The KRC Learning Center will be participating in the annual Peninsula Reading Carnival, from 12- 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 2 at Soldotna High School. The admission is free.

The annual event is aimed at young children, families, and elementary age children but all ages are welcome. There will be a main stage with performances by local celebrities, groups, and children. There will be booths and games, Bingo for books, door prizes, a snack bar, a book fair with books available to purchase, and lots of fun for all.

Mary Bell, an AmeriCorps volunteer who is participating in the event says, "I will be dressed up as the Cat in the Hat. There will be other children's book characters there too."

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help at the Reading Carnival can contact Mary Bell in the KRC Learning Center at 262-0327.

KRC students receive British Petroleum scholarships

The BP Process Technology Scholarship Program is funded by and administered by the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals. Six high school students from throughout the state will be awarded full scholarships of \$3,000 per semester beginning fall 2008.

Eight partial scholarships have been awarded to students currently enrolled in the associate of applied science degrees in Process Technology programs including four at KPC's Kenai River Campus. Tyler Smith, Billy Fallon, Jason Hall and Owen Gaard have each received one of these scholarships to help defer educational expenses related to their Process Technology degree program.

KPC's Process Technology program is a key training program for those interested in working in the oil and gas and other process industries. BP has hired 67 graduates of the program since 2002, as well as providing 10-20 intern positions each summer since 2001.

The two-year associate of applied science degree in Process Technology is designed to provide education and training that will enable individuals to obtain employment in the industries that use and control mechanical, physical, or chemical processes to produce a product. In Alaska, this includes the process industries of oil and gas production, chemical manufacturing, petroleum refining, power generation and utilities, water and wastewater treatment, and seafood and other food processing.