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Alaska SeaLife Center Launching New Small Fry School on YouTube This ocean-centered program for young children is made possible by Alaska 529



Seward, Alaska (March 15, 2021) – The Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC) is launching their Small Fry School, an ocean-centered program for young children, on YouTube. Small Fry School, beginning March 18, 2021, is made possible by the generous support of Alaska 529.

This free program, geared towards preschool and kindergarten aged children, will be live-streamed from the ASLC YouTube channel. Each 30 minute program will begin at 11AM AKST every other Thursday starting March 18 until May 13. A new

ocean themed topic will be introduced during each class and will include a story, activities for parents and their child, and a lesson about unique ocean animals. No additional materials will need to be purchased by families in order to participate.

ASLC launched an in-person Small Fry School in 2018, but due to the pandemic could not resume the program in 2020. This year, Alaska 529 generously donated \$20,000 to the program so the education team at the Center can virtually teach young children about the ocean. “After two successful in-person years, we’re excited to start offering a virtual option! Not only will it help us reach more families, it will also allow us to help kids learn about their backyard. It’s never too early to start exploring the world around you,” states Education Coordinator, Laura Woodward. The public is encouraged to follow the Alaska SeaLife Center on YouTube so they can easily tune in to this program: www.youtube.com/user/AKSeaLifeCenter

About ASLC: Opened in 1998, the Alaska SeaLife Center is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) research institution and public aquarium. It generates and shares scientific knowledge to promote understanding and stewardship of Alaska’s marine ecosystems. The ASLC is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. To learn more, visit www.alaskasealife.org or find us on Facebook.

About Alaska 529: Since 2001, Alaska 529 has made it easy to save for education in Alaska and study anywhere. The tax-advantaged plan offers unique benefits, such as the ability for Alaska residents to save through the PFD, and the University of Alaska Portfolio, which has a tuition-value guarantee. To learn more, visit www.Alaska529Plan.com