

ALKI PTA CURRENTS



THE ALKI WAY

Always be Responsible
 Let Kindness Be Your Guide
 Keep Yourself and Others Safe
 Inspire Respect and Pride

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LETTER FROM THE PTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Calling all Parent Leaders and Advocates! The next chapter of Alki PTA is in your hands

Over the next two months, as a school community, we get to (and need to) select the 2018 - 2019 Alki PTA leaders. Think about what you want PTA to look like, and who might be the perfect person to run it. Toss your own name in for consideration or nominate someone you think will be great.

Interested but need more information?

Join us at Ampersand Café on Alki on 3/21 any time between 5:30 - 7:00 PM to ask questions about what serving on the PTA is like, specifics about job roles, or any other question you may have. It will be a casual question and answer session. Come any time and stay as long (or as short) as you have time for. We'll give you real talk about the fun, the opportunities, and the tasks associated with the work.

Please email Vanessa at LongacreWilcox@outlook.com for more information.

What roles are we looking for?

As you look at the roles below, please know that we want to find ways for people who want to be involved to do so. If your time is limited or you are concerned about childcare but you are excited by one of these opportunities, please reach out and let's figure out a way to make it work!

President and Vice President:

Are you passionate about leading, collaborating, and community building?

These two roles are the core of the leadership team. The President position is a one year term with the Vice President taking over the following year for a one year term. They not only work together to run the show, but they also partner with the school and community to make sure that PTA is doing what it can to keep Alki families informed and connected.

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LETTER FROM THE PTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE (cont.)

Treasurer

Do you enjoy working with numbers? Do you love to keep things on track? The Treasurer role is for you!

This role is a one-year position and is responsible for keeping our financials on track, clearly documented, and communicated to our general membership (and the IRS! But don't worry, if this sounds scary, we have help with this part!)

Secretary

Do you have a knack for organization and communicating clearly about important topics?

This one-year role makes sure that PTA business is correctly documented and communicated. Help draft and create information for new parents about PTA, document meetings, and keep us on track as an organization. This is a great position if you are new to PTA and want to get to learn on the job while fulfilling a much-needed role.

For more details about the duties of each role, (<https://tinyurl.com/y8rg3eor>)

The Nominations Committee goals are to:

- Create a well-rounded and passionate Board that includes voices representative of our whole Alki community.
- Create a Board made up of leaders that value respectful communication, collaboration, and working with teachers, staff, and families to support and advocate for children.
- Create a Board that is fun to be a part of and supports each other.

We are looking for people who have:

- A passion for our students' emotional, physical, and educational success
- A desire to community build, have fun, and create a deep connection between our school and family events
- A desire for increased and enhanced family engagement
- A desire to serve our immediate and surrounding community
- A desire to work with a team of dedicated parents supporting each other, the mission, and the kids

If you want to be a part of a 100 year old advocacy organization that has a huge impact on our kids at Alki, join the Board!

Please feel free to reach out to Vanessa with any questions or for more information: LongacreWilcox@outlook.com



CHECK OUT ALKI PTA'S WEBSITE
www.alkipta.com



SIGN-UP FOR E-NEWS
Email contact@alkipta.com to sign up



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
www.facebook.com/alkipta



ALKI ELEMENTARY'S WEBSITE
<http://alkies.seattleschools.org/>



YEARBOOK PHOTOS WANTED

We're working on the yearbook and need photos from you! The yearbook is put together by parent volunteers that rely heavily on candid photos from parents. Photos should be at or during school (or school functions) and can be submitted to alkipta@gmail.com.

Let us know if you have any questions!

AROUND THE SCHOOL

LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL DEESE



Dear Alki Elementary Community,

As Dr. Nyland shared last week, we continue to share in the grief following the Florida school shooting. We are also inspired by the advocacy of the students and support their efforts to ensure that this type of incident never happens again in a school.

Safety is our top priority. This includes ensuring that our buildings are made as safe as possible, as well as training our staff. Every year we conduct Safety and Security Audits for each of our schools. These reports help us prioritize the safety needs of each school. For years, our Building Excellence (BEX) and Building, Technology, and Academics/Athletics (BTA) Levies have focused on improving school safety, as well as enhancing the instructional environment. We will continue this focus on our next levy proposal, as well as continuing to seek additional grant funding when these opportunities arise.

As of this school year, here are some of the safety precautions we have in place at our school:

- Annually, Alki updates their safety plans, and every month we practice emergency drills, including lockdowns and evacuations, so that staff and students know how to respond in case an emergency.
- We are working on creating a 1-point access during school hours. This means that all doors are locked with visitors only being able to enter the school through the front door. An electronic buzzer system at the front door will allow office staff to verify visitors before they enter the building. Since last year, we had been working on putting measures in place to get an electronic buzzer system for visitor entry. We are now nearing the final stages of this and will be receiving final quotes for cost this month. We will be asking our community to support this effort and will be fundraising this spring, in hopes of being able to start these modifications over the summer months. This change will be costly but so important!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, Mar. 7
(7:15 - 7:50 AM)
Misses & Muffins

Friday, Mar. 9
PASSPORT CHECK

Sunday, Mar. 11
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Friday, Mar. 30
PASSPORT CHECK

Wednesday, Apr. 4
(6:30 - 7:30 PM)
PTA Meeting

Apr. 9 - Apr. 13
NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

Tuesday, Apr. 17
Class Picture Day

At our PTA meeting this month, we discussed using PTA funds to support this effort. Please join us for our PTA meeting on April 4th where this proposal will be presented for a vote (a minimum of 10 PTA members must be present to vote).

- We will be hosting a **Family Safety Night on May 3rd!** Families will have access to community resources, hear about our Alki's safety protocols, participate in safety training opportunities, and help raise money for our front door entry system.
- The Safety and Security Department has a School Threat Assessment Team and is **hiring an Emergency Management Planner** to more closely coordinate planning efforts with the city.
- Each of the five regions of the school district has one mobile security unit to support elementary schools.
- With our close partnership with the Seattle Police Department, we have had joint training with command staff as well as a thorough assessment of school buildings to improve school safety. Both the Seattle Police Department and Seattle Fire Department have been working closely with our school site to improve safety measures at our school.

Families also play an important role in helping schools remain safe. We need your vigilance to ensure that any safety concern is immediately reported your school administrator or the police. If you or your student see something, please say something.

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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL (cont.)

We encourage you to call the school administrator, the district Safe Schools Hotline at 206-252-0510 or if it is an emergency, call 911 immediately.

Here are some suggestions for you to help:

- Please take a moment to discuss this important issue with your children.
- Please stay connected and monitor social media activities your children are engaged in.
- Familiarize yourself with warning signs provided by the Sandy Hook Promise, which offers programs and support to help protect children from gun violence in homes, schools and communities.
- Please ensure that if you own a firearm, keep it locked in an approved storage component or locker: This is the law!
- Please ensure that your children do not have access to firearms while visiting homes of friends or relatives.

Thank you for partnering with us. Safety is everyone's responsibility. By working, talking and listening together - especially with our students - we will continue to keep our school communities safe.

Regards,

Rena Deese
Alki Elementary Principal

Resources that are helpful in discussing troubling events with children:

- Talking with Children About Tragedy in the News (multiple languages)
- Responding to Tragedy: Resources for Educators and Parents
- Talking to Children About Tragedies and Other News Events

SPS HEALTH SERVICES HIRING!



Seattle Public Schools Health Services is hiring nurses! Part time and full-time positions are available. School nurses enjoy a family friendly schedule with 180-day school calendar work year. Seattle school nurses serve 54,000 students representing every ethnic, racial and socioeconomic background and 120 languages. The focus of school nursing is to increase the number of students who are ready to learn, to support teachers in creating environments which sustain the learning readiness of students, and to assist all students in maximizing their personal levels of physical, social, and emotional wellness. The opportunity to direct nursing interventions to prevention focused activities contributes to the school nurse's autonomy and high sense of job satisfaction.

More information, a job description and minimum qualifications can be found at: tinyurl.com/ycty5tet

ALKI BUILDING LEADERSHIP TEAM SEEKING PARENT REP.

All Seattle Public Schools have an advisory committee made up of representative teachers, staff and parents which helps govern decisions made at school. These committees are called Building Leadership Teams (BLTs) and they meet once per month for 1-2 hours after school. The Alki Elementary School BLT currently includes two parent representatives, one PTA representative and one at-large representative. The BLT has seen that it works well for the at-large representative to be aware of the entire parent population of the school with an understanding that not all parents identify with the politics and vision of PTA.

Ms. Deese will be accepting nomination for this role from now until the end of May. It is hoped that the new representative will be willing to sit in on one or two of the meetings for this year along with attending the 2-day district BLT training May 29th and 31st.

Contact Rena Deese with inquiries (rskido@seattleschools.org)

AROUND THE SCHOOL

GIRLS ON THE RUN (4 SPOTS LEFT) Starts Tuesday, Mar. 6



Girls on the Run is an after school program that meets at Alki Elementary on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:00pm. The 10-week season culminates with a fun, non-competitive, 5k run/walk where girls and families celebrate all of their hard work throughout the season. During GOTR, girls learn about important life skills while staying active.

There are just 4 spots left - be sure to sign up today [HERE](http://tinyurl.com/ycyuez2a) (tinyurl.com/ycyuez2a)!

FUEL UP TO PLAY 60

FROM NURSE SYKES: I have been facilitating the Fuel Up to Play 60/Action for Healthy Kids recess running and Breakfast with the Nurses for the past several weeks. My nursing students will leave on 3/15, and we need volunteers to be able to continue this activity.



Are there volunteers who might like to continue the recess running club on Thursdays? We have a computer barcode for each student, and use of iPad for compilation, so it's not labor intensive. It does involve committing to either 9:40 - 10:40 AM or 10:50 AM - 12:05 PM on Thursdays, to let all 3 periods of recess participate. Then each subsequent month, the rewards will be documented and distributed to classrooms. The students have enjoyed this club, which is free and open to all.

Please contact the School Nurse if you can help (mksykes@seattleschools.org)

CONGRATULATIONS SPELLING BEE PARTICIPANTS!!

We are so proud of our 2018 Spelling Bee participants for committing and working hard at accomplishing this goal. Their practice at home and at school empowered them all to show their Alki Way spirit!

Mrs. Rasmussen, Ms. Calkins, and Ms. Deese would like to thank all families who helped their student prepare and complete this year's Spelling Bee. Thank you to Ms. Deese, Ms. Christina Ryser and Ms. Bri'Ana Smith for helping us navigate the grade-level Spelling Bees. Our all-school Spelling Bee judges were Ms. Sacco from Seattle Public Schools and our very own Mrs. Iba. Thank you! And finally, a GIANT THANK YOU to the Alki PTA for sponsoring this wonderful addition to Alki.

The All-School Spelling Bee was Friday, Feb. 9th and congratulations to **Cameron F.** and **Marcus R.** for placing 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the All School Spelling Bee.

This year's Spelling Bee Champion is... **Patrick B.** He will move on to the city-wide Spelling Bee.

2ND GRADE SPELLERS:

1st Place: **Isla K.**, 2nd Place: **Ruby H.**, 3rd Place: **Eve L.**

2nd Grade Participants: **Carson Y., Ely T., Sienna W., Yola B., Ezra D., Bailey M., Raelan M., Pierson B., Uemera S., Maymuna A., Waylon R., Lily N., Betty T.**

3RD GRADE SPELLERS:

1st Place: **Sophia B.**, 2nd Place: **Sawyer S.**, 3rd Place: **Maya W.**

3rd Grade Participants: **Sydney F., Zach H., Janie M., Musaffa A., Keara K., Anderson S., Natalie Z., Lyla C., Nicholas Y., Charlie M., Monico Z., Mason D., Stella E., Kian D., William B.**

4TH GRADE SPELLERS:

1st Place: **Cameron F.**, 2nd Place: **Marcus R.**, 3rd Place: **Max C.**

4th Grade Participants: **Alicia E., Dionysus S., Eli F., Iman A., Jack M., Monroe B., Ryan T., Sadie L.**

5TH GRADE SPELLERS

1st Place: **Patrick B.**, 2nd Place: **Flannery R.**, 3rd Place: **Addy L.**

5th Grade Participants: **Alexandra C.**

LEGISLATIVE

LET'S SOMEHOW FIND A WAY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS

As I approached the school the Friday before winter break our flags were (again) at half-staff. Sadly, this happens often enough that I don't always know why the flags are lowered. But I knew why as I approached the Friday before break. We were mourning along-side parents and students across the nation for the events that took place in Parkland, Florida at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Listening to the conversations unfold as the days and weeks have passed, I am left wondering, will we come together this time and find solutions? If so, how will we do that?

The typical conversation goes, the cause is THIS! No, the cause is THAT! And we all dig our heels in (myself included) and push away the other as we hold our strong opinions. Truth be told, I think the answer is probably we are all a little bit right and all a little bit wrong. So can we work together to find the best in all our ideas and make our schools safer?

CAN WE WORK TOGETHER ON...

Access to mental health support: Since Alki PTA took over paying the salary of our school counselor, we have been advocating to the legislature and the school district to fully fund counselors in ALL Seattle Public Schools. We are not the only PTA that pays for our counselor and there are schools that don't have counselors at all.

The legislature just passed Bill 1377: Improving Students' Mental Health by Enhancing Non-Academic Professional Services. Can we use this as a way to raise our voices to make sure a school counselor is in the baseline for all schools?

School building safety and security: As we saw in Principal Deese's March 2nd Flashback Friday, the school has been working with the police department, fire department, and the Seattle Public School district identify and plan for safety updates to our building. One aspect of that is to secure entry points. This project will be costly and is outside of the school's budget and the current PTA budget.

PTA will be discussing the proposal at our April 4th meeting and will vote whether or not to use money out of the PTA reserves to pay for it. Please join us for that discussion!

Appropriate training for staff and students: We have lock down drills, we have earthquake drills, what else might need to be done? Given the wide age range of our students, how do we ensure age appropriate material for

each class? What support might we need for students with different abilities or sensory issues? What support might the teachers and staff need or want to feel more prepared?

Update regulations: The National PTA, the Washington State PTA, and the Seattle Public Schools have all adopted resolutions and position statements to support changes to current laws and funding with child safety in mind. Seattle Council PTSA was also working on a resolution at the time that this went to print.

Alki PTA will be talking about whether or not to adopt a resolution for ourselves in our April PTA meeting. We will be using the Seattle Council PTSA resolution as a starting point.

You can check out those statements here:

- National PTA Position Statement: tinyurl.com/y7x3qk9m
- Seattle Public School Resolution: tinyurl.com/y8tub8an
- Washington State PTA Statement: tinyurl.com/y6u92oyf
- Seattle Council PTSA latest on this issue go here: <http://scptsa.org/>

<Insert issue you feel passionate will help here >

What is missing from this list? Is there something you feel like we should be talking about as a community around this issue that we aren't? Let's talk about it.

WA. STATE LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The Washington State Legislative Session is coming to an end this week and with it changes that impact our kids. The Washington State PTA Blog has been doing a great job tracking education and child advocacy related Bills. You can dive into more detail here: <https://www.wastatepta.org/blog/>

BEX V AND ALKI ELEMENTARY BUILDING UPDATES

Alki Elementary is currently scheduled to be included in building improvement plans for BEX V. As a community we'll want to make sure to have our voices and concerns heard as decisions are being made.

If you have ideas about how to get involved or want to help coordinate community involvement about this topic. Please reach out: LongacreWilcox@outlook.com

Next SPS BEX meeting: Mar. 9 (8:30 - 10:30 AM)
Room 2750, John Stanford Center

SPS BOARD MEETINGS

- Mar. 7 (4:15 - 8:30 PM) John Stanford Center
- Mar. 21 (4:15 - 8:30 PM) John Stanford Center
- Apr. 4 (4:15 - 8:30 PM) John Stanford Center

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- 1 PTA Meeting
- 7 Misses & Muffins

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- 4 PTA Meeting
- 9-13 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- 17 Class Picture Day

**UPCOMING
PTA MEETING**

Wednesday, Apr. 4
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Sign Up For Childcare
[www.tinyurl.com/
PTAMeetingChildcare](http://www.tinyurl.com/PTAMeetingChildcare)

PTA SPONSORED ASSEMBLY RESCHEDULED



Alki PTA is pleased to report the postponed disability awareness assembly with Simon Calcavecchia has been rescheduled for Monday, March 12th.

INCLUSION COMMITTEE

As of January 2018 a small group of Alki parents has been meeting on a regular basis to discuss diversity, inclusion, and culture as a part of the Alki Elementary experience. We started with the name Cultural, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, a designation long enough to make you feel a little tuckered by the time you finish saying it. We've since developed a mission statement and have adjusted our committee name to match:



The Inclusion Committee Mission statement: To strengthen and enrich the experience of every child, parent, and family of the Alki Elementary community by fostering a more inclusive environment for all.

We currently meet on Wednesdays, about an hour before the early-release of school, because that's what works for those who are currently involved. That time can easily shifted to accommodate alternate schedules. **If you are interested in being a part of these efforts, no matter your schedule, please get in touch with Vanessa at LongacreWilcox@outlook.com.**

We want this effort to meet the needs of every family with a child at this school, which makes your perspective and input as valuable as any facetime you might be able to provide. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any thoughts related to the current school culture. Every person we can hear from, whether it be an in-person meeting, phone call, texting, or email exchange will help us better understand what we can do to improve the experience of each individual who walks through the doors of Alki Elementary.

When you know better, you do better. In our effort to know more we're going to start with listening. I know what I want for my second-grade son, or for my daughter entering kindergarten next fall. In the moments between assemblies and curriculum, on the fringes that aren't guided by the district, Principal Deese, the teachers, or any of the excellent staff at our school who make the educational experience what it is, there is space for us to identify problematic areas and make changes to fix them. **First, we need to understand what isn't working for you. Within our sphere of influence, how can we make a difference for your child?**

As a first step towards greater understanding, we are honored to be hosting Sura Hart, CNCV certified, author of three books, for a night focused on compassionate communication techniques. Be on the lookout for more information about this once we set a date for the event.

Please reach out, with any questions or ideas:

Jenna Andersen (jnicholea@gmail.com / 509-760-4600)

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YEARBOOK SALES OPEN

Yearbook paper forms will be going home TODAY (Mar. 7). You also have the capability to buy online via Yuen Lui. Online orders here: tinyurl.com/AlkiYearbook18



Make sure you Buy your yearbooks while we still have them in stock! Last year we received a bunch of requests after the deadline and sadly were all sold out.

Questions?

Contact: alkipta@gmail.com

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST!

Big thank you to the **RECORD 37 YEARBOOK ENTRIES** that entered our Yearbook Cover Contest. The top 10 was narrowed down last week at our General PTA Meeting and the following are moving on to be voted on by their peers. **Hila B. (K)**, **Syriana C. (5th)**, **Colston B. (5th)**, **Iman A. (4th)**, **James K. (1st)**, **Audrey D. (5th)**, **Kiri B. (5th)**, **Nola C. & Portia S. (5th)**, and **Evelyn C. (3rd)**.

The winner will be announced in next months Currents. Thanks again for all that entered!

BUDGET COMMITTEE PROCESS

Thank you to Lynda Sullivan, Amy Cooper, Angela Powell and Laurie Iba for volunteering to serve on this year's PTA Budget Committee at our March 1st PTA Meeting.

There are three basic steps in developing a PTA budget:

1. Determine the PTA's goals and objectives and assign costs to them.
2. Develop a revenue source to cover the costs of the goals and objectives.
3. Reconcile or balance steps 1 and 2 with each other.

Do you Chair an existing PTA program or event at Alki? We look for your assistance in updating the budget requests for our PTA events each year. Any line item budget requests not submitted will be at the sole discretion of the Budget Committee to determine funding. Do you have a new idea or program you'd like to propose for PTA support? Present your proposal at the next general PTA meeting for membership consideration! As mentioned in Principal Deese's Friday Flashback March 2nd, there was discussion around PTA funding keypad secured entry for our building at our March PTA meeting. This proposal will be brought to our membership at April 4th's general membership meeting. Please join us to share your voice and vote to determine whether or not PTA supports immediate allocation of PTA funds towards this cause.

Please find PTA Budget Request Forms in the information rack outside the office or download at (tinyurl.com/y98mwv3e) and turn them in to the PTA Mailbox by Monday, April 2nd or email to president@alkipta.com. The Alki PTA Budget process is as follows:

1. **Monday, Apr. 2** - ALL PTA Budget Request Forms are due in the PTA Mailbox or emailed to president@alkipta.com. Staff requests are submitted to Principal Deese.
2. Principal Deese **reviews** and **passes** on to the PTA Treasurer
3. **April** - PTA Treasurer and Budget Committee meet 2-3 times to carefully and thoughtfully review and approve, partially fund or deny submitted budget requests and create proposed 2018-2019 Alki PTA Budget that is in line with the expected income (expected income to be estimated by Treasurer and Budget Committee based on previous years' income and taking into account volunteer capabilities, leadership and historical trends.)
4. Requestors will be informed if their request was approved, partially funded or denied in the proposed budget
5. **May 3rd General PTA Meeting** - Proposed PTA Budget is presented to general membership 30 days prior to vote - discussion and feedback welcome - edits made as needed
6. **June 6th General PTA Meeting** - PTA Budget vote by general membership at last PTA meeting of the year



AFTER-SCHOOL RUNNING CLUB COACHES WANTED

Thank you to Alki moms, **Annie Wagar** and **Heather Lawless**, for stepping up to Co-Chair this year's PTA Running Club! Running Club is an after school PTA program open to ALL

STUDENTS and will kick off Monday April 23rd and run through Monday May 21st. This is a super popular program that students love and would not be possible without the volunteer power of the program chairs and volunteer

coaches! If YOU can participate as a Running Club coach please reach out to annieways1@gmail.com or heatherlynnlawless@gmail.com ASAP

Student registration is \$50 for the 5 week program and fees are waived for students of coaches! Stay tuned for more information about how to register your student in March Enews and next month's PTA Currents Newsletter.

Sign Up Here (tinyurl.com/RunClub18Coaches)

FUNDRAISING

UPCOMING AUCTION BUY-IN PARTIES

Bowling with Ms. Calkins and Ms. Grygleski

Friday, Mar. 9 (3:30 - 5:00 PM)
\$30 | 2 SPOTS OPEN

Spend an afternoon with Ms. Calkins and Ms. Grygleski bowling at West Seattle Bowl! This is for 3rd - 5th grades and snack will be provided.

Alki Sleepover

Friday, Mar. 23 (5:30 PM) - Saturday, Mar. 24 (8:00 AM)
\$50 | 19 SPOTS OPEN

Forget about homework, kids! Bring your sleeping bags, sleeping pads, and pillows for a slumber party at school. There will be games, karaoke, a movie, and of course bedtime stories. A pizza dinner will be provided. Cinnamon Rolls, hot cocoa, and coffee (for the adults) from Ampersand Cafe will help everyone to awaken bright eyed and bushy tailed! There will be plenty of parent chaperones to keep the peace. Your kiddo won't want to miss this long-standing Alki tradition! Hosted by Lindsay McDonald and Brenda Gage.

5th Annual Alki Poker Night

Saturday, Mar. 24 (6:00 - 11:00 PM)
\$75 | 11 SPOTS OPEN

Bring your 'A-Game' & your Poker Face, but more importantly, bring some extra cash as there will be unlimited \$20 rebuy's for the first hour! Drinks, appetizers, and prizes will be provided including the Alki Champions Cup Trophy to the winner!

Purple Rain Paint Night

Thursday, Apr. 5 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
\$30 | 12 SPOTS OPEN

Who said April showers have to be depressing? Spend an Adult Evening at Art Nest creating a multi media canvas piece inspired by Prince's Purple Rain. We will rock our way through his greatest hits, sip a little wine and create a lot of magic.

PURCHASE BUY-INS HERE: TinyURL.com/AlkiAuction17-Catalog

ALKI AUCTION - PLANNING UNDERWAY

December 1st, 2018

The venue is booked, auction chair is confirmed, now we are in the stages of finding our key volunteer team for next years 2018 Alki Elementary Auction.



Are you well connected, an expert party planner, good with spreadsheets, organized, and/or have a talent that you think would be a great fit... **JOIN OUR TEAM.** Don't think you have time? Parents that have joined our team in the past work full-time, part-time, stay-at-home, grandparents, etc. The more hands the lighter the work!

Key Positions we are looking for are the following:

- Procurement Lead & Team (6)
- Sponsorship Lead (1)
- Buy-In Party Coordinator (1)
- Website/Database Lead (1)
- Decorations Committee (4)
- Volunteer Coordinator (1)
- Games & Entertainment Chair (1)
- Chair of Libations (1)
- Graphic Designer (1)
- Videographer (1)
- Dessert Dash Coordinator (1)
- Ticket & Raffle Sales (1+)
- Grade Basket Coordinator (1+)
- Closing Chair (1+)

SIGN UP HERE: tinyurl.com/AuctionLeads18

Email next year's Auction Chair Angela Powell with any questions or interest. angmpowell@gmail.com

AMAZON SMILE HAS RAISED \$449.99 FOR ALKI!

Turn your online shopping into an easy way to raise funds for your students school!

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Alki Elementary PTA every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Alki Elementary PTA.

As of February 2018 - Our Amazon Smile Account raised \$449.99.

1. To sign up, visit smile.amazon.com

2. Enter "Alki Elementary PTA" as the charity you'd like to support.
3. Every time you shop on Amazon (shop at smile.amazon.com), Amazon will contribute a percentage of your purchase to Alki Elementary PTA! It doesn't cost you a cent.



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COMMUNITY

DELACOUR FAMILY CANCER FUND

(FROM MS. DELACOUR)

On June 15th, 2016, my twin brother had a sudden onset of pain in his side and difficulty breathing. At first they thought it could be a kidney stone...instead we received the devastating news that he had Stage 4 metastatic cancer.



It still feels absolutely unbelievable that Ben has a tumor in his colon, on his liver and in both lungs. He's always been healthy and there was no clear indication that he was not. He rode his bicycle everywhere, and walked dogs hours on end.

We were told numerous times he would never be operable because of how the cancer is in multiple organs. It feels surreal that we are about to take this aggressive step, but we know Ben is strong and believe he will recover swiftly and then return to chemo as soon as possible. We are asking for donations to help make the next steps of treatment (after this surgery) possible.

This month (March 2nd) Ben will be undergoing a liver resection procedure at UWMC performed by a renowned surgeon. We have been told that it is unlikely that we will find a lung surgeon in this area that will be willing to do the procedure he will need, so travel costs are expected to be significant.

Since this cancer journey began in June of 2016, we have received so much support and love in many ways from friends, family, our community and even strangers on the internet. Even sharing this fundraiser on your social media networks helps.

If you would prefer to donate via other apps online, message me. I can also accept check or cash in person; Those donations can be added on to our fundraising total on here!

With gratitude,

Alia Delacour (1st Grade Teacher @ Alki)
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DONATE HERE: gf.me/u/g56kkf

SPRING 2018 AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT Spring 2018 (Registration Opens 3/6)

Get excited for these new fun and past favorite classes being offered this Spring!

Outdoor Exploration, African Drumming, Marine Art, Pottery, Soccer, All Sports, Eco-Crafting, Beginner Spanish

Find us at the Alki Community Center to pick up a catalog now! Classes are schedule in 1 hour blocks from **2:45 - 5:00 PM** on **Regular Schedule days** and **1:20 - 5:00 PM** on **Early Release Days**. To register please contact the Community Center Front Desk (hours MWF 3:00 - 8:00 PM) Scholarships available!

JUST IN: African Drumming and Dance class that was scheduled for Mondays, 2:45 - 3:45 PM will now be taking place on Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

Questions? Contact Savannah Mattson
(Savannah.Mattson@seattle.gov)

ALKI COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

THEMED SKATE NIGHT "SUPER HERO" NIGHT
Friday, Mar. 23 (5:45 - 7:45 PM)

\$3 per skater: Dress as your super hero and receive a prize with your paid entrance fee

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday, Mar 23 (6:00 - 8:00)

\$40 per child: Dinner, skating, arts n crafts and much more. Must register by Friday, March 16th. Please contact (206) 684-7430 for more information.

SPRING EGG HUNT

Saturday, Mar. 31 (9:00 AM)

Join the Community Center for our Annual Spring Egg Hunt. Schedule is as follows:

9:00 AM - Doors and breakfast bar will open

9:45 AM - Meet at the gym by 9:45 AM to split up in ages.

10:00 AM SHARP - Hunt will begin (Please arrive early)

9:15 - 9:40 AM - Pictures with Mr. Rabbit

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL (AGES 10-17)

Registration now open. Please contact (206) 684-7430 or register online at www.seattle.gov/parks. Practice times and dates TBD.