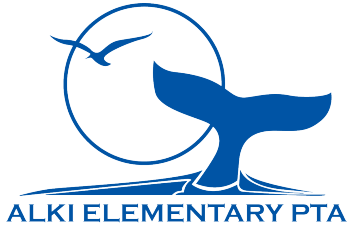


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ALKI-A-THON - Find Your Stride Friday, May 31st (During school day)

Students, run, walk, and skip around the field with music playing and everyone cheering! Pledge packets will be sent in kid mail soon. More details on page 7.



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- 1 Bike Rodeo (after school)
- 2 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 6-10 Staff Appreciation Week
- 8 Bike To School Day
- 13 BLT Meeting (2:35 - 3:35 PM)
- 23 Alki Art Walk
- 27 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 31 Alki-A-Thon



Staff Appreciation Week Next Week: May 6-10th

We are so fortunate to have our amazing staff and teachers! Next week, we'll show them how much we appreciate them! More details on page 4.

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- 5 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 5-7 Camp Burton - 4th/5th Grade
- 10 BLT Meeting (2:35 - 3:35 PM)
- 14 Razzle Dazzle Carnival/ End of Year BBQ
- 18 Field Day
- 19 5th Grade Breakfast
- 19 Awards Assembly (9:30 AM)
- 24-27 Spirit Week!
- 27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (1:25 PM Dismissal)

Bike To School Day Wednesday, May 8 (Before school)

May is Bike Month! Join one of two bike trains on the morning of the 8th! Park your bike and join us for healthy snacks and raffle prizes. More details on page 5.



Alki Elementary Art Walk Thursday, May 23rd (6:00-8:00 PM)

A night of the arts! Watch student performances, view student art at school and local businesses. More details on page 4.

LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL KATHY JOLLY

Dear Alki Community,

Starting May 1st, I will be your interim principal while Ms Deese is on child care leave. I feel honored to have been asked to help out during the last two months of the school year. I met the staff in March and now I look forward to meeting all the students. I plan to visit every classroom this week so that I can introduce myself and they can put a face to a name.

I am excited to work in West Seattle again as I am a West Seattle resident and love living in this community. I began my teaching career over forty years ago at Genesee Hill Elementary. I also taught at Roxhill and Beacon Hill. I was a Kindergarten teacher, classroom teacher, computer specialist, and science specialist. I became a Star Mentor and worked with new teachers for three years. After a successful teaching career I returned to school to get my administrative credentials. I retired in 2014 after serving as principal at Laurehurst Elementary for over ten years.

Since my retirement I have worked as an interim administrator at View Ridge, Lafayette, Cascadia, McDonald International, Hazel Wolf K-8, Madrona, Gatewood, Broadview Thomson K-8, and Fairmount Park. I am looking forward to working at Alki Elementary and being a part of your learning community.

My goal while I am at Alki is to provide a seamless transition so that everyone has a successful last two months of school. I plan to be in classrooms, on the playground, in the lunchroom, and at all PTA and school events. I have an open door policy and am looking forward to meeting everyone.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kathy Jolly
Alki Interim Principal
kmjolly@seattleschools.org

LETTER FROM PTA PRESIDENT



We went to see Avengers: Endgame on opening night at the Admiral Theater - a sold out West Seattle crowd with so many Alki Elementary families vying for seats and popcorn, cheering along as the Avengers slugged it out. I'll leave the spoilers to others.... But, the experience reminded me once again of how powerful a shared community experience can be. It's from that perspective that I write my second letter to you as PTA president.

First off, a big welcome to Kathy Jolly, who is joining the Alki Elementary community as our interim Elementary Principal while Ms. Deese is on leave. Also, an equally big welcome to baby Bryn Deese, born on April 27th.

Staff appreciation week is around the corner, May 6-May 10th. Each day has a different theme and we hope it's fun for staff and our PTA volunteers. You can find the scheduled appreciation opportunities in other parts of this newsletter. But, a sincere personal thank you to those who are there day-in and day-out with our kids goes a long way.


I have been President for a very short time. And, I'm only just now beginning to feel the bottom of the pool with the tips of my toes. As part of my learning curve, I attended the Washington State PTA convention this last weekend. It is an amazing thing to watch so many people from so many backgrounds come together for the sole purpose of advocating for our children. I hope to bring back to our community some of the inspiration gained. Speaking of inspiration, our own, Lindsay Yost, was honored for her tremendous work as the state-wide chair of "Reflections." Lindsay's efforts made sure kids across the state had an opportunity to be recognized for their art, and inspired their confidence along the way.

As we are entering the last two months of the school year, there are lots of opportunities coming up for shared community experiences - from the bike rodeo to the Alki-a-Thon. Come make some memories with us.

Love and respect.
Tom



Thank you to all of the Alki Families that participated in Monday's Dine Out at Mission Cantina! It was great to see so many of you there! Thank you to everyone at Mission for making it such a great night & for your support of Alki PTA!



PTA MEMBERSHIP

Alki PTA May General Membership Meeting Thursday, May 2nd (6:30 - 7:30 PM) Alki Library

Join us! All are welcome to attend. Hear about upcoming events, resources, volunteer opportunities, ask questions, discuss any concerns you have at Alki, meet new people, and share information! We hope to see you there!

ALKI PTA MEMBER SPRING DISCOUNTS:

Contact our Membership Chair, Lindsay Yost membership@alkipta.com for more information on how to access your discount codes!



- Up to 30% off at **Great Wolf Lodge**
- Discounts at **Wild Waves** (single or season passes!) Opening day is May 4th.
- Discount tickets to **Paw Patrol LIVE** at the Angel of the Winds Arena
- and more! Visit Alkipta.com/member-benefits



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The PTA Nominating Committee is seeking next year's PTA leadership! The PTA Executive Officers consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary with terms of 1-2 years.

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for next year's Vice President position. This role is ideal for the parent interested in taking on a more active role in the PTA and at Alki while sharing responsibilities with the sitting PTA President and extended PTA Board of Directors. In other words - it's a dedicated year of experience to get your PTA feet wet! We are looking for a candidate who is: a good communicator, detail

oriented, interested in meeting more families and staff and willing to share their voice and vision in service to Alki! Dads, moms, grandparents - anyone can serve and all are welcome to the table.

For more information please reach out to info@alkipta.com to connect with this year's PTA Nominating Committee - no pressure - but if you're curious give us a ping! We're looking forward to hearing from YOU!






Or hey, if you aren't ready for all that and just want to learn more about the PTA, don't miss our next meeting on Thursday, May 2nd!

AROUND THE SCHOOL

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK (Week of May 6 - 10th)

tinyurl.com/StaffAppreciation2019

It's time to show our gratitude to the amazing teachers and support staff at Alki! We will continue to build on last year's popular theme of **"BAR NONE - We Have The Best Staff Around!"** We'll host a daily themed food "bar" in the staff lounge and stock the lounge with snacks and drinks all week and a luncheon on Friday.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
<i>Coffee Bar</i>	<i>Waffle Bar</i>	<i>Bagel Bar</i>	<i>Cereal Bar</i>	<i>Taco Bar Luncheon</i>

We need your help to make this year's Staff Appreciation Week a success. To donate time, food, or cash to this worthy cause, please visit: tinyurl.com/StaffAppreciation2019. Here you will find the following ways to contribute:

- **BRING FOOD/HELP SET UP:** Bring a dish or help set up or clean up after. We are looking for volunteers to help organize each themed day (set up the "bar" in the staff lounge before school & clean up in the afternoon).
- **STAFF LOUNGE CLEAN UP** - Clean up and freshen the staff lounge, stock the fridge and other supplies, fresh flowers and candy bowls!
- **STAFF BATHROOM MAKEOVER** - Let's give the main hallway bathrooms a much needed makeover.
- **AMAZON WISH LIST FULFILLMENT** - Check to see if your teacher has provided an amazon wish list.
- **GIFT CARDS FOR ALKI SUPPORT STAFF** - Thank you to everyone that contributed. Enough money was raised to give each and every support staff a thank you gift card!



The night will take families through the school and businesses along Alki Avenue to celebrate the wonderful creations our students have been working on all year long.

WATCH student performances in the school gymnasium beginning at 6:15 PM.

VIEW student artwork displayed throughout the school halls.

WALK to the beach to view additional student art displayed in local businesses

SHOP/EAT at local businesses offering discounts during the Art Walk!

AT THE SCHOOL: Walk around the halls of Alki Elementary to see the incredible student artwork displayed throughout. Watch our talented students perform in the school gymnasium.

Can you help? Volunteer to hang artwork around the school or at local businesses and help Mrs. Scranton create the best Art Night event Alki Elementary has ever seen! Times are flexible and we will work with your schedule. Please consider volunteering an hour or so to this art showcase.

tinyurl.com/AlkiArtWalk19

PTA EVENTS

Bike To School Day

Wednesday, May 8th

Join one of 2 bike trains the morning of the 8th! Park your bike in the courtyard and join us in the lunchroom for a healthy snack for all riders, plus prizes! For the map/route visit: www.alkipta.com

Help Needed: This event doesn't happen without volunteers like you! Help at school that morning and make this day a success while Bike-To-School Day Organizer, **Chris Nutter** leads one of the bike trains to Alki! Pick up donated food from Safeway, set up the lunchroom with snacks for the kids, distribute raffle tickets, and more!

Join the Alki Bike Train!



Bike Train #1: Beach Drive Express

Meet at 6:40 a.m. at Me-Kwa-Mooks Park on Beach Dr. SW or join us anywhere along the route

Bike Train #2: Alki Ave. Express

Meet at 6:40 a.m. at Anchor Park on Harbor Ave. SW or join us anywhere along the route

2019 ALKI VEGAS AUCTION

You can make a difference!

The annual Auction is Alki's largest and most exciting fundraising effort! Driven year after year by the countless volunteer hours given by our talented parent group the auction outdoes itself every year both in funds raised and fun had!!

Make a huge difference at your child's school OUTSIDE of the classroom. Volunteer that night, setup during the day, preparation parties... the volunteer possibilities are endless and MUCH needed. Check out the open positions and let us know if you can spare a couple of hours of your time for a worthy cause!



Sign up here: tinyurl.com/AuctionTeam2019

The 2019 Alki PTA Auction will take place on Saturday, November 16th, 2019 at the Hall at Fautleroy from 5:30 PM - 10:30 PM with an after-party till 11:00 p.m.! Bid on our Silent & Live Auction, Priceless Student Art, Dessert Dash, & Raise the Paddle for Alki Elementary! If you want to get your Elvis wedding vow renewal (and your hunka hunka burnin' love) on, you've found the ultimate Elvis wedding chapel in Las Vegas! More to come but be ready for an exciting evening!

FUNDRAISING

**Sunday, June 23rd at
4pm**

**(University of Washington's Alaska Airlines
Arena)**



vs.



Join Alki Elementary for a fun & family-friendly night out at as the 2018 WNBA Champions Seattle Storm take on the Indiana Fever. \$5 of each ticket sold will go back to Alki Elementary PTA for fundraising.

- Free Storm ThunderStix (bam bams)
- Group shout-out on StormVision

PRICING

\$45 Select Seats

\$30 Value Sideline seats

\$20 Value Baseline seats

\$5 of every ticket purchased goes back to Alki Elementary PTA

To purchase ticket(s), please visit:

<http://stormgrouptix.com/alki19>

***Advanced sales only. Link expires 24 hours prior to game date**



Upcoming Auction Buy In Party:



Flip Cup Tournament (adults only)

Saturday, May 18, 2019 (time TBD) at Seattle-Lite Brewing Company

Gather a team or come solo and join in on the best darn Flip Cup Tournament this side of the Cascades! DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?? Tournament beer and snacks provided by Seattle-Lite Brewing Company - Southpark's newest Light Beer Brewery! **\$40Adult**

Sign up online: tinyurl.com/Buyins2018

ALKI-A-THON FRIDAY, MAY 31

The Alki-A-Thon is less than a month away! It is our second largest fundraiser of the year, with funds raised going toward all of our wonderful PTA events and programs. Last year we raised over \$21,000 and we would like to exceed that this year! Alki students will run, walk, skip, hop, or dance as many laps as they can around the Alki field and collect donations in support of their participation or pledges based on their lap totals.



◆ **Thank you** to the Alki families who have purchased \$100 family sponsorships and our local businesses that will have their names proudly displayed on the back of the Alki-A-Thon t-shirts! Thank you Northwest Art & Frame, Andersen Organics, Corr Cronnin LLP, A Kids Place Dentistry for Children, Cambium Landscape, Spraggins Fitness, Easy Street, Mission Cantina, West Seattle Art Nest, and West Seattle Runner for your sponsorships!!



◆ **Keep your eye out for pledge packets** to be sent home in kid mail in mid-May. We also have a user-friendly website for friends and family to easily make pledges online.

◆ **Support other schools:** For the 4th year the Alki PTA will support other schools in our West Seattle Community by providing the opportunity for families to do a “direct give” to Highland Park, Roxhill, Sanislo, Concord and West Seattle Elementary schools. This is entirely voluntary and at the discretion of each family. If you would like to participate, please write a check directly to the school(s) of your choice and turn it in with your pledge packet after the Alki-A-Thon. The Alki PTA will collect and deliver the checks to the partner schools. Thank you for considering this opportunity and please let us know if you have any questions.

◆ **Volunteer:** This is such a fun event to volunteer for - kids, colorful shirts, music, cheering, running and even some dancing. You can help your student’s teacher get the kids ready to run, keep track of laps, hand out water to thirsty runners, help set up tents, cut up oranges, decorate or just cheer on the kids. tinyurl.com/volunteeralkiathon19

The Alki-A-Thon can’t happen without our awesome **volunteers!** There is a huge range of options to fit just about anybody’s schedule. Sign up early to have the most options!

tinyurl.com/VolunteerAlkiAThon19

THANK YOU



Volunteering opportunities are available for Alki families in the classroom, on a committee, supporting fundraisers, in the library or lunchroom, even from home. There are many levels you can be involved at, and every moment contributes to our student’s and school’s successes.

A parent, grandparent, and caretaker’s role in a child’s learning and school community evolves as kids grow and needs change, but one thing remains constant: we are all our children’s learning models. Our attitudes about education can inspire and motivate them to do well in an academic sense, just as our attitudes about their school’s community can inspire and motivate them to make contributions that strengthen a welcoming school climate and culture.

Case in point, an event called Madison 411. An Alki Alumni, Evan D., and his family created the event stemming from their experience and conversations with Evan about the transition from elementary to middle school. Evan proposed to do a talk to the 5th graders and together they came up with the idea and pitched it to the principal, and the event was created. Showcasing Madison Middle School panelists from 6th and 8th grades, our Alki students have learned about the coming transition from their peers. And the idea that not only are we their learning models, but they are ours as well!

If you have an idea that would serve our community, please reach out to share your vision. Your passion is what serves our community best. **Thank you to all involved in the event, and to the Dean family for having the vision. And thank you to all of Alki Elementary volunteers, you make us shine.**

-Mel Spiker, Alki PTA Secretary

COMMUNITY

15 May | 7-8 PM
Lafayette Elem. Cafeteria
2645 California Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98116

Dr. Ilene Schwartz

INCLUSION MATTERS

Lafayette Elementary has invited us to join them on May 15th as they welcome Dr. Ilene Schwartz to speak about why inclusion matters within schools and in our community. She will cover topics such as how to talk to your child about disability and the benefits of inclusion followed by Q&A. This event is geared toward families with children of all abilities.

Dr. Schwartz is the director of the Haring Center for Inclusive Education on the UW campus, an interdisciplinary, research and training center

focused on improving outcomes for children of all abilities. She is the author of 3 books and over 75 scholarly articles and book chapters.

For more information or to request specific accommodations, email Pam Phillips at embelle_cer@hotmail.com. Please RSVP so that they can plan accordingly.