

# ALKI PTA CURRENTS



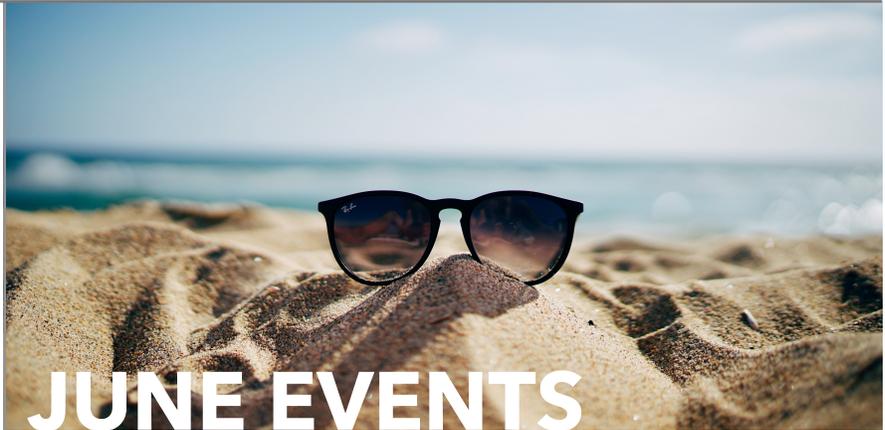
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Join us Friday, June 14th (5:00 - 7:00 PM) on the Alki Blacktop to Razzle Dazzle the night away in Alki PTA's annual end of the year celebration with Games, Prizes, Face Painting, Free hot dogs and Fun, Fun, Fun for the whole family.

### VOLUNTEER

This is a parent volunteer run event, so please help us by volunteering:  
[tinyurl.com/RazzleDazzle19](https://tinyurl.com/RazzleDazzle19)

### PRIZE DONATIONS WANTED

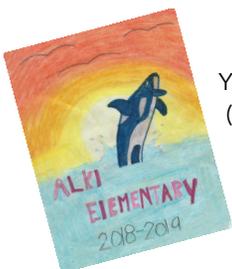
Have any left over party favors laying around? We are planning Razzle Dazzle and are looking for prize donations, specifically, any gently used or new small to medium toys suitable for carnival prizes. A donation box located by the PTA mailbox in the main hall. Thank you!

Questions? Contact: Juanita Hoskins ([juakins@aol.com](mailto:juakins@aol.com))



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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)
- 11 Volunteer Tea
- 11 Instrumental Spring Concerts (1 PM & 6 PM)
- 14 Razzle Dazzle Carnival/End of Year BBQ
- 18 Field Day (During School Day)
- 19 5th Grade Breakfast
- 19 Awards Assembly
- 23 Alki Night with Seattle Storm
- 24-27 Spirit Week!
- 27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (1:25 PM Dismissal)



YEARBOOKS FOR SALE  
 (\$17.00) WHILE  
 SUPPLIES LAST!

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### Field Day: Tuesday, June 18th

9:15 AM-11:00 AM: K - 2nd Grade  
 12:15PM - 2:00 PM: 3rd - 5th Grade

This Alki Staff led event takes place during the school day and is filled with games, activities, face paint, and more! Please check out the areas we will

need help with and sign up if you can: [tinyurl.com/AlkiFieldDay19](https://tinyurl.com/AlkiFieldDay19). Alki staff are really excited for this opportunity to continue to help students be active with their peers.

To be eligible to volunteer, you must be on the Alki Elementary approved volunteer list. Please contact the office for more information on how to become an approved volunteer.

# LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL KATHY JOLLY

Dear Alki Elementary Families,

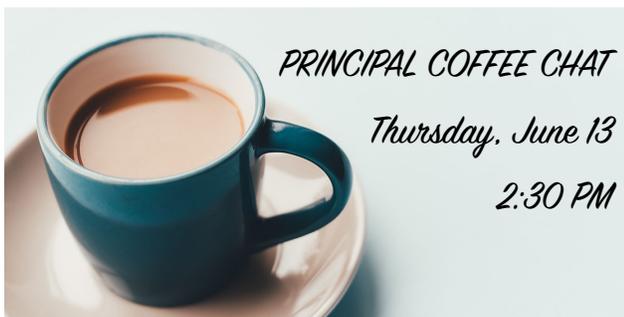
I want to share some good news with you! Alki Elementary School is being recognized for high achievement in ELA, Math, and SQSS measures (school quality and student success measures). We will be recognized at a Washington State School Recognition Event in Olympia this week. I received this wonderful news from the Washington State Board of Education. I am not surprised that Alki Elementary School is receiving this recognition. Everyday that I have been here, I see high quality instruction going on throughout the building. Students are engaged in their learning and are eager to share with me what they have done throughout the school year. The staff is caring and committed to making a difference. Parents play an active role as they volunteer in school events, in classrooms, help with homework, or read with students at night. You have a wonderful school and school community. Congratulations to everyone!

I want to thank everyone who was involved in the Alki-A-Thon last Friday. This was a wonderful event sponsored by the PTA. There were many parent volunteers who made this event happen. Parents and community members were on the sidelines cheering our students on! Students were very excited to participate and proud of the number of laps they ran or walked! Teachers and staff joined their classes as they went around the track. It was a great success and another example of the great community at Alki.

We have a very busy month ahead of us. We have finished our state testing and now we are focused on the many events coming up. Fourth and fifth graders are going to Camp Burton this week. Second graders are meeting their pen pals from Genesee Hill Elementary. Kindergarten classes are going to Constellation Park. Student musicians are practicing for the upcoming spring concert. Plans are being made for Field Day, Fifth Grade Graduation and the Awards Assembly. Yearbooks will be distributed on Friday, June 21. Due to the snow days earlier this school year, the last day of school will be June 27th.

I will be holding a Principal's Coffee Chat on June 13th at 2:30. I hope to see you there.

Kathy Jolly  
Interim Principal  
[kmjolly@seattleschools.org](mailto:kmjolly@seattleschools.org)



# LETTER FROM PTA PRESIDENT



Our community came out in droves last month, in one event after another. It was so great to see so many people participating in the Bike Rodeo, Bike to School Day, and the Alki-a-Thon. **Chris Nutter** again did the safety dance as event chair for the Bike Rodeo and Bike to School day. **Erik Bell** documented the whole thing with his great photography. Thanks to Chris and all of the Bike Rodeo and Bike to School day volunteers who made us all want to sing that Queen song, "I want to ride my bicycle," except skip over all of those other lyrics.

I also want to thank **Johanna Wrenholt**, who was Alki-a-Thon event chair. Before she was a mom, she was an accountant. And, it shows. She dotted all the "I"s and crossed all the "T"s, doing the work of five people. **Julie Maddan** also deserves special thanks for being the volunteer coordinator for the Alki-a-Thon. We don't have volunteers time to waste. So, it was amazing to see such good use of all the volunteer's much needed time.

It's a critical mission of this PTA to include and welcome everyone who wants to volunteer. But, when they do show up it's even more important that we effectively use our volunteers and the precious time they have given to the school. And, this month we really saw our event chairs make that happen by making time out of no time.

While I wasn't able to attend, I heard about the great turnout at Alki Elementary Art Walk. It not only brings us together as a school - (thank you, **Ms. Scranton!**) - but it brings us together with our neighbors and local business owners.

Our kids are all looking forward to the end of the school year, but for the PTA and Alki Elementary educators, June actually marks the beginning of the new year. We can't thank our educators and staff enough for all that they do. They deserve a great summer break. Working with **Principal Jolly** has been amazing. She has truly had an impact in her short time with our school and I can't thank her enough for her compassion and her efforts.

PTA members, let's get to work on next year!

Love and respect.

Tom

P.S. The new Godzilla movie is not appropriate for seven year old boys. Parenting fail 101.

# 2019/2020 PTA BOARD NOMINEES

The Nominating Committee recently concluded a search for next year's Board Membership. At this time the only required, open position is Vice President. Several people expressed interest, and the Nominating Committee met with all of them to learn how they would like to help. This process identified opportunities to fill several other open positions, and we are thrilled to make the following nominations.



## **Nomination: Melanie Granger for Vice President**

"Hello Beautiful people! My name is Melanie A. Granger and I have been an Alki parent for three years, and counting. I have a little origami king named Taj, who's in second grade at Alki. Taj has spent some of his most important years at Alki, with some amazing teachers and staff. Alki Elementary is a progressive school that instills essential characteristic traits that our children will carry into their adult years. For this I am grateful. I am interested in joining the PTA to continue to build a more inclusive community within Alki and outside of Alki.

A little bit about myself you ask. I was born and raised in The Motor City, Detroit, MI. I lived in California for 9 years, pursuing my career as a wardrobe stylist for entertainers such as PitBull, Ice Cube, and KIDZ BOP to name a few. I've participated in many philanthropic endeavors throughout my adolescence and adult life. I am co-creator/founder of One Million Tampons, a

campaign that collects menstrual product and distributes it throughout Seattle to ones in need. I'm a skateboard mom. I run an indoor play space called "WE FREE HEARTS", for children 6mos-6yrs at the South Park Hall in South Park. I have a band called Push4luv that performs throughout Seattle."

## **Nomination: Jennifer & Dale Ross for Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs**

The 2018-19 School year is Jennifer's first year joining the Alki Elementary Community. Jennifer comes from a family of educators and school administrators and is committed to uniting the families, teachers, staff and the community to support the students. Professionally Jennifer is a licensed Interior Designer who has an independent practice as well as works part time for an Architecture firm. Jennifer's greatest joy is raising her two active children (Gavin- 1st grade & Brandon - future Alki student) alongside her husband. Together the family enjoys exercising their herding dogs, playing sports, cultivating their garden and working as a team on home renovation projects.

Although this is Dale's 1st year as an Alki Elementary parent he comes from a long line of Alki Elementary Alumni, including his Grandfather, Grandmother, Uncle and Sister. Dale is born and raised in West Seattle, a local real estate broker and has a degree in Business Marketing.

He is an entrepreneur by profession and enjoys networking, meeting with local business owners and families of West Seattle. He hopes to utilize his skill set to serve the staff, students, and community at Alki Elementary creating a community based relationship where the students benefit. In his spare time he enjoys traveling, tackling remodeling projects, and coaching baseball. Dale and Jenn enjoy working as a team and are looking forward to becoming more involved with the PTA and Alki Elementary.



## **Nomination: Laetitia Rettori for Board Member at Large**

"Next year will be my 4th year as an Alki Parent. I have two kids, Oscar and Henri who will be entering 3rd grade and 1st grade in the fall. We have been very impressed with the staff and families at Alki Elementary. It feels great to be part of such a welcoming community that has the kids' interest at heart. I love that kindness and inclusion are a big part of the School's focus!

I'm originally from France, so I was raised in a very different system, both culturally and academically. I am learning a lot about Education in America, including the importance of having an active PTA in the School. Outside from spending time with my family, I also work full time (for a French video games company!) and love cooking and traveling!"

## **Nomination: Mike Uehara-Bingen for Membership Chair**

"My daughter Celia is currently in the 1st grade at Alki, and my son Kaio will join her after one more year of preschool. As we approach the end of our 2nd year in the Alki Elementary community, I have been thoroughly inspired by the many parents and staff who find ways to improve the school, within PTA or otherwise. I am grateful, and quite eager to learn more about how I can support those efforts."



# PTA MEETING

Voting for next year’s Board Membership will take place at the PTA General Meeting **TODAY!** Please join us!

Returning Board members, **Tom Harris** (President), **Nicole Bryant** (Treasurer), **Mel Spiker** (Secretary), **Emily Anderson** (Events), and **Ali Pankop** (Communications) will return to their roles next year. We thank all these individuals for their service and commitment to our students and our community.

We are still looking for fill the roles of **PTA Building Leadership Team Representative, Advocacy Chair, and Volunteer Coordinator**. Are you interested in joining us? We would love to have you! We want as many voices at the table as possible. Contact Tom with questions or to throw your hat in the ring ([president@alkipta.com](mailto:president@alkipta.com)).

Children are welcome at all PTA meetings. Although childcare is not offered, there will be toys and books in the library for any children present. Snacks, lemonade and tea will be provided at today's meeting. We hope to see you there!

## PTA Meeting Agenda June 5, 2019 6:30-7:30PM Alki Library

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MAY’S MEETING MINUTES

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Nominating Committee Report

NEW BUSINESS

-Election of VP

-Musical Committee Report

Stone Soup Theater - vendor selection

-Room Parent Program Update

-Yearbooks for Sale \$17 - order online

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GRATITUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# PTA EVENTS



## 5th Grade Breakfast (Wednesday, June 19)

5th grade families are invited to celebrate graduating Alki students the morning of Wednesday, June 19th in the Alki Cafeteria. There will be a special graduation ceremony and potluck breakfast to celebrate the end of their tenure at Alki!

The 5th Grade Breakfast is fast approaching and we need your help with set up, staffing stations during the event, and clean up. We are hoping to have families from other grades help out (especially 4th grade families) so that the 5th grade families can fully enjoy this emotional milestone. Thank you in

advance for volunteering. We appreciate you! Sign up at volunteer at [tinyurl.com/5thgradebreakfast19](http://tinyurl.com/5thgradebreakfast19)

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## Bike Parade Buy-In Party for Kids - Thursday, June 13 (after school)

Bring your bike to school for a style upgrade with Ms Typpi and Ms. Whelan! Decorate to your heart's content and then be the featured attraction in your own bike parade with friends! Cap off the afternoon with a popsicle and prepare to rule the streets come summer time with your decked out wheels! \$30 per K-3rd grade student.

Reserve your spot at <https://tinyurl.com/buyins2018>

# AROUND THE SCHOOL



### Alki Student Spring Instrumental Concerts

Tuesday, June 11

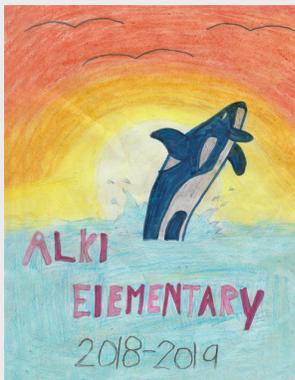
Performances at 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM



### LAST CHANCE!

This is your last chance to retrieve your child's unclaimed items. All items left at the end of the month will be donated!

There are 3 FULL racks full of jackets and sweaters. Chances are good that your kid has something in there! Located in the cafeteria, come take a peek!



### DID YOU ORDER A YEARBOOK?

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE - \$17

While supplies last!

Go to [tinyurl.com/AlkiYearbookLate19](http://tinyurl.com/AlkiYearbookLate19) or Scan the QR Code to go right to the website!



Order here

## ALKI SPIRIT WEEK

**MONDAY**  
JUNE 24

**TUESDAY**  
JUNE 25

**WEDNESDAY**  
JUNE 26

**THURSDAY**  
JUNE 27



**SPORT TEAM DAY**

**MIX MATCH DAY**

**CRAZY SOCK DAY**

**ALKI SPIRIT DAY**

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

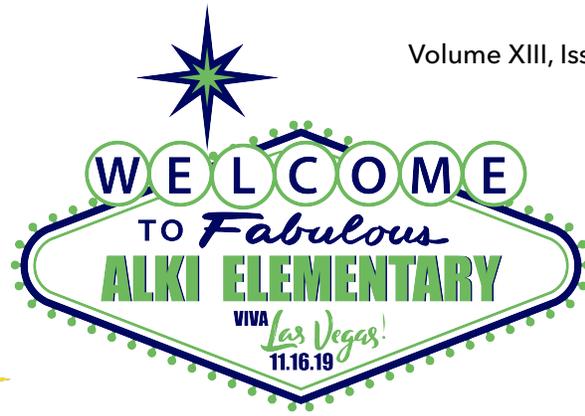
### Alki Elementary Rebuild Update

In June 2023, Seattle Public Schools will rebuild Alki Elementary School, which will take 2 years. At that time, Alki Community Center will be closed for the duration of the construction project. The Parks Department has made no plans yet to renovate or rebuild the Alki Community Center.

Please stop by the open house style Parks & Rec Fest on Sunday, June 9th (10AM - 3PM) at the Yesler Terrace Park & Community Center to encourage the Parks Department to improve Alki Community Center while it is closed. Please let the parks planners know how important the center is to you and your family and what programs you would like offered at the Alki Community Center. These meetings could determine the future of the Alki Community Center.



# FUNDRAISING



### Alki Coffee Mugs for Sale Now!

\$10 each. While supplies last, in stock for immediate delivery!

Perfect Father's Day Gift!

Order online:

[www.alkipta.com/spiritwear](http://www.alkipta.com/spiritwear)

## 2019 Alki Vegas Auction - November 16, 2019

Make a difference at Alki!

Planning starts now! Join our 2019 Auction Team and help make this year's Auction the best one yet!

Key Positions we are looking for:

- Procurement Team
- Sponsorship Lead
- Kid Art Coordinator(s)
- Decorations Committee
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Games & Entertainment Chair
- Buy In Party Coordinator
- and more!

Join the team: [tinyurl.com/AuctionTeam2019](http://tinyurl.com/AuctionTeam2019)



## MICROSOFT EMPLOYEES! Earn Money for Alki:

Please take advantage of your company giving benefits to support the Alki Elementary PTA. Alki-A-Thon pledges and volunteer hours are eligible for a company match!

### DID YOU KNOW:

- Time spent volunteering at the school is eligible for a match
  - Time spent planning, organizing or working at a school event is eligible for a match
  - Any monetary donations made to the PTA are eligible for a cash match
- Microsoft matches volunteer hours at a rate of \$25/hour. The cap for employee matching is \$15,000 per calendar year. To request a match

for your volunteer hours, please visit the Giving portal at [microsoft.benevity.org](http://microsoft.benevity.org). Questions? Contact [give@microsoft.com](mailto:give@microsoft.com) or Alki parent/MSFT employee Pamela Boyd at [pamelahboyd@gmail.com](mailto:pamelahboyd@gmail.com).

## Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 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



# ALKI-A-THON

## STILL TIME TO PLEDGE!

Families have until Friday, June 7th to collect and turn in pledges for the Alki-A-Thon. The Alki-A-Thon is our second largest (and final!) fundraiser of the year. If every student raises just \$65, we will meet our goal. Keep those pledges coming, and don't forget that you can submit your pledge online!

This year's Alki-A-Thon was so much fun. The music and emceeing got our runners pumped up (thank you, **Mike and Angela Powell**), the shirts were awesome (thank you to **Josh Ingalls** for the design), and the mister worked (almost) the entire time to keep our runners cool (thank you, **Michal Lehmann**)! The kids were smiling and running their hearts out while volunteers and spectators cheered them on. Thank you, to all, for making the afternoon fun!



[tinyurl.com/alkiathon2019](http://tinyurl.com/alkiathon2019)

## BIG SHOUT OUT!

A BIG thank you to our business sponsors, whose generous donations helped kick off our fundraising to support so many amazing programs at Alki Elementary! Thank you to **Northwest Art andFrame**, **Andersen Farm**, **Corr Cronin LLP**, **A Kid's Place Dentistry for Children**, **Mission Cantina**, **West Seattle Art Nest**, **Cambium Inc.**, **Easy Street Records**, **Spraggins Fitness**, **West Seattle Runner**, and **Gorilla Screen Printing**.

Thank you, volunteers! The Alki-A-Thon can't happen without all of you, and it highlights how wonderfully generous this community is. Thank you for donating your time and energy on Friday and working together to complete the many tasks that go into making this event a success!!!

Special thanks go out to **Ali Pankop** for creating flyers, banners, and helping round up supplies and volunteers, **Angela Powell** for her graphics and computer expertise, and **Jessica Ryan** and **Julie Madden** for answering approximately a billion questions.

Most of all, big applause to our Alki-A-Thon Organizer, **Johanna Wrenholt** who made this day look effortless (we know it is not!). Thank you Johanna, for your strong leadership, attention to detail, all while keeping calm under pressure. This was her first year chairing this event and she knocked it out of the park!

And an extra special thank you to all the teachers and staff of Alki Elementary for their cooperation, enthusiasm, and ongoing support for this event!



Thank you to Alki Parent, Erik

Bell for these amazing photos!

# THANK YOU



**ART WALK:** The Alki Elementary Art Walk was a HUGE success! Many thanks to the local businesses that displayed student art this year! Plus, how wonderful is it to see so much student art still displayed in the halls of Alki! Thank you to **Rachel Thomas, Salleigh Knox, Johanna Wrenholt, Amy King, Nicole Turpen, Ali Pankop, Gayle Fiedorczyk, Chris Bertelli,** and all of the **Alki Students and Staff** who helped with mounting, hanging, and displaying artwork in the school and in Alki businesses. Thank you **Alki Teachers** for hanging an abundance of classroom art in addition to the wonderful creations that come from art class. Special thanks to our fantastic Multi-Arts Teacher **Ms. Scranton** for all that she does to make this "Night of the Arts" a success!



**STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK:** To everyone that brought a treat, gave money, fulfilled a wishlist item, donated their time to set up/clean up, organized a themed breakfast, or spruced up the Staff Lounge and Staff bathrooms during Staff Appreciation Week: THANK YOU! It took a village and it was worth it - what an incredible way to show the Alki Staff how much they are appreciated! Thank you to our Staff Appreciation Chairs, **Pamela Boyd** and **Ali Pankop** for organizing a week full of love for our Alki Staff! Big shout out to **Britney Straus** for organizing the bathroom makeover, along with the help of **Ksenya Lagutina** and **Ali Pankop**, thank you to **Ashley Morrison, Erica Feldmann,** and **Mel Spiker** for sprucing up the staff lounge, thanks to the themed bar leads, **Salleigh Knox** (Coffee Queen), **Tom Harris** and **Pamela Dean** (Waffle extraordinaires), **Vanessa Longacre-Wilcox** (Bagel aficionado), **Mel Spiker** (Cereal Bar + so much more!), and **Ali Pankop** (Taco bar enthusiast) along with **Pamela Boyd, Salleigh Knox, Emily Anderson, Kiera Silva, Marieka Freestar,** and **Amy Barak** for help with the taco bar luncheon setup/decorations/cleanup! Muchas gracias!



**BIKE MONTH:** Last month, dozens of junior bikers navigated the rodeo courses and decorated bikes at the Bike Rodeo and dozens more arrived by "bike train" for snacks and prizes at school on Bike to School Day. Thank you for all of your help, team! Thanks to the schwagg distributors, snack passers, rafflers, leaders/cabooses, email announcers, blacktop sweepers, bike decorators, etc., it takes a village! **Bryan Fiedorczyk, Kathy Dunn, Don Brubeck, Tom Harris, Cheryl Meckley, Britney Straus, Ali Pankop, Salleigh Knox, Casey Howe, Owen Reese,** and so many more! For those who donated time, donated supplies, set up, cleaned up, showed up on bikes with kids and smiles, or just cheered - **thank you!** And a huge Thank You to **Chris Nutter** for organizing both events!



# ADVOCACY CORNER



Written by Vanessa Longacre- Wilcox,  
Advocacy Chair  
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## Alki PTA Advocacy

In 1946, a parent advocate and PTA representative named Ruth Benedict wrote an article for the National Parent-Teacher magazine addressing tolerance and racism entitled, "Let's get Rid of Prejudice." I have only seen quotes of this article but what I have seen was bold (for the time). I think of that article, and the decision Ms. Benedict made in writing it, and how 73 years later, I feel the same urgency to find ways for our community to come together to deal with racism and biases that are still present today.

Intellectually I have known that it would be impossible for our school community to be immune to prejudices. Yet, I was still taken by surprise and dismayed hearing reports of students testing out racist language, making culturally insensitive remarks, exchanging homophobic language, and behaviors that were alienating students of color at Alki.

When I heard about this, I felt pangs of anger and sadness. I remembered distinctly how painful it was hearing homophobic slurs when I was in elementary school and how hurt and confused I felt on behalf of my father, who is gay. I don't want my kids feeling the same fear, anger, and powerlessness for their LGBTQA+ family and their friends of color. I want my children to have tools and support at school that I didn't have. We immediately had frank, open, and age appropriate conversations with our kids.

This is a crisis within our community (and our world). Light needs to be shed on it. It needs our focus. Our kids need our help in creating a learning environment that challenges them to be their best selves, to treat others

with respect, to embrace differences, to advocate for others, to be open to learning, self-reflective and responsible for their actions.

Already you may have seen many of our amazing teachers directly making efforts to address these topics with our kids. Our administration has been reaching out to organizations for structured support. The PTA is looking at ways we can bring financial support for programs to address bias and racism.

If we are going to get rid of prejudice, it is not going to be by being silent. It is going to be by pulling together to face this, supporting our kids and teachers, and doing the work at home as well. So that 73 years from now, we aren't having to write this article again.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Community Meetings with School Board Director Leslie Harris:**

- June 15, 2019 3:00PM to 5:00PM Southwest Library, 9010 35th Avenue SW

**Seattle Public School Board Meetings:**

- June 12, 2019 4:15 to 8:30 PM - John Stanford Center 2445 3rd Avenue South, Seattle
- June 26, 2019 4:15 to 8:30 PM - John Stanford Center 2445 3rd Avenue South, Seattle

# COMMUNITY

Summer is around the corner and that means pool weather! The Alki PTA is collecting donations of used swimsuits and beach towels for kids in local YWCA homeless shelters. Many of these kids don't know how to swim because of instability in location and income. The YWCA offers free swimming lessons all summer long to kids staying in local shelters, because not only is swimming an important and life-saving skill, it's also lots of FUN! **Alki families can help** by bringing your outgrown swimsuits (ages 6-12) & towels to school between now and June 21. Look for signs and collection bin in the main hallway, past the front office.



Questions? Email Pamela Boyd @ [pamelahboyd@gmail.com](mailto:pamelahboyd@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting our community!



