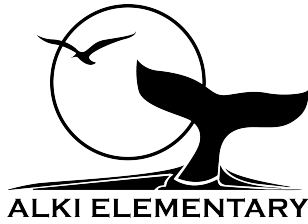


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Family Movie Night:
The Princess and the Frog
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 (6:00 - 7:30 PM)

Put on your PJs, bring your blanket & pillows, and join us in the Alki Cafeteria for a fun free family event. Tiaras and comfortable beach chairs are also encouraged.

Alki's Annual Spring Family Breakfast
Wednesday, March 18, 2020 (7:15 - 7:50 AM)
Join us for a cereal-sly fun morning!

Bring the family to school and enjoy cereal and coffee in the Alki Lunchroom before the bell! Multiple varieties and milk alternatives will be provided.

Looking for volunteers to make this a success! This can't happen without the help of others, sign up at tinyurl.com/alkibreakfast20



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- 5 PTA MEETING (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 9 BLT MEETING (2:25 - 3:25 PM)
- 11 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
- 18 FAMILY BREAKFAST AT ALKI (7:15 AM)
- 20 ALKI ADVENTURES DAY
- 26 PARENT INFO NIGHT - TESTING (5:30 PM)
- 27 PRINCIPAL COFFEE CHAT (7:30 - 8:30 AM)
- 29 ALKI DAY WITH MARINERS (1:10 PM)

April 2020						
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- 1 PTA MEETING (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 7 CLASS PICTURE DAY
- 8 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
- 13-17 NO SCHOOL / SPRING BREAK
- 20 BLT MEETING (2:25 - 3:25 PM)
- 24 PRINCIPAL COFFEE CHAT (7:30 - 8:30 AM)
- 29 BIKE RODEO



Alki Day with the Mariners
Kids get a FREE TSHIRT!

Sunday, March 29, 2020 (1:00 PM)
Tickets are \$15 (plus processing fee for online orders)

Ticket are on sale though March 13th! Buy online at alkipta.square.site. Paper order forms can be found outside of the school office. Print your own copy at tinyurl.com/MarinersOrderForm20



LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL DEESE

Dear Alki Elementary Community,

This month at Alki, we are focusing on the character traits- **Honesty & Integrity**. As we work towards building strong relationships with others, these two traits are essential! Looking for some books to read at home around this topic? Did you know you can access our school's library catalog from home?

Steps to access our Alki Library Catalog & *New Destiny Discover Collections!

1. Visit seattleschools.org
2. Click on Student Family Portals
3. Click on Online Academic Tools
4. Choose Library Catalog (Classic)
5. Click on Alki Elementary
6. Now you can search for any book in our library! Or click on Destiny Discover on the left tab menu.
7. Click on Visit Collections and you can see resources grouped by specific categories like "Honesty & Integrity" and so much more!

What else is in store for March?

- **Alki Adventures!** We reached our school goal of 1 million minutes read at home! On **March 20th**- every student will get to attend a fun class such as painting, legos, board games, slime making, yoga, and much more!
- **Common Core/State Assessments (SBA) Parent Information Night on March 26th @ 5:30pm.** Have questions about the Smarter Balanced Assessment or any other state tests? Want guidance on how to support students in taking these assessments? Looking for a better understanding of the Common Core Standards? Join Principal Deese for a casual coffee chat and get all your questions answered!

Thank you for your continued support for our school community! Go Seagulls!

With love,
Rena Deese
Alki Elementary Principal

Next BLT Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2020 (2:25 - 3:25 PM)

Building Leadership Team meeting agenda, minutes and more can be found at alkipta.com/BLT

Principal Coffee Chat

Friday, March 27, 2020 (7:30 - 8:30 AM)

Alki Cafeteria

Join Principal Deese for an informal discussion about Testing at Alki (SBA, MAP, DIBELS, and other school-based & district assessments). Get your questions answered.

PTA Meeting Thursday!



General Membership Meeting

March 5, 2020 6:30PM - 7:30PM

All are welcome to attend. Kids are welcome to play or read quietly in back of the library during meetings.

Join us for a discussion of next year's budget discussions, the future of the 2020 Alki Auction, volunteer needs, next year's open Board Positions and more.

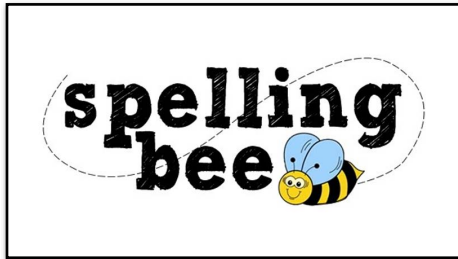


Friday Mornings: Brew at the Bell

Look for PTA President Tom Harris on the playground most Friday mornings and ask the tough questions, share your ideas, learn what is new, or just say hello and enjoy a cup of coffee!

Fridays from 7:30 - 8:30 AM | Alki Blacktop

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congrats to Alki Elementary School Spelling Bee Winner Sofia! She will move on to the city-wide Spelling Bee

We are so proud of our 2020 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!



Congrats to all who participated in this year's 5th Annual Alki Spelling Bee: Celia, Kadynce, Taylor, Maddy, Rhianna, Sam, Amari, Drew, Nika, Olivia, Alice, Sebastian, Rilyn, James, Wolfy, Cora, Leake, Sawyer, Keara, Brighton, and to this year's Spelling Bee finalists: 2nd graders Alexa, Kosara, and Lina; 3rd Graders Seb, Jordi, and Tuula; 4th Graders Sienna (3rd place), Aka, and Joey, and 5th graders Maya (2nd place) Tom, and to the Spelling Bee Champion, Sofia!



Thank you to Ms. Seefeld and Ms. Whelan for organizing this year's Alki Spelling Bee and to our Spelling Bee judges Ms. Iba and special guest, Ms. Leslie Sumida, children's librarian from West Seattle Public Library.



Congratulations to all those who participated in the Global Reading Challenge! A special thanks to all the 4/5 grade teachers and to our amazing librarian Mrs. Iba.

The winning Alki GRC team, Timber Wolves (Timber Wolves: Betty, Connor D, Will B, Matty O, Lillianna , Keara)

will be going to the Downtown Public Library to participate in the Semi-Final Round March 17th. We wish them the best of luck!

The Global Reading Challenge is a reading incentive program for 4th and 5th graders enrolled in Seattle Public Schools. Students form teams and read 10 books, then take part in a trivia competition to determine the winner for the city of Seattle.



YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST



The chance for your student to enter the Yearbook Cover Contest is almost over! Be sure to have your student either submit their cover to the front office or email it to yearbook@alkipta.com. Last day for submission is Friday, March 6th.

Already recycled the form? Good news! You can print it put here: tinyurl.com/AlkiCover20

Important Upcoming Yearbook Dates:

- PTA Votes on the Top 10 Cover Entries - Wednesday, Apr. 1 (be sure to attend!)
- School Votes the Winner - TBD
- Yearbook Sales Close - Friday, May 1
- Last chance to submit your candid photos - Friday, May 8 (email pictures to yearbook@alkipta.com)

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Purchase your 2019-2020 Alki yearbook today! Yearbook paper forms should be in today's kid mail. But, did you know you can also buy online??? Online orders are here: tinyurl.com/AlkiYearbook20. Each yearbook is \$15, but the preserved memories are priceless.

Questions? Contact yearbook@alkipta.com

ALKI ADVENTURES DAY

1,000,000 Minutes Read!

Alki Adventures Day: Friday, March 20th

At Alki, we believe that strong reading skills and a love for reading are essential in preparing our students for success in school and in life. Research tells us that students should be reading at minimum 30 minutes per night. In order to help encourage this, we do this through our Alki Reads program.

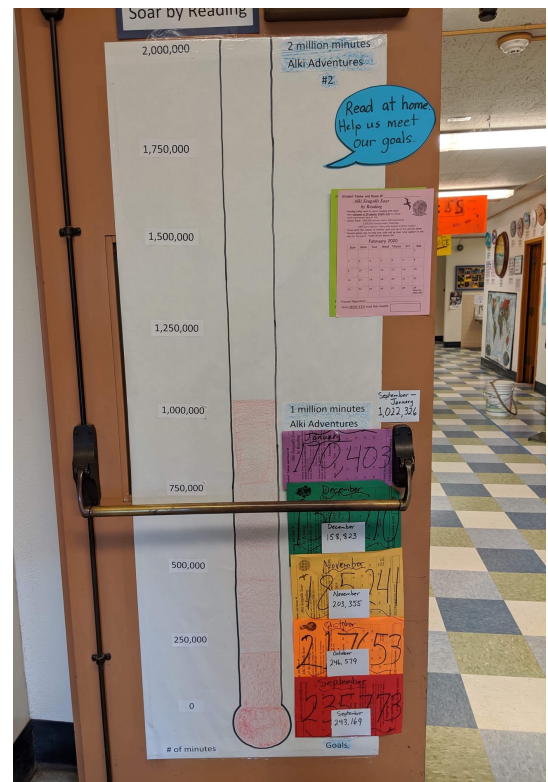
What is it?

All Alki students are given a monthly Alki Reads Calendar to record the numbers of minutes they spend reading or are being read to each day. At the end of the month, students add up their minutes and record at the bottom of the page. Our librarian adds up the minutes for the whole school at the end of the month and shares that information with the school. Each student receives a charm for their necklace for each month's calendar that is turned in. We also do a prize drawing at the end of each month for students who turn in their calendars.

Our school goal is to reach 1 million minutes by January and 2 million by June! If we are able to reach these goals, we celebrate by having an Alki Adventures Day!

What is Alki Adventures?

Each Alki staff member creates a fun activity for students grades K-5, students can then select the activity they would like to participate in. Priority is given to 5th graders first, then 4th, then 3rd, etc. For about 2 hours in the afternoon, all students in the school report to their chosen or assigned activity.



AFTER SCHOOL BUY IN PARTIES

Don't miss out on these awesome Teacher Experiences! Register online at tinyurl.com/alki2019

- ✦ **Bowling Party** with Ms. Cicero, Ms. Calkins, Ms. Gilbert & Mrs. G at West Seattle Bowl on Friday, March 20 (3:30 - 5:30 PM) \$30 per student. Open to 1st - 5th grades - 20 lucky bowlers will share some snacks, spares and maybe a few strikes!
- ✦ **Clay Fairy and Gnome Village Making** with Ms. Scranton on May 14 and May 28 after school. One class to form the fairies, gnomes and furniture, and one more class to glaze the fired clay figures. These will be suitable for outside play under trees and bushes...stimulating the imagination! \$30 per student, ages 7 and up.

View the full catalog at tinyurl.com/Alki2019

ALKI RUNNING CLUB



Running Club is right around the corner! Request for volunteer parent coaches

What is running club? An after school activity for ALL students K-5, to keep kids moving with relay races, distance running, and games.

Cost: This 5 week enrichment program is \$50 per student. Fee waived if parent/guardian coaches.

Dates/times: Fridays May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th! From 2:25-3:25PM

Registration for kids opens in April!

Coach: We need volunteer parent coaches to make this a success! Sign up to coach at tinyurl.com/RunClubCoach20 - no experience required! Type to enter text

Questions? Please email the Running Club Co-Chairs Jenny Mesdag and Carrie McInnelly at RunningClub@alkipta.com

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Session	Code	Class	Time	Room
Monday				
1st	35112	Fun With Food	2:45 - 3:45	CC Kitchen
1st	35119	Origami	2:45 - 3:45	Library
1st	35125	Yoga	2:45 - 3:45	Bath House / Portable
1st	37829	Spanish	2:45 - 3:45	Portable
2nd	35100	Yoga and Mindfulness	4:00 - 5:00	Bath House / Portable
Tuesday				
1st	35114	Jewelry Making	2:45 - 3:45	Art Room
1st	35116	Maker's Space with Mrs. Iba	2:45 - 3:45	Library
1st	35108	Youth Pottery	2:45 - 3:45	Bath House
1st	35103	Jam Sesh: Music and Movement	2:45 - 3:45	Gym
2nd	35106	Roller skating Obstacle course	4:00 - 5:00	Gym
2nd	35123	Silly Science	4:00 - 5:00	Art Room
Wednesday				
1st	35104	just stARTing	1:30 - 2:30	Art Room
1st	35107	Writing Lab	1:30 - 2:30	Portable
1st	35109	Abstract Art	1:30 - 2:30	Cafeteria
2nd	35113	Intro to Print Making	2:45 - 4:00	Art Room
2nd	35101	Board Games	2:45 - 4:00	Portable
2nd	38082	Science in Nature	2:40 - 4:00	Outside/Cafeteria

Registration is open now.

Spring after school enrichment begins April 20th.

Visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/seattle/Home> or visit Alki Community Center for more information.

Thursday				
1st	35111	Fashion and Sewing!	2:45 - 3:45	Portable
1st	35121	Pokemon Battle!	2:45 - 3:45	Library
1st	35124	Unconventional Crafting	2:45 - 3:45	Art Room
2nd	35102	CERAMIC CHECKMATE	4:00 - 5:00	Bath House
2nd	35117	Math and Engineering Club	4:00 - 5:00	Library /Cafeteria
Friday				
1st	38083	Outdoor Exploration	2:45 - 3:45	Outside /Cafeteria
1st	35120	Paper Crafts	2:45 - 3:45	Art Room



ALKI FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020

6:00 - 7:30 PM ALKI CAFETERIA

Join us for this free, family event. Bring blankets and beach chairs, wear your PJs and enjoy popcorn while watching a movie with friends

The Princess and the Frog (G): A modern twist on a classic tale, set in the great city of New Orleans, where a beautiful girl named Tiana meets a frog prince who desperately wants to be human again. A fateful kiss leads them both on a hilarious adventure.

JOIN US FOR A CEREAL-SLY FUN MORNING!

Spring Family Breakfast

Wednesday, March 18th (7:15 - 7:50 AM)

Bring your family to school before the bell to enjoy breakfast in the cafeteria. Cereal, milk and milk alternative, fruit and coffee will be provided!



Can you help? Sign up to volunteer at tinyurl.com/alkibreakfast20

Questions? Contact Salleigh at salleighk@gmail.com

THANK YOU

A Thank You Note from Math Night Organizer, Mel Spiker:

Sending thanks to all that attended our Family Math Night at Alki, hosted by Alki PTA and West Seattle Mathnasium. More than 150 attended the event enjoying pizza, fellowship, and a fun night of math. We saw lots of smiles and families engaging with their scholars as they worked their way through the game tables (the Skyscraper table was no joke!). Feedback from families and students was positive; with the kid's only asking to add ice cream next year. More information will be provided about the pilot tutoring program to be rolled out in the coming months, into the next school year and beyond.

Our volunteers made this event possible, and I'd like to thank each and every one of them for their time and grace performing their assigned roles: Allison Deike, N. Laky, Marieka Freestar, Ali Pankop, Pedro Deguzman, Carie Fix, Stacie Hart, Bruce Hart, Beau Schilz, Lucas Maringer, and Alki Alum Perez-Lehmann and Briggs, and to all of the middle and high school students that helped at the game tables!

If I've forgotten your name(s) above, please know I haven't forgotten your gesture to give to our community and that you have our gratitude for your service. A post to Local PTA Leaders social media page about the event received more than 70 likes and over 40 comments of local PTA units interested in hosting their own after seeing our success, well done Alki!

VOLUNTEER

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Spring Family Breakfast**, March 18: Help set up for this event. Sign up at tinyurl.com/alkibreakfast20
- **Running Club Coaches** needed (Fridays in May): sign up at tinyurl.com/RunClubCoach20
- Join the **Musical Committee** and begin planning for next year: email musical@alkipta.com
- Join a team of parent volunteers to organize the **5th Grade Breakfast**. Sign up at tinyurl.com/AlkiVolunteer
- More opportunities to help can be found at alkipta.com/volunteer

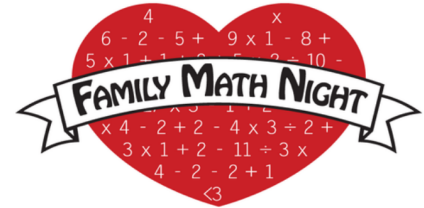
Make a difference at Alki! Join next year's PTA Board.

The following 2020/21 Board positions need to be filled: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We have other positions available as well. Volunteer Coordinator. Events Chair. Membership Chair. We even have a Board Member at Large position for someone who'd like a seat on the Board, finding ways to help out however you can.

The Nominating Committee is made up of Laetitia Rettori and myself, Mike Uehara-Bingen. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you are interested in a role on the PTA Board. We can grab a coffee, talk about how you'd like to contribute, and take it from there!

Mike Uehara-Bingen - mikebingen@gmail.com

Laetitia Rettori - laetitia.rettori@gmail.com



TIME IS RUNNING OUT

**AUCTION CHAIR
NEEDED NOW!**

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO ENSURE THAT ALKI HAS A 2020 AUCTION! A STELLAR TEAM IS READY TO SUPPORT NEW LEADERSHIP.

**CLOCK IS TICKING.
CAN YOU HELP?**



Venues are booking quickly and a chair is needed to make critical decisions. Please email auktion@alkipta.com or talk to Principal Deese and/or PTA President Tom Harris about your interest.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TEAMS AND SUPPORT ALKI ELEMENTARY AT ANY OF THESE GREAT EVENTS!

Sit in the Alki Elementary Section with your friends and family and root on our local teams! A portion of each ticket raises money for Alki Elementary. See you at the game! All tickets can be ordered online at **alkipta.square.site**. *All online orders include a credit card transaction fee.*

Have questions? Contact Dale at fundraising@alkipta.com



SEATTLE MARINERS VS. TEXAS RANGERS

*Kids 14 +under receive a **FREE** MARINERS TSHIRT

DATE: Sunday, March 29, 2020 (1:10 PM)

TICKETS: \$15 (Value of \$23)

ORDER: Last day to order tickets is Friday, March 13th. Order forms can be found in kid mail, outside of school office, or at alkipta.com. Order ONLINE at alkipta.square.site

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SOUNDERS FC VS. D.C. UNITED

DATE: Saturday, May 2nd, 2020 (2:30 PM)

TICKETS: \$25

ORDER: Order online at alkipta.square.site or contact fundraising@alkipta.com to reserve your tickets now.



SEATTLE SOTRM VS. LAS VEGAS ACES

DATE: Sunday, May 31, 2020 (4:00 PM)

TICKETS: \$21

ORDER: Order online at alkipta.square.site or contact fundraising@alkipta.com to reserve your tickets now.

Invite your friends and family to Alki Day with the 3 time WNBA champions, Seattle Storm as they take on the Las Vegas Aces at the University of Washington's Alaska Airlines Arena.