

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 PRESIDENT

Congratulations to the cast and crew of **“The Barnyard Musical Mystery!”**

While many of you may know me as PTA President, Auction go-to or mom on the playground, you may not know that THEATER is my true passion. This year I was grateful to step into the role of PTA Musical Producer and help bring to life **“The Barnyard Musical Mystery!”** By the time you are reading this the big debut of our show will be past but at the time I’m writing this, I’ve just come from the most fantastic dress rehearsal and I’m SO proud of our student thespians!



The Alki PTA Musical was started in 2011 and each year since Alki PTA has funded the program which includes: sourcing and funding scripts and music, contracting directors, choreographers and accompanists, holding auditions for every 3rd, 4th and 5th grader who wants to be involved, scheduling an 8-10 week rehearsal schedule, securing the West Seattle High School Theater and enlisting an army of parent costumers, backstage hands, set designers, photographers, videographers, ticket sales coordinators, bake sale bakers, prop masters and rehearsal supervisors to make it all happen! The process is at times exhausting but utterly exhilarating when it all comes together and you see the smiling faces of our kiddos underneath the lights just loving every minute of it!

I want to give special thanks to this year’s **Director**, Alki’s Multi Arts Teacher, **Ms. Melia Scranton** for bringing her years of experience once again to our production and her unwavering faith that it will all come together - and it ALWAYS does! This year we were also incredibly lucky to have **“The Barnyard Musical Mystery”** playwright join our team as **Co-Director and Stage Manager - Laurie Utterback**. Laurie brought great energy and super fun theater games to

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UPCOMING PTA MEETINGS

Wednesday, Feb. 7
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Sign Up For Childcare
www.tinyurl.com/PTAMeetingChildcare

every rehearsal and was an invaluable resource throughout the production. Thank you for sharing your show with Alki, Laurie!

A million thank yous to the musical families for supporting their student actors and all the many participants for stepping up to make the magic happen. **Piano:** Billy Stover. **Drums:** Cosmo Davis. **Guest Choreographer:** Kisha Vaughan. **Costume Lead:** Amy Evans. **Makeup Lead:** Stephanie Raymond. **Costumes/Makeup:** Kirsty Grainger, Emily Cier, Drew Crain. **Sets:** Chris Bertelli, Darren Davis, Laurie Utterback, Ms. Scranton's art students. **Lights:** Tris Heiden-Lundberg. **Sound:** Katya Rose. **Props:** Laurie Utterback. **Poster and Program Cover:** Erik Bell. **Photography:** Erik Bell, Kirsty Grainger. **Rehearsal Supervision:** John Schuh, Annie Wagar, Nanda Guajardo, Robin Thaler, Amey Nutter, Kali Jones, Shiree Nguyen, Wendy Stover, Barbara Ott, Nicole Kistler, Nyla Bitterman, Dianne Szerlong, Candace Newgard, Michelle Bayard, Amy May, Chris Bertelli. **Backstage Help:** Lindsay McDonald, Kristy Wilson, Annie Wagar, Candace Newgard, Hope Youngs, Amy Bannister, Nigel Bannister, Lucas Evans, Katie Jones. **Marketing:** Jessie Ryan. **Tickets:** Nanda Guajardo, Dianne Szerlong, Julie Walker. **Flowers:** Lynda Sullivan. **Flower Sales:** Amy May. **Bake Sale Committee:** Barbara Ott, Lindsay McDonald, Nikki Eisenhut, Angela Lee. **Videography:** Reid Johnson & Best Made Videos.

I hope everyone had a chance to make it out and see the 48 students who worked SO hard to put on the show! This will surely be a highlight of the year and I'm already looking forward to the next one!

Have a great February, Alki!

Best,

Amy Cooper
Alki PTA President

SCRIP NATIONAL SPELLING BEE Friday, Feb. 9

Our All school Spelling Bee will be on February 9th with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from each grade level. Good luck to all of our Alki Spellers!



Grade level bee's: Week of Jan. 29 - Feb. 2nd
All School Spelling Bee: Feb. 9

Questions? Contact: Laurie Rasmussen (ldrasmussen@seattleschools.org)



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ALKI ELEMENTARY'S WEBSITE
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AROUND THE SCHOOL

LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL DEESE



Dear Alki Elementary Community,

The last line of our Alki Way saying is, "Inspire RESPECT and pride." The word RESPECT is a character trait/virtue that we all deeply value, though the word is often thrown around so often that I forget to take time to reflect on what it truly means? As we move into February, I challenge all of our community to join me in spending this month talking with one another about what respect truly looks and feels like.

Each student will be receiving one of these to fill out at home with you! **Return to school through the month of February and we will post them on our front hall bulletin board.**

February is not only the month to honor the virtue, respect, but it is also the beginning of Seattle Public Schools BUDGET SEASON! Want to know more about how our school allocates funding? Want to discuss your thoughts and priorities for our upcoming school year?

The worksheet is titled "Respect" and is enclosed in a decorative border. It has two main sections: "What it looks like:" with a large empty box for drawing or writing, and "What it means to me:" with several horizontal lines for writing. A small logo "©2016 Mr. PEGGIE.COM" is visible in the bottom right corner of the worksheet.

Join me for Principal Budget Talks on the following dates and times: February 16 @ 8am in the Alki Lunchroom, February 26th @ 5pm in the Alki Lunchroom.

Those dates don't work with your schedule? Contact me to set something up that does work for you!

With love and appreciation,
Rena Deese
Alki Elementary Principal
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

Friday, Feb. 9
ALL SCHOOL SPELLING BEE

Thursday, Feb. 15
(6:00 - 7:30 PM)
Family Fitness Night

Feb. 19 - 23
NO SCHOOL
Mid-Winter Break (Including Presidents Day)

Thursday, Mar. 1
(7:15 - 7:55 AM)
PTA Meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 7
(6:30 - 7:30 PM)
Misses & Muffins

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

HAVE AN INCOMING KINDERGARTNER?

Attention families with incoming Kinders! Did you know you may register new students for school year 2018/19 right now at Seattleschools.org? As we found out the last couple of years... the importance of early Kindergarten registration (actually any new student's registration) is imperative to our school's staff planning for the following year. In 2014 we had 20 MORE Kindergartners than were planned for...and the year after that 20 LESS.

Registering your child early not only allows for staff planning, it also allows teacher's time to review and prepare for specific student needs such as allergies, medical needs, classroom accommodations, facilitates parent/school communication in preparation for individual student needs and it assists the school in preparing class placements.

Registering now will also ensure that you receive a welcome packet from Alki in May, including an invitation to the June BBQ and Summer play dates.

Tell your friends and neighbors to register their incoming Kindergartners NOW because the more accurate our enrollment numbers are the stronger case we can make when district budget cuts are made. Don't wait!!!

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST!



Calling all artists! It's time for Alki's Annual Yearbook Cover Contest. The winning entry will appear on the front cover of our 2017-18 yearbook! Entry forms went home a couple of weeks ago in Kid Mail.

Get creative Alki and remember the theme is "Seagulls Soar Together". In case the packet doesn't make it home in your students book bag. tinyurl.com/CoverContest18

Deadline: Friday, Feb. 16 (TURN INTO FRONT OFFICE)

Questions? Contact alkipta@gmail.com

FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT Thursday, Feb. 15 (6:00 - 7:30 PM)

Ms. K has been working with our school nurse Mary Sykes, and school counselor Jennifer Greenstein to provide a variety of activities and informational booths! They would love to have you join them for an evening of fun, fitness, and health as you explore the different ways you and your family can lead a safer, healthier, and holistic lifestyle. This is a night for family fun and engagement!



Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Date: 2/15/18

Location: Alki Elementary

Please RSVP below to let them know if you will be attending. Also specify if you are attending the First Aid or the Emergency preparedness or both. If you attend the First Aid presentation, you will be given a small First Aid kit to take home!

There are also a few spots where you can sign up to volunteer as well.

YEARBOOK SALES OPEN MARCH 1



Yearbook paper forms will be going home before mid-Winter break. We will also have the capability to sell online via Yuen Lui. Online orders will be open on March 1 and will sell for \$12.00.

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

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- 2** School Musical (7:00 PM)
- 3** School Musical (2:00 PM)
- 7** PTA Meeting
- 15** Family Fitness Night
- 19-23** NO SCHOOL - MidWinter Break (Presidents Day)

MARCH 2018						
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- 1** PTA Meeting
- 7** Misses & Muffins



PASSPORT CLUB



If your student has misplaced their map, extra maps can be found in the main hallway under the Passport Club world map and also online at the Alki PTA website.

<https://tinyurl.com/y8v92nsa>

Occasionally, the "Super Quiz" in the Seattle Times comics section has been geography themed. We have used them to create a "Do you know your world?" challenge. So far there are 6 different challenges. These too can be found at the Passport Club display and soon online.

<https://tinyurl.com/yblluc9f>

These challenges vary in scope and difficulty and may need some computer research to complete. These are meant to be a fun and different way to think about our world.

May your world be filled with wonder.

Questions?

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HAVE FUN WHILE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR KIDS LIVES

It is time for us to come together as a community and figure out how to help our Alki kids and shape the future of child advocacy at Alki PTA.

We want to create a well-rounded board that includes voices that are representative of our whole Alki community. A Board made up of leaders of all races, colors, nationalities, genders, ethnicities, cultural background, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities, and family make-ups or circumstances.

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!

We want to support the next set of leaders and help remove road blocks that may prevent someone from serving on the Board. If you are interested but concerned about the time commitment, childcare, cost, anything, please reach out, we want to make it possible for anyone with a passion to lead.

If you would like to join us, please email Vanessa at LongacreWilcox@outlook.com.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Next years Auction is moving to December 1st!

We have booked the venue for our 2018-2019 Alki Elementary PTA Auction Fundraiser DECEMBER 1st, 2018! This date not only gives us more time to procure donations and sponsorships, but also will be a great start to your holiday party season. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and a necessity for our PTA to continue to support your children's school.

Are you well connected, an expert party planner, good with spreadsheets, organized, 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!

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

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Black Lives Matter at School: Feb. 5-9

February 5th - 9th is nationwide Black Lives Matter at School week. The teacher's union, Seattle Education Association (SEA), has been developing supplemental lessons for this week and as Superintendent Dr. Larry Nyland explained:



"A working group of educators and community partners has developed supplementary lessons for use during the week. You may view the teaching guide, K-12 lessons and additional resources on the SEA website (<https://tinyurl.com/ya9uz8ft>). Overall, the lessons aim to:

- Reflect the experiences of students, families and friends
- Help students understand inequities based on race
- Affirm that the lives of people of color matter
- Promote the belief that we all have a responsibility to work for equity as a core ideal"

More details: <https://tinyurl.com/ybjazox5>

As you saw in Principal Deese's Flashback Friday on 2/2, Alki has decided not to teach the district curriculum but will be showing support for inclusion and closing the opportunity gap on Monday, February 5th.

As a community, Alki hasn't had an opportunity or an outlet to talk about important issues like diversity, inclusion, equity in schools, inequities in discipline, anti-bias education, or other social justice issues. The newly forming Culture, Diversity, and Inclusion committee would like to change that. Exactly how we do that is still open and up to all of us.

Our meetings generally occur weekly at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesdays to discuss these issues and take steps to open up conversations at Alki as a whole. We recognize that a daytime meeting may not work for everyone, and we are open to finding other times that could work. You are also welcome to send us ideas and thoughts even if you do not have the bandwidth to join.

If you would like more information, please email Vanessa at LongacreWilcox@outlook.com.

Please keep your eyes open for more news from the committee.

Resource of the month:

- 5 Tips for Being an Ally: https://youtu.be/_dg86g-QIM0

The
PARTY
ISN'T OVER

Check out our Online Catalog for Student & Adult Experiences



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LEGISLATIVE

WA STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION CONTINUES!

By: Vanessa Longacre-Wilcox

By the time this article is in your kid's backpack crumpled under, what is that? A banana peel? Focus Day and the week of advocacy will be complete but if you missed it, don't worry! There is still time to weigh in on important issues as the legislative session doesn't end until the end of this month.

The Washington State PTA Legislative Committee has done an amazing job making concrete recommendations on each of the state's PTA legislative priorities. Which are:

- **WSPTA Top 5 Priorities:** Social Emotional Learning, Ample Fund Basic Education, Closing the Opportunity Gap, Standards for Para-educators, and Breakfast After the Bell
- **WSPTA also supporting:** Addressing the Teacher Shortage, Best Practices for School Meal Policies, Career Connected Learning, CTE & Stem, Dual Credit Equality & Support, Engaging Families in Student Success, Equity for Highly Capable, Improving Educational Outcomes for Foster Children, Post-Secondary/Higher Education Access and Affordability, Preventing and Mitigating the Impacts of Gender-based Violence, Removing Barriers to Implementing ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program), Restorative Justice and School Safety, and School Construction and Class Size Reduction

They have created a document that will assist you in speaking up about any of the above issues. Check it out here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc4wrx2a>

To stay informed and get alerts about advocacy opportunities sign up for action alerts: <https://www.voterve.net/WSPTA/register>

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

PTA Focus Day and Advocacy Week

- Jan. 29 - Feb. 5

Okay so this was last week, but it is never too late to write your representatives and support your schools!

Community Meetings with School Board Director Leslie Harris

- Saturday, Feb. 17 (3:00 - 5:00 PM) - Delridge Library
- Saturday, Mar. 17 3:00 - 5:00 PM) - Delridge Library

Seattle Public School Board Meetings

- Tuesday, Feb. 13 (4:15 - 8:30 PM) – John Stanford Center 2445 3rd Avenue South, Seattle
- Wednesday, Mar. 7 (4:15 - 8:30 PM) – John Stanford Center 2445 3rd Avenue South, Seattle

PTA MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, Feb. 7 (6:30 - 7:30)

Call to Order

Approval or Correction of January 4th General Meeting Minutes

Reports

- Principal/Staff
- PTA Board: Treasurer, Fundraising, Events, Communications, Membership, Legislative

Unfinished Business

- Open PTA Chairs - Spring Spiritwear Campaign Chair now open, Running Club Co-Chair - Annie Wagar, Looking for a second/Coaches, Staff Appreciation Week Chair(s)
- Cultural Committee to Diversity/Equity Committee - Update
- Nominating Committee - Update

New Business

- Budget Committee - Elect members
- Budget Discussions - Half Time Counselor, New programs?
- Seattle Seed Fundraiser
- Alki's Learning Garden - would PTA like to take on supporting/funding the garden?
- Apperson School Supplies has ceased operations. Plans for more bulk school supply ordering?
- Any new business from the floor?

Thank you/Announcements

- Simon Calcavecchia - Disability Awareness Assembly Monday, January 29th was postponed - looking for a new date.
- Thank you to all Musical volunteers and participants.
- Upcoming Auction Buy Ins: Hip Hop Dance Class February 9th.
- Farrah Kunkel, Nurse Sykes, and Counselor Jen Greenstein will be hosting Family Health and Fitness Night Thursday February 15th 6:00 - 8:00pm
- PTA funded Safety Patrol/Wild Waves field trip has been booked (and paid) for June 14th.
- Next General Meeting Thursday, March 1st 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Alki Library
- Yearbooks go on sale March 1st

Adjourn

VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER NEEDS!

RUNNING CLUB

Spring is just around the corner and that means one of our favorite PTA sponsored programs: Running Club! We are looking for a Chair or Co-Chairs to coordinate this year. Responsibilities include:

- Recruit 8-10 parent coaches to volunteer leading a group of students in an after school program one day a week for 5 weeks in April and May.
- Communicate registration deadlines and dues via PTA communications
- Facilitate running activities and snacks for the program days

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Spring also brings one of the most special events of the year, Staff Appreciation Week (May 7-11.) We are looking for a Chair or Co-Chairs to bring this week to life and honor our Alki Staff! Responsibilities include:



- Plan daily appreciation events
- Coordinate/solicit volunteers to facilitate daily/weekly events
- Communicate the week's events to staff and families via PTA publications

If either of these opportunities sound like something you (or you and a friend) would be interested in please reach out to president@alkipta.com! Thank you!

SIGN UP FOR BUY-INS HERE:

TinyURL.com/AlkiAuction17-Catalog

2017-18 OPEN CHAIR/ COORDINATORS POSITIONS

- PTA Events Chair
- BLT PTA Representative
- Room Parent Coordinator
- Running Club Chair(s)
- Spiritwear Campaign Coordinator
- Scrip Sales Coordinator
- Staff Appreciation Week Chair(s)
- Cultural Committee (6+ people)

Signup Here: <http://TinyURL.com/AlkiVolunteers>

UPCOMING AUCTION BUY-IN PARTIES

Robotics Night with Ms. Iba & Ms. Nye

Thursday, Feb. 8 (5:00 - 7:00 PM)
\$30 | 23 SPOTS OPEN

Fun night of robotics and coding! Dash, Dot, Sphero and BB8s are waiting for your coding so they can get moving. Be prepared to work in a team and have a great time with Ms. Iba and Ms. Nye!

Hip Hop Dance Class for Adults

Friday, Feb. 9 (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
\$30 | 15 SPOTS OPEN

Learn some hip hop moves from professional dance artist and Alki Mom, Kisha! She has been dancing in and around Seattle for the past 10 years most recently as a backup dancer for Macklemore and Ryan Lewis. This is an all levels hip hop class for adults, with wine, beer and bubbly to follow. You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn from the best!

You Deserve Better than a Selfie

Saturday, Feb. 10 (9:30 - 11:30 AM)
\$100 | 6 SPOTS OPEN

New Year and New You! Time to upgrade those old pictures and get new, professional pictures. Join Alki photographer and parent Jenna Andersen for a morning photo session where you will enjoy light appetizers and bubbly. You'll walk away with your 3 favorite digital images coming your way for use on your website, business cards, or other media needs.