## **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

#### Happy May, Alki!

My time is almost up as PTA President. If you're wondering if I'm looking forward to that, in a word, YES. YES I AM. There are things I will miss, but then there are things like writing this PTA Currents Prez letter. Is it an exercise in futility? I'll never know... but humor me for two more months, will you?



Please join me in welcoming next year's PTA Executive Board (introduced in this issue of Currents.) These individuals are kind, open and enthusiastic and are ready to take the reins. They will be voted in at tomorrow's PTA meeting (May 3rd 6:30-7:30 PM) and will ease into their roles in the next two months, preparing to take over at the start of our new fiscal year, July 1st!

It's PTA Budget Time! Because the powers that be have STILL not determined that counselors in every elementary school is a basic need (I'm looking at you, SPS) the Alki PTA is entering its 3rd year of potentially funding our .5 school counselor for 2018-19. In addition, the line item that has been dedicated to funding playground, lunchroom and office support staff, providing much needed safety and supervision for ALL students, nearly doubled this year due to mandated wage/benefits increase and the depletion of Alki's building budget reserves that partially funded these important roles in years past. These two "big ticket items," combined with the rest of the Alki staff requests, and existing PTA programs and events culminated in the largest proposed PTA Expense Budget to date. The PTA Budget Committee will present 4 different proposals and discuss in detail the impact each scenario will have on our PTA reserve funds and the sustainability of the PTA Budget.

## ALKI PTA

#### **ALKI PTA BOARD**

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### LETTER FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT (cont.)

Please stay for the May 3rd General PTA Meeting after Alki's Family Safety Night and be a part of the process prior to the budget vote in June.

Upcoming Fundraisers - A long time ago, Alki PTA heeded the voice of our community and limited most fundraising to two major events: The Auction and the Alki-a-Thon. Family and Business Sponsorships have been rolling in the last couple weeks and the time is now to start collecting pledges for Alkia-Thon, Friday June 1st! The Alki Derby is long past but the awesome family and teacher donors who have planned Buy In events for students and parents would love your attendance at their functions - we can still hit our Auction goal of 87k with continued support of these Buy In parties! Next year's expense budget will likely exceed our proposed income but there are opportunities, right now, to add to the general fund while building connections with other Alki families and making memories for your students! Please check out this issue of PTA Currents and consider Buying in to one of May or June's events! And let's make this year's Alki-a-Thon the best yet with a fundraising goal of 25K - that's \$65 raised by every student! We can

It may feel as though PTA has a seemingly endless focus on fundraising, but May brings us two popular PTA sponsored events that give cause to celebrate without any strings attached. hope everyone uses pedal power on Bike to School Day May 9th and has an extra "thank you" for Alki's amazing educators during next week's Staff Appreciation Week: May 7-11!

Best,

Amy Cooper Alki PTA President (T-minus 59 days... but who's counting? Me. I'm counting.)



### Wednesday, May 9th (6:50 AM)

May is Bike Month! Join one of two bike trains on the morning of the 9th, starting at 6:50 AM at Me-Kwa-Mooks Park on Beach Drive or Anchor Park on Alki Ave

and arriving at the school at 7:20 AM. Park your bike in the courtyard and join us in the lunchroom for a healthy snack and prizes for all riders.

If you would like to volunteer to assist in leading one of the bike trains please email chrisnutter@gmail.com.



### **CHECK OUT ALKI PTA'S WEBSITE**

www.alkipta.com



#### **SIGN-UP FOR E-NEWS**

Email contact@alkipta.com to sign up



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### ALKI ELEMENTARY'S WEBSITE

http://alkies.seattleschools.org/

## **BIKE RODEO**

#### Wednesday, May 2nd (1:15 - 2:15 PM)

The Wednesday afternoon (1:15-2:15PM) the week before Bike To School Day will be the third annual Bike Rodeo! Bring your bike, your helmet, and your parent (PARENTS MUST BE PRESENT AND SIGN WAIVER) and perfect your bike handling skills and safety awareness fun bike rodeo stations on the Alki Playground.

If you would like to volunteer to lead a station (don't worry, we will train you!), please email chrisnutter@gmail.com.

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

## LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL DEESE



Aloha Alki Elementary Community,

Happy Spring! As we round the corner towards the end of our school year, that means it is testing season! Our first and second graders will be taking

the MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) test and our third, fourth, and fifth graders will be taking the SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessment). Our fifth graders will also be taking the newly developed WCAS (Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science).

These tests are just one snapshot of your child's learning and knowledge. Though we value the information we gather from these assessments, we know that your child is so much more than this one data point! These tests should not create any added pressure for your child or your family, they have been working hard all school year and our teachers have been preparing them well.

We do need your help in making sure your child gets to school on-time on the days they are testing! It can cause added stress for any child who must walk in late to a testing environment. It is also important that your child gets lots of sleep the night prior and a good breakfast in the morning. The testing schedule is below, as well as other resources for your reference.

If you have any questions or concerns about testing, please don't hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher and/or myself at any time.

With love and appreciation,

Rena Deese Alki Elementary Principal

#### **TESTING SCHEDULE**

May 10 & 11	7:55 - 10:25 AM
Calkins (5th Grade Only), Ramsey, Harijan	WCAS (Science)
May 14, 15, & 16	7:55 - 10:25 AM
Calkins, Harijan, Ramsey, Cicero	SBA ELA (English Language Arts-Reading, & Writing)
May 17 & 18	7:55 - 10:25 AM
Gilbert, Beal, Seefeld, Grygleski	SBA Math
May 21, 22, & 23	7:55 - 10:25 AM
Gilbert, Beal, Seefeld, Grygleski	SBA ELA (English Language Arts-Reading, & Writing)
May 24 & 25	7:55 - 10:25 AM
Calkins, Harijan, Ramsey, Cicero	SBA Math
May 29 - Jun. 8	Will vary
Grade 1 & 2	MAP test in Computer Lab during weekly library times

#### **TESTING RESOURCES:**

MAP Testing Practice: <a href="https://warmup.nwea.org/">https://warmup.nwea.org/</a>

SBA practice tests: <a href="https://practice.smarterbalanced.org/student/">https://practice.smarterbalanced.org/student/</a>
WA Science Standards: <a href="http://www.k12.wa.us/Science/WSSLS.aspx">http://www.k12.wa.us/Science/WSSLS.aspx</a>

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, May 2 (1:15 - 2:15 PM) Bike Rodeo

Thursday, May 3 (5:00 - 6:30 PM) School Safety Night

Thursday, May 3 (6:30 - 7:30 PM) PTA Meeting

May 7 - May 11 STAFF APPRECIATION WFFK

Wednesday, May 9 (6:50 AM) Bike to School Day

Monday, May 14 (5:30 - 7:30 PM) Connecting Across Differences: Empathic Listening Practice

**Thursday, May 24** (6:00 - 7:30 PM) Alki Art Walk

Monday, May 28 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

Friday, Jun 1 (12:00 - 2:00 PM) Alki-A-Thon

Jun. 4 - 8 Scholastic Book Fair

## AROUND THE SCHOOL



### **ALKI ART WALK NIGHT**

Thursday, May 24 (6:00 - 8:00 PM)

The Arts Showcase night is scheduled for MAY 24th!

We will follow the same format as last year with a 6:00 - 8:00 PM time frame, where art is displayed around the school and in the businesses down on

Special performances are planned for each grade level. Volunteers will be needed (and greatly appreciated) to help hang the art "installations".

Please contact Melia Scranton @ 252-9072 for further information or to help out!

## BOGO - SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

June 4th - June 8th

Monday, June 4 - Friday, Jun. 8 This is the buy one, get one free book fair. The focus of this book fair is to get books in kid's hands for the summer. This is not a fundraiser for the library. Happy Reading, Mrs. Iba



# CONNECTING ACROSS DIFFERENCES: Empathic Listening Practice

Monday, May 14 (5:30 - 7:30 PM)

Join us for a night focused on strengthening your ability to understand and connect with your kids, partners, peers, community, and yourself. Empathic listening is a technique focused on observations, feelings, needs and requests. Attendees will be inspired, energized, and enjoy fun activities that will open your ears to new ways to listen.

The Inclusion Committee's mission is to create a more inclusive environment at Alki Elementary and empower others to share their experiences. We want to help shape Alki Elementary into a place where people are heard and appreciated. We want our Community to be a place where we celebrate our individual and cultural diversity. We want it to be a place where everyone feels that they belong.

Listening Hours is a program that the Inclusion Committee is introducing this spring. Individuals are invited to attend a listening hours session and share their needs in a confidential space. We believe this form of information gathering will be a powerful tool to help us all understand the greatest areas of need related to diversity, culture, and inclusion.

Our committee has been attending Empathic Listening training sessions with Sura Hart in order to prepare our minds and hearts for Listening Hours, and we're very excited to announce that Sura has offered to facilitate a community training session on Empathic Listening. The event will be on Monday, May 14 (5:30 - 7:30 PM) at Alki Elementary. Childcare provided with RSVP via SignUpGenius (tinyurl.com/listeningchildcare).

About Sura: Sura Hart is a certified trainer with the international Center for Nonviolent Communication and a leader in the incorporation of Nonviolent Communication in school communities. She offers workshops and trainings throughout the world–in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Central America, Australia, India, and China.

Sura co-authored three books: Respectful Parents, Respectful Kids; The Compassionate Classroom; The No-Fault Classroom. She also co-created The No-Fault Zone® Game for ages 5-95, used in schools, homes and wherever people want to connect.

Sura is the proud grandmother of 1st grader, Geovanni Freestar, and happy to be part of the Alki Elementary Community.

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Website:<a href="mailto:www.thenofaultzone.com">www.thenofaultzone.com</a>

## LEGISLATIVE

# LEARN MORE ABOUT BEX V & JOIN OUR ALKI COMMITTEE

BEX V stands for the fifth time the school district has asked Seattle voters to approve a property tax called "Building Excellence" to fund renovations to our aging school buildings. You have probably seen the projects happen around town, one at a time. The next levy vote will happen in January 2019, so projects being considered for that request are being researched now and over the summer. The school board will have to make a final vote to decide which projects will be funded in November 2018. Rainier Beach High School will almost certainly be on that levy.

Alki Elementary School is one of the school being considered for a tear-down/rebuild remodel. Some parts of the building are over 100 years old. Some parts of the old building collapsed in the 1965 earthquake and were rebuilt in a different configuration. The current building took damage in the 2001 earthquake. The staff does a wonderful job of making the aging structure welcoming and inviting for our students, but the aging heating and nonexistent cooling systems make that challenging on unusually hot or cold days. The building has been on the short list for a renovation for many years, so by this time it has a long list of deferred maintenance issues that have been pushed off until the rebuild. In fact, some parents may remember that the district tried to close the school about 10 years ago because the of the condition of the building.

Alki Community Center, which hosts Alki Enrichment and our before and after school care, sits on school district land and shares our gymnasium. The land where the play structure is and where the basketball hoops are is parks department land. The strip of land between the school and the play structure used to be city right-of-way, part of SW Stevens Street, but may have been transferred to the parks department. When school is out, the parks department uses what we know as the "playground" as a parking lot. The school district has a very small 1.4-acre lot to rebuild on, less if they leave the current community center and gym in place.

Because the community center and school share land, buildings and children, any renovation to the school

will have to involve parks, but our parks department is operating with an interim superintendent. It is the mayor's responsibility to appoint a superintendent of parks. It appears that the parks department is not planning for a remodel on the site because they are investing several hundred thousand dollars in upgrading the Alki Community Center to host a new Preschool for All program at the site.

Also being considered for the BEX V levy is a new high school on the Memorial Stadium site. That site was donated to the school district with the stipulation that it be a memorial to Seattle youth who gave their lives in World War II. It cannot be sold and must remain both an athletic field and a war memorial. Any construction at the Memorial Stadium site will be both contentious and extremely expensive, so it would be better if Alki Elementary School were not on the same levy as a project at that site, because that vote might fail.

Alki PTA has formed a BEX V Committee to advocate for and inform the school community about issues related to the upcoming levy. Any staff, parents or students willing to help untangle the relationship between the school district, parks department and mayor's office is welcome to help with this effort. The committee expects to be part of a larger neighborhood effort and be in existence until the levy is approved in January 2019, when it will be replaced with the Alki Elementary School Rebuild Committee.

Contact Jennifer Ogle at <u>alkijogle@gmail.com</u> to be added to the committee.

## UPCOMING BEX V MEETINGS

#### District planning meeting:

BEX/BTA Capital Programs Oversite Committee Meeting

May 11 (8:30 - 10:30 AM)

Room 2750, John Stanford Center

Board Special Meeting: Work Session: BEX Vg

May 30 (4:30 - 6:30 PM)

Auditorium, John Stanford Center

## Community Meetings with School Board Director Leslie Harris

• Saturday, May 26: Deldridge Library

#### Seattle Public School Board Meetings

- May 9 (4:15 8:30 PM): John Stanford Center
- May 23 (4:15 8:30 PM): John Stanford Center
- June 6 (4:15 8:30 PM): John Stanford Center

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- Bike Rodeo (following early release)
- Alki Family Safety Night
- PTA Meeting
- 7-11 Staff Appreciation Week
- 9 Bike to School Day
- 14 Connecting Across Differences Night
- 24 Alki Art Walk
- 28 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

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- Alki-A-Thon
- 4-8 Spring Scholastic Book Fair
- PTA Meeting
- Safety Patrol goes to Wild Waves 14
- 15 Razzle Dazzle Carnival/End of Year BBQ
- 18-22 Spirit Week!
- 19 Field Day
- 21 Fifth Grade Breakfast
- All-School Awards Assembly (10-11 AM)
- 22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 1:25 PM Dismissal

## Friday, June 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 will have their names proudly displayed on the back of the Alki-A-Thon t-shirts! Now let's get ready to start collecting pledges from family, friends, neighbors. No amount is too small- every dollar makes a difference!

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. Check it out here -alki.schoolauction.net/ alkiathon2018.

For the 3rd 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.

### **UPCOMING** PTA MEETING

Thursday, May 3 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Sign Up For Childcare www.tinyurl.com/

**PTAMeetingChildcare** 

## **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

This is such a fun event at which to volunteer kids, 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.

Please Sign Up at: (http://tinyurl.com/AlkiAThon18)

#### Questions? Contact:

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## ALKI PTA

## PTA MEETING **AGFNDA**

Thursday, May 3rd (6:30 - 7:30 PM)

#### Call to Order

Approval or Correction of April 4th **General Meeting Minutes** 

#### Reports (Provided in Print)

• Principal/BLT, PTA Treasurer, Fundraising, Communications, Membership, Legislative, BEX V Committee Chair

#### **Unfinished Business**

- PTA Officer Election VOTE in slate of candidates
- Proposal to fund secured entry off the table

#### **New Business**

- PTA Budget 2018/19 Presentation of proposals (see handouts/Power Point)
- RESOLUTION: Advocating for Gun Violence Prevention - VOTE
- Site Improvement Purchases: New BBQ, Pop Up Tent - VOTE
- Seeking Golden Acorn Award nominees
- New SPIRITWEAR SOLUTION! Amazon Merch Account is set up!
- Any new business from the floor?

#### Thank Yous/Announcements

- Thank you to Marination Ma Kai for a successful Dine Out (earnings yet to be reported)
- Staff Appreciation Chairs: Pamela Boyd and Jessica Meeds and ALL who contributed.
- Bike Rodeo/Bike to School Day: Chris Nutter and ALL who pitched in!
- Running Club ends Tuesday May 22nd Thank you, Chairs: Heather Lawless, Annie Wagar and ALL volunteer coaches.
- Scholastic Book Fair: June 4th 8th

Next General Meeting Wednesday June 6th in the Alki CAFETERIA due to Scholastic Book Fair

Adjourn

## STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

#### May 7 - May 11

It's time to show our gratitude to our amazing teachers and support staff at Alki! We need your help to make this year's Staff Appreciation Week (May 7-11) a success. The theme of the week will be "BAR NONE - We Have The Best Staff Around!" We'll provide daily treats, spruce up the staff lounge and offer volunteer support for special projects. To donate time, food or cash to this worthy cause, please visit: tinyurl.com/ StaffAppreciation18.

Questions? Contact Pamela Boyd at pamelahboyd@gmail.com.

## STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK



#### MONDAY 5/7: "Thanks A Latte" Coffee Bar

Fresh coffee and homemade treats will greet teachers in the new and improved Staff Lounge!



#### TUESDAY 5/8: Yogurt Breakfast Bar

Get the day off to a healthy start with a yummy yogurt, fruit and granola breakfast!



#### WEDNESDAY 5/9: Snack Bar

We'll keep the staff feeling peppy all day with popcorn, candy and other treats!



### THURSDAY 5/10: Bagel Bar

Bagels, schmears and smiles! Please visit the signup genius to donate to the bagel fund!



### FRIDAY 5/11: Taco Bar Luncheon

Potluck-style taco luncheon to end the week!

### In addition we are looking for volunteers to own and volunteer at the following events:

VOLUNTEER SERVICE DAY - We need volunteers who can donate 2 hours of time sometime during that week for staff projects. Sign up and we will match you with a staff member!

CAR WASH - We're looking for people to wash the staff's cars while they are parked at school.

#### **DINNER-IN-A-BASKET -**

Room parents will be coordinating this effort to create "dinner baskets" for their teacher to take home. Look for an email from your room parent.

### **SIGN UP HERE!**

tinyurl.com/ StaffAppreciation18

## ALKI PTA

## INTRODUCING THE 2018 - 2019 ALKI PTA BOARD

The Alki PTA Nominating Committee would like to introduce to you the nominees for the 2018/19 PTA Executive Officers. Voting will be held on May 3rd at the PTA meeting.



## Nomination for President: Jenna Andersen

Jenna grew up in Royal City, a small farming town in central Washington. After moving from Dallas to Chicago to San Francisco over the past decade she

is thrilled to be living in the PNW again with her partner, Swavek, son, Pierson (entering third grade,) and daughter, Marie (entering Kindergarten.) She enjoys photography, writing, and podcasts. Jenna began volunteering and planning community events her senior year of high school and has been refining her logistical and creative-thinking skills ever since. The most enjoyable event she managed in the past was a tongue-in-cheek pageant for babies (!) but she can already tell the Alki community events will be just as lively.



#### Nomination for Vice-President: Tom Harris

Tom Harris is the father of a six-year old Sam Harris, who is a kindergartener at Alki Elementary this year. Tom is a stay-at-home dad, he has had his own interior design company since 1993 and has also

worked in manufacturing and importation in China since 2002. He is excited to be a part of the close-knit Alki community and is committed to ensuring a safe and enriching environment for all of the children who attend Alki. He is a firm supporter of our teachers and all those who work to make Alki a great place. To that end, he has become an active volunteer for the school. He steadfastly shows up two times each week to assist in the cafeteria, providing extra support to the cafeteria staff and being a steady parent presence for all of the Alki kids. He also hosted Dudes & Donuts this last year, to great success. His goals for the coming year include facilitating access to participation in school life for the parents of all children and to bring greater resources for, and awareness of, our diverse families.



#### **Nomination for Treasurer: Nicole Bryant**

Nicole Bryant has been a proud Alki parent for six years (Dylan -5th grade and Jackson - 3rd grade). She previously served as a PTA Art Docent and

enjoyed being in the classroom. That role was a sharp contrast to her law and numbers-oriented career as a Tax Director for PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PwC"), but she enjoys giving the right-brain a stretch. Nicole also coaches youth basketball and coached both a boys and a girls team through Alki CC this past year. Nicole enjoys 5k races, followed by brunch, and really anything that lets her physically compete

with herself or others. When not doing all of the above, you will find Nicole socializing with her husband, Mike, and friends over delicious beverages. Nicole is looking forward to contributing to the school and PTA in the role of Treasurer.



#### Nomination for Secretary: Mel Spiker

My husband, Tay and I have lived on upper Admiral for 20 years. We are raising our son, Camden, alongside a remarkable group of neighbors and a

large group of elementary aged children. As a family we enjoy bike riding, camping, and working in the garden together. I have served King County's vulnerable populations for 10 years supporting Harborview Medical Center's mission as an administrative professional working in the Utilization Management Department. I've enjoyed volunteering at Staff Appreciation Week, Misses and Muffins, and Alki-a-Thon. My mom also enjoys volunteering in the cafeteria a few days a week helping your kiddos with lunchroom shenanigans. I hope an open, creative mindset will lead to ways we can strengthen the family engagement at Alki so that our children and our families can thrive and build upon this wonderful community.



#### Fundraising Chair: Amy Cheng

Hi everyone, my name is Amy and my older daughter Silvara Barak will be attending kindergarten at Alki this coming school year, my younger daughter Alia will be attending Alki the

following year! We are so excited to be part of the Alki family, since we already know some families with kids attending Alki I feel like I'm already part of the community!

A little bit about myself, I grew up in Taiwan and moved to LA in 2005 for my graduate degree. I work in marketing for a high tech company in the bay area. In my free time, I enjoy cooking, wine tasting, just started gardening, taking the kids out when the weather is nice. Can't wait for summer to be here!

In addition to these four officers and chair of fundraising, we have **Emily Anderson** and **Britney Straus** stepping in to Co-Chair and oversee all of PTA's wonderful Events in 2018/19. This year's Board Secretary, **Ali Pankop** is stepping into PTA Communications Chair and will be responsible for Alki PTA's weekly Enews and Monthly Currents Newsletter. Returning Board members, **Lindsay Yost** and **Vanessa Longacre-Wilcox** will return to their roles of Membership Chair and Legislative Chair, respectively. We thank all these individuals for their service and commitment to our students and our community.

# COMMUNITY & ENRICHMENT

## SPRING SESSION HAS SPRUNG! IN-PERSON REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN AT THE CC!

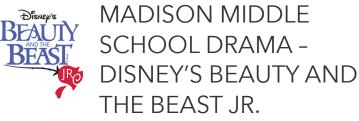
#### COOL CLASS SPOTLIGHT: Outdoor Exploration

This new class will give your child a chance to explore Alki Beach and Schmitz Park while learning how to thrive in the wilderness! Experienced outdoors woman Rachel Vierstra will teach them practical skills such as orienteering, shelter building, and even how to construct a fire. Bird, plant, and insect identification will be covered as well.

#### **Current Classes:**

Spring Clay Modeling, Outdoor Exploration, Beginner Pottery, ¡Alki Aventuras!, Roller Skating, Mixed Martial Arts, Alki Chess Club, Recess Games, Soccer

Register at the Alki Community Center Now!



### Friday, May 4th (7:00 PM)

https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/Mc8v

#### Saturday, May 5th (10 AM)

• <a href="https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/Mc8P">https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/Mc8P</a> West Seattle High School Theatre

Advance Admission (Please bring receipt for admission to the theatre):

\$10.00 (Adults) // \$5.00 (Students)

At the Door Admission (Cash/Check only): \$15.00 (Adults) // \$10.00 (Students)

## ALKI COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

#### LAST PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday, May 18 (6:00 - 8:00 PM)

Ages (5-12) // \$30 (1st Child) // \$20 (2nd Child)

Your child/ren will enjoy a night of skating, arts n crafts, dinner and friends. Must register by May 11th. (206) 684-7430

### LAST THEME NIGHT SKATE NIGHT

Friday, May 18 (5:45 - 7:45 PM)

\$3 per skater

Spring is in the air and Alki CC is celebrating with a Spring Fling themed skate night. Enjoy music, skating, family friendly environment, raffle prizes and games.

#### **COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL LUAU!**

Saturday, Jun. 2nd

Early bird special (May 7 - 25) - \$15 Adults (12-54) // \$10 Seniors 55+ & Children 4-11

Kick off the summer by transporting yourself to the islands! Alki Community Center is holding their 3rd annual Luau on June 2nd. This event sold out last year so, you'll want to buy your tickets fast! Seating is limited. You can only purchase tickets at Alki Community Center.

## SPS SPECIAL ED PARENT PARTNER PROGRAM

The Seattle Public Schools Special Education Parent Partners Program assists parents and guardians of students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan), to navigate SPS, the IEP process, and to access community resources. This program connects trained and experienced Parent Partners with parents and guardians who want support in their child's IEP and special education process. It is the goal of this program to foster an atmosphere of family/professional collaboration in special education in Seattle Public Schools.

## SPS SPECIAL ED PTSA MEETINGS

#### Wednesday, June 13.(7:00 - 9:00 AM) - John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence

The Seattle Special Education PTSA is made up of Seattle area parents, educators, friends, and students with disabilities. We strive to be a racially, culturally, and socio-economically inclusive group that is representative of the students we serve. We have regular meetings throughout the school year. These meetings are often attended by SPS Special Education administrators (sharing new information and answering questions from parents and staff and feature guest speakers from a variety of areas related to special education.



#### KEYS & KARAOKE Friday, May 11 (7:00 - 11:00 PM) \$30 - 2 FOR ONE! | 33 SPOTS OPEN

Talented musician and Alki Dad, Billy Stover, will perform a live piano concert of sing along favorites while party guests pass the mic and show their vocal chops! Whether you're a back up singer or a solo artist - this is your night to shine! Bring your song suggestions and mix and mingle with Alki's party people. If singing isn't your thing, come show support for the courageous vocalists and listen to the amazing piano stylings of Billy Stover!

#### MOTHERS DAY BARRE & MIMOSAS Saturday, May 12 (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM) \$30 | 14 SPOTS OPEN

Kick off Mother's Day weekend with some special YOU time! Enjoy a private barre class (mix of pilates, yoga, and ballet) followed by Mimosas, shopping and mingling at EvoFit.

#### 4TH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE COCKTAIL PARTY Saturday, May 19 (4:15 - ?:?? PM) \$50 - 2 FOR ONE! | 36 SPOTS OPEN

Join this auction party and your thirst will be more than quenched at five fabulous locations where drinks, apps, and conviviality will be shaken, not stirred.

#### PIZZA LUNCH & GAMES W/ MS. GILBERT TBA (During School Lunch) \$30 | 6 SPOTS OPEN

Please come join Ms. Gilbert with friends for a special pizza lunch and game time in her classroom.

#### ANNUAL BEACH BONFIRE TBA (5:00 - 7:00 PM) \$30 | 20 SPOTS OPEN

Join Ms. Iba, Ms. Nye and Ms. Roshalt for play time at the beach! DROP OFF your kiddos! We'll provide hot dogs, marshmallows and supervision. Students should bring beach toys - football, frisbees, kites, buckets, etc. Students will not be in the water and should not wear swim suits. See you at the beach!

#### ARBOR HEIGHTS POOL PARTY Friday, Jun. 1 (9:00 - 11:00 PM) \$100 PER FAMILY | 19 SPOTS OPEN

Join us for a night swim session at the best pool in West Seattle! We'll have the whole pool to ourselves, lifeguards included! Beer/wine provided for adults / Bonfire rolling all night / Gourmet s'more bar / Hot cocoa (a little nip to add for adults)

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## 2018 AUCTION THEME ANNOUNCED!

#### December 1st, 2018

Bummed ski season is over for the year? Well chill out next December 1st, 2018 at The Hall @ Fauntleroy Lodge where Alki PTA will be hosting the raddest Retro Apres Ski party... this side of the Cascades! This night puts the FUN in Fundraising... and shouldn't be missed!

Volunteer? 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

## Key Positions we are looking for are the following:

- Sponsorship Lead (1)
- Kid Art Coordinator (1)
- Decorations Committee (4)
- Volunteer Coordinator (1)
- Games & Entertainment Chair (1)
- Videographer (1)
- Dessert Dash Coordinator (1)
- Ticket & Raffle Sales (1+)
- Grade Basket Coordinator (1+)
- Closing Chair (1+)

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