

ALKI PTA CURRENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Thursday, Sept. 13
(5:00 - 6:30 PM)

FIRST PTA MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 13
(6:30 - 7:30 PM)

PRINCIPAL COFFEE CHAT

Wednesday, Sept. 26
(8:00 AM)

ALKI DAY w/ SOUNDERS FC

Saturday, Sept. 29
(1:00 PM)

OCTOBER PTA MEETING

Wednesday, Oct. 3
(6:30 - 7:30 PM)

KINDER POTLUCK SOCIAL

Thursday, Oct. 4
(6:00 - 7:30 PM)



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THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 (5:00 - 6:30 PM)

Join us on the Alki blacktop for a BBQ to celebrate the new school year! Alki PTA will provide chicken & beef hotdogs, condiments, & refreshments. Please help us with the trimmings, *potluck style*. We look forward to seeing you there!

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING

(based on the first letter of your last name)

A-G: Hand Held Sweet Treat or Fruit

H-L: Easy Side Dishes (chips, crackers, popcorn, dips, etc.)

M-Z: Healthy Finger Foods (veggies, fruit, cheese, etc.)

(Please, NO NUTS in any of the foods due to allergies.)

Can you help set up, serve, grill or DJ?

Can we borrow your propane tank?

Sign up here: tinyurl.com/AlkiBBQ2018



LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL DEESE



Welcome Back Alki Seagulls!!!

I'm so excited to embark on a new school year with all of you, I hope that you have had a wonderful summer! **We are starting this year off with highlighting the character trait/virtue, ENTHUSIASM!**

Walking the Seattle waterfront over the weekend, a seagull popped down right in front of us! I was so thrilled and was talking to my son about how special and beautiful seagulls were. My husband followed up with, "We'll, they are kind of like rats who fly.." After getting the death stare from me, I proceeded to remind him that people from Hawaii get excited about things that are only familiar to us through books and movies. Things like squirrels, snow, fall leaves, and SEAGULLS! My enthusiasm for seagulls was infectious and by the end of the day, we were cheering each time a seagull was in sight!

I am proud to be an Alki Seagull and I hope you are too! Students will be receiving red Alki Way Tickets this month for showing enthusiasm and contributing to a positive school climate!

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would need anything or would like to share your story with me, my door is always open!

With love,
Rena Deese
Alki Elementary Principal

PRINCIPAL COFFEE CHATS



Join Principal Deese in a casual conversation over coffee in the Alki lunchroom.

September 26th (8:00 AM): Attendance Incentive Program

October 26th (8:00 AM): School Safety

December 5th (5:30 PM): Advanced Learning

January 18th (9:00 AM): Budget for 2019-2020

February 28th (8:00 AM): Topic TBD

March 22nd (8:00 AM): Testing at Alki (SBA, MAP, DIBELS, and other school-based & district assessments)

April 30th (8:00 AM): Topic TBD

May 20th (2:30 PM): Topic TBD

June 13th (2:30 PM): End-of-Year Reflections

LETTER FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT



Hello Alki!

The character trait our kids are talking about at school for the month of September is ENTHUSIASM and I'm feeling a whole lot of it as a new school year starts. What's got me feeling jazzed, other than the dramatic decrease in screen time requests I'll be fielding now that my kids aren't home with me all day?

My Fellow PTA Board Volunteers - You'll see their bios in the PTA Welcome Packet next week, but they deserve a shoutout and a dose of praise in our first Currents newsletter. Tom Harris (VP), Mel Spiker (Secretary), Nicole Bryant (Treasurer), Ali Pankop (Communications), Emily Anderson and Britney Straus (Events), Lindsay Yost (Membership), Vanessa Longacre-Wilcox (Advocacy), Amy Cheng (Fundraising). This is a group that's dedicated and open-minded and when we're talking about where we'd like to head over the next year at least one person always provides insight to bring us back to our Board creed - Everyone Belongs. Everyone Matters. We mean it, and it's my personal mission to help each and every one of you feel it over this coming year. I couldn't do this without them.

New things! - We'll be hosting two FREE family movie nights at the school, one in November and the other in March. In March we'll also have a week-long Multicultural Celebration aimed at celebrating who we are as individuals and how that shapes our phenomenal community. We're mixing things up a bit with our semiannual AM events (formerly known as Dudes & Donuts and Misses & Muffins), which will now be themed morning events for the entire family to enjoy! Get ready for Superheros and Donuts comin' at ya in October.

And, most especially, seeing all of you at our upcoming events - Back-to-School BBQ and PTA meeting on September 13 (start time: 5pm). Sounders Game on September 29. And if you're a Kinder parent like me, at the Kindergarten Evening Social at 6pm on October 4.

If you see me out and about I hope you'll say hello (I have pink hair, if that helps?). Gestating my children has consumed the portion of my brain cells related to memory so we may need to play the "What's your name again?" game a few times but don't let that deter you from connecting. I'm really looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you this year.

Enthusiastic, excited, and engaged,
Jenna Andersen
Alki PTA President

AROUND THE SCHOOL



As you are probably already aware, Alki Elementary gives kids "Alki Way" tickets to promote behaviors about doing the right thing. This year, we will be displaying them as feathers on a giant seagull which will be hanging in the front hall as of next week. At the end of every month, the tickets will be collected from the teachers and put up on the Seagull, starting with the head and moving out to the wings and tail.

We NEED a parent to take on the mounting of the tickets and putting them up on the Seagull. It would be a job for the first day of the new month, every month. This needs to be done outside of school hours due to ladder logistics and safety concerns.

Want to help? Visit bit.ly/alkivolunteer

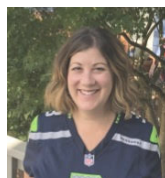
BUILDING LEADERSHIP TEAM (BLT)

The BLT is our school's advisory, decision making group that has specialist, grade level, administration and parent representation. The BLT meets monthly and approves the school budget and CSIP. It also, determines an additional year-long leadership team focus. This year our focus concerns communication between the school and families as well as building climate. All meetings are open to the public in a non-voting capacity and are held in the Staff Lounge.

The next BLT meeting is scheduled for October 8th (2:25 - 3:25 PM).

WELCOME NEW ALKI STAFF

Welcome the newest members of our Alki Family.



HEATHER WHELAN, TEACHER

"I've been teaching for over 10 years and have taught everything from pre-K to upper elementary. I live in West Seattle with my husband and two boys. Both my kids attend Seattle Public

Schools here in West Seattle and I am so excited to be joining this amazing school where I get to work and live in my community. I look forward to meeting all of you throughout the school year!"

ALISON ANGELL, SCHOOL NURSE

Alison lives in West Seattle and is a mom of 3. She'll be splitting her time between Alki Elementary and Lafayette Elementary. The nurses office is cleaned and reorganized & she is looking forward to taking great care of our kids.

MS. SASKIA, LUNCH LADY

Ms. Saskia (she has a name pronunciation guide up in the lunch line if you need it!) is a mother of four with a grandson. She is working at Alki Elementary because she believes in investing in her community. She urges families to sign up for the Paypams program even if they aren't planning on buying lunch at school, because the more families the school signs up the more farm-to-table produce she'll be able to provide to the kids! You can find a guide detailing how to sign up in the lunchroom.

BULK SCHOOL SUPPLIES



There are still plenty of time to buy bulk school supplies for your kid's classroom. Copy paper & Kleenex are appreciated throughout the year.

Sign up here: tinyurl.com/BulkSupplies2018

HAVE ANY USED SOCCER CLEATS?



Do you have any outgrown soccer cleats around the house? The kids in Kenya would love them if you do! They need size 4 and up. We have someone willing to take any donated cleats to the kids but we

need all donations by **Tuesday, September 18th**. Please place the donated cleats in the bin outside the library. Also we are in need of a large suitcase/duffel bag to send the cleats in. -Ms. Iba

ALKI PTA

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- 5 1st Day of School (1st - 5th) Reception
- 10 1st Day of School (Kindergarten) Reception
- 13 PTA Back to School BBQ (5:00 - 6:30 PM)
- 13 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 26 Principal Coffee Chat (8:00 AM)
- 29 Alki Day @ Sounders FC (1:00 PM)

October 2018						
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- 3 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 4 Kinder Potluck (6:00 - 7:30 PM)
- 8 BLT Meeting (2:35 - 3:35 PM)
- 8 Indigenous Peoples Day Assembly
- 12 NO SCHOOL
- 17 Superheroes & Donuts (7:15 - 7:50 AM)
- 18 Curriculum Night (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
- 25 Picture Day
- 26 Principal Coffee Chat (8:00 AM)



Available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Search for: **ALKI SPIRIT WEAR**

KINDER SOCIAL POTLUCK

THURSDAY, OCT 4
(6:00 - 7:30 PM)

FOR ALL KINDER FAMILIES!!

Alki Elementary PTA extends a warm welcome to our newest families, parents, & children with a potluck dinner! More details to come soon.



STILL LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO ORGANIZE THE KINDER SOCIAL

THANK YOU

POPSICLE SOCIAL

A BIG thank you to **Amey and Chris Nutter** for not only passing out the perfect summer treat at this year's event, but for donating all of the popsicles as well!



SUB POP FUNDRAISER



August 11th the PTA hosted its first fundraiser of the year at the Sub Pop festival. Thanks to a partnership with Seattle Pops (they donated a portion of their popsicle profits to our school!) and the efforts of **Tom Harris, Emily**

Harris, Ali Pankop, Emily Anderson, Pamela Boyd, Brooke Buckingham, Jodie Nichols, Grace DelRosario, and Jenna Andersen we were able to raise \$656.31! We can't make this happen without the volunteers who step in to make these fundraising events a success.

NEW GRILL ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Erin & Erin Kelley for putting the new 8-burner grill together, in addition to chairing this event year after year! You rock!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LOOKING TO FILL SMALL, MEDIUM AND BIG ROLES FOR THIS YEAR'S AUCTION



We are currently looking for the following positions on the Auction team (among others).

Tickets & Raffle Sales (2) - Works with Auction Chair to communicate auction information, goals and excitement to the Alki community and beyond. Drives ticket sales for event with a goal of 200 attendees, including teacher tickets and arranges/sells raffle tickets & prizes.

Co-Closing Chair (1) - This is a big responsibility and requires a very organized individual who is willing to work from 5:15 until the bitter end - 11ish on the night of the Auction. Since this is a co-chairing position you would be working with an experienced volunteer.

Decorations Committee (4) - Work with Auction Chair & large team to design a decorating theme for the event with budget agreed upon.

Volunteer Coordinator (2) - Works with Auction Chair and Committee Chairs to determine volunteer needs to cover all areas of the auction planning and execution.

Game & Entertainment Chair(s) (2) - Creates and organizes any games to be played at the auction. Put the fun in fundraising 😊

Sign up here: TinyURL.com/AuctionVolunteer18

Alki has many special events which take place throughout the school year. We are always looking for eager parents to help organize a new event or carry on a beloved tradition. If you are interested in helping with one of these special events, or would like more information, please check out www.alkiPTA.com/Volunteer for the more information on the most recent volunteer opportunities. There are opportunities large and small... something for everyone!



KINDER POTLUCK SOCIAL CHAIR

We are looking for someone to plan and organize a fun potluck social for Kindergarten families on Thursday, October 4th. Interested? Sign up at alkipta.com/Volunteer.

BOX TOPS COORDINATOR

This is an easy volunteer job that you can do anytime of day, from home. You will organize and submit box tops twice per year. In addition, find fun ways to encourage families to clip and submit box tops. Questions? info@alkipta.com

REFLECTIONS CHAIR

Reflections is the National and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition! Contact Lindsay Yost (membership@alkipta.com) for more information.

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Interested in chairing the Back-to-School BBQ next year? Here is your chance to shadow the current Chairs in their last year at Alki. Contact Erin & Erin Kelley erinsquared@msn.com.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST - SAVE THE DATE!

The annual PTA Auction is Alki's largest and most exciting fundraising effort! The dollars raised from your donation will support vital programs, staffing and community building events that enrich the lives of our students.



Need some ideas on what you could donate? Check out our wishlist.

- **TICKETS!** Are you a season ticket holder to the ballet, symphony, theater or one of our Seattle sports teams? Donate a pair to raise big bucks!
- **MARKETABLE SKILLS!** Share your passion! Golf, skiing, swim lessons? A home organization or garden demo? Baseball or soccer skills event? Handyman construction project? Share what you know in a fun group Buy-In party for adults or kids! OR donate an hour or two of your professional know-how to the highest bidder!
- **ARE YOU CONNECTED?** Do you have connections to get some really cool technology donated? XBOX, iPad, Wii, iPhone, Kindle or Nook? Help get us plugged in and raise money for Alki PTA!
- **CALLING ALL CHEFS!** Do you like to cook? Host a private dinner party! Offer cooking lessons! How about a Dessert of the Month Club or Winter Season Crock Pot dinners! Your go-to gumbo can bring in the green for our school!

- **FAMILY GETAWAYS!** Does your family have a cabin or apartment get away? Why not donate a weekend to the auction? In past years, these donations have created fun family memories for the winners! Beach, mountain or city dwellings are welcome!
- **BUY IN PARTY EXPERIENCES!** Year after year the most memorable auction donations are the Alki family hosted Buy-In events for adults and students alike. These can be anything from a session at the local skating rink for students to an in-home wine tasting for adults! Join forces with other Alki families to maximize your donation and build up our awesome community!
- **GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME DONATIONS** Restaurants, Movies, Retail, Destinations, the possibilities are endless and auction guests love the convenience and ease of going home with something they KNOW they will use!
- **ALKI PTA SPONSORSHIPS!** If donating items or experiences are beyond your bandwidth check out Alki PTA's sponsorship opportunities to make a 100% tax deductible cash donation and receive recognition for your business or family in Auction publications and more!

In addition, all auction donors and sponsors are acknowledged in our online catalog which is viewed by our community of 300+ families in the weeks leading up to the auction as well as our printed event program viewed by guests on auction night.

QUESTIONS OR DONATIONS? procurement@alkipta.com

ALKI PTA

PTA MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 13th
Alki Library (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
(following Back-to-School BBQ)

Call to Order

PTA Board & Alki Staff Intros

Approval or Correction of June 6th General Meeting Minutes

New Business

- Everyone Belongs. Everyone Matters. The PTA Experience.
- Room Parent Program introduction by Tom Harris
- Event Mentor Program - Volunteer Opportunities.
- Every Child in Focus bulletin board
- Family Movie Nights & Cultural Celebration
- Drama Club & Family Roller Skating Nights - Amy Cooper
- Any new business from the floor?

Reports

- Principal/BLT
- Auction Committee - volunteer needs, procurement
- Board Reports: Treasurer, Fundraising, Events, Communications, Legislative

Thank Yous/Announcements

- Sub Pop
- PTA Handbooks coming home in Kid Mail Sept. 19th
- Spirit Wear on Amazon
- Kinder Potluck - weather pending, outdoor on the playground Oct. 4 (6:00 - 7:30 PM) We're still looking for a Chair to lead and organize this event.
- Curriculum Night - Thursday, Oct. 8 (6:00 - 8:00 PM). PTA provided childcare will include a movie in the gym. Parent volunteers needed to oversee childcare providers.
- Membership Drive - Join Now!
www.PT-Avenue.com/Join

Adjourn

Next Meeting Wednesday Oct. 3rd (6:30 - 7:30 PM) in the Alki Library where we will be updating & voting on Standing Rules.

BEING A PTA MEMBER HAS BENEFITS!

Have you renewed your membership this year? You can become a member anytime by going to: www.ptavenue.com/join/ Memberships are \$10 per person, per year.

A link to the WA State PTA benefits page and user name/password is in the welcome email you received with your membership card. If you can't find the original email, contact Lindsay Yost, Membership Chair, at membership@AlkiPTA.com.

- **Washington State Fair** - "Do the Puyallup!" discounts on admission, rides and concerts from August 31 - September 23.



- **UW Husky Football** - discounted tickets available for the Sept. 29 game!



- **Great Wolf Lodge** - up to a 30% discount



- **Office Depot** - year round savings on school supplies, office products, technology, furniture, and print



- And more!

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PTA MEETINGS

Alki PTA is proud to offer free childcare for anyone wanting to attend meetings.



Sign up at tinyurl.com/PTAMeetingChildcare. New this year, there will be a kiddie corner in the library for those too young for childcare.

ALKI PTA WELCOME PACKETS

Watch out for your Alki PTA Welcome Packet in next week's Kid Mail! You'll find everything you need to know about upcoming events & programs, memberships & benefits, meeting schedule, volunteer opportunities, and more!

ADVOCACY CORNER

UPCOMING ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

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SCHOOL DISTRICT & SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board partners with the Seattle Public Schools Superintendent in the governance of Seattle Public Schools. The Board establishes policies for governing the school district.

Through mid-October, Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Denise Juneau is leading a comprehensive **Listening and Learning Tour** to gather an understanding of the district's strengths, challenges, and what is most important for her to consider as plans are developed for the district's future. All meetings will be hosted or co-hosted with community partners. Programming will be the same at all **Regional Town Hall meetings**.

- **Tues., Sept. 11, 5:00-6:30 p.m.:** Seattle Broadview Library
- **Mon., Sept. 24, 5:30-7:00 p.m.:** North Seattle College
- **Tues., Sept. 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m.:** Southeast location to be confirmed
- **Tues., Oct. 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m.:** Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center (Student focus group 5:30-6:10 p.m.)
- **Thurs., Oct. 4, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:** Ballard High School
- **Weds., Oct. 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:** Youngstown Cultural Center (Student focus group 6:00-6:40 p.m.)
- **Mon., Oct. 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:** Roosevelt High School

Monthly Community Meetings with Leslie Harris (School Board Director for our region).

- **September 22, 3 - 5 p.m.** Seattle Public Library - SW Branch 9010 35th Ave SW
- **October 20, 3 - 5 p.m.** Seattle Public Library - Delridge Branch, 5423 Delridge Way SW

Seattle Public School Board Meetings - John Stanford Center 2445 3rd Avenue South, Seattle

- September 18, 4:15 PM to 8:30 PM
- October 3, 4:15 to 8:30 PM
- October 17, 4:15 to 8:30 PM
- October 30, 4:15 to 8:30 PM



Hello! My name is Vanessa Longacre-Wilcox, and I am the Alki PTA Advocacy Chair for 2018 - 2019, welcome to a new year!

Each month my goal with this article will be to research and share what is going on around advocacy and legislative issues that impact schools and kids. In this section, you'll find details on upcoming events, ways to connect and be heard, and information relating to the school or education as a whole. Whether you are a policy buff or new to the issues, I hope you'll find the information here relevant, actionable, and easy to understand.

Students across Seattle are counting on us. Let's work together to stay informed and advocate on behalf of kids, schools, and all communities. Together we can make a difference!

If there is something you are curious about, something you feel strongly should be covered here, or a correction that needs to be made, please let me know. (advocacy@alkipta.com)

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2018 PTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (October 20-21)

The 2018 WSPTA Guide to Proposed Legislative Principals, Legislative Issues and Resolutions is now available.

Delegates will hear education, propose amendments, debate and vote on the adoption of these policy positions during Legislative Assembly (October 20-21 at Green River CC.) Registrations should be live early next week.

tinyurl.com/LegislativeAssemblyGuide2018

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2018 ELECTIONS - VOTE

As a reminder, the PTA does not endorse any specific candidates. Instead, we encourage our community to engage in the political process as - IT DIRECTLY IMPACTS YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION. Far too much focus is placed on the national election, there are local races and positions to be decided in November that will have a measurable impact on Seattle Public Schools and Alki Elementary.

Washington State Elections Deadlines:

October 8, 2018: Last day to register to vote online or by mail & last day to update an existing voter registration

October 29, 2018: Last day for new WA voters to register in person

November 6, 2018: General Election

BEX V 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 non-existent 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 of the condition of the building.

Alki Community Center, which hosts Alki Enrichment and a 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 as is all the grass field and Whale Tail park. 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 only owns the land that the school building rests on and the staff parking lot. This is only 1.4 acres to rebuild on, so the community center next door as well as the surrounding neighbors will be significantly impacted. During the remodel, Alki students will attend school elsewhere at an interim site.

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 those issues is welcome to help with this effort. Contact Jennifer Ogle at alkijogle@gmail.com to be added to the committee.

COMMUNITY



AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES - REGISTER NOW

After school classes begin next week - Monday, Sept. 17th. Look for your class catalog in Wednesday's Kid Mail. Classes with low enrollment will be cancelled this week, so register TODAY!

Register in person during Community Center Hours:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3:00 - 8:00 PM
Tuesday/Thursday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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SCARVES UP! ALKI DAY SOUNDERS FC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
1:00 PM - CenturyLink Field

TICKETS
\$23
(\$30 value)

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Alki PTA

Return order form & payment to Alki PTA
mailbox by Sep. 21

Credit Cards accepted in person at
the Back To School BBQ

Tickets will be delivered to classrooms
the week before the game.



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QUESTIONS? CONTACT AMY CHENG (FUNDRAISING@ALKIPTA.COM)

SEPTEMBER 29 - ALKI DAY W/ SOUNDERS FC ORDER FORM

ORDER FORMS DUE BY 2:00 PM FRIDAY, SEPT. 21ST

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

OF TICKETS

x \$23 = TOTAL TIX COST

EMAIL

METHOD OF PAYMENT: CASH/CHECK/CREDIT CARD

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED IN PERSON ONLY

PHONE

CHECK #.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ALKI ELEMENTARY PTA

STUDENT

GRADE/TEACHER

SIGNATURE