



ALKI ELEMENTARY PTA  
WELCOME PACKET  
2018 - 2019

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# JOIN PTA

THE ALKI ELEMENTARY



## **"WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO IF I JOIN?"**

*As much or as little as you'd like! By simply joining, you're adding your voice to the PTA.*

## **DID YOU KNOW THAT PTA MEMBERS GET GREAT DISCOUNTS?**

*Great discounts include FedEx, Great Wolf Lodge, Wild Waves, car rentals and local sports & entertainment!*

## **"WHO CAN JOIN?"**

*Anyone! Grandparents. Family friends. Community members. Alumni. Even members of other PTA's.*

**EVERYTHING  
IS ONLINE!!**

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**[pt-avenue.com/join/](http://pt-avenue.com/join/)**

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**Contact our Membership  
Chair**

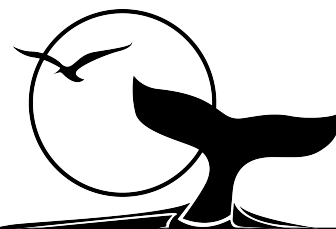
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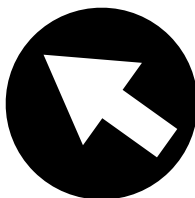
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# ALKI PTA COMMUNICATIONS

## STAY CONNECTED

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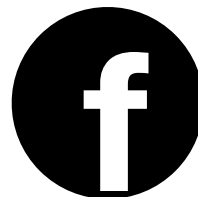


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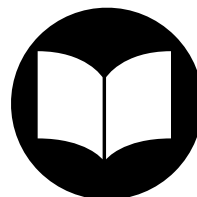
### E-NEWS

Sign up for weekly updates to your inbox at [www.alkipta.com](http://www.alkipta.com) or email [info@alkipta.com](mailto:info@alkipta.com)

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### ALKI PTA CURRENTS NEWSLETTER

Look for it in Kid Mail the first Wednesday of each month!



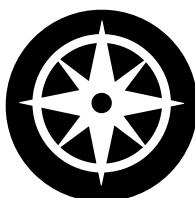
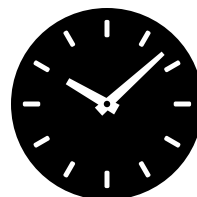
### WEDNESDAY KID MAIL

Check your student's backpack each Wednesday for forms and event flyers!

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### PTA MEETINGS

Come share your thoughts and ideas! See page 6 for the schedule and info on free childcare.



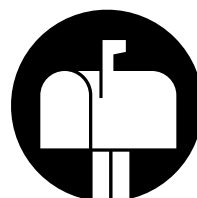
### PTA BULLETIN BOARD

Located in the main hallway - stop by and take a look at upcoming events, volunteer sign ups, and more

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### PTA MAILBOX

Located around the corner from the main office, find membership, reimbursement, and budget request forms, meeting minutes, and more!

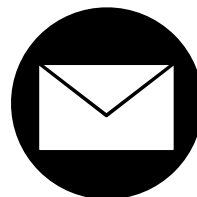


### ROOM PARENT ROSTER

Sign up at Curriculum night & receive PTA updates specific to your classroom.

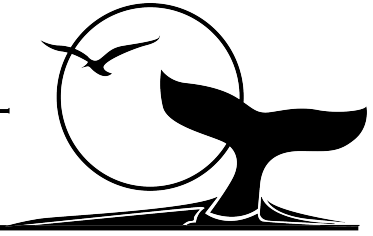
### EMAIL US!

Comments or questions? You can always email us at [info@alkipta.com](mailto:info@alkipta.com)



# WELCOME TO ALKI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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**First, and foremost, the Alki PTA is here for your kids. For you. Our hardworking staff.**

**Everyone belongs. Everyone matters.**

Use this PTA Welcome Packet, in addition to the official Alki Elementary Handbook, to supplement everything you need to know for the 2017-2018 school year. PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association, and that partnership is a crucial component in our efforts to elevate the outcomes of each one of our students.

We see you showing up in the classroom, standing outside the doors as your kids high-five their teachers at the end of the school day, carting in food for the potluck, sitting in the audience with tears in your eyes as you watch your child giving their all. Showing up for you child, showing up for the community, these are the things that make the Alki Elementary community what it is.

According to the Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, “research tells us that students with engaged parents and families, are more likely to:

- Learn to read faster (Exhibit faster rates of literacy acquisition.)
- Have higher grades and test scores.
- Are promoted and take more challenging classes.
- Adapt better to school and have better attendance.
- Have better social skills and behavior.
- Graduate.”

We are working toward a strong PTA community because we all rise together. When your child is engaged, excited, and flourishing it benefits everyone. “Look at her working her way through those math problems, I can do that too!” or “He’s reading chapter books now? I want that too!”

As your PTA board we are committed to enriching and elevating the experience of each and every child at Alki Elementary this year. Please join us in these efforts. We need you. Your perspective, your experiences, your contributions, matter.

With perseverance and a hefty dose of enthusiasm,

Your 2018/19 Alki PTA Board

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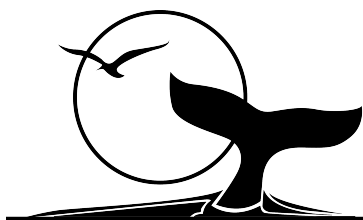
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## ALKI PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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**Jenna Andersen, President**

**[[president@alkipta.com](mailto:president@alkipta.com)]**

Jenna was raised on a farm in central Washington and is delighted to be living in her home state again for the first time since she left her childhood home. She has two children, Pierson (3rd grade) and Marie (Kinder), with her husband, Swavek Bialkiewicz. She enjoys seeking out novelty, photographing people and places using vintage film cameras, and listening to podcasts. Her commitments and interests include building community, crafting welcoming spaces, and broadening her perspective.



**Tom Harris, Vice-President**

**[[vp@alkipta.com](mailto:vp@alkipta.com)]**

Tom is the father of a six-year old Sam Harris, who is a first grader 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. 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.



**Nicole Bryant, Treasurer**

**[[treasurer@alkipta.com](mailto:treasurer@alkipta.com)]**

Nicole has been a proud Alki parent since 2012. She and her husband, Mike, have two boys, Jackson (4th grade) and Dylan (6th grade at Madison). Nicole has sought out ways to volunteer, including PTA art docent and in-class assistance, that could flex around her active work life as a Tax Director for PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PwC"). Nicole also enjoys coaching youth basketball and will be returning this year to coach a girls' team through the Alki Community Center. She enjoys 5k races, followed by brunch/beverages, and really anything that lets her compete with herself or others.



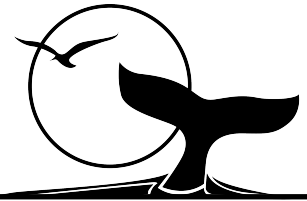
**Mel Spiker, Secretary**

**[[secretary@alkipta.com](mailto:secretary@alkipta.com)]**

"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."

# ALKI PTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Amy Cheng, Fundraising Chair**  
[\[fundraising@alkipta.com\]](mailto:fundraising@alkipta.com)

"Hi everyone, my name is Amy and my older daughter Silvara Barak is attending kindergarten at Alki this 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.



**Vanessa Longacre-Wilcox, Advocacy Chair**  
[\[advocacy@alkipta.com\]](mailto:advocacy@alkipta.com)

"Facebook recently "offered" me an Ad for a t-shirt that said, "I love naps, dogs, and social justice" and I thought if it had "my family" in the list I would have to buy it. This is my third year on the Alki PTA board focusing on advocacy for kids. Originally from New York, I'm known for being straightforward and prone to expressing opinions. I have an amazing and analytical third grader (Daelen), a smart and fun loving incoming Kindergartener (Caleb), and an inquisitive and creative incoming Kindergartener (Zoë), and the world's most loyal dog named Eddie. I'm passionate about public education and excited every year by the potential PTA has to bring people together to support kids and families."



**Lindsay Yost, Membership Chair**  
[\[membership@alkipta.com\]](mailto:membership@alkipta.com)

Lindsay has two boys at Alki, Asher (1st grade) and Carson (3rd grade). She's currently the membership chair for the Alki PTA and can help you find great discounts and benefits with your membership card – just ask her! She's also secretary and Reflections chair for the Seattle Council PTSA and Reflections chair for the WA State PTA.



**Ali Pankop, Communications Chair**  
[\[info@alkipta.com\]](mailto:info@alkipta.com)

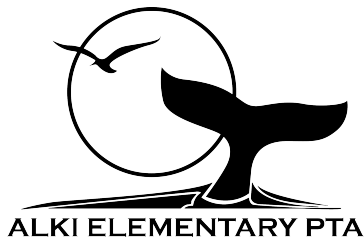
"For 2 years now, I've gotten excited about the first Wednesday of the month - to search for the Currents Newsletter in Kid Mail. I would sit with a highlighter circling all of the fun things I could be involved with at the school. My enthusiasm has lead me to be the Communications Chair this year, responsible for the Currents Newsletter, e-news and the Alki PTA website. My daughter Emma, is in second grade, and Olivia will enter kindergarten next year, so I have plenty of years ahead of me to help out!"



**Emily Anderson & Britney Straus, Events Co-Chairs**  
[\[events@alkipta.com\]](mailto:events@alkipta.com)

Friends, Emily and Britney are working together this year to make sure all of our Alki Elementary PTA events are wonderful. Want to join their team of volunteers? Stop them on the playground or email them to find out more.





# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**2018-2019**

All meeting will be in the school library, unless noted.

<b>ALL MEETINGS</b>  <b>6:30 - 7:30 PM</b>		<b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>September 13</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>October 3</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>November 8</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>December 5</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>January 10</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>February 6</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>March 7</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>April 3</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>May 2</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>June 5</b> <small>Meet in cafeteria</small>

## NEED CHILDCARE TO ATTEND?

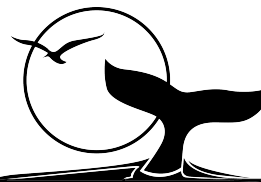
[tinyurl.com/PTAMeetingChildcare](http://tinyurl.com/PTAMeetingChildcare)

Alki PTA is pleased to offer **FREE childcare** so that families may attend monthly PTA meetings. Alki PTA partners with West Seattle High School students volunteering their time for service learning hours.

If you feel your child is too young for childcare, please feel free to bring them to the meetings. Kids are welcome to attend. A **KIDS CORNER** will be provided.



# ALKI ELEMENTARY SPONSORED EVENTS



There are so many wonderful events to look forward to throughout the year. Thanks to PTA Funding, we are able to support many events and programs at Alki that enrich our students' education and build our community. We couldn't do it without your support and our wonderful Alki Volunteers! Interested in helping? Contact [events@alkipta.com](mailto:events@alkipta.com)

**POPSICLE SOCIAL (AUGUST):** Find out who your teacher is and enjoy a cold treat in our last days of summer! Teachers and Principal are in attendance for a meet and greet along with play time on the playground!

**FIRST DAY RECEPTIONS (SEPTEMBER):** Parents drop off their students on the first day of school & head to the lunchroom for coffee, tea, and socializing after the bell.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ (SEPTEMBER):** Our back-to-school BBQ is a fun chance to eat and greet and get back on your feet school-wise. PTA provides hot dogs and families bring sides, fruit and healthy treats!

**ALKI DAY WITH SOUNDERS FC (SEPTEMBER):** Join fellow Alki Elementary Sounders Fans at Centurylink Field for a fun afternoon. Proceeds benefit Alki Elementary PTA!

**REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER):** National and Washington State PTA's cultural arts competition that encourages students of all grades and abilities to explore their inner artist. Free workshops available after school.

**KINDER SOCIAL POTLUCK (OCTOBER):** Our evening potluck for kindergarten families. An opportunity to mingle with other parents & their children and get to know the other kindergarten classes.

**HEROES AND DONUTS (OCTOBER):** In connection with this year's Reflections theme, celebrate the heroes around you by bringing a special grown up with you for donuts, coffee, and milk in the lunchroom before school.

**ALKI FAMILY SKATE NIGHT (NOVEMBER):** New this year! Lace up your skates or rollerblades as Alki Elementary takes over the Southgate Roller Rink for an evening.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT (NOVEMBER/MARCH):** Pull out your blankets, put on your pajamas & settle in for an evening of entertainment and family fun.

**PTA AUCTION (DECEMBER):** Our biggest fundraising event of the year. The annual Auction is a fantastic way to generate funds for our school while building community!

**STAFF HOLIDAY LUNCHEON (DECEMBER):** Give our deserving staff a special treat with a lovely lunch provided by Alki families. This celebration allows staff to share a meal together and mingle in the library before the holiday break.

**PTA MUSICAL (FEBRUARY):** Produced by Alki PTA and it's volunteer parent army of costumers, stagehands, and rehearsal supervisors, and directed by Alki's Multi-Arts teacher, Ms. Scranton, you won't want to miss this top notch production that takes place at the West Seattle High School theater.

**MARCH MADNESS MORNING (MARCH):** Team up with the champions in your life and meet us in the lunchroom for an early morning treat before school. Pastries, coffee, tea, and more will be served.

**MULTI-CULTURAL CELEBRATION (MARCH):** New this year, a week of celebrating the communities, identities, and cultures of our families and staff.

**BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY/BIKE RODEO (MAY):** Kicking off Bike to School month in May, the Bike Rodeo takes place after school on the Alki playground where students learn bike safety, decorate bikes and helmets, and get primed and ready for nationally recognized Bike to School Day where two bike trains meet up before school and take the scenic route to Alki!

**ALKI ART WALK (MAY):** This school event involves wonderful student performances in the building & student art displayed at local businesses along Alki Ave.

**STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK (MAY):** Help us show the staff at Alki how much we appreciate the work they do all year long with a little pampering each day during this week in May.

**ALKI-A-THON (MAY):** Build school spirit, promote healthy habits & raise funds for PTA-sponsored school activities! Students collect pledges (not required). Parents are welcome to attend. Lap games, music, snacks, beverages & a souvenir T-shirt highlight the day. The event takes place during the school day, outside on the Alki play field in late spring, rain or shine!

**CAMP BURTON - 4TH & 5TH GRADERS (JUNE):** Every 2 years, our 4th and 5th graders have an opportunity to attend an overnight Outdoor Education Camp at Camp Burton!

**RAZZLE DAZZLE CARNIVAL AND BBQ (JUNE):** An end-of-the-school year evening event with a carnival-style setting, including treats, arts, games, crafts and hot dogs!

**FIFTH GRADE BREAKFAST (JUNE):** Our annual Fifth Grade Breakfast is a celebration of the graduating fifth graders and their families including a graduation video of the guests of honor and promotion by the 5th grade teaching team. PTA-hosted breakfast course and parents provide sides, fruit and treats.



# WHERE DO MY PTA DOLLARS GO?

**ALKI PTA**

**2018/2019**

**BUDGET**

**\$192,058**

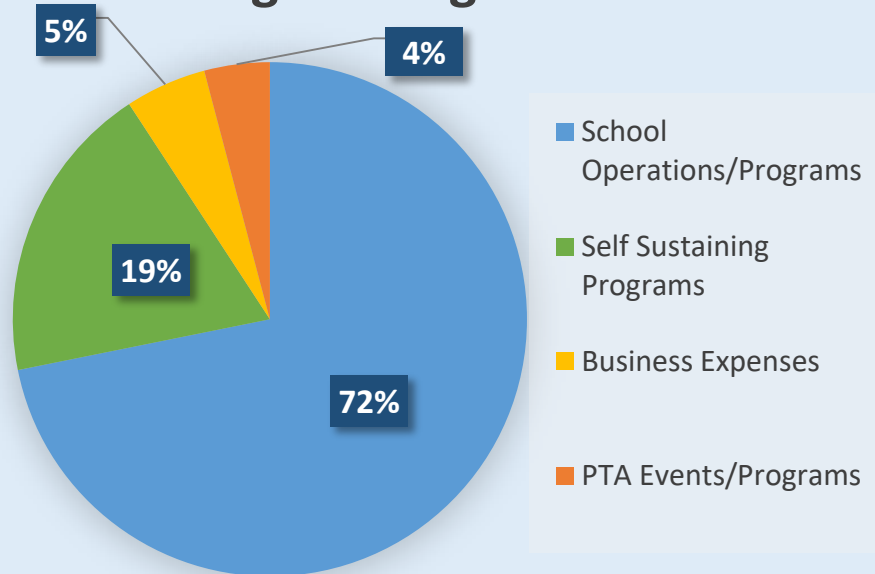
**FUNDRAISING  
GOAL**

**\$137,970**

**PTA RESERVE  
FUNDS USED TO  
BALANCE BUDGET**

**\$54,088**

## Budget Categories



### School Operations and Educational Programs

#### ***Funds Granted to the School for Programs and Staffing Support***

Library. Office/Health/Tutoring/Playground Hourly Support. Technology. Part-time School Counselor. Emergency Preparedness. IXL Math License. PE Equipment. Writers In the Schools (WITS.) Art Supplies. Classroom Discretionary. Incentive Charms. Alki Adventures. Principal Discretionary. Camp Burton. ELA Materials. Roots of Empathy. Field Trip Scholarships. National Spelling Bee. Salmon Fish Tank. Global Reading Challenge. Flash Night. Science On Wheels. Conflict Managers Recognition. Safety Patrol. Field Day. Site Improvement.

### **Self-Sustaining Programs - Fully Funded by its Revenue**

Alki-A-Thon. Fall Auction. Running Club. Box Tops. Scholastic Book Fair. Spirit wear. Yearbook. Sounders Sporting Events. Winter Musical.

### **PTA Operations – General Business & Non-profit Expenses**

Business Registration Fees. Postage & Mailbox. Printing & Copying. Banking Fees. Insurance Premium. PTA Meeting Beverages/Snacks. PTA Events 1st Aid Kit. PTA Training/Convention. PTA Contingency Fund.

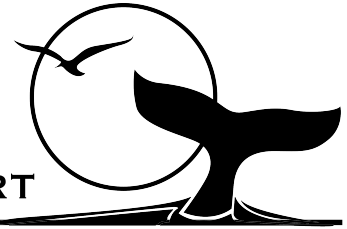
### **PTA Student Events - Enrichment & Community Building Events**

Kindergarten Social. Back to School BBQ/Events. First Day Receptions. Fall and Spring Parent Breakfasts. Staff Holiday Luncheon. Bike To School Rodeo. 5th Grade Breakfast. Multi-Cultural Night. Razzle Dazzle Carnival/BBQ. Reflections National Arts Program. Birthday Calendar. Staff Appreciation Week. Movie License Fee. Volunteer Recognition. Legislative Advocacy.

# ALKI ELEMENTARY PTA

## WHAT WE DO AND PROGRAMS WE SUPPORT

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### Safety and Operations

- School counselor salary: Since 2016 when the district removed this resource from our budget, Alki PTA has paid for the salary for our part time School Counselor
- Playground safety staff: We provide funds for hourly staffing for the Office/Health/Tutoring/ Playground supervision
- Alki PTA provides funds for emergency preparedness kits

### Academic Programs and Equipment Support

- Alki PTA provides the funds for the IXL Math License
- Supplies for PE Equipment and Art supplies
- Alki Adventures – a reward for the Alki reads program
- ELA Materials
- Additional grants for technology

### Staff Support

- Room parent program
- Staff Holiday Luncheon
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Annual teacher & principal discretionary funds

### Educational Programs and Events

- Roots of Empathy – A program that supports social and emotional skills in Kindergarten. <http://rootsofempathy.org>
- Writers In the Schools (WITS) program to 1st – 5th grade [www.alkipta.com/writers-in-the-schools-wits](http://www.alkipta.com/writers-in-the-schools-wits)
- Camp Burton – Overnight camp for 4th and 5th graders <https://www.campburton.com/>
- Winter Musical & Drama Club – annual production of student performers for grades 3 - 5
- Salmon Fish Tank program
- Flash Night
- Science On Wheels
- Math Night
- Reflections National Arts Program
- National Spelling Bee
- Global Reading Challenge
- Conflict Managers Recognition

### Scholarships for Equity at Alki

Alki PTA provides scholarships for school programs to empower all students to have access to programs. Examples are:

- Field trip scholarships
- PTA program scholarships
- PTA memberships

### Community Building Events

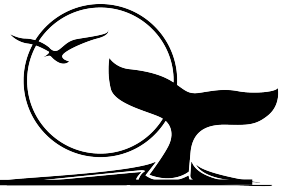
Kindergarten Social, Back to School BBQ, First Day Receptions, Parent Breakfasts, Running Club, Bike To School day, 5th Grade Breakfast, Razzle Dazzle Carnival & BBQ , Family Skate Night, Volunteer Recognition, Family Movie Nights

**Fundraisers:** Alki-A-Thon, Fall Auction, Box Tops, Spirit Wear, Sporting Events, Chinook Book

# ALKI PTA & LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

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### How to advocate for Students and Families within the Public School System!

You see something that you think needs changing, you want to do something, but how? Who has the power to make decisions? How can you advocate on important issues? The Public School System is complex. This list is meant to provide an overview of some of the groups you can work with when you want to make a difference.

### The Parent Teacher Associations – National PTA, WSPTA, SCPTSA, & Alki PTA

If you are interested in national, regional or local advocacy for kids, PTA is a great place to get involved.

- **The National Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** is the national PTA and one of the oldest child advocacy organizations in the country. It sets priorities for advocacy across the country. For example, with Congress' passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), PTA now focuses on advocacy for the effective implementation of the law. <http://pta.org>
- **Washington State Parent Teacher Association (WSPTA)** carries the national goals and sets specific initiatives for the state. For example, one of WSPTA's goals is to advocate for measures that help close the opportunity gap in Washington State. <http://wastatepta.org>
- **Seattle Council Parent Teacher Student Association (SCPTSA)** focuses on Seattle. Three years ago SCPTSA launched a program to provide food backpacks for Seattle students facing weekend food scarcity. <http://scptsa.org/>
- **Alki Parent Teacher Association (Alki PTA)** works at the school level to create programs to connect our community. We also raise money for school programs, provide resources for teachers, and fund support staff for playground supervision and our part-time counselor position. <http://alkipta.com>

### Seattle Public Schools (SPS)

<http://seattleschools.org/>

In short, SPS governs and operates the public school system in Seattle. They manage all schools district-wide down to what resources will be allocated per school. SPS implements education standards, laws, and policies determined by the School Board, OSPI, State Legislature, U.S. Department of Education, and popular vote.

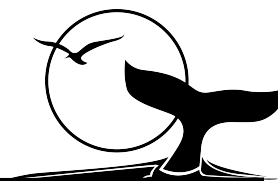
SPS welcomed Superintendent Denise Juneau this year, you can find her blog here: [http://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what\\_s\\_new/superintendent\\_blog/](http://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what_s_new/superintendent_blog/)

SPS has an Executive Director of Schools for each region in the city. For West Seattle Schools our contact is Helen Joung: <http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=18306>

***All links can be found at on the [AlkiPTA.com](http://alkipta.com) - Search "Your Voice Matters"***

# ALKI PTA & LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

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### How to advocate for Students and Families within the Public School System

#### Seattle School Board

<http://seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=15426>

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.

Alki Elementary is in School Board District 6, represented by Board Director Leslie Harris ([leslie.harris@seattleschools.org](mailto:leslie.harris@seattleschools.org).) She holds community meetings at local libraries to hear directly issues the community is concerned about. <http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=5868638>

Monthly School Board meetings are open to the public, you can attend in person, watch on T.V. or online. School Board YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC07MVxpRKdDJmqwWDGYqotA>.

#### Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Superintendent Chris Reykdal - Elected position. <http://www.k12.wa.us/>

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is the primary agency charged with K-12 education for all of Washington State. The Superintendent also works with Washington State Legislature and is ultimately responsible for determining and implementing the priorities in our state's educational system.

#### State Legislative Representatives

Article IX, Section I of the Washington State Constitution reads: "It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders, without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex."

In other words, it is the duty of the state to provide access to education. What that exactly means, what should be included, and how to pay for it is all the job of the legislature to define. Individuals can make change in our educational system by letting their voices be heard.

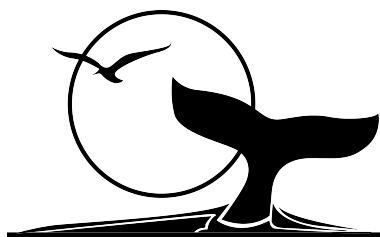
Alki Elementary is the 34th Legislative District. Current 34th district representatives are:

- Senator Sharon Nelson (D)
- Senator Nelson is retiring this year and a new representative will be elected in November 2018. You can find candidate information here: <https://info.kingcounty.gov/kcelections/Vote/contests/candidates.aspx?eid=13>
- Representative Eileen Cody (D)
- Representative Joe Fitzgibbon (D)

To find your representative's contact info: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>

There are also bi-partisan committees that focus on education issues. You can search for them here: <http://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/CommitteeListing.aspx>

***All links can be found at on the [AlkiPTA.com](http://AlkiPTA.com) - Search "Your Voice Matters"***



## FUNDRAISING

Alki PTA focuses our efforts on two main fundraisers a year (Fall Auction and Alki-A-Thon) along with a handful of other fundraising events that support our local community and strengthen our own. We strive to limit the amount of fundraising that we ask of our families and community.

### ALKI AUCTION

Don't miss the Alki Annual Auction on December 1, 2018 at the Hall at Fauntleroy. Not only Alki's biggest fundraiser but the biggest party of the year. Sit down dinner, Dessert Dash, Silent Auction, Live Auction, Raffles, Games and Prizes, and an after party with DJ and dancing. Meet Alki families and raise your paddle for Alki students. You won't want to miss it.



**SILENT \* LIVE AUCTION**  
**KID ART \* DESSERT DASH**  
**DINNER \* DRINKS \* DANCING \* FUN!**

**TO BENEFIT THE ALKI ELEMENTARY PTA**

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE 9.20**  
[TINYURL.COM/ALKIAUCTION2018](http://TINYURL.COM/ALKIAUCTION2018)

**REACH OUT & DONATE**  
[PROCUREMENT@ALKIPTA.COM](mailto:PROCUREMENT@ALKIPTA.COM)

**VOLUNTEER**  
[TINYURL.COM/AUCTIONVOLUNTEER18](http://TINYURL.COM/AUCTIONVOLUNTEER18)  
BIG / MEDIUM / SMALL ROLES TO FILL

### ALKI-A-THON



In the spring, we lace up our sneakers and head outside to walk, run or skip around a course set up on the play field to promote healthy habits. This fundraiser is a fun and exciting event for all staff, students, and families as it builds school spirit. Colorful souvenir t-shirts, snacks and a DJ make this fundraiser fun and exciting for students, staff and parents as it builds school spirit. Parents and families are welcome to attend .

Mark your calendars for the most popular day of the year: May 31, 2018

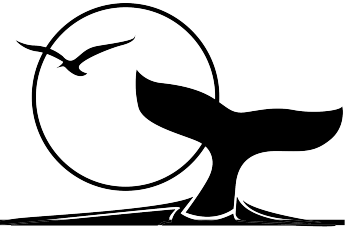
### SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Alki has created multiple sponsorship levels for businesses or families to support our main events throughout the year! Be a sponsor and see your business recognized at the Fall Auction, Winter Musical and Spring Alki-a-Thon! Varying other levels may include one or more events – there's something for everyone!



# FUNDRAISING

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## ALKI DINES OUT



Yet another fun way to bring our community together while supporting our students. Throughout the year we partner with local restaurants and promote an evening "Dine Out for Alki!" at their establishment! In return, the participating restaurant donates a percentage of the nights' proceeds back to our PTA. In years past we've enjoyed nights out at Cactus, Marination Ma Kai, Mission, and Endolyne Joes! Bring your family, invite your friends and don't miss this tasty way to support the Alki Elementary PTA. Keep a look out for future dates to be announced and let us know if you have any recommendations.

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## ALKI DAY WITH SOUNDERS FC



Purchase tickets for your entire family for a day of fun as we cheer on the Seattle Sounders FC. A portion of the proceeds supports Alki PTA.

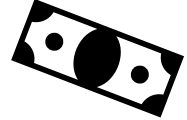
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## BOX TOPS



Box Tops for Education is a great way for kids, friends, and family to participate and help raise funds for Alki Elementary. Simply clip "Box Tops" off of the household items you purchase every week. Send the clipped box tops to school with your kids. There is a collection bin in the main hallway. Every Clip Counts!


## DIRECT GIVE



[Alkipta.com](http://Alkipta.com) now has a quick and easy PayPal Donation Button so anyone at any time can contribute any dollar amount they wish safely and easily. Grandparents, family members, aunts and uncles from far and wide can support our students with the click of a button.

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## AMAZON SMILE

Earn money for Alki while you  [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

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## COMPANY SPONSORED MATCHING FUNDS

Nearly 10k of direct donations and matching funds were gifted to Alki PTA last year! This is an amazing way to support our school! Contact your personnel department to find out if your company has a matching gift program and a matching gift form – many companies like Boeing, Microsoft and Alaska Airlines will also make contributions to Alki PTA when employees log their volunteer hours! Visit [alkipta.com/corporate-matching-program](http://alkipta.com/corporate-matching-program) for a list & see if your company is on it.

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## SPIRIT WEAR

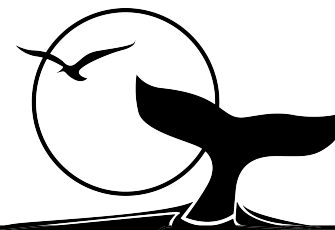


Show your school spirit by wearing an Alki Elementary T-Shirt, long sleeve shirt or hoodie! Visit [tinyurl.com/AlkiSpiritwear](http://tinyurl.com/AlkiSpiritwear). Be on the lookout for exciting announcements about new Spirit wear options coming soon!

# ALKI PTA

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### **Why join the PTA?**

**A:** Because your \$10 assists the state and national PTA in their efforts to affect educational outcomes of students across the estate and nation. Current national efforts include the Safe Schools Improvement Act of 2017, Child Care for Working Families Act, and Anti-Lunch Shaming Act of 2017. At the local level, the PTA budget affects significant portions of your child's educational experience. Joining the PTA provides you the opportunity to influence those events and programs from year-to-year. Only dues-paying members may be elected to Officer/Board positions and vote on motions and budget decisions.

### **I'm not a PTA Member can I still come to meetings?**

**A:** YES! Anyone is welcome at PTA meetings to share in discussion and bring up ideas.

### **I'm not a PTA Member can I still volunteer at PTA events and in the classroom?**

**A:** ABSOLUTELY! See page 11 of the Alki Family Handbook distributed by the school for information related to volunteering in the classroom or on field trips. Volunteer needs for PTA events and programs are posted on [alkipta.com](http://alkipta.com), on the Alki PTA Facebook page, in the Currents newsletter distributed monthly in your child's folder, and in e-news emails sent out once a week. We do ask that PTA Room Parents and Event and Program Chairs be dues paying members and thus abide by our organization's Standing Rules and fiduciary responsibility.

### **What is the time commitment when joining PTA?**

**A:** There is NO obligation to volunteer your time. Joining PTA means you are an invested shareholder in our organization. Think of it like buying a membership to your favorite museum – you aren't required to volunteer there and you're not required to volunteer here either! But you get a voice and a vote in how we support your students at Alki!

### **I'd like to be involved but my availability varies – what is there for me to do?**

**A:** There's a lot of moving parts in this school, we promise we can find the right fit for you! Please return our PTA Communication and Volunteer Survey so we can connect you with a volunteer opportunity suited to your time and talents! (Digital version of that survey available at [www.tinyurl.com/ptacommunication](http://www.tinyurl.com/ptacommunication))

### **I have an idea for an event or program that I think our PTA should consider, what do I do?**

**A:** Email [info@alkipta.com](mailto:info@alkipta.com) or [president@alkipta.com](mailto:president@alkipta.com). We'll talk to you about next steps.

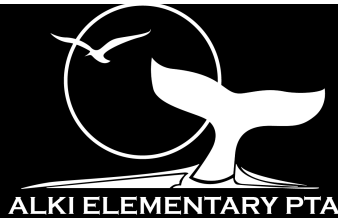
### **How do I find out about PTA events and what's going on at the school?**

**A:** Check out the Alki PTA Communications page for a list of all the ways we reach out to families and where you can find the answers to your burning questions!

### **How do I order Spirit Wear?**

**A:** Currently, [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). Search "Alki Spirit Wear" (must be this exact phrase with spacing as indicated). Be on the lookout for exciting announcements about new Spirit wear options coming soon!





# ALKI ELEMENTARY PTA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Washington State PTA collaborates with businesses and associations that support WSPTA's mission and vision. As part of that relationship, these organizations offer special discounts to all WSPTA members.

## HOW TO ACCESS DISCOUNT CODES:

Look for the link and user name/password in your welcome email. If you cannot find it, no worries - just email Lindsay ([membership@alkipta.com](mailto:membership@alkipta.com)) and she will get that information to you!

## MEMBER BENEFITS & DISCOUNTS

**Office DEPOT<sup>®</sup>**  
**OfficeMax<sup>®</sup>**

Great deals year round on school supplies, technology, and printing (2.5 cent copies!)

**Hertz**  
*Rent a Car*  
**AVIS<sup>®</sup>**  
Budget<sup>®</sup>

Up to 25% off rentals at Avis, Budget-Rent-A-Car and Hertz Car Rentals

**W**

\$30 game tickets  
U.W. Huskies vs. BYU  
Sept. 28, 2018

**SEPT. 28, 2018**

*Washington*  
**STATE FAIR**

Save on admission, rides & concerts at the Washington State Fair

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Up to 30% off room rates at Great Wolf Lodge

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# ALKI CALENDAR 2018-2019



\* All dates & times subject to change

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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 with 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
- 10 Walk To School Day
- 12 NO SCHOOL
- 17 Heroes & Donuts (7:15 - 7:50 AM)
- 18 Curriculum Night (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
- 25 Picture Day
- 26 Principal Coffee Chat (8:00 AM)

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- 3 Alki Family Skate Night (5:00-7:00 PM)
- 8 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 9 Veteran's Day Assembly
- 15 Family Movie Night
- 19-21 NO SCHOOL - Conferences
- 22-23 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- 26-30 Fall Scholastic Book Fair
- 26 BLT Meeting (2:35 - 3:35 PM)
- 29 Individual Picture Retakes

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- 1 Auction (5:30 - 10:30 PM)
- 5 Principal Coffee Chat (5:30 PM)
- 5 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 10 BLT Meeting (2:35 - 3:35 PM)
- 14 Staff Holiday Luncheon
- 21 Early Release (1:25 PM Dismissal)
- 24-31 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

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- 1-4 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
- 10 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 14 BLT Meeting (2:35 - 3:35 PM)
- 18 MLK Jr. Assembly
- 18 Principal Coffee Chat (9:00 AM)
- 21 NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Day
- 30 NO SCHOOL - Day Between Semesters
- 31 Alki Adventures

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- 1 PTA Musical (7:00 PM)
- 2 PTA Musical (2:00 PM)
- 6 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 7 Open House - Prospective Families
- 11 BLT Meeting (2:35 - 3:35 PM)
- 18-22 NO SCHOOL - Midwinter Break
- 28 Principal Coffee Chat (8:00 AM)
- 28 Family Movie Night

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- 7 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 11 BLT Meeting (2:35 - 3:35 PM)
- 13 March Madness Morning (7:15 - 7:50 AM)
- 25-29 Cultural Celebration
- 22 Principal Coffee Chat (8:00 AM)

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- 3 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 8-12 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- 15 BLT Meeting (2:35 - 3:35 PM)
- 18 Class Pictures
- 30 Principal Coffee Chat (8:00 AM)

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- 1 Bike Rodeo (after school)
- 2 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 6-10 Staff Appreciation Week
- 8 Bike To School Day
- 13 BLT Meeting (2:35 - 3:35 PM)
- 20 Principal Coffee Chat (2:30 PM)
- 23 Alki Art Walk
- 27 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 31 Alki-A-Thon

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- 5 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 5-7 Camp Burton - 4th / 5th Grade
- 10 BLT Meeting (2:35 - 3:35 PM)
- 12 Alki Adventures - Take 2
- 13 Principal Coffee Chat (2:30 PM)
- 14 Razzle Dazzle Carnival/ End of Year BBQ
- 17-20 Spirit Week!
- 18 Field Day
- 19 5th Grade Breakfast
- 19 Awards Assembly (9:30 AM)
- 20 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (1:25 PM Dismissal)