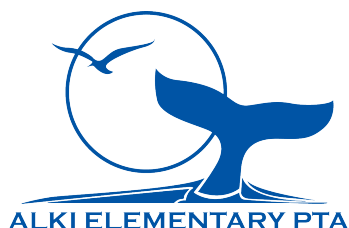


# ALKI PTA CURRENTS



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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)
- 14** Staff Holiday Luncheon
- 21** Early Release (1:25 PM Dismissal)
- 24-31** NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

## January 2019

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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



## REFLECTIONS RECOGNITION CEREMONY

**Wednesday, December 5th (6:30 PM - 7:00 PM) TONIGHT**

At Alki, we want to celebrate everyone who participated in this year's Reflections Art program. Reflections Chair, **Lindsay Yost**, will hand out ribbons prior to our next PTA meeting TONIGHT in the Alki Library.

CONGRATULATIONS to this year's participants: **Sadie M., Olivia N., Tallulah J., Matilda J., Ely T., Naomi D., Ruby H., Evelyn L., Keegan K., Esme J., Hila B., Emimae D., Lars K, and Phoebe T.**

Three (3) entries will be displayed this month at Alki Elementary in the main hallway and the remaining entries can be viewed during Winterfest at the Seattle Council exhibit at the Armory in the Seattle Center through January 6th.



## DECEMBER PTA MEETING

**Wednesday, December 5th (6:30 PM - 7:00 PM) TONIGHT**

Join us after the Recognition Ceremony for our December general membership PTA meeting. All are welcome. Learn what is happening at Alki, join the conversation, and enjoy free childcare!

## STAFF HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

**Friday, December 14th**

Show the Alki Staff how much they are appreciated! See page 5 for more details. Sign up to bring food or volunteer at [tinyurl.com/AlkiLuncheon2018](http://tinyurl.com/AlkiLuncheon2018)





## LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL DEESE

Aloha Alki Elementary Community,

Our character trait/virtue this month is **kindness and gratitude**. This is my favorite month at Alki because the virtue of kindness is the most important in my family. My mother raised me in a single-parent household and worked over 40 years in Public Housing. As you can imagine, I spent much of my childhood at her workplace, learning life lessons about the importance and value of kindness and community. I remember being surrounded by a community who cared and supported one another through hardship and celebrated with one another in times of joy.

This month, I have challenged our entire school community to commit to one special, deliberate act of kindness each day for the month of December. Attached to your child's December Alki Reads calendar is a blank calendar to fill in each "act of kindness" completed. Students who complete and turn in their calendar will receive a special "heart" charm that I will hand deliver personally and thank them for spreading kindness throughout our school and the world! This calendar will be in the Friday Flashback and available in the school office if you want to participate too!

I am also filled with gratitude for our Alki Community. Words just don't seem adequate to thank all of you for your generous donations and support for our school. Thank you to **Angela Powell** and all of our auction volunteers for putting on such a great event and for all the generous donors who gave us the miracle we needed to continue all of our amazing programs and staff at Alki!

Much love and appreciation,  
Rena Deese  
Alki Elementary Principal

## PRINCIPAL COFFEE CHAT



Wednesday, Dec. 5th (5:30 PM -6:30 PM)  
Discussion Theme: Advanced Learning



## LETTER FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Apres Ski turned out to be the kickoff to December that I didn't know I needed! As I sipped and clapped and danced the night away I was filled with gratitude that we have members of our community willing to take on massive amount of work it takes to pull off an event like this. Our Auction Chair, **Angela Powell**, has spent many, many months planning and organizing the 2018 Auction, and as I type this the funds raised have exceeded \$100,000! If you see her at pickup/dropoff, if her name pops up on Facebook, if you walk past her on Alki beach, take a moment to tell her how much you appreciate her efforts, along with every other person who worked on Team Auction to make that night what it was. The funds raised at the Auction this year will go a long way toward our goals as a PTA and a community and we couldn't do it without every single person who participated in any way (a big BIG thank you to all those who raised their paddles and put in their bids as well!)

December is National Special Education Month and **Melissa Spiker** has put together an educational cornucopia of information on the bulletin board across from Ms. Kramer's room. Alki is a small school with fewer resources than some of the larger schools in the area (I know of one family zoned for Alki that attends Lafayette currently because they need access to programs Alki can't provide). I hope you will take the time to read and consider what's on this board, and that it will help generate conversations about how we can better support families in our community with special education needs. If this is an effort you'd like to be a part of, please email [president@alkipta.com](mailto:president@alkipta.com) and I'll help connect you with others who have similar goals.

Thanks to Principal Deese's kindness challenge we'll be adding in a new "how was your day"-type question to our dinner and bedtime routine this month "Tell me more about how you made someone's day a little bit better today." Yet another reason to be grateful for this community and this school - the more I participate the more I feel we're all in this together.

Happiest of holidays to you, however and whatever you celebrate,

Jenna Andersen  
Alki PTA President

# PTA MEETING TONIGHT!

**Wednesday, Dec. 5th**

Alki Library (6:30 - 7:30 PM)

Free Childcare available. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/PTAMeetingChildcare](http://tinyurl.com/PTAMeetingChildcare)

## AGENDA

### **Special Presentation: Reflections**

#### **Reports**

- Principal/BLT
- Board Reports: Treasurer

#### **New Business**

- Budget Committee and budget process overhaul
- Any new business from the floor?
- [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

#### **Old Business**

- Broadcasting Meetings
- Every Child in Focus bulletin board (February is African American History Month)
- Event Mentor Program

#### **Thank you/Announcements**

- Angela Powell and Team pulled off an incredible auction this past weekend. The eats and drinks were excellent, the decor whisked guests away, the entertainment made the night fly by, and the amount raised will benefit all of our students throughout the coming year. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who made this happen.
- Family Movie Night was a delight for all thanks to Randy Foster, who brought in his own professional setup for all of us to enjoy. Bree Foster, Tom Harris, Mel Spiker, Stephanie Raymond, and Yen Matsutomi also were an important part of the team that made this night happen.
- The Scholastic Book Fair that ran in the library last week raised \$1500 for Ms. Iba to buy books and supplies. Thank you to everyone who stopped in and helped support the library.
- Staff Holiday Luncheon, Friday December 14. Volunteers needed to help us say thank you and provide some treats and eats for the staff members who help our kids during the school day.

**Adjourn** - Next Meeting Thursday, Jan 10th 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Alki Library

## EVERY CHILD IN FOCUS

December's Every Child in Focus bulletin board focuses on Special Education. December also hosts National Special education day on December 2, 2018, and celebrates IDEA (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), which

made education available to all American Children. This month honors the progress made in the system and by the children in special education.



The bulletin board (located in the main hallway past the first set of doors, across from Ms.

Kramer's Classroom) focuses on how to qualify a child for special education and the team efforts when writing an IEP (Individual Education Plan). Isolation is a very real, debilitating feeling for special needs children and their families.

**Please support Alki special needs families by placing a student cut out on the board holding hands around the globe in solidarity and support.** (cutouts provided)



When we value diversity as a community, and abandon the idea that children have to be "normal" to contribute to the world, we begin to look beyond typical ways of becoming valued members in the community. By doing so, we can all begin to realize the achievable goal of providing all children with an authentic sense of belonging.

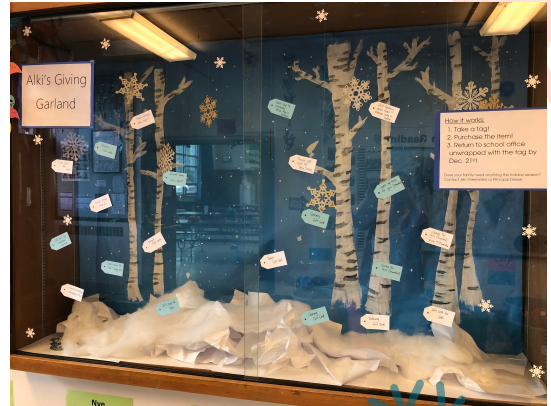
Every Child in Focus reinforces National PTA's mission to advocate for every child—with one voice—so all families feel invited and welcomed within PTA, and are equipped with the tools to support their child and improve the school, which makes a difference for every child.

# Alki Giving Garland

Each December, our school community supports families in need through our Alki Giving Garland.

## How it works:

1. Take a tag
2. Purchase the item
3. Return the unwrapped item to the school office with the tag by Dec. 21st.



Some examples of items include grocery, gas and target gift cards, toys, clothes and more. Please see the full list of items on the giving garland in the main hallway.

## The Giving Garland will be up until Winter Break!

Is your family experiencing financial hardship this holiday season? We would love to support your family! Contact our School Counselor Ms. Greenstein ([jgreenstein@seattleschools.org](mailto:jgreenstein@seattleschools.org), 206.252.9069) or Principal Deese ([rskido@seattleschools.org](mailto:rskido@seattleschools.org), 206.252.9055) with a list of items desired.



Lets show the  
Alki Teachers &  
Staff how much  
they are  
appreciated!

We would love your help with the annual holiday luncheon for our beloved Alki teachers and staff. Let's show them how much they are appreciated and make them a special lunch on **Friday, December 14th.**

This event is a favorite... it builds our community across grade bands as teachers and staff sit together and enjoy a meal prepared with our love and gratitude.

Volunteers are needed to provide food, help transform the library into a winter themed dining area, and help serve and clean up. Bring appetizers, soups, salads, main dishes, desserts or drinks - plenty to choose from.

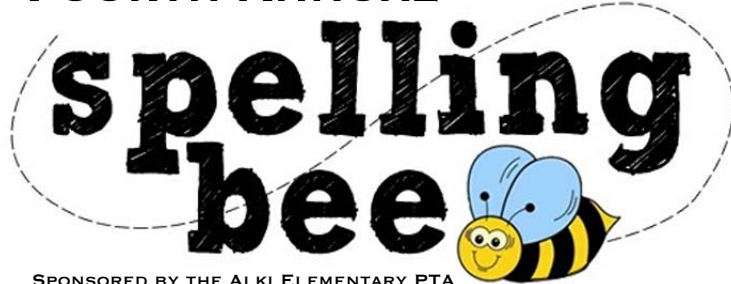
Items can be dropped off Friday morning on the lunchroom stage. After 10am, please bring your dish to the Alki Library.

Sign up to provide food or volunteer: [tinyurl.com/AlkiLuncheon2018](https://tinyurl.com/AlkiLuncheon2018)

If you have any questions, please contact : Mel Spiker, [secretary@alkipta.com](mailto:secretary@alkipta.com)



## ALKI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S FOURTH ANNUAL



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**Our bees this year will be held on the following days during school hours (time TBD):**

### **Grade Level Bees:**

Week of January 28th- February 1st, 2019

### **All School Spelling Bee:**

February 14th, 2019

We encourage your child or children to participate in this fun and exciting program. It is a great opportunity for each student to

improve their spelling while having fun. Most of the spelling prep will happen at home and out of school times. We will offer the occasional spelling bee lunchtime club with one of our teachers. The top three winners of the Grade Level Bees will participate in the School Spelling Bee.

**We invite parents and families to attend any of our Grade Level Bees and School Spelling Bee. Certificates and prizes will be awarded.**

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Laurie Rasmussen at [ldrasmussen@seattleschools.org](mailto:ldrasmussen@seattleschools.org) or Julie Calkins at [jkcalkins@seattleschools.org](mailto:jkcalkins@seattleschools.org).

**Girls on the Run** is an afterschool program like no other! Twice per week for 10 weeks, girls will have fun, make friends, increase their physical activity levels and learn important life skills. Trained and caring coaches lead 3rd - 5th grade girls through interactive lessons and running activities. The season ends with a noncompetitive 5K event on Sunday, May 19th at Renton Memorial Stadium.

**How to sign up?** To register your **3rd to 5th grade daughter** for our program, please visit [www.gotrugetsound.com](http://www.gotrugetsound.com) and click on "register now - spring program."

**Registration opens Friday, January 4th.** Please note that registration is a lottery period from 1/4/19- 1/18/19. After 1/18, you will be notified if your daughter was selected for the team or if she was placed on a wait list.

**How much does it cost?** Girls on the Run's program fees are based on a sliding scale of family income. Financial assistance available. (Contact Erin at 206-528-2118 or [erin@girlsrun.org](mailto:erin@girlsrun.org)).

**Who to contact?** Please contact erin Gorup at 206-528-2118 ([erin@girlsrun.org](mailto:erin@girlsrun.org)) or Laurie Rasmussen ([ldrasmussen@seattleschools.org](mailto:ldrasmussen@seattleschools.org)) with any questions you have.

**When does it start?** The Girls on the Run season is from the week of **March 4th to May 23rd.**

**Where do they do it?** Practices are held at Alki Elementary on Tuesdays and Thursdays, after school, from 2:30-4:00pm.

**How many people do we need to signup?** GOTR team size is 8-15 girls. Spots are limited and only guaranteed after the lottery period.



# AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

## REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

The winter After School Enrichment Catalog is out and registration has begun! Sign up now to ensure that your child's favorite class does not get cancelled.

**Classes start January 14th.** Sign up for favorites like Chess Club, Pottery, Ultimate Frisbee, Roller Skating, Kid's Kitchen, Photography, and more!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the community center (M/W/F 3-8pm, T/Th 10am-3pm) for assistance or call them at (206) 684-7430.

## NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM

**Follow the steps below create an account:**

**Step 1:** Go to the [www.seattle.gov/parks](http://www.seattle.gov/parks) and click on 'Sign Up for Activities'

**Step 2:** Click on 'Create Account'.

**Step 3:** Complete your information!

*Some customers may already be in the new system. If you have a current paid pass, scholarship, or staff have already entered your information. **To check, follow these steps:***

**Step 1:** Go to the [www.seattle.gov/parks](http://www.seattle.gov/parks) and click on Sign Up for Activities

**Step 2:** Click on 'Sign In'.

**Step 3:** Click on 'Forgot Password' and enter your email address to have your login information sent to you.



Earn money for our school by shopping online!

1. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)
2. Choose your charity: Alki Elementary PTA (Tacoma).

*Yes - it says Tacoma because we are registered as a charity through Washington State PTA, located in Tacoma. Apologies for any confusion.*

3. Shop!

Use [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) **every time** you shop Amazon!

It is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you.

On your computer or smartphone, add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping! (Does not work with the amazon app)

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in helping with one of these special events, or would like more information, please check out [www.alkipta.com/Volunteer](http://www.alkipta.com/Volunteer), or email [president@alkipta.com](mailto:president@alkipta.com). There are opportunities large and small... something for everyone!

## STAFF HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Bring food, help set up the librator clean up and pack up left overs at the end of the day! Your help is appreciated! Visit: [tinyurl.com/AlkiLuncheon2018](http://tinyurl.com/AlkiLuncheon2018)

## SCHOOL LUNCHROOM HELPER NEEDED

Open milk cartons & packages, help with the lunch line! We want to maximize the time the kids get to eat! Visit [bit.ly/AlkiVolunteer](http://bit.ly/AlkiVolunteer) to sign up.

## ROOM PARENTS WANTED

Room parents provide help to our teachers so that they can devote their time to teaching our kids. Make sure your classroom has a PTA room parent, check here: [tinyurl.com/PTARoomParent](http://tinyurl.com/PTARoomParent).

## ALKI STUDENTS SOAR! ALKI WAY TICKET 2.0

Once a month, hang Alki Way Tickets on the Alki Seagull hanging on in the main hallway. Contact: Melia Scranton [msgorge@seattleschools.org](mailto:msgorge@seattleschools.org)

thank  
YOU

The first (of many to come!) Family Movie Night was a delight, and if you couldn't watch Willy Wonka with us we hope you'll be able to join us for the next round. We were able to watch spoiled Veruca Salt on that big beautiful screen and listen to Gene Wilder inspire us to engage in pure imagination thanks to **Randy Foster**, who brought in his own professional setup for all of us to enjoy. **Jenna Andersen, Bree Foster, Tom Harris, Mel Spiker, Stephanie Raymond**, and **Yen Matsutomi** also were an important part of the team that made this night happen. Let's do it again in the spring!

Thank you to all that Dined-Out at MOD Pizza on November 7th to support Alki Elementary! Big thanks to our Fundraising Chair, **Amy Cheng** for putting this opportunity together. We look forward to more opportunities in the coming months to join other Alki Families at local businesses.

Thank you to Reflections Chair, **Lindsay Yost**, for her time and effort in making this year's reflections program a success, hanging Seattle Council's 200+ entries at the Seattle Armory, and for offering art workshops after school with **Vanessa Longacre-Wilcox**. Please see the Reflections bulliten board in the main hallway. Congrats to every participant!





## AUCTION NIGHT BROKE RECORDS: \$100,000 & CLIMBING

WOW! What an amazing night! Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, sponsored, volunteered, shaved? Last Saturday was nuts... and not just because of the crazy amount of money we raised for our school (**\$100,000 and counting**)!!! But between switching all of our procurement to online, opening up **Teacher Experience/Buy-Ins pre-auction online, focusing on Sponsorships, Selling Tables**, and new this year our **Giving Tree** (where we raised \$675 to give back to Families in need this season)... this years Auction team pulled out all of the stops to make it easier, more accessible, and more fun for EVERYONE to be able to

participate in our biggest fundraiser. I am so proud of our 2018 Auction Team (listed below)... we did it guys!

Please don't forget to check out the catalog online where we're opening back up all of the Buy-Ins that didn't sell. ([tinyurl.com/AlkiCatalog18](http://tinyurl.com/AlkiCatalog18))

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your generosity last weekend and with not only your money, but of your time. ... I truly appreciate it. You da best Alki!

Angela Powell (2018 Auction Chair)

### *the* HIGHLIGHTS

GRADE BASKETS  
\$1,500

KID ART  
\$6,700

DESSERT DASH  
\$4,400

RAFFLE  
\$2,020

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\$5,000

BUY-INS  
\$4,825

TEACHER EXPERIENCES  
\$6,330

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## THANK YOU AUCTION TEAM

### A SPECIAL THANKS to our Auction Committee:

- Auction Chair, Graphics, Live Show, Ticket & Raffle Sales: **Angela Powell**
- Procurement Leads & Glamorous Live Vanna Whites: **Pamela Boyd & Jessica Meeds**
- Procurement Support: **Kiera Silva, Pauline Chardoul-Sutter, Melissa Spiker-Cooper, Brooke Buckingham**
- Database Lead, Procurement, Jell-o Master & Grade Basket Coordinator: **Ali Pankop**
- Sponsorship Lead: **Amy Cheng-Barak**
- Buy-In Coordinator & Database: **Amy Cooper**
- Teacher Experiences: **Laurie Rasmussen**
- Kid Art Coordinators: **Vanessa Longacre-Wilcox & Ingrid Seuss-Harkleroad**
- Kid Art Volunteers: **Adam Barone, Erik Bell, Heather Brincko, Amy Cooper, Courtney Frank Teitler, Marieka Freestar, Salleigh**

**Knox, Cheryl Meckley, Laurie Rasmussen, Jennifer Ross, Akemi Sakaida, Mel Spiker-Cooper, Britney Straus, Nicole Turpen, Saki Uehara-Bingen, Ming-Lee Yuan**

- Check In/Close Out Lead: **Brooke Fitterer**
- Check In/Close Out Support: **Emily Anderson, Rachelle Daugherty, Heidi Fahy, Mike Fahy, Kirsty Grainger, Erin Joy Kelley, Erin C. Kelley, Laetitia Rettori, Jessie Ryan, Robin Thaler**
- Dessert Dash: **Davina Dille**
- Decorations Team: **Barbara Ott, Heather Lawless, Angela Powell, Melissa Spiker-Cooper & Mark Turpen**
- Auction Printing: **Mary Roper**
- Photobooth: **Jenna Andersen**
- Raise the Paddle Video: **Wes Dorne & Timothy McGuire**
- Auctioneer & Hosts: **Mike Powell & Roy Tuscany**
- DJ: **Sang-Do Lee**



*but wait... there's more*

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