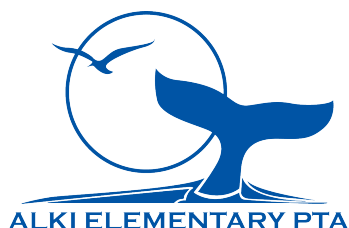


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7	Dine Out - MOD Pizza (All Day)					
8	PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)					
8	LGBTQ Family Dinner (Meany Middle School)					
9	Veteran's Day Assembly					
12	NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day					
15	Camp (4th/5th Grade) Information Night (3-4PM)					
15	Family Movie Night - Willy Wonka (5:45 PM)					
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)					
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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					



UPCOMING EVENTS



Dine Out at MOD Pizza TODAY!!

Wednesday, Nov. 7th (all day)

Present the flyer (copy on last page) to the cashier and 20% of your order will be donated back to Alki Elementary PTA. Dine at the restaurant or call ahead. Online orders will not be counted towards this fundraiser. Go to alkipta.com & show the flyer on your phone.

Alki Family Movie Night:

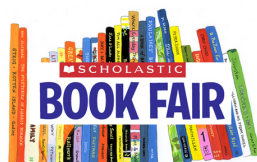
Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

Thursday, Nov. 15th (5:45 -7:45 PM)



Join us for a FREE family fun event! Alki students, family & friends are invited to watch Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) in honor of this year's PTA Musical. Wear your PJs, bring a sleeping bag/ pillow/ chair to the Alki Gymnasium- whatever makes you comfortable! Adults must stay with their children as this is a family event (not a drop off). Popcorn available - pay what you can. You are encouraged to bring your own water bottle.

RSVP at tinyurl.com/WillyWonkaMovieNight



Scholastic Fall Book Fair

November 26 - 30th

This is our library's fundraiser for the year. All proceeds go towards new books and library supplies. Thank you for supporting Alki's Library!

The book fair will be open:

Daily 7:15-8:00 AM

Monday - Thursday 2:15-3:30 PM

Wednesday evening 5:00-7:00 PM (There will also be a Poetry Open Mic event)

Book fair closes at noon on Friday.



LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL DEESE

Aloha Alki Community,

November is Creativity & Curiosity month!

This month we are celebrating the creative expressions of our students! Here are some fun resources for you to experience this month at home:

- An inspiring video about being creative: <http://cainesarcade.com/>
- At home science experiments: <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html>
- Art projects: <https://artprojectsforkids.org/>

November is a busy month at Alki, see below for all the upcoming school dates!

Nov 1st- Kick off Global Reading Challenge (4th & 5th Graders)

Nov 9th- Veteran's Day Assembly

Nov 14th- Parent-Teacher Conferences (1:30-7pm)

Nov 15th- 4th & 5th Grade Camp Parent Info Session (3-4pm in Library)

Nov 19-21st- Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school)

Nov 22-23- Thanksgiving Break (no school)

Nov 26th- Building Leadership Team Meeting (2:35-3:35pm)

Nov 26-Nov 30th- Fall Book Fair

Nov 28th- Poetry Open Mic Night (during evening Book Fair hours)

Nov 29th- Individual Picture Retakes

Nov 30th- Shelter-in-Place Safety Drill

In this season of being thankful, I would like to extend my gratitude for all you! Thank you for all your continued support for our school community! Go Seagulls!!!

With love and appreciation,

Rena Deese

Alki Elementary Principal

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

November 14 & November 19 through the 21st.

If you have not yet signed up with your child's teacher, please contact them ASAP to schedule.



LETTER FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Last month I attended Washington State PTA's Legislative Assembly at Green River College, alongside **Vanessa Longacre-Wilcox** and **Lindsay Yost**. Legislative Assembly is a chance for voting delegates from every PTA (we were allowed to send up to 5) to talk about what we want Washington State PTA efforts to focus on throughout the coming year. If you'd like to learn more about what was voted in, please see the Advocacy section of this newsletter for the write-up by Vanessa. My favorite part was watching parliamentary procedure work its magic in a room full of people from across the state, civilly discussing and advocating for things like early education, climate change, and gun control measures. If you're interested in public policy and advocacy work please send an email to advocacy@alkipta.com and we'll get you set up as a voting delegate for next year's Legislative Assembly!

If you were able to attend the Kinder Potluck, Walk to School Day, and Heroes and Donuts this month you know that we have the *best* volunteers. These events take a significant amount of work and coordination and our community wouldn't be the same without them. By the time you read this we've boogied down together at Alki Family Skate Night. That event came about because **Amy Cooper** noticed that Southgate Roller Rink offers exclusive use of the rink with a 50-person minimum. If you ever spot an opportunity like that, events@alkipta.com would love to hear about it!

Our kids will be hearing about **Creativity and Curiosity** this month. Curiosity is something I struggle with as an adult. With all of the items building up on my to-do list it doesn't feel like there's a lot of room to stop and ask questions. Bill Gates reads 50 books a year, something he attributes to being a very curious person. I'm sure it also has something to do with his ability to process information at a very fast rate, but there's still something there for all of us to draw from. He's a really busy guy, but he makes the time. He makes the time to be curious, other very successful individuals make the time to be creative. The best way to teach our kids how to integrate creativity and curiosity into their lives is to lead by example.

Onward!

Jenna Andersen

Alki PTA President

PTA MEETING TOMORROW!

Thursday, November 8th
Alki Library (6:30 - 7:30 PM)

Free Childcare available. Sign up at
tinyurl.com/PTAMeetingChildcare

AGENDA

Call To Order

Approval or Correction of October 3rd
General Meeting Minutes

New Business

- Welcome Wagon - Bree Coven
- Winter Musical - Amy Cooper
- Any new business from the floor?

Reports

- Principal/BLT
- Board Reports
- Auction Committee

Thank you/Announcements

- A big thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Kinder Potluck, Walk to School Day, Heroes & Donuts, and Curriculum Night!
- It was great to see everyone out at Family Skate Night! Thank you!
- No School - Veterans Day - Monday, Nov. 12
- Inclusion Committee Meeting - Wednesday, Nov. 14, 8:15-9:15am
- Family Movie Night/Willy Wonka - Thursday, Nov. 15, 5:45pm - 7:45pm
- No School - Conferences, Nov. 19-21
- No School - Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 22-23
- Building Leadership Meeting - Nov. 26, 2:35pm-3:35pm
- Auction - December 1

Adjourn - Next Meeting Wednesday,
December 5th (6:30 - 7:30 PM) in the Alki
Library

INCLUSION COMMITTEE

LISTENING HOURS

Listening Hours are private conversations between you and volunteers trained in Empathic Listening. Our goal is to open up conversations about experiences related to diversity, culture, and inclusion at Alki Elementary. All sessions are confidential. To view November's listening hours schedule, visit tinyurl.com/InclusionListeningHours

INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING

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.

Want to join the Inclusion Committee or just learn more about it? Join us at Ampersand Cafe on Wednesday, November 14 (8:15 - 9:15 AM). Please feel free to email members at inclusion.alki@gmail.com



Empathic Listening - Connecting Across Differences: An Introduction to Nonviolent Communication

Fairmont Park Elementary
November 13th (7:30-8:30 PM)

Join Fairmont Park Elementary for an evening focused on strengthening your ability to understand and connect with your kids, partners, peers, community, and yourself with Alki Grandparent and Author, Sura Hart. Attendees will be inspired, energized, and enjoy activities that will open your eyes and ears to new ways to listen. Free and open to all.



Alki PTA Membership **Raffle** Winner (of an amazing Gift Basket!) will be announced at the November PTA General Meeting. All members are entered to win so JOIN NOW www.pt-avenue.com/join. (You do not have to be present to win).

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LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS

TICKET SALES CLOSE SUNDAY, NOV. 25

Join us on December 1st for PTA's Annual Auction – Alki Après! Popular in the Alps, Après Ski refers to going out, having drinks, dancing, and socializing after a day on the slopes.

Mix that in with an Auction supporting Alki Elementary and you've got yourself a recipe for a night of FUN-draising.



The kids and their parent volunteer artists have been hard at work this month working on their pieces for the live auction. To get an up-close view of these PRICELESS pieces, be sure to check out the stage at some point during the silent auction to get an up-close look at all the creative details that our student artists have put their heart into.

LIFT TICKET GETS YOU IN.

Where you will enjoy après themed appetizers, drinks, & plated dinner.

TICKETS: \$65 (until 11.25)

BID YOUR BOOTS OFF.

We have everything from Silent & Live Auction, to our Priceless Student Art, a Dessert Dash, & the Alki Elementary staff's Raise the Paddle.

SNOW-CAP YOUR NIGHT

And that's not all! We will have Alki Dad - DJ Sang-Do spinning after the live auction for you to get your dance on!



BUY TICKETS ONLINE
TINYURL.COM/ALKIAUCTION2018

WHAT TO WEAR?

Think warm winter/ski/casual like you are just coming off the slopes. sweaters, beanies, flannel, goggles, scarves, boots, etc. etc. Trust that you will not be alone. Alki loves a good theme and participation is encouraged!



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WE NEED YOUR HELP

THIS IS THE TIME WHEN WE NEED YOUR HELP THE MOST TO MAKE THIS NIGHT HAPPEN!

The Auction doesn't happen without the help of volunteers. Whether you can help with decorations, the night-of staff, writing Thank Yous, Selling Tickets, or any of the options below. We could use your help!

SIGNUP HERE:
TINYURL.COM/
AUCTIONVOLUNTEER18

JOIN THE PREP PARTIES

Busy the weekend of the Auction and want to know other ways you can contribute? Join one or all of our prep parties. The more people the merrier and even better IT GOES FAST!

DECORATIONS PREP-PARTY

Friday, Nov. 9 (8:00 - 10:00 AM) // Alki Elementary Cafeteria

Let your creative juices flow and help create the decorations that will turn the Hall @ Fauntleroy into the ultimate ski lodge.

BASKET MAKING PREP-PARTY

Sunday, Nov. 25 (1:00 - 5:00 PM) // Ali Pankop House (address closer to date)

Create baskets of items for the silent auction. Make bid sheets, and do other small tasks to help prepare for an awesome auction! Please buy/bring any baskets you are willing to donate.

EASEL/ENVELOPE STUFFING PREP-PARTY

Friday, Nov. 30 (8:00 - 10:00 AM) // Alki Elementary Cafeteria

Come by after drop off and help us stuff procurement envelopes (gift certificates etc.) and put item description sheetes in easels

SIGN UP HERE

OPEN POSITIONS

TRANSPORT ITEMS TO HALL

Saturday, Dec. 1 (9:00 - 11:00 AM)
Locations TBA

Drive auction items from homes around Alki to the Hall at Fauntleroy

PICK UP DESSERTS

Saturday, Dec. 1 (9:00 - 11:00 AM)
Locations TBA

Pick up donated desserts and deliver to the Hall

AUCTION SET-UP

Saturday, Dec. 1 (9:30 AM - 12:30 PM)
Hall at Fauntleroy

Set up items on silent auction tables, set out bid sheets, pens and decorations

AUCTION SET-UP

Saturday, Dec. 1 (11:00 - 2:00 PM)
Hall at Fauntleroy

Set up items on silent auction tables, set out bid sheets, pens and decorations

AUCTION NIGHT-OF STAFF

Saturday, Dec. 1 (5:00 - 10:00 PM)
Hall at Fauntleroy

Help with writing down drink orders, helping manage the silent auction tables, bagging auction items for guests to take home.

GREETERS

Saturday, Dec. 1 (5:15 - 7:00 PM)
Hall at Fauntleroy

Welcome guests and encourage people to buy raffle tickets at check-in

BAR ATTENDANT (SILENT)

Saturday, Dec. 1 (5:30 - 7:00 PM)
Hall at Fauntleroy

Help keep tally of the bar orders during the silent auction.

CLEAN UP CREW

Saturday, Dec. 1 (11:00 PM - 1:00 AM)
Hall at Fauntleroy

Take down decorations and clean up at the end of the night

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CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

AUCTION GRADE BAND BASKETS



What is a Grade Band Basket? Parents and families contribute items and the auction team assembles themed basket to be auctioned off at Alki Apres. This is a great and easy way for everyone to contribute as much as they can. The wishlist is filled with ideas for the theme, but please feel free to contribute additional items (Hot cocoa, chocolates, tea, wine, etc). They are appreciated as well!

Contributing items for your Grade Band Basket is easier than ever:

AMAZON WISH LIST: Simply order from the wish list and the item(s) will magically be mailed to our Auction Team to assemble the baskets to Auction!

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL DROP OFF: Our auction team will be collecting items before and after school each FRIDAY until November 16th. Look for our sign on the playground (or school hallway if it is raining).

EVENING DROP OFF: You can always email us (info@alkipta.com) to make other arrangements. We can provide you with an easy evening drop off location or pick them up from you.

(KINDERGARTEN) ALKI BEACH DAY BASKET
(40% Complete)

(1ST GRADE) FAMILY NIGHT BASKET
(85% Complete)

(2ND GRADE) RAINY DAY BASKET
(70% Complete)

(3RD GRADE) MASTER LEGO BUILDER BASKET
(50% Complete)

★ **(4TH GRADE) DAY ON THE MOUNTAIN BASKET**
(26% Complete)

(5TH GRADE) RELAX & RECHARGE BASKET
(78% Complete)

★ **(ALL GRADES) TEACHER APPRECIATION BASKET**
(13% Complete)

NEW THIS YEAR: The Staff Appreciation Basket! Everyone is invited to contribute to this basket! What makes this one unique is that the winning bidder of this basket gets to decide which teacher/staff member gets to keep the basket!

In addition to the Amazon Wishlist items, the staff would love gift cards to local restaurants, Target, and Lakeshore.

➦ **TINYURL.COM/GRADEBASKETS18**

DESSERT DASH

Do you love to bake? Do you have a favorite dessert from a bakery that you are willing to donate? We currently are in search of 12 more desserts for our Dessert Dash!

EMAIL DAVINA DILLEY: THEDGREEN@YAHOO.COM

NEED CHILDCARE TO ATTEND?

Island Time Kids Place

**5:00 - 11:00 PM
\$30 per child**

Ages: 5-14 Years Old
Pizza, Games, Movies, & Crafts
Register here: IslandTimeKids.com



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, or email info@alkipta.com. There are opportunities large and small... something for everyone!

ONE-ON-ONE READING TUTORING (K-2 STUDENTS)

After you have completed your volunteer paperwork, visit bit.ly/AlkiVolunteer or contact Ms. Iba for more information.

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 to sign up.

ROOM PARENTS WANTED

Room parents provide help to our teachers so that they can devote their time to teaching our kids. A room parent facilitates communication between the PTA and other parents in the class. They can also act as a liaison between the teacher and the parents or do various tasks to aid the teacher at the teacher's request. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/PTARoomParent.



We are so thankful for all of the hard-working volunteers that make Alki Elementary the best!

Last month started strong with our Kindergarten Potluck Social. **Nicole Turpen** and **Brenda Gage** worked their magic and

turned the lunchroom into a fun family event, complete with an adorable photo booth!



Bryan Fiedorczyk deserves a round of applause for making our Walk to School day the engaging and successful event that it was! He applied for and was granted the Safe Routes to School Mini Grant through Seattle Department of Transportation, which funded the purchase of the reflective/safety items we gave

out to students who walked to school that day. We deeply appreciate that he took on both organizing the event and finding a way to make it extra special with the small items kids were able to collect after their successful completion of the walk to school.

Thank you to **Tom Harris** for chairing Heroes and Donuts this year with a record turnout and to **Andy Kirkland** for supplying the Starbucks coffee. We don't want to forget to thank **Ali Pankop, Emily Harris, Lindsay Yost, Valerie Goulart, and Lorenzo Giacani** for their help with set up/cleanup. What a fun morning!



Thank you to **Tom Harris, Emily Harris, John Patzer, Heather Lawless, Chris Bertelli, Christina Svetlik, and Kristy Whitney** for acting as childcare supervisors at Curriculum Night. Teachers were able to present detailed information to parents and answer questions thanks to their efforts!

A big thank you to **Britney Straus, Nicole and Mark Turpen, and Philip Vanstone** for assisting the photographers on picture day. The day ran smoothly because of wonderful parent volunteers like them! We appreciate you clearing your day and running around making sure our children were looking good!



Thank you to **Amy Cooper** for taking the initiative and heading up Drama Club, which raised necessary money for the Winter Musical. Congrats to a job well done! Alki PTA's first ever after school Drama Club came to a close after 5 weeks of learning drama games, stage basics, characterization and crazy scenes! Thanks to the 30 Alki thespians and families for supporting their actors at their evening performance of Shel Silverstein poems on October 29th. Thank you to those parents whose help supervising made it possible: **Chris Bertelli, Elsy Davison, Amy Evans, Paulette Athan, Robin Thaler, Lindsay McDonald, Nicole Leckband Ferrer and Stephanie Raymond.**



CONGRATULATIONS

to Principal Deese who was surprised last week at the morning assembly with the Thomas B. Foster Award for Excellence from the Alliance for Education! The award, along with a large grant for the school, is given annually to an outstanding Seattle Public School Principal who



exemplifies excellence and effectiveness in improvement of student achievement, leadership and team building, innovation in educational and administrative techniques, leadership participation in school-wide and district initiatives, and prudent and creative use of resources. We are proud to have such a remarkable leader. This award could not go to a more deserving individual!



VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Friday, November. 9th (8:00 AM)

Families are always welcome to join any of our assemblies! Our first grade team will be leading us in honoring those who have served or are currently serving in our country's military. Please send pictures of those you would like to honor to ajdelacour@seattleschools.org for a special presentation.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY

November 29th

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Did you miss picture day? Order online at www.yuenluischools.com search "Alki."



Come hear about what the camp experience will be like for your child!

Ask questions!

Receive Camp Paperwork

Let us help you eliminate any barriers to your child attending camp this year!

We hope you join us!

NOVEMBER 15TH
3:00PM – 4:00PM

ALKI LIBRARY
4TH/5TH GRADE CAMP
INFORMATION NIGHT

For those that are unable to attend, we will be video recording this session and making it available to families to view at home.

COMMUNITY



Seattle Public Schools presents...

LGBTQ Families Dinner

301 21st Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112
Cost: Free! Dinner Provided!
Made possible through donations to the Health Education Office

RSVP with your party count to:
brham@seattleschools.org



**Thursday, November 8th,
2018**
**from 6:00pm-8:00pm at
Meany Middle School**



WSHS MINI CHEER CAMP

West Seattle High School Mini Cheer Camp

Saturday, November 17, 2018 (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

Parent performance at 1:00 PM

FOR K- 8th GRADERS! K-8th grade kids will have a great time learning fun cheers and making crafts with the Westside cheerleaders. Campers will receive a tee shirt and official team hair bow, picture of themselves with the cheerleader AND perform as an honorary West Seattle Cheerleader at an upcoming home basketball game!

WHERE: West Seattle High School Gym, 3000 California Ave SW 98116

Please send a sack lunch and water bottle. Participants need to wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes they can dance and jump in

COST: \$60 (t-shirt, hairbow and pennant included). Space is limited. Contact Nadine Nguyen at wshsminicheercamp@gmail.com to register.

ADVOCACY CORNER

So... fundraising and the PTA... Can we talk?

Many of you have probably seen the story from KUOW about local Seattle PTAs and the disparities between fundraising in schools in our area.

The article talks about how some PTAs raise hundreds of thousands of dollars and some don't have the ability to raise anything at all. As an example, West Seattle Elementary (which is four miles from Alki) does not have a PTA and does not have the ability to fundraise in the same way Alki does. On the other hand, Genesee Hill (which is 1.5 miles from Alki) has an annual budget of over \$300,000. Alki PTA has a budget of \$192,000 this year. In the KUOW article, you can see the very wide range of PTA income throughout all of Seattle.

This raises many questions; things it would be great for us to wrestle with, talk about, and figure out what we think as a community (share your thoughts - survey link below). One thing is clear though, when it comes to funding for schools, it is hard to compare apples to apples in terms of resources.

2018 Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly Recap

Last month PTA members from across the state met to discuss important issues that students and families are facing. The following issues were adopted to the state advocacy platform and five were selected as the top 5 issues for focus by the delegation.

- Best Practices for School Meals Lunch
- Strategic K-12 Investments to close Gaps
- Engaging Families in Student Success
- Best Practices for school Recess
- Prevent Gun Violence
- Increase Access to High-Quality Preschool
- Safer School Plans and Emergency Preparedness
- Raise the Age of Tobacco & Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems to 21
- School Construction and Simple majority for Bonds
- Social Emotional Learning



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. 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! -Vanessa Longacre-Wilcox, Advocacy Chair (advocacy@alkipta.com)

Here are some basic problems with comparing resources in schools today:

- Seattle Public Schools (SPS) are not fully funded by Washington State. Last year, the legislature added over a billion dollars to school funding state-wide but not only was it not enough, their new funding model actually reduced money to districts like Seattle because it restricted individual districts' ability to raise money via levies.
- Our district struggles with creating equitable outcomes for kids. SPS has a moral responsibility to focus on fixing that. This means that funds need to be prioritized for schools with the highest level of need. How many actual dollars and resources one school might need to provide the same level of support as another school might vary dramatically. With limited funds, that means that some high needs students are left behind if they are at schools that don't meet the criteria for additional funding as a whole.
- Families from schools with higher income populations tend to supplement school programs through PTA donations. In many cases, this widens the gap between access to programs and opportunities from school to school. However, PTAs providing funding for positions like school counselors and interventionists works to close gaps for students within an individual school.

Alki Elementary relies heavily on the funding provided by PTA to supplement what it gets from the district. In December, Alki PTA will be asking for help to support these programs by hosting our annual auction. If we do not meet our fundraising goals, many important services and beloved programs are at risk.

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ADVOCACY CORNER

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Alki PTA's annual budget is made up of different categories of expenses. Some are essential services that if education was fully funded by the State Legislature, would be paid for by the school district.

For example, this year Alki Elementary was faced with a choice in how to use allocated funds. Having only enough money to pay for either an academic interventionist (who has been at the school for over 20 years and serves kids who are struggling or need additional challenge academically) or our part-time counselor (who has been at the school for multiple years and provides individual, classroom, and school-wide support.) A choice between our students' academic success and their emotional well-being, is not a choice, it is a lose/lose situation. Our students clearly need both and Alki PTA voted last year to pay for the school counselor position to the tune of over \$55,000.

Some of what Alki PTA pays for are enrichment opportunities, and many other items paid for fall somewhere between essential (i.e. emergency preparedness supplies), mundane (i.e. photocopies) and enrichment (i.e. Writers in the Schools.)

Upcoming Advocacy Opportunities:

Community Meetings with School Board Director Leslie Harris

- November 18, 2018 3:00 - 5:00 PM Seattle Public Library - High Point Branch

Seattle Public School Board Meetings

- November 14, 2018 4:15 to 8:30 PM - John Stanford Center 2445 3rd Avenue South, Seattle
- December 5, 2018 4:15 to 8:30 PM - John Stanford Center 2445 3rd Avenue South, Seattle

Let's a closer look at what else Alki PTA pays for:

School Operations and Educational Programs Funds - 72% of Annual Budget

Part-time School Counselor, Office/Health/Tutoring/Playground Hourly Staff Support, Emergency Preparedness Supplies, English Language Arts Materials, Field Trip Scholarships, Safety Patrol, Flash Night (Health night), PE Equipment, Writers In the Schools (WITS), Alki Adventures, Camp Burton, Roots of Empathy, National Spelling Bee, IXL Math License, Global Reading Challenge, and more...

Self-Sustaining Programs - Fully Funded by their Revenue - 19% of annual budget

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

PTA Operations -General Business & Non-profit Expenses - 5% of annual budget

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 - 4% of annual budget

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

As we, as a city and a school, wrestle with these issues, we want to hear from you. What do you think about PTAs supplementing the district through fundraising? Let us know your thoughts in this anonymous survey:

TAKE THE SURVEY

www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVWKZFW

Referenced articles:

<https://www.kuow.org/stories/some-seattle-school-ptas-can-afford-extra-teachers-should-they-spread-the-wealth>

"Seattle schools have biggest white-black achievement gap in state"

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/data/seattle-schools-have-biggest-white-black-achievement-gap-in-state/>



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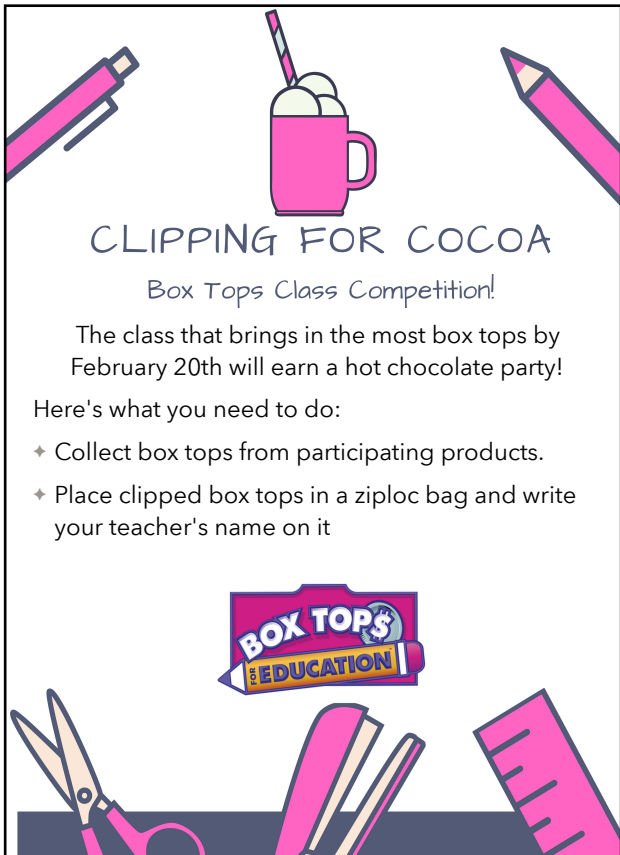
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