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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: EARLY RELEASE 1:25 PM

AUCTION PLANNING TACO TUESDAY 6PM (See Page 4)

POPSICLE SOCIAL 2:00 - 3:00 PM





25 YEARBOOKS LEFT! ORDER & GET IT DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME!

Thanks everyone for their orders this year! Did you forget? Good news, we have around 25 books left and our coordinator can deliver to you over the summer. Just purchase here: tinyurl.com/AlkiYearbookLate19

Questions? Reach out to our Yearbook Coordinator, Angela Powell (angmpowell@gmail.com). Big THANK YOU to Angela for for coordinating and designing this year's yearbook! Congrats to Olivia S. (Grade 2) for this year's yearbook cover art!

CLASS PICTURES are available for \$10 from the front office! Stop in to purchase

LOST & FOUND: Stop & look before July 3rd! Stop by the Alki Lunchroom to claim your items before they are all donated to Westside Baby on July 3rd.



We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our **Alki-A-Thon** participants and donors. Our amazing Alki students ran a total of 9,806 laps and helped us raise almost \$21,000!! Congratulations to the 2019 Alki-A-Thon award winners:



Most Laps (way to go!!):

Kinders - Keena C., Miller N.

1st Grade - Clara B., Eliza C., Lina S.,
Milo R.

2nd Grade - Harper R., Peyton T.

3rd Grade - Maymuna A., Waylon R.

4th Grade - Lincoln S., Sofia B., Janie

M., Hazel R., Maya W.

5th Grade - Cameron F., Tsegu A.

Class Participation - Congrats to Roshalt/Rasmussen's class! **Class Spirit** - Congrats to Ms. G's class!

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LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL KATHY JOLLY

Dear Alki Families,

I want to thank you for welcoming me into your school community for the last two months. I have enjoyed getting to know your students and learning all about the ALKI Way! This is a wonderful school with a dedicated staff, a strong community, and great students! My last day will be Friday, June 28th. Principal Rena Deese will be returning later this summer. At this time I would also like to give a "shout out" to **Monica Connors**. Monica is one of our Special Education teachers and will not be returning to Alki in the fall. She has developed strong relationships with her students, parents and the rest of the staff. I know that she will be missed.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Kathy Jolly Interim Principal

FROM ALKI STAFF

"Special thanks to all the families who gifted books to the library for Teacher Appreciation. Everyday brought a smile to my face when opening a new box. Our students are blessed by your generosity." ~Mrs. Iba

Shout out to all our 4th and 5th grade parents and family members who helped with copying, assembling, shopping, organizing, chaperoning, building campfires, photographing, singing and caring for Alki's 4th and 5th graders while away at Camp Burton. Your time and presence is greatly appreciated. ~Alki Outdoor Ed Staff

AI KI AWARDED!

Alki Elementary School was recognized at a Washington State School Recognition Event in Olympia for high achievement in ELA, Math, and SQSS measures (school quality and student success measures)!



LETTER FROM PTA PRESIDENT TOM HARRIS



Ahhhh... Juneuary has come again

and so with it the end of the school year. But before anyone complains about the weather (and certainly not me, I love the cool and grey days), we should celebrate the incredible school year at Alki.

There are so many people to thank (as those of you who attended the 5th Grade Graduation ceremony heard), that it is impossible to list each and every volunteer who stepped up this year in big and small ways to make this place so great for our kids and staff. We do our best to thank everyone along the way and recognize their contributions. Frankly, every time you show up at a school event or talk to parent who might not feel as included in the school as others, it raises our community up. And, we couldn't do it without the teachers and staff of our school. Each and every one of them teach our kids not only academics but how to follow the Alki Way. So, rather than make a long, long list and risk leaving someone out, I'd just like to say from the bottom of this old man's heart: **THANK YOU ALKI COMMUNITY!**

Over the summer, the PTA Board will be meeting to plan the 2019-2020 school year PTA sponsored activities and events, as well as work on budgeting and the legislative agenda. If you'd like to get an early step on volunteering, or just have an idea you want to share, or a concern for next year, reach out, pick up the phone or send an email. I'll be around and happy to connect.

Get out there and enjoy the summer. The sun is sure to come out on July 5th, as it always does.

Love and respect.

Tom

Open PTA Positions for next year:

- BLT PTA Representative
- Volunteer Coordinator
- PTA Meeting Childcare Coordinator
- Advocacy Chair
- and more! Check <u>alkipta.com</u> for updates!

Interested in making a difference at Alki? Contact Tom Harris at president@alkipta.com and become a PTA leader or organize an event!

For the latest news and volunteer opportunities, please subscribe to **Alki Enews** at <u>alkipta.com/enews</u>. Newsletters are sent each week with important links and reminders.

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INCOMING KINDER DATES TO REMEMBER



ENROLL YOUR STUDENT: Settle Public Schools Enrollment has gone paperless and families can now enroll students online. Enroll online at https://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalld=627&pageld=14926.

PLAYDATES: Over the Summer, Alki Elementary will be hosting Kindergarten Playdates (Alki Playground) as a chance for incoming students and their families to get to know one another before school starts. You will get a chance to connect with our Kindergarten teachers and our PTA organization.

- •Saturday, July 27th (10:00 11:00 AM)
- •Wednesday, August 21st (5:30 6:30 PM)

POPSICLE SOCIAL: Alki also hosts a Popsicle Social event on August 29th from 2-3 PM where families can come and see class placements for the upcoming school year and a chance to meet their teacher and Alki staff. During this event, Kinder Families will have the opportunity to sign up for a one-on-one Family Connections meeting that happens the first week of September. Plus, FREE popsicles will be provided by Alki PTA.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS: All Kindergarten families have a 30 minute, one-on-one meeting with your child's teacher September 4-6th. This will be a chance for you and your child to see their classroom and the school, while getting the opportunity to build a relationship with your kindergarten teacher. if you are not able to attend the Popsicle Social event, your child's teacher will reach out to you to schedule a meeting.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL RECEPTION: The first day of school for Kindergarteners will be on Monday, September 9th. Immediately following drop off (drop off time is 7:50 AM), please join us for a PTA sponsored Kindergarten Parent Reception in the Alki Lunchroom for coffee and treats.

Questions? Contact: Stevie Kramer (smkramer@seattleschools.org)

FREE Summer Playground and Meals Program

The park sites that will be operating near Alki will be:

- Roxhill Park
- EC Hughes Park
- Highland Park

Each site will be open from 10am - 4pm, Monday - Friday, July 1 - August 23, and will have free recreation and art activities provided by AmeriCorps VISTAs. Lunches will be served from 12-1 pm, and snack from 3-3:30 pm.

We will also have these additional programs taking place at these parks:

- -Roxhill Park Skateboard Clinics- Wednesdays 1-4pm, July 3- August 21
- -Roxhill Park Environmental Learning with Parks Naturalists Thursdays 1-3pm, July 11-August 22
- -Highland Park Environmental Learning with Parks Naturalists Wednesdays 1-3pm, July 10-August 21
- -Highland Park Summer Meals Field Day Saturday, June 29th, 12pm-3pm.

For additional questions about the summer playground program, please contact Connor Durham at 206-615-0303 or by email at <u>connor.durham@seattle.gov</u>.



FREE YOURTH SWIMMING LESSONS: This summer, Seattle Parks and

Recreation (SPR) will offer free daytime youth swim lessons beginning July 1 from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday-Friday at all nine lifeguarded summer beaches.

SPR will also offer free evening swim lessons from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at all 9 lifeguarded beaches on Mondays and Thursdays. Lessons are intended for youth 6 and older. Register in person at the beach. Sign up at the beach of your choice starting June 22 during regular operating hours.

For a list of SPR's nine lifeguarded beaches as well as more information, please visit http://

www.seattle.gov/parks/find/swimming-beaches.

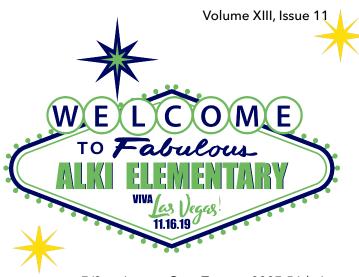


FUNDRAISING

Auction News - Viva Las Vegas 11/16/19

Let's fill all of the volunteer slots by summer. Help us reach our goal and grab a spot here: tinyurl.com/ AuctionTeam2019

The auction is organized separately from other PTA fundraising events and relies on the generosity and support of ALL parents, teachers, family and community members interested in ensuring our children have a wonderful place to learn and grow.



Come to an **informal "Taco Tuesday" auction planning** meetup on 7/9 at 6pm at Casa Turpen, 3327 56th Ave SW. We promise it will be the most fun you'll ever have volunteering!

Save the date for the hottest ticket in town, 11/16/19. Pro Tip: Get the babysitter locked down now so you are in for all the action including vow renewals, special appearances, live bidding, and more.

Do you have a timeshare, a boat, airline miles, a talent or a home you can open up for a good cause? Do you work for a company that makes charitable contributions or has matching funds? Please email <u>auction@alkipta.com</u> and make our jobs that much easier.

What would you LOVE to see at the auction? Let the auction chairs know by anonymous texting 206-999-9030.

We look forward to making this the biggest fundraiser yet... Did we say FUN? #4thekids



- Shelly Kurtz & Mark Turpen



Earn money for our school by shopping online!



- 1. Go to smile.amazon.com
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