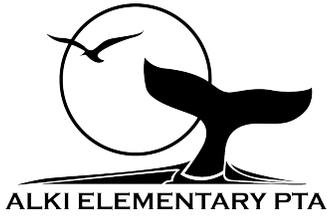


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- 2-6 Scholastic Book Fair
- 3 Picture Retake Day
- 4 PTA Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- 9 BLT Meeting (2:25 - 3:25 PM)
- 10 Dine Out: The Habit Burger Grill (noon-9:00pm)
- 11 Family Movie Night
- 12 Staff Holiday Luncheon
- 13 Principal Coffee Chat (7:30 - 8:30 AM)
- 20 1 Hour Early Dismissal

Dec. 23- Jan 3: No School (Winter Break)

REMINDER:



No School Winter Break

Dec. 23, 2019 - Jan. 3, 2020



PTA MEETING TONIGHT!

Important discussion regarding the Alki PTA Budget

Wednesday, December 4 (6:30 - 7:30 PM) Alki Cafeteria

Discuss (and possibly vote) on additional funding for school counselor, plus where additional funds raised from the auction will be spent. All are welcome, kids included. Find the agenda on page 2.



DINE OUT AT THE HABIT BURGER GRILL

Tuesday, December 10 (12:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Support Alki and try one of West Seattle's newest burger joints! Show your flyer (in KidMail or at alkipta.com) when you order and a percentage of the proceeds will benefit Alki PTA.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: The Polar Express

Wednesday, December 11th (6:00 -8:00 PM)

Wear your PJs, bring your pillow, and snuggle up in the lunchroom for a family movie night, complete with popcorn and the classic movie The Polar Express (G). This event is free. Bring the whole family!



STAFF HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thursday, December 12th

Let's show them how much they are appreciated and make them a special lunch. Sign up to provide food or volunteer your time to set up/clean up. This event is a staff favorite... it builds our community across grade bands as teachers and staff sit together and enjoy a meal prepared with our love and gratitude.

Sign up here: tinyurl.com/StaffLuncheon2019



Everyone is welcome to attend, children too! For a complete schedule of meetings, visit alkipta.com/general-pta-meetings-2019-2020

Membership Meeting Agenda December 4, 2019 (6:30-7:30 PM)

Alki Elementary Cafeteria

** Book Fair in the Library from 5-7 PM **

CALL TO ORDER

- Icebreaker
- Approval/Correction of November Minutes

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- President Report
- Treasurer Report
- Discussion and vote re: Increase in Counselor salary (estimate - \$16,400)
- Membership Report

NEW BUSINESS

- Auction Report
- Musical Report
- School of Excellence Survey results
- Seattle Council PTSA report
- Math Night on February 7, 2019
- \$1000 grant awarded - Be Internet Awesome Family Workshops, sponsored by Google.
- New business from the floor

GRATITUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dine Out at The Habit Burger Grill, Tuesday, Dec. 10th (noon-9:00 PM)
- Family Movie Night: The Polar Express, Wednesday, Dec, 11th (6:00-8:00 PM) Alki Lunchroom

VOLUNTEERING NEEDS

- Looking for a Staff Holiday Luncheon Co-Chair (Luncheon is Thursday, Dec. 12th). Sign up at tinyurl.com/StaffLuncheon2019
- Math Night & Internet Awesome Family Workshops
- Family Resource Center Sign Up
- Open PTA Board Positions: Volunteer Coordinator, Advocacy Chair, Events Chair

ADJOURN

LETTER FROM PTA PRESIDENT TOM HARRIS



Alki Elementary community! As I'm sure most of you are aware, 2019's Viva Las Vegas auction was a great success! The totals are coming in and they are mind blowing! Our community has once again demonstrated endless bounds of generosity, in the spirit of supporting all students at Alki Elementary.

The entire auction committee team worked tirelessly, and their enthusiasm was contagious as they canvassed our community to procure items for the auction to benefit our school and to support our children. It was humbling to say the least. **Shelley Kurtz** and **Mark Turpen** were like the perfect storm, as they kept their team's morale high and everyone motivated until they crossed the finish line with an unprecedented success. When you see them, make sure you give them a fist bump and a hearty thanks, and congratulate them on a job well done!

Our general membership meeting scheduled for December 4th could be one of the most important meetings this year, with the potential of influencing our budget and shaping our philosophy of how we fund our school for years to come. Please attend to gain insight on the sustainability of our finances, and to voice what you think is important to the health of our school and organization's financial well being.

This school belongs to all of us and you can have a say in how our budget is shaped. I ask for everyone to understand that we may not agree on everything, but that doesn't mean we have lost sight of how important supporting our school and our children is. All we have to do is look at how respectful our kids are to one another and let that be our compass. They have a lot to teach us.

-Tom Harris
president@alkipta.com

Friday Mornings: Brew at the Bell

Look for PTA President Tom Harris on the playground most Friday mornings and ask the tough questions, share your ideas, learn what is new, or just say hello and enjoy a cup of coffee!

Fridays from 7:30 - 8:30 AM
Alki Blacktop

Alki teachers and staff would like to send a huge

Thank You

to all the auction volunteers and donors! We are grateful for all your hard work and your dedication to our school!

Sincerely,

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Ms. Aspinwall

MR. HARIJAN

Ms. Cicero
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December 4, 2019

ALKI AUCTION UPDATE

Thank you for all of your support for our wonderful community with this year's auction fundraiser. We set out to create a focus on ONE ALKI and we did it! We celebrated our teachers, staff, parents, friends, local businesses and most of all, our kiddos who took front stage as "Our Why" with smiling faces, one of a kind "Angels of Alki" ornaments and special classroom kid art, not to mention a whole lot of fun and fundraising. This year's auction brought in over \$147,000 and counting. That's \$40,000 more than last year, thanks to YOU! It was especially rewarding to see so many new faces in the crowd.

Putting on a special event is a lot of work and we couldn't have done it without hundreds of volunteer hours from parents and generous in-kind support by hundreds of businesses.

This year's auction had so many unique items and new donors, thanks to outreach by our 'Volunteer of the Year', **Courtney Teitler** and her family. We were joined by a team of dozens of volunteers and would like to thank everyone who contributed to the auction. Special kudos to **Lee Anne Hughes** for many late nights as well.

Even though our trip to Vegas is complete, there are still 5 important ways to help push us to the finish line over our \$150,000 milestone and create more opportunity for Alki Elementary kids, our teachers and the support staff.

- 1** - Purchase one of a kind buy-in parties or specialty items in the online catalog before they're gone at <http://tinyurl.com/alki2019>. **Fun fact:** Over \$10,000 has been raised from online sales.
- 2** - Shop small and find a special ornament or kid pic (or both!) on display in the Alki office for only \$20 each and take home special holiday treasures. Checks can be dropped in the Alki PTA mailbox or payment can be made online by emailing auction@alkipta.com. **Fun fact:** Each ornament is hand painted by Alki kids and multiple kid prints can be ordered as gifts.
- 3** - Make an online donation through the Direct Give portal and encourage your friends and family to donate to the cause at <https://tinyurl.com/Alki2019>. **Fun fact:** Hammer & Hand Home Builders donated \$2,000 to our auction fundraising because of a direct ask!
- 4** - Turn in your receipts to employers for matching funds. **Fun fact:** over \$5,000 is coming to Alki through employee matching!
- 5** - Join us at the Dec. 4th PTA meeting and vote your approval to dedicate important dollars to funding gaps. **(Not so)** **Fun fact:** Currently, Alki Elementary only receives funding to allocate a school nurse 1.5 days a week.

It takes a village to raise our kids in a healthy environment and we are so grateful to be a small part of creating ONE ALKI with you. Thanks for going #allin4alki



Special thanks to our platinum sponsor



- 2019 Alki Auction Co-Chairs, Shelly Kurtz & Mark Turpen

Special thanks to all of the **Auction Team, Auction Night Of Volunteers, Kid Art Volunteers, Buy In Party Hosts, and Dessert Dash Bakers** that helped make this a night to remember: Shelly Kurtz, Mark and Nicole Turpen, Lee Anne Hughes, Courtney and Kevin Teitler, Kiera Silva, Britney Straus, Salleigh Knox, Erica Sullivan, Ellie Neilson, Tess Perez, Hera McLeod, Janelle Sosh, Davina Dilley, Kristina Olson-Kuyper, Whitney Marois, Heidi Funston, Jillian Leingang, Pedro DeGuzman, Kylie Kirkland, Kirsty Grainger, Rachel Thomas, Marissa Roy, Akemi Sakaida, Ali Pankop, Jen Roper Gulsrud, Johanna Wrenholt, Megan Bell, Jillian Moore, Ashley Seffernick, Sabrina Ramme, Lindsay McDonald, Cat Brown, Lillie Ponnusamy, Robin Thaler, Jen Butler, Colleen Lowe, Christine Kraynek, Debby-Lee Ellis, Verl Jones, Jordan Quinn, Laetitia Rettori, Amy and Owen Reese, Lisa Chapman, Casey Howe, Melanie Granger, Wei Yan, Michelle Comazzetto, Aimee Riordan, Char and Joe Frank, Heather and Josh DeSpain, Leanna Pan, April Christiansen, Robin Kumar, Renee Umeno, Jenna Andersen, Jess Zimbabwe, Ming Yuan, Mel Spiker, Rachel Wendler, Ingrid Suess-Harkleroad, Cheryl Kurtz, Elsy Davison, Kara Luckey, Kerry Bowen, Ashley Morrison, Jenny Mesdag, Carrie McInnelly, April Christiansen, Dianne Szerlong, Laurie Rasmussen, Pamela Boyd, Dale and Jen Ross, Annie Mizuta, Kisha Vaughan, Andy Dwinell, Paul Morse, all Alki Teachers & Staff, and to everyone who donated items to this year's auction!

AROUND THE SCHOOL



Looking for Volunteer Girls On The Run Coaches!

Girls on the Run changes lives! This 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. Training provided! Become a coach (or find out more) at <https://www.gotrpugetsound.org/Coach>. Coach applications close on Friday, January 17, 2020

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. 20th

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 during this holiday season? If so, Alki can help! Please send your family's wishlist to Ms. Greenstein, our school counselor jgreenstein@seattleschools.org, 206.252.9069 or Principal Deese (rskido@seattleschools.org), 206.252.9055.

BLT Meeting

Anyone is welcome to attend Building Leadership Team meetings. More information can be found at alkipta.com/BLT

Friday, December 13, 2019 (7:30 - 8:30 AM)



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.

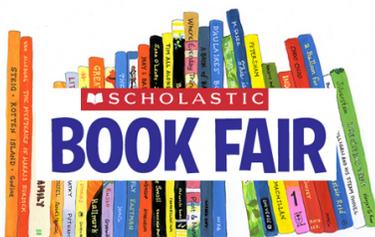
This month, I have challenged our entire school community to commit to one special, deliberate act of kindness each day for the month of December. Each student has received a blank calendar to fill in each "act of kindness" completed. Students who complete and turn in their calendar will receive a special "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 **Shelly Kurtz and Mark Turpen** 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

Topic: Checking in - How are things going?
Friday, December 13, 2019 (7:30 - 8:30 AM)
Alki Playground or Lunchroom (weather dependent)



Support the Alki Elementary Library and shop at the Scholastic Book Fair! The profits made will go directly towards purchasing books, magazines, and library supplies.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open:

Wednesday: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Thursday: 7:25 AM - 3:25 PM

Friday: 7:25 AM - Noon

THANK YOU!

Thank you Alki community for showing up and leaning into each other at our Families of Color Seattle event last month.

Christine Tang and Kristina Clark were remarkably empathetic as they created a safe space for us all to be honest and forthcoming with our experiences. They provided context and facts about the history of racism in our country, and skillfully facilitated a group dialogue that we believe deeply affected all who attended. We left with a better vision of how we can organize to dismantle racism within our community for our children's well being.

I definitely feel more connected to the community after the event, and it was encouraging to see so many show up to do this important work.

We'd like to personally extend a warm and genuine thank you to **Emily and Tom Harris** for bringing our community together for this important conversation. They saw a need and didn't hesitate to come out of pocket for our community.

Stay tuned for a list of books for our children and information about a book club families can join to keep an open dialogue on the subject.

-Mel Spiker, Alki PTA Secretary (secretary@alkipta.com)

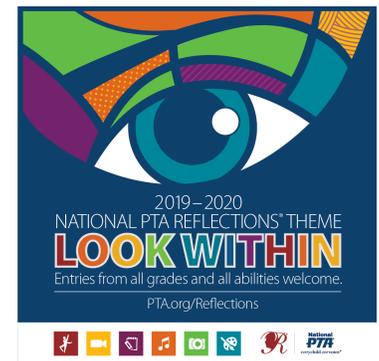


CONGRATS!

Congratulations to all of our Reflections artists! The following students will be participating in the Seattle Council PTSA Reflections exhibition at the Armory in the Seattle Center, from Dec. 3rd - 19th: Keara K., Ely T., Noelle R., Hila Rose B., Megan K., Julian K., Nora N., Keegan K., Amelia F., Annika K.

Our artists will be recognized during the Alki PTA meeting in January.

Thank you to **Casey Watson** and **Vanessa Longacre-Wilcox** for leading our Reflections workshop this year. We had a great turnout and our students created wonderful works of art!



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3. Shop!

