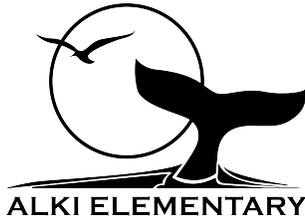


# ALKI PTA CURRENTS



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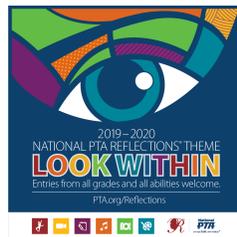
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**REMINDER:**



**No School: MLK JR. DAY**  
Monday, January 20

**No School: Day Between Semesters**  
Wednesday, January 29



**Reflections Recognition Ceremony**  
Thursday, January 9, 2020 (5:30-6:00 PM)  
Alki Library

Let's all recognize and congratulate the Alki Students that participated in this year's Reflections Art Program this Thursday. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**January PTA MEETING Thursday**  
Thursday, January 9, 2020 (6:00 - 7:30 PM) Alki Library

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY START TIME\*\***

Join in on the conversation around where PTA Dollars should go during this extended general meeting. The Alki Auction raised money to increase Nurse Room Support during the Raise the Paddle and now membership (you!) vote on the best way to accomplish this. Other items on the agenda include next year's budget timeline, welcoming anyone to join the budget committee and nominating committee, School of Excellence update, and more. As always, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Agenda can be found at [alkipta.com](http://alkipta.com)



**PTA Musical: Shrek Jr.**  
Friday, January 31st & Saturday, February 1st

Tickets available now! Reserve your seats now - tickets will go fast! Our very own Alki Thespians have been working hard for months and are ready

to hit the stage for 3 performances! Reserve your seats here: [Tinyurl.com/ShrekJr2020](http://Tinyurl.com/ShrekJr2020). A suggested donation of \$5 per ticket is appreciated.



**Alki Family Math Night**  
Thursday, February 6, 2020 (5:30 - 7:30 PM)

Alki PTA invites our families to support our student's love for math (and pizza!). Enjoy refreshments, make friends, and meet Alki families as you play alongside your child's friends and peers. Everyone spins a giant wheel and wins a door prize at the end of the event.

RSVP to [tinyurl.com/AlkiMathNight](http://tinyurl.com/AlkiMathNight).

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## THANK YOU!

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Our Alki Community is the best! Thank you ALL for everything you do!

**BOOK FAIR:** Thank you Alki families for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair. The money raised will go directly to supporting our library with new books and equipment. Thank you Ms. Iba for all that you do to make this a success!

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON:** Thank you to **everyone** that contributed their time and delicious food to this year's Staff Appreciation Holiday Luncheon! The Alki Staff raved about how delicious everything was! Also, thank you to **Ali Pankop, Kim Nelson, Mel Spiker, Saki Uehara-Bingen, Salleigh Knox, and Ksenya Lagutina** for turning the library into such a beautiful winter wonderland.

**ALKI GIVING GARLAND:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Alki Giving Garland. The generosity of our community never ceases to amaze...EVERY SINGLE SNOWFLAKE was taken and dozens of local families celebrated the holidays with a little something extra.

**ALKI FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** It takes a whole team of volunteers to make Family Movie Nights a success, from those who set up the video, move the tables, pop the popcorn to those who clean the popcorn machine and sweep after! We appreciate all of your hard work! It does not go unnoticed! Thank you to **Tom Harris** for going above and beyond to make these movie nights happen. Help out for future movie night by going to [tinyurl.com/AlkiMovieNights](http://tinyurl.com/AlkiMovieNights)

**DINE OUT:** Did you participate in last month's Dine Out at The Habit? Thank you for supporting Alki Elementary PTA! Thank you to **Dale and Jenn Ross** for organizing this event.

**GOOGLE GRANT AWARDED:** Congratulations to Alki Elementary on being selected as a recipient of the 2019 PTA Connected with Be Internet Awesome Family Workshop Grant, sponsored by Google. As a grantee, Alki PTA will receive \$1,000 in grant funds to host a Be Internet Awesome Family Workshop during the week of Safer Internet Day - February 10-14, 2020. Our Be Internet Awesome Family Workshop will take place on Thursday, February 13th. Big THANK YOU to PTA Secretary, **Mel Spiker**, for applying and winning this grant, and for the time spent planning this event.



## LETTER FROM PTA PRESIDENT TOM HARRIS

### 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

Greetings to our Alki community!

I will be quite surprised if my son will have remembered anything from the last few months. I always feel terrible that some in education, like Mrs. Seefeld, can work so hard to teach my child only to have him forget everything in a haze of apathetic parenting and way too much screen time. The best of luck to all of our teachers getting our kids brains working again in 2020. You guys are going to have a heck of a job ahead of you.

We have a very important general meeting on January 9th, the start time will be a half an hour earlier at 6pm. The reason for this is that we have a lot of ground to cover creating the framework for next year's budget, and the last meeting went over by about 45 minutes. I will attempt to be a little more involved in creating more structure to help move things along. It is very important that we get a big turnout as the more voices we have, the more equitable the outcome is. At 5:30 pm, before the general meeting, we will be recognizing our schools participants in the PTA Reflections Arts Program.

January 8th (TONIGHT) at 6:00 pm we will have our monthly movie night which we will be showing Paddington Bear 2. It is always so much fun to put these movie nights together, always enjoy seeing the kids running around the cafeteria and getting to catch up with all the parents.

I greatly look forward to the second half of the year, and thanks for all of your support and kind words. It is really been a lot of fun. Thanks to all of our volunteers they have been working so hard. I hear the musical is going to be quite the event!

-Tom Harris  
[president@alkipt.com](mailto:president@alkipt.com)

ALKI ELEMENTARY PTA PRESENTS

  
**SHREK**  
THE MUSICAL  
JR.

WEST SEATTLE HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE

**Reserve Your Tickets Now!**

**FRIDAY**  
JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
**7:00 PM**

**SATURDAY**  
FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
**11:00 AM**

**SATURDAY**  
FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
**5:00 PM**

**[TinyUrl.com/ShrekJr2020](https://TinyUrl.com/ShrekJr2020)**

Make room for ogre-sized family fun as the greatest fairy tale never told comes to life with this musical adaptation of the hit movie Shrek! Brought to you by the Alki Elementary PTA and Stone Soup Theatre Group, come out and support Alki's own 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade thespians as they show off their months of hard work. Don't delay!

Tickets will go fast!

**Suggested Donation: \$5/Ticket All Ages Show.**

There will also be bake sale and flower sales benefiting Alki PTA before and after the show!

Director Sophe Friedman, Musical Director Anna Richardson and all of Alki's musical families and performers thank you for your support of their hard work and dedication in bringing our show to life!

See you at the theater!

For more information contact [musical@alkipta.com](mailto:musical@alkipta.com)

THANKS TO OUR PLATINUM SPONSOR



## AROUND THE SCHOOL



### NEEDED: 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 School Tours** (children are welcome to attend):

Monday, January 13 (8:30-9:45 am)  
 Tuesday, January 21 (8:30-9:45 am)  
 Wednesday, January 22 (8:30-9:45 am)

Friday, January 24 (8:30-9:45 am)

**Evening Open House** for prospective families: Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 pm.

Please call our school office to reserve a tour and/or attendance to our Open House Event: (206) 252-9050

**Online registration for new students for 2020-21 school year begins: Jan. 6, 2020**

**Open Enrollment for School Choice: Feb. 3 - 14, 2020**

### Alki Rebuild- BEX Levy

Alki Elementary is part of the BEX 5 Levy which will be a full-rebuild for our school. For those interested in a reminder about the dates, see timeline below.

**2021-2022** Alki Planning Year 1

**2022-2023** Alki Planning Year 2

**2023-2024** Alki relocated to Interim Site: Schmitz Park Elementary

**2024-2025** Alki relocated to Interim Site: Schmitz Park Elementary

**2025-2026** First year in new building, return to Alki

We will be involving the community in the upcoming planning years. If you have any questions, please reach out to Principal Deese ([rskido@seattleschools.org](mailto:rskido@seattleschools.org)).



## LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL DEESE

Happy New Year Alki Community!

We hope your winter break was filled with love and happiness! We are excited to have you back and are ready to hit the ground running as we move in to 2020!

I'd like to extend a huge THANK YOU for supporting our 2019 Giving Garland- we were able to help over 20 families this holiday season! Your generosity is deeply appreciated and as always, makes me proud to be part of this Alki Community.

Our character trait this month is **grit and perseverance**. This is such an important one, the ability to keep trying and pushing forward- even when things are hard- is a trait we all strive to have and one we want for all our children. Please join us in building grit in our students by reinforcing this learning at home! Check the weekly Friday flashback for more details about what students are learning at school!

As we near the half-way point of our school year, we would like your feedback as we continue to be "always learning and always growing." In what ways could we improve and grow at Alki? What are we doing well and should continue to do? What questions do you have? Here is our active feedback link ([bit.ly/Alkifedback](https://bit.ly/Alkifedback)) this is a place to leave feedback or ask questions at any time!

Here's to our best year yet!!

Much love and appreciation,  
 Rena Deese  
 Alki Elementary Principal

### Principal Coffee Chat

Topic: Budget for 2020-2021  
 Friday, January 31, 2020 (7:30 - 8:30 AM)  
 Alki Lunchroom

### Next BLT Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2020 (2:25 - 3:25 PM)  
 Building Leadership Team meeting agenda, minutes and more can be found at [alkipta.com/BLT](http://alkipta.com/BLT)



**Membership Meeting Agenda**  
January 9, 2020 @ Alki Library 6PM - 7:30PM  
(Reflections Ceremony starts at 5:30PM)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Approval/Correction of December Meeting Minutes

**REPORTS**

- President Report
- New strategies for meetings
- Treasurer Report
- Budget Committee
  - Raise the Paddle Discussion/Vote
- Membership Report
- Online directory is live

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Musical Update
2. School of Excellence - Steering Committee/Next Steps
3. Math Night - We need volunteers for the event
  - o RSVP for Math Night at [tinyurl.com/AlkiMathNight](https://tinyurl.com/AlkiMathNight)
4. Sensory Walk coming to Alki!
5. Nominating Committee
6. New business from the floor

**GRATITUDE & VOLUNTEERING NEEDS**

- Family Movie Night Volunteers needed: sign up at [tinyurl.com/AlkiMovieNights](https://tinyurl.com/AlkiMovieNights)
- Yearbook Coordinator for Next Year: [alkipta.com/volunteer](https://alkipta.com/volunteer) for complete job description. Training to begin now.
- Volunteer at Alki (school needs): [bit.ly/alkivolunteers](https://bit.ly/alkivolunteers)

**ADJOURN**

Next Meeting:  
Wednesday, Feb 5, 2020 (6:30 - 7:30 PM)

## NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETING PROCESS STARTS NOW!

We've aligned the PTA budget process to coincide with the SPS budget timeline. As a reminder, our expense categories are usually school grants (library, hourly staff, counselor, WITS, supplies, etc.), self-sustaining PTA events (auction, musical, alki-athon, etc.), PTA community events (breakfasts, socials, staff appreciation, etc.) and operations (insurance, software subscription, printing fees, etc.).



**January - March:** Budget Committee forms and starts meeting. Discussions with Committee leads on budget needs and prior year experiences. New budget items open to be proposed by the membership.

**January - March:** Principal Budget Coffee Chats held periodically to engage in discussions with parents and hear feedback.

**January - March:** Staff meet and discuss needs and programs.

**February:** Budget Committee presentation (work-in-process) at General PTA Meeting and minimum grant vote by membership (i.e. \$115K to the school).

**March:** School grants reviewed in detail and proposed by Principal Deese and Building Leadership Team ("BLT"). The PTA school grant funds are combined with the funds received from SPS. Principal Deese and the BLT will propose the spending allocations based on this total combined income. Their process included receiving feedback from staff, students, and parents as well as looking into other funding options (grants).

**March:** Staff vote on the final budget due to SPS.

**March or April:** Budget Committee presentation of proposed PTA budget and discussion/vote by membership.

**\*\* JOIN THE BUDGET COMMITTEE \*\***

Interested in helping us plan for next year? Join the budget committee!  
Contact Nicole at [treasurer@alkipta.com](mailto:treasurer@alkipta.com)!

## Alki Online Directory

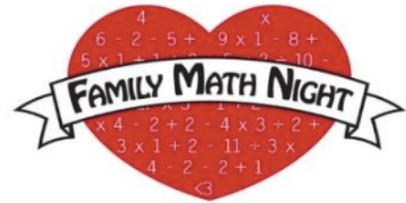


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**Alki's Online Directory is Live!** The National PTA has partnered with MemberPlanet to house and manage its membership database. Due to the partnership, Alki has an online directory platform. We have made the directory visible to all of our members, regardless of your membership level. By default, members can send in-platform email messages to another member without sharing their private email addresses. By editing your profile you can control which information you'd like to be public, and only Alki community members can see the directory listings. This is a great resource, since our class rosters are confidential to families within respective classrooms, and it's readily available for networking within our community.

First, visit our group's landing page to create an account and edit your personal profile to start using the directory, the url is <https://www.memberplanet.com/alkielementarypta>. Once you've created your account you will be able to view your membership level history, use the in-platform emailing system, and next year you can renew your membership securely online!

# February/March Events



## Alki Math Night

**Thursday, February 6, 2020 (5:30 - 7:30 PM)**

Alki PTA invites our families to support our student's love for math (and pizza!). Enjoy refreshments, make friends, and meet Alki families as you play alongside your child's friends and peers. We know they can't wait to showcase their mathematical minds and earn your praises. Everyone spins a giant wheel and wins a door prize at the end of the event. **RSVP to [tinyurl.com/AlkiMathNight](http://tinyurl.com/AlkiMathNight).**

Family Math Nights are perfect examples of meaningful family engagements. They provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they are learning in school while gaining confidence from hearing your praises and positive feedback. These reasons are why we want everyone engaged with their kiddos at the event. We are looking for creative ways to find **volunteers** to host the game tables. Please email Mel Spiker, [secretary@alkipta.com](mailto:secretary@alkipta.com), with creative out-of-the-box ways to fill this need. An older brother or sister (Alki Alums) can both reminisce "when they were young" and earn Service Learning hour credits to meet graduation requirements. In the meantime, leading up to the event, we offer the following online resources that model ways we can encourage students to think with their mathematical mindset during everyday routines.

- **Mixing in Math** offers parents, caregivers, afterschool providers, librarians, and teachers resources to mix math into everything they do with children. [mixinginmath.terc.edu/index.php](http://mixinginmath.terc.edu/index.php)
- **Ready Rosie** offers videos that show parents and caregivers how to model math in their everyday routines. [www.readyrosie.com](http://www.readyrosie.com)
- **Speakaboos** offers interactive storybooks with mathematical themes. [www.speakaboos.com/stories/math](http://www.speakaboos.com/stories/math)

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- 13 BE INTERNET AWESOME WORKSHOP
- 17-21 NO SCHOOL / MID-WINTER BREAK
- 28 PRINCIPAL COFFEE CHAT (7:30 - 8:30 AM)

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- 18 PARENT BREAKFAST
- 27 PRINCIPAL COFFEE CHAT (7:30 - 8:30 AM)



## Alki Elementary School Spelling Bee

We are excited to announce the dates for Alki Elementary's Fifth Annual Spelling Bee. Our bees this year will be held on the following days during school hours:

**Grade Level Bees: February 7, 2020**

**Times: TBD**

**All School Spelling Bee: February 12, 2020**

**Time: 8:00 AM**

We encourage your child or children (grades 2-5) to participate in this fun and exciting program. It is a great opportunity for each student to improve their spelling while having fun!



## Spring Family Breakfast

**Save the Date:** The Spring Family Breakfast is before school on Wednesday, March 18th. Do you have a great idea or theme for this event? Interested in helping out or organizing this breakfast? Please reach out to [info@alkipta.com](mailto:info@alkipta.com).

This PTA Sponsored morning event was formally called Breakfast for Champions, Misses and Muffins, and Moms & Muffins and usually involves a breakfast treat and coffee. This event is for all families and is no longer gender specific.



## 2019 PTA Connected with Be Internet Awesome Family Workshop, Sponsored by Google on February 13, 2019 @ 5:30 PM



If your kid is anything like mine.... they love to play in online worlds. Alki Elementary PTA received a \$1, 000 grant to host a Google Be Internet Awesome Family Workshop.

The workshop will provide tools and activities to enforce healthy guidelines and boundaries. Please join us in the Alki lunchroom on February 13, 2019, at 5:30 PM and enjoy refreshments/food with your community. By attending, you will be entered to win 1 of 2 Relay devices. Relay is a smartphone alternative for young children. The device tracks your child via GPS, alerts you if they go outside of a designated area, and behaves like walkie-talkies, so they are easy for little ones to use.



In the meantime, below are some guidelines to consider regarding elementary aged children and the internet:

**Set up accounts together.** By creating usernames and passwords together, you can begin walking kids through the basics of safe and appropriate online behavior.

**Keep the computer in a central place.** This will let you monitor your child's online life and track screen time.

**Don't let them go online by themselves.** Remember, the social skills they bring to online worlds are the same ones they have (or don't have) in real life.

**Do your homework.** Make sure you check out sites before you let your kids go online, and don't settle for the most popular social sites.

**Show kids how to flag inappropriate conduct.** It's easy for parents to learn how to use the flagging feature, and it's important to show your kids how to use it, too. Explain that this is a healthy way to keep social-networking sites safe and fun for everyone.

**Make sure your children never share their passwords.** Often kids will give other children their passwords for help in a game. Explain that giving away a password is like giving someone a part of your identity.

## "U" Belong at Alki

**By Mel Spiker**

Feeling welcomed by our beloved educators, staff, and principal is at the foundation of creating a climate to welcomes all families at Alki. We believe a higher level of work can be done to improve Alki's family, caretaker and grandparent bonds at our school. During our kick off meeting, experiences about drop off/pick up were shared and most testimonies included words like **awkward, stressful, and anxious.**

Whew! I was a little relieved that I wasn't the only one. Then irony sets in, here I am rolling out a program geared to improve school climate feeling like an outlier picking up my kiddo at pick up? Even worse is not knowing how to help others feel like they belong too. Albeit true, I am at all PTA board and membership meetings; and, yes, I collaboratively work with his teachers to meet Individual Education Plan's (IEP) goals. But, I admit to feeling out-of-place and awkward waiting for the final bell to ring, and it is as numbing an experience as it was at White Oaks Elementary in San Carlos, CA, circa 1978; trying to make friends on the monkey bars.

It's a simple concept: being mindful to stand forming an open circle (in a "u" shape) during community based events to leave space so others can join your conversation. Ok, ok, I admit I was skeptical too, how can standing in the shape of a vowel make a difference? So, I sat with that question a few days. Over time, I started to feel that leaving space for someone to join can draw them in and change their perception that they already belong because there is already space for them. Jedi mind trick? Possibly. Could it break barriers? Definitely worth a try.

I hope our school and children inspire us all to be mindful to leave a space for someone to join the conversation. Nothing less than welcoming ALL has a place at Alki. It's what we want for our children, and what we need for our community. Pledge to be mindful and/or share your story.... We've dedicated a bulletin board just inside the front entryway of the school to make the pledge that U belong at Alki, we all do!



### Stop building circles and build a U.

*Excerpt from 'I Don't Fit in. They Don't Really Want Me There. I Wonder Why I Wasn't Invited. Circles Are Great if You're on the Inside.' by Amy Weatherly*

"Sometimes I feel like I'm not quite cool enough. Sometimes I feel like I'm not quite popular enough. Sometimes I fly like I don't fit in the same way other people do.

Sometimes I feel like there is a group who maybe doesn't really want me there. Sometimes I wonder why I wasn't invited. Sometimes I walk up to a circle of people and I don't know whether to force my way in, or be awkward hanging around on the outside, just twiddling my thumbs, kicking the dirt, talking to myself, waiting until I can leave and go home to the safety of my sofa.

Circles are great if you're on the inside. They can be fun if you're in one, but circles can be awfully cruel if you're left on the outskirts, looking for a way to get inside.

They can be exclusive.  
They can be excluding.  
They can be exhausting.

They can be cliquish.  
They can be childish.  
They are far, far too common.

Make a U. Circles were made to be broken, but U's were made to include everyone, to keep growing bigger and better and stronger.

**Stop building circles and build a U.** Leave room for everyone. Make a way so anyone, any 'you' can walk up and feel like they have a place to stand.

Leave room for good people who look different than you, who run in different crowds than you, who like different things than you, who come from different places than you. Differences were never made to divide us." They were made to build us, and to teach us, to fill in the gaps where our own gifts give way and come up short.

# AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Winter 2020 After School Enrichment Classes begin January 13th! Register now to ensure your student's favorite class is not canceled due to low enrollment. Register in person or online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/seattle/Home>.

## CLASS SCHEDULES

MONDAY					TUESDAY				
	PROGRAM	GRADE	CODE	PRICE		PROGRAM	GRADE	CODE	PRICE
<b>START TIME</b>	2:45-3:45 p.m.				2:45-3:45 p.m.				
<b>SESSION 1</b>	Math & Engineering Club	K-5th	25724	\$180	Youth Pottery	K-5th	25693	\$218	
	Jewelry Making	K-5th	25698	\$207	Makerspace w/Mrs. Iba	K-5th	25701	\$196	
					Yoga	K-5th	25704	\$185	
					Mixed Media Art Club	K-5th	25718	\$218	
					Jam Sesh: Music & Movement	K-5th	25720	\$187	
<b>START TIME</b>	4:00-5:00 p.m.				4:00-5:00 p.m.				
<b>SESSION 2</b>	Mad Science Club	K-5th	25706	\$160	Mindfulness Meditation	K-5th	33048	\$170	
	Reading Club	K-5th	25692	\$170	Roller Skating Obstacle Course	K-5th	33058	\$187	

WEDNESDAY					THURSDAY				FRIDAY					
	PROGRAM	GRADE	CODE	PRICE		PROGRAM	GRADE	CODE	PRICE		PROGRAM	GRADE	CODE	PRICE
<b>START TIME</b>	1:30-2:30 p.m.				2:45-3:45 p.m.				2:45-3:45 p.m.					
<b>SESSION 1</b>	Abstract Art	3rd-5th	25694	\$210	Fashion!!	K-5th	25707	\$180	Fun w/ Food	K-5th	25700	\$190		
	Just stARTing	K-5th	25708	\$165	Unconventional Crafting	K-5th	25722	\$180	Paper Crafts	K-5th	25725	\$190		
	Writing Lab	K-5th	25721	\$165	Pokémon Battle	K-5th	25723	\$180						
<b>START TIME</b>	2:45-4:00 p.m.				4:00-5:00 p.m.									
<b>SESSION 2</b>	Intro to Printmaking	3rd-5th	25697	\$210	Sewing & Needlework	3rd-5th	25702	\$180						
	Board Games	K-5th	25691	\$165	Ceramic Checkmate	3rd-5th	28855	\$218						

ON-LINE AND IN-PERSON  
REGISTRATION

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

<https://www.seattle.gov/parks/find/scholarships-and-financial-aid>

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<http://apm.activecommunities.com/seattle>

You must create an account to register. Community center staff can help you set up an account if needed.

OR

REGISTER IN-PERSON AT YOUR LOCAL  
COMMUNITY CENTER

Participation Authorization Form (E-13) must be complete prior to the start of program.

## YEARBOOK

Our Yearbook Coordinator is hard at work prepping for the Yearbook Cover Contest, designing the yearbook layout, checking and double checking students' names... but this is her last year at Alki and is looking for someone to train for next year's yearbook! Now is the time to see how it all works. Are you interested? Email Angela at [yearbook@alkipta.com](mailto:yearbook@alkipta.com) and help preserve our children's precious school memories for 2010-20121.



## TINKER LAB<sup>®</sup>

TinkerLab.com is a site that helps families find ways to nurture their child's natural talents and curiosity, and to uncover what's working in your journey to celebrate your child's interests while learning new skills. The projects are geared to assist with letting go of perfection and control as we make room for freedom of self expression, and can help your child be the best version of themselves through art. Each of us is born creative, and creativity will manifest itself in so many ways – through painting, writing, inventing, experimenting, designing, singing, and building to name a few.

Connecting to this creative energy can get harder as we grow out of childhood, and this site is designed as a source of inspiration for families who want to tap their creative genius with their child or children. To support your journey, we will publish TinkerLab's monthly art challenges and will share projects for you to consider doing as a family. Use the hashtag #alkipta or tag @alkipta on Facebook or Instagram or email your pictures to [info@alkipta.com](mailto:info@alkipta.com)

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PTA!

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## FOR THE KIDS (After School, unless noted)

- Makerspace (February) \$30/Student
- Annual Beach Bonfire (5-7 pm, May) \$30/Student
- Play Chess or Learn from the best (January) \$30/Student
- Escape Room Extravaganza- \$30/2nd-5th grade student
- The Amazing Race with Principal Deese - \$50/student
- Clay Fairy + Gnome Village (May) - \$30/student
- Magic the Gathering Tournament - \$30/Student
- Bowling Party w/ Teachers - \$30/student

## FAMILY+

- Waffle Sundae Party @ alki chicken + waffles  
\$35/student + adult
- Floral Crown Making Party + photoshoot for Mom +  
Daughter (May 1) \$75/pair
- Tall and Small Ball Family Dance - \$20/Family
- Family Night Jump Rope Workshop - \$50/Family

## ADULTS ONLY

- Booties & Bottles w/ Kisha Vaughan (Jan. 31st) \$40/Adult
- Sip & Swap (March 4th) \$35/adult
- FlipCup Tournament (Spring) \$40/Adult





We have successfully submitted our initial application with Alki's final survey results (view results at [alkipta.com/SOE](http://alkipta.com/SOE)) and official written notice that our chosen Area of Focus for the year is Supporting the Arts. Nationally, 856 PTAs registered to compete. Regionally, 9 PTAs are from Washington State, including the Bellevue, Bethell, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kent, Northshore, and White River School Districts.

Locally, Alki PTA is the only PTA competing from the Seattle School District. This distinction may clear paths for Superintendent Denise Juneo and/or District VI, Seattle Public School's Board Member, Director Leslie Harris to visit our school this year. We're waiting to hear if they are free February 13, 2019, for the Be Internet Awesome Family Workshop Google awarded us a \$1,000.00 grant to host. National PTA and Google representatives have already confirmed they will be attending the event.

Last month, the Board reviewed our survey results and talked about how we, as a community, can do better. Our goal for the remainder of the year is to move towards improving low scoring items on the survey. We will measure our success by comparing the end of year survey to our initial survey results. You can impact our next move! Please visit the survey at [www.alkipta.com/SOE](http://www.alkipta.com/SOE) by January 31, 2020. The top 5, lowest scoring questions are listed for voting which one is our community's priority.

The Steering Committee, board members, teachers, families, and Rena will work collaboratively towards making strides to improve our school's partnerships and climate. We will utilize Alki's Roadmap provided by National PTA, and our personal creative mindsets and ideas. Our overall progress will be measured by the end of the year survey, and we will report progress and action plans during mini-breakout sessions at each membership meeting.

**If not you, then who?**

Our families are not represented in the School of Excellence Steering Committee. Please consider signing up online by visiting our Sign Up at [tinyurl.com/AlkiVolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/AlkiVolunteer). You can also call Mel Spiker at (206.209.9182) or reach out via email to [secretary@alkipta.com](mailto:secretary@alkipta.com), to ask questions or express an interest in serving in this important role.

**Take the survey, view survey results and more at [www.alkipta.com/SOE](http://www.alkipta.com/SOE)**

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## ADVOCATING FOR ALL KIDS

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### 2020 TOP 5 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Social Emotional Learning**
- **School Construction and Simple Majority for Bonds**
- **Prevent Gun Violence**

- **Strategies to Address the Teacher Shortage**
- **Strategic K-12 Investments to Close Gaps**

*Also Supported Issues (Listed Alphabetically)*

- **Best Practices for School Meals - Lunch**
- **Best Practices for School Recess**
- **Engaging Families for Student Success**
- **Fund Paraeducator Training**
- **Equitable Identification of Highly Capable Students**

- **Increase Access to High-Quality Preschool**
- **Raise the Age of Tobacco and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Devices to 21**
- **Safe School Plans and Emergency Preparedness**

*For more information, visit [wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/](http://wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/).*