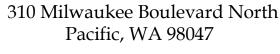


# ALPAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER





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April 4, 2019



### Principal's Message

I was surprised by the news about the college admission scandal. It made me reflect upon what is the perfect balance of supporting our children, while at the same time holding them accountable and letting them learn to solve their own problems. At Alpac, we take every opportunity to teach students that their actions may have consequences. We use our weekly Learning Lab lessons to strengthen students understanding and even role-play how to stop and think what the consequence for their action may be. We ask for parents' continued support in working with the school in educating the whole child.

Take Your Child to Work Day is April 25th this year. Students nine years and older can accompany their parents or other trusted adult to work. This allows students to see the skills necessary to be a part of the workforce. Parents do need to call in to excuse their child and students are responsible for any schoolwork they miss.

SBA Club is coming up for 3rd-5th graders who need extra SBA practice on chrome books. This program will run from April 16th-May 2nd on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:40-4:30. Parents will need to provide transportation for their students. If interested please contact Chelsi Kessler at ckessler@auburn.wednet.edu



School will be closed for Spring Break **April 8th-12th.** School will resume at 10:10 a.m. on Monday, April 15.

# REGISTER NOW for Preschool (ECE) and Kindergarten this Fall

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# SBA Testing is coming

Third, fourth and fifth grades will be taking the SBA, the state required testing, after we return from Spring Break. The teachers have done a tremendous job of educating our students so they can be successful on this test. Students have been working extremely hard learning and preparing for these tests. Please support us by making sure your student is well rested, nourished, and arriving to school on time every day. **Please schedule appointments and absences on non-testing days.** 

Third Grade Testing Dates May 14, 15, 23, 24, 28 and 29

Fourth Grade Testing Dates May 9, 10, 16, 17, 21, and 22

**Fifth Grade Testing Dates** May 16, 17, 21, 22, 28, 29 and 31

## **Camp Auburn**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending Camp Auburn in a few weeks. This is an opportunity for those students to enjoy time with friends and teachers away from the school setting. Our PTA parent group has held multiple fundraising opportunities to help offset the cost of camp to guarantee that none of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders miss camp because of the cost. Letters to 5th grade families will be going out this week showing the balance due. For financial assistance, please call Mrs. Raybuck in the office by April 19th.

## **Elementary #15 Groundbreaking**

The community is invited to celebrate the groundbreaking of Elementary #15, 12 p.m., April 20 at 5701 Kersey Way SE. This ceremony will be on the site of the new school. Please join us!

#### Attendance Area Waivers 2019-2020 school year

Waivers are attendance area transfers for a family that chooses to enroll their student in a school that is not their home school. Alpac will continue to be closed to **new** waivers this next school year. This decision was made because Alpac exceeds enrollment targets set by the School Board. Our current enrollment exceeds Alpac's capacity to accommodate the projected student population. Current and future elementary class size reductions create additional need for classroom space. **This is only for new waivers.** Students currently waived into Alpac will be able to attend here as long as they adhere to the waiver guidelines. We will also accept waivers of new students who already have a sibling attending Alpac.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### April/May, 2019

April 8-12 - SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK

April 15 - PLC LATE START at 10:10 a.m.

April 16 - PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.- Alpac Library

April 18 - PTA Skate Night 6-8:00 p.m.
Auburn Skate Connection

April 22 - PLC LATE START at 10:10 a.m.

April 23 - Kindergarten Information Night 5:30 p.m.

April 24 - PLC LATE START at 10:10 a.m.

April 25 - Take Your Child To Work Day

April 26 - 3rd Grade Concert 2:55 p.m.

April 29 - PLC LATE START at 10:10 a.m.

April 30- May 1 - 5th Grade Camp

May 3 - Progress Reports go home

May 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6 - WAIVER DAY — NO SCHOOL

May 9-10 - 4th grade SBA Testing

May 13 - PLC LATE START at 10:10 a.m.

May 14 - LAP Reading Family Night 5-7:00 p.m.

May 14-15 - 3rd grade SBA Testing

May 16-17 - 4th and 5th Grade SBA Testing

May 20 - PLC LATE START at 10:10 a.m.

May 21-22 - 4th and 5th Grade SBA Testing

May 21 - PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.- Alpac Library

May 23-24 - 3rd grade SBA Testing

May 23 - 4th Grade Choral Assembly

May 27 - MEMORIAL DAY- NO SCHOOL

May 28-29 - 3rd and 5th grade SBA Testing

#### Attendance Facts

Research shows that missing 10 percent of school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. Two days a month is considered a chronic absence issue.

A study from John Hopkins University School of Education found that students who missed at least 20 days of school per year, had lower grades and were more likely to drop out than students with better attendance. Yet, the researchers also found these effects of absenteeism are reversible with the help of mentors, incentive programs and awareness campaigns.

Washington State law (RCW 28A.225.020) requires we schedule a conference with you:

- If your student has two unexcused absences in one month
- five excused absences in any month
- ten or more excused absences in the school year

If your student has seven unexcused absences in any month or ten unexcused absences within the school year, we are required to file a petition with the Juvenile court, alleging a violation of RCW 28A.225.010.