



ALPAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

As we reach the midpoint of the year it is a great time to reflect on what Alpac is doing well and where our areas for improvement are for the students and staff continue at Alpac to work hard everyday to achieve excellence on the rigorous State Standards. Our attendance has improved over 5% from last year and we are continuing to find meaningful and engaging ways to integrate the 1 on 1 technology in our school. We still have areas for growth in strengthening our culture of universal achievement and building up students capacity in collaboration and problem solving. We need your input to achieve these goals. We will be having our second community listening sessions on Wednesday, March 6th. We will have two opportunities one at 11:25 am and one at 6:00 pm. I look forward to working with families in support of student achievement.

Hat Day Fundraiser

As a way to help offset the cost of 5th Grade Camp, we will be holding Hat Days on specific Fridays leading up to camp. If students choose to participate they simply pay \$1.00 get their hand stamped and can wear their hat all day at school. Thank you to all who participated in our first Hat Day on February 1st. Hat Days will be on February 15th, March 1st, 15th, and 29th.

Registration for Kindergarten starts Feb. 25.

Kindergarten Registration will be open for the 2019 - 2020 school year starting Feb. 25th. Stop by the office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to pick up a registration packet.

EARLY LEARNING FAIR

FEBRUARY 25, 2019, 6:00— 7:30 P.M.

At the AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS
711 East Main Street, Auburn WA 98002

Interpreters Available

The Auburn School District is hosting its 13th Annual Early Learning Fair for parents/guardians of children ages birth to kindergarten. This free event offers fun learning activities and provides families with the opportunity to connect with community resources and kindergarten transition activities. Kids can enjoy "Block Fest" and entertainment from "Eric Ode—Author, Poet, and Songwriter," while parents browse the various community resource tables.

Pre-register by calling Lyn at (253) 931-4950 or email: merickson@auburn.wednet.edu to reserve your free dinner tickets.

KINDNESS WEEK IS COMING FEBRUARY 11-15



2/11 Monday - **Helping Hand Day** – Wear **ALPAC spirit wear or anything Red, Black or White**: Extend a helping hand in friendship to others today.

2/12 Tuesday - **Random Acts of Kindness with a Smile** – **Wear your most crazy mismatched socks**: Smiling is contagious. If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.

2/13 Wednesday – **Compliment Day** – **Make your hair as crazy as you can!**: Be positive. Tell others what you like about them today.

2/14 Thursday – **Thankfulness Day** – **Wear your favorite hat to "Tip Your Hat in Kindness"**: Thank your friends, parents and teachers for everything they do!

2/15 Friday – **Warm-Up Day** - **Wear your warm fuzzy PJs**: Being kind through a helping hand; a contagious smile, giving a compliment or being thankful you can warm up a person's heart!

Camp Auburn

Our 5th graders will be attending Camp Auburn in May. This is an opportunity for those students to enjoy time with friends and teachers away from the school setting. The cost is \$165 for each student and is due by mid-April. Our PTA parent group is looking at fundraising opportunities to help offset the cost of camp and appreciate any help to guarantee that none of our 5th graders miss camp because of the cost. The next 5th Grade Parent meeting is February 13th at 6:30 pm in the Alpac Library.

Celebrations

With Valentine's Day around the corner, it serves as a great reminder about bringing treats for the children at Alpac Elementary School. It is wonderful for our students to share treats with their classmates. When you plan a celebration with your child and his or her teacher, please be sure to **bring store purchased items only**. We cannot accept any home-baked goods. Thank you for your consideration.

Upcoming Events

February 11 - **PLC LATE START** at 10:10 a.m.
 February 11-15 - Kindness Week
 February 12- PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m. Alpac Library
 February 18-22 - **Mid-Winter Break - No School all week**
 February 25 - **PLC LATE START** at 10:10 a.m.
 February 26- 5th Grade Concert 2:10
 March 1 - 2nd Trimester Ends
 March 1 - STARR Assembly K-2 2:55-3:25 p.m.
 3-5 10:00-10:30 a.m.
 March 4 - **PLC LATE START** at 10:10 a.m.
 March 6 - Community Listening Session - Alpac Elementary
 11:25 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 March 8 - Report Cards go home
 March 11 - Waiver Day- **NO SCHOOL**
 March 14 - Report Cards go home
 March 16 - PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.- Alpac Library
 March 18 - **PLC LATE START** at 10:10 a.m.
 March 22 - PTA Bingo Night 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Alpac Gym

March 6th Community Listening session

On March 6th we invite all parents to join us to discuss our School Improvement Plan and answer any questions you may have regarding issues at Alpac. We will have one session at 11:25am and another one at 6:00pm. We would love your input as we continue to strive for universal achievement for all students.

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



Clothing Donation

Our Health Room is in need of clothing donations of all sizes. There is a small stock of boy's clothes but girl's clothing is running low. Clothing with an adjustable or elastic waist is preferred, however, any donations would be greatly appreciated with a size range of 6-18.