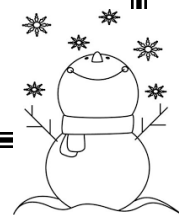




ALPAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Jim Riley, Principal

January 10, 2019



Principal's Message



At Alpac we have high expectations for every student. We work hard everyday to build and nurture a strong foundation both academically and behaviorally. I am very pleased with the new programs we are using this year to support students. The i-Ready online math program gives students targeted lessons at their academic level in a fun and interactive way. Research has found that students who spend 45 minutes a week on i-Ready show great growth and success on standardized tests. Our Leadership Lab continues to provide students with the social emotional skills necessary to navigate our complex and diverse world. Please continue to engage your students in conversations about school and what they are working on in their i-Ready Math lessons, as well as what they are learning in Leadership Lab.

Nurse Notice

Please keep your child home from school if he/she has:

- A fever over 100 degrees— students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning.
- Vomiting— Child should be kept home until they can keep food and water down and has not vomited in a 24 hour period.
- Diarrhea— Students should stay home until a 24 hour period has passed since the last episode.
- Open or oozing sores— Unless properly covered with a bandage that will not leak at school.
- Cough— Please keep home if they have a course, deep, or productive cough.
- Runny Nose and Sneezing: Do not send to school with nasal discharge that is yellow, green, or brown.

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT FOR ANY REASON.

Tamesha Marquis, RN

School Nurse

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.

Dear Holiday Helpers,

Community organizations and individuals assisted Alpac families this Holiday Season, and we were able to reach out to 85 children in 37 families and 24 siblings through Olympic Middle School and Auburn Riverside High School.

Thank you to the Alpac families and staff who contributed gifts for both individual students and entire families.

Additionally, we had community Adopt-a-Family support. The Auburn Noon Lions, Shop-With-A-Cop, Pacific Partnerships, Valley Community Center, Northwest Family Church, Mastercraft Electric, and generous individuals in the community who supported our holiday giving significantly.

Thank you to all who were a part of making our Alpac families and community stronger and more connected through your generous holiday support.

-Alpac families thank you!

Upcoming Events

January/February, 2019

- Jan 14- **PLC LATE START** at 10:10 a.m.
Jan 18- Martin Luther King Jr. Assemblies
10:00 a.m. and 2:55 p.m.
Jan 21 - **NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Jan 28 - **PLC LATE START** at 10:10 a.m.
Jan 31 - Class picture day
Feb 4- **PLC LATE START** at 10:10 a.m.
Feb 11-15 Kindness Week
Feb 11- **PLC LATE START** at 10:10 a.m.
Feb 12- PTA Meeting- Alpac Library 6:30 p.m.
Feb 18-22- **Mid-Winter Break- NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK**
Feb 25 - **PLC LATE START** at 10:10 a.m.
Mar 4- **PLC LATE START** at 10:10 a.m.
Mar 6- Community Listening Session (Details to come)
Mar 11 - **NO SCHOOL- Waiver Day**

Please call the office when your student is absent.

State law (RCW 28A.225.020) requires that, if your student has two unexcused absences in one month, we schedule a conference with you and your student to identify the barriers and supports available to ensure regular attendance. The district is obligated to develop a plan that may require an assessment to determine how to best meet the needs of your student and reduce absenteeism.

In elementary school after five excused absences in any month, or ten or more excused absences in the school year, the school district is required to contact you to schedule a conference at a mutually agreeable, reasonable time with at least one district employee, to identify the barriers and supports available to you and your student. A conference is not required if your student has provided a doctor's note, or pre-arranged the absence in writing, and the parent, student and school have made plan so your student does not fall behind academically. If your student has an Individualized Education Plan or a 504 Plan the team that created the plan needs to reconvene.

State law RCW 28A.225.010, states that 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, the mandatory attendance laws. If your student continues to be truant you may need to go to court.

School Year	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
2018/2019	95.30%	93.90%	93.50%	92.30%	
2017/2018	94.80%	91.90%	90.90%	88.50%	88.10%
2016/2017	95.30%	93.10%	92.60%	89.40%	87.40%