



# ALPAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message

This has been a wonderful year at Alpac. We started the year with our wonderful new soccer pitch which students use everyday. The new Leadership Lab curriculum is supporting students in character development and social emotional learning. We continue to find innovative ways to use our 1 to 1 technology in support in student learning. As we plan for the 2019-20 school year we have completed our School Improvement Plan that will guide our work for the next 3 years. Thank you to all the families who volunteered at Alpac. Your help is always greatly appreciated. Please have a relaxing and safe summer and I will see you at our Open House Bar-B-Que on Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>.

In September, we will offer a before and after school program at Alpac! This program, run by Right at School, is a nationally recognized program which will run every day school is in session from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. It is open for students aged Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information, go to their website [rightatschool.com](http://rightatschool.com) or call (855) 287-2466.

Last day of school- Due to the snow in February our last day of school is **Monday June 24th**. School will be dismissed at 1:40. Breakfast and lunch will be served. We are planning to have three awards assemblies that day, Kindergarten and 1st grade at 9:30-10:00, 2nd and 3rd grade at 10:15-10:45 and 4th and 5th grade at 11:00-11:30. We will have our same lunch schedule and invite any families who want to come join their students as we eat outside picnic style.

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

### Kindergarten-5th Grade

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### Preschool/ECE

Last day of School will be on  
Thursday, June 20th.


## PACIFIC BIKE RODEO

On Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Pacific police will be holding their annual bike rodeo in the Alpac Elementary parking lot from 10 a.m. -12 p.m.. Families can get their bikes tuned up and enjoy a **free lunch**. Children can be fitted for helmets and complete the bike safety course and enter raffle for a new bike. It is a lot of fun so please plan on riding your bike to Alpac on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.



Bring the family and join us on August 29th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Alpac Elementary 2019-2020 school year Open House. Meet your student's teacher, hear from the Superintendent, visit with other Alpac families and enjoy a free BBQ meal.






Alpac's office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Monday, June 24th through Friday June 28th and then will be closed for the summer. The office will reopen on Monday, August 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Enjoy your summer!

### Lost and Found

We have many jackets and sweaters that have lost their owners.

Please stop by the lobby to see if your student has lost theirs. Items not picked up by June 25th will be donated.



## Upcoming Events

### June, 2017


June 8 -	Pacific Bike Rodeo 10 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Held at Alpac
June 13 -	4th and 5th Grade Career Day
June 18 -	5th Grade Junior Olympics 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
June 18-	PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.- Alpac Library
June 19-	5th Grade Award Ceremony
June 20-	Field Day K-2nd 9:30-11:30 a.m. 3rd-5th 1:30-3:30 p.m.
June 20-	Last Day of Preschool (ECE)
June 20-	PTA Family Night 6:00 p.m. - 8: 00 p.m.
June 21-	STARR Assembly K-2nd 1:25 p.m. 3rd-5th 2:55 p.m.
June 24-	Awards Assemblies
June 24-	LAST DAY- Release at 1:40 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served
*****SUMMER BREAK*****	

**Join PTA for our End of Year BBQ Celebration**

**When: Thursday, June 20th** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$4 per person (Includes meal of a sandwich, chips, water and cookie), inflatables and much more.

Pre-Order forms will be coming home soon. Purchases the day of will be \$5 and are limited.



## “Summer Slide”

Even though summer is a time off from school it should not be time off from learning. According to research, students can lose up to 2 months of their learning over the summer break. This is called the “summer slide”. Below is some information about the importance of reading over the summer. Students will be learning about the Algona- Pacific Library summer reading program and teachers have resources they would be willing to share to make sure kids are reading over the summer.

- Access to books is critical. The public library is an excellent free resource for families to have access to books of a wide range of interests and reading levels, as well as librarians to guide children and families in selecting great books.
- When children select reading materials themselves and read for enjoyment, they receive the most gains in reading achievement, including better reading comprehension, writing style, vocabulary, spelling, and grammatical development. The longer that this free choice reading is practiced, the more consistent and positive the results. This is why summer programs, such as those offered in public libraries, are likely to be most successful.
- Children and teens tend to read more when adults in their lives encourage them to read and when they see those adults reading often themselves.
- Children that feel reading is fun tend to read more often. Summer programs that help make reading enjoyable and social are most successful.
- Reading just four to six books over the summer has the potential to prevent a decline in reading achievement scores from the spring to fall. Even small steps are very beneficial.