

ALPAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



May is such an exciting time in schools. Students really start to connect all their learning for the year and they demonstrate it in a variety of ways. Kindergartners are reading, 1st graders are writing reports, 2nd graders are using evidence from the text to identify main ideas, 3rd graders are solving algebra problems, 4th graders are analyzing author's purpose and 5th graders are using all their academic skills to understand and critique the scientific process. The rigor of the learning that students do today is very challenging but it is critical for their future success. I invite families to ask students these 4 questions everyday in support of their learning:

What did you learn today? Why is learning it important?

What was one good thing about your school day? How will you know you have learned it?

Class Placement

In the next few weeks we will begin the process of creating our classes for next year. We make balanced classes based on gender, academics and behavior. After that I assign a teacher to the class. Every teacher at Alpac is exceptional and gets the most out of their students in different ways. I do not accept requests for specific teachers but do accept input on the teaching style that best fits your student. I am unable to post the classes until August as we have a lot of students enrolling and un-enrolling throughout the summer.

SBA Testing is here

Third, fourth and fifth grades will be taking the SBA, the state required testing, after we return from Spring Break. Our 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



Snow Day Make-ups



On May 28th and 29th, school will be in session to make up weather related closures earlier this school year. We will also be in session June 21st and 24th.

Future 6th Grade Night

Future 6th graders and their families are invited to Olympic Middle School on Thursday, May 23rd from 5:30-7 p.m. for a free dinner, meeting and campus tour. Learn about curriculum, special programs, electives, athletics, ASB, after school activities, and PTA. Don't miss this very important night for parents and 5th grade students.

Dress Code Reminder

As the weather is getting warmer we would like to take the time and remind families about our dress code.

-No Flip Flops

- -No shorts/skirts/dresses that are shorter than finger length
- 2 Finger Rule- Shirts/tank tops/etc. must have straps wider than two fingers width.

Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2019- $\stackrel{\star}{\sim}$ 2020 school year. Stop by the office between 8 $\stackrel{\star}{\sim}$ a.m. and 4 p.m. to pick up a registration packet.

Upcoming Events

May/June, 2019

- May 9-10 4th grade SBA Testing
- May 13 PLC LATE START at 10:10 a.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 5th grade SBA Testing
- May 30 3rd grade SBA Testing
- May 31 3rd and 5th grade SBA Testing
- 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- PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.- Alpac Library
- June 21- STARR Assembly
- June 24- LAST DAY- Release at 1:40 p.m.

PLC Late Start Mondays Ending

Beginning June 3rd, there are no more late start Mondays. School will begin at 9:10 a.m. every day for the remainder of the school year.

Attendance Corner

By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

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



OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We know that there are a wide variety of reasons that students are absent from school, from health concerns to transportation challenges. There are many people in our building prepared to help you if you or your student face challenges in getting to school regularly or on time.

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