



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.

