



# ALPAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message



One of the things I am thankful for is my education. It has allowed me to pursue my dreams and land the best job in the world, Principal of Alpac Elementary. Education opens the door for all and it is never too early to instill a love of learning in children. I know our staff works tirelessly to prepare lessons that capture student's imagination and prepares them to be career and college ready. Along with great support from our Alpac families, I look forward to seeing every student achieve at the highest level and be able to follow their dreams to attain their desired career.

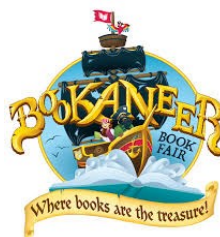
Parent teacher conferences are next week and our staff is looking forward to meeting with you and working together to support your students learning. In order to best utilize your time with your student's teacher take a few minutes to prepare for the conference. Sit down with your child and ask him or her about school. Ask what's happening in class, at lunchtime, or in special classes such as music or physical education. Does your child enjoy classroom activities? Does your child feel like he or she is falling behind academically? Is he or she bored? Are there any troubling issues with classmates? Try asking your child what he or she thinks their teacher is going to tell you about them. Write down questions you want to address with the teacher. Bring copies of any assignments you have questions about and think ahead of time how to tactfully bring up concerns. These few steps will aid in making the conference a key element of the school/home connection.

### November Schedule Changes

For the next two weeks our school schedule will be a little out of the ordinary. **The week of November 12<sup>th</sup> – November 16<sup>th</sup> is conference week.** Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> there is no school in observance of Veteran's Day. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we will dismiss at 12:40, after lunch, for conferences.

**The following week, November 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, is Thanksgiving week.** Monday is not a late start Monday; school begins at 9:10 am. We have early dismissal on Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:40 pm. There is no school on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> or Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The following Monday November 26<sup>th</sup> we are back to our PLC late start Mondays at 10:10 a.m..

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Alpac next week. The power of reading is very important. One way to encourage reading is by owning books of your own.

The Alpac Book Fair is Tuesday, November 13th through Thursday, November 15th. The hours are from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday and 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on Thursday. All of the purchases benefit Alpac's library. Stop by and get some books for your personal library.

# CEE Survey



Our schools and district are committed to continuous improvement. It is important for us to know how our parents/guardians, staff and students regard the job we are doing in providing a quality education for children. To gather input, the Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE) staff, student and parent perceptual surveys are being conducted this Fall in all twenty-two Auburn schools. The surveys quantify strengths and opportunities for improvement based upon the nine-characteristics of high performing schools. Student surveys were administered to students in grades 4-12. The information from the survey will be combined from all of our schools to develop a district profile and individual schools will receive information to support their school improvement process. Parent surveys can be taken online or you can complete and return the paper copy to the school. Parent Survey online link is <https://www.research.net/s/auburn-parent> All surveys are anonymous. We value your feedback and need your insight for continuous improvement. The parent survey window is November 5-November 30, 2018. Thank you for your valuable input.

## Upcoming Events

November/December, 2018

Nov 12	No School- Veteran's Day
Nov 13-15	Book Fair- Alpac Library
Nov 14	Fundraiser Pick-up 1-6pm
Nov 14-16	Conferences-Early Release 12:40pm
Nov 19	No Late Start PLC
Nov 20	PTA Art Night 6-8:30pm
Nov 21	Early Release 1:40pm
Nov 22 & 23	No School- Thanksgiving Break
Nov 26	PLC Late Start - 10:10am
Nov 30	PTA Winter Family Night 6-7:30pm
Dec 3	PLC Late Start - 10:10am
Dec 4	PTA Meeting 6:30pm- Alpac Library
Dec 10	PLC Late Start - 10:10am
Dec 13	PTA Skate Night 6-8:00pm
Dec 17	PLC Late Start - 10:10am
Dec 20	Community Sing Along 6:00pm- Alpac Gym
Dec 24-Jan 4	No School- Winter Break

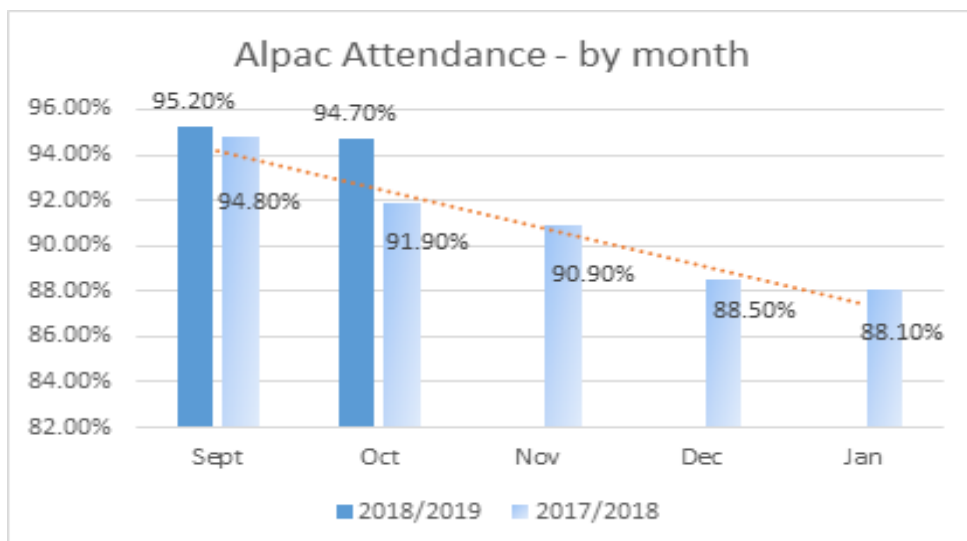
### FALL WEATHER

Our Fall weather changes daily. Some days are rainy while others are sunny. Please remind your student to dress for the weather of the day. On warm days, numerous jackets and sweaters have been left outside after recess. They are brought to our Lost and Found area by the front doors of the school. Please feel free to stop by if your student has lost an item of clothing. We have two racks of items that have lost their owner. At a later date, these items will be donated to charity if they are not claimed.



### Attendance Update

Alpac All Stars are off to a great start with better attendance this October than previous years. Past trends in Alpac attendance show a decline of student attendance as we near the holiday season. Please work to keep your student's attendance **high**. Families and school should be concerned when a student is absent more than 2 days a month. Our overall attendance trend through the winter is a decline. Please do your best to keep students in school, all day, every day!



### Student Dismissal –

#### Parent Location Change

To ensure safety of all students, **Effective November 1, 2018**, Alpac will have a new student dismissal protocol. Teachers will be required to walk their class line through the bus area to drop off bus riders and then proceed to the front of the school to release students to parents. Parents can meet Teachers and Students at the front of the school, near the flagpole.

Please look for additional information from your student's teacher about your specific meeting location change.

Thank you for your cooperation in making this change to ensure the safety of all of our bus riders and parent pick-up students.