



ALPAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



We want Alpac to be a welcoming environment for every student, parent, family member and guest that comes to our school. Clear and effective communication is one of the ways we can strengthen our environment. When families receive regular communications about their students' progress, the bond with the school grows stronger. Beside progress reports and November conferences, we want to create opportunities for families to regularly communicate with teachers. One of the most effect tools has been the use of phone apps such as Bloomz, Remind and Class Dojo. If your teacher is offering this, I highly recommend you signup. It is a powerful tool to keep parents informed about their students' progress in real time and will help us strengthen our school to home connection.

October 31st -Halloween falls on a Wednesday this year. Classes are doing a variety of fall celebrations; please check with your student's teachers for more details. Our focus is always on learning and for that reason no costumes or props will be allowed. This includes masks, scary t-shirts, fake teeth, and anything that can be construed as a costume will not be allowed. Thank you for helping us keep the focus on learning.

Fall is Here And So Are Rainy Days

Please remind students to dress warmly as we move into the colder months. If your student has misplaced their coat, have them look in our lost and found which is already very full. We have placed the lost and found racks in the front lobby and are reminding students to check to see if one of the items is theirs. **Feel free to stop by and check if you notice your student has lost an article of clothing.**

PTA Trunk or Treat Family Night, Friday, October 26th

Plan to attend this fun even for the entire family from 6:00-7:30pm! There will be indoor games and activities, a bake sale and trunk-or-treating in the parking lot. Admission is free and costumes are allowed. The PTA is looking for candy donations & volunteers to host a trunk. Donations will be collected for the Food Bank.



Conferences are Coming November 14-16, 2018

Conferences are a critical part of creating the strong parent/school connection that is so crucial to student success. If your schedule doesn't allow for you to attend conferences during Conference Week, please contact your student's teacher and see if there is another time to meet or even have a conference over the phone. We just want to share all the wonderful learning



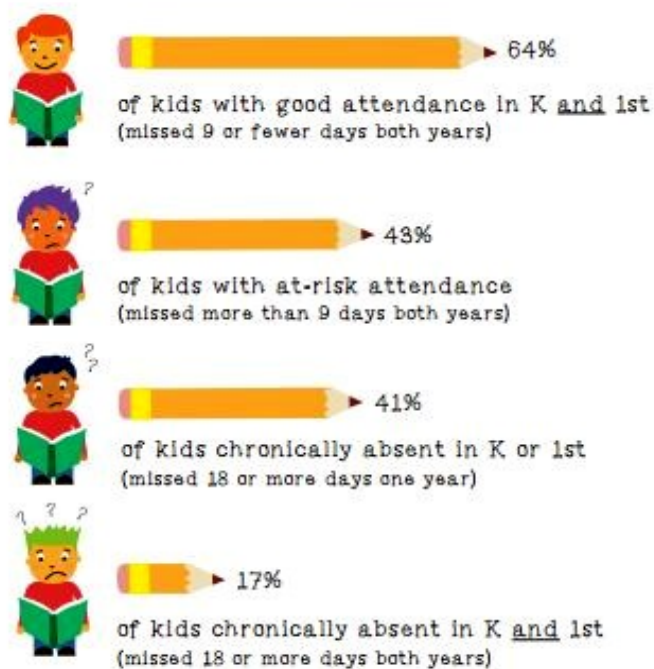
SHARE THE JOY (Holiday Help): The holidays are fast approaching and Alpac has several partnerships that may be able to provide extra help during this time. Since 1990, Gordon Truck Centers Inc., has helped to provide Holiday joy for families within our community. It has been the goal over the years to provide gifts to children whose families are struggling to get by with even the bare necessities. **If your family can benefit from extra support during the holidays, please contact Mrs. Campbell or our office and ask to be added on the list.**

Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?



2018-2019 Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE)

Perceptual 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 are 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.

We value your feedback and need your insight for continuous improvement, please look for surveys coming soon!

Student survey October 12-November 9

Parent survey November 5-November 30



Upcoming Events

October/November/December, 2018

- Oct 11 Islander Night 4-5:30pm Alpac Gym
- Oct 12 **NO SCHOOL—Waiver day**
- Oct 15 PLC Late Start - 10:10am
- Oct 16 Conference Letters go home
- Oct 16 PTA Meeting 6:30pm- Alpac Library
- Oct 22 PLC Late Start - 10:10am
- Oct 22 Vision & Hearing Kindergarten Screening
- Oct 23 Community Listening Night 6-7:30pm - Alpac Gym
- Oct 26 PTA Trunk or Treat - 6-7:30pm
- Oct 29 PLC Late Start - 10:10am
- Oct 29 Vision & Hearing Screening Gr 1-5
- Nov 2 STARR Assembly
Grades 3-5 10-10:30am
Grades K-2 2:55-3:25PM
- Nov 5 PLC Late Start - 10:10am
- Nov 7 Picture Retake Day
- Nov 14-16 **Conferences-Early Dismiss 12:40pm**
- Nov 19 **No Late Start PLC**
- Nov 12 **No School- Veteran's Day**
- 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 6-7:00pm
- 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**

October 23rd Community Listening session

On Tuesday October 23rd from 6-7:00pm is our first community listening session. We will be discussing our current student achievement data, our new reading/writing program as well as our Leadership Lab curriculum. We will introduce our refined pick-up procedure to increase the safety of all our students. Also, we want to hear from you regarding any questions or concerns you may have. I look forward to seeing you on the 23rd.