



ALPAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



What a crazy start to the year. Thank you to everyone for their flexibility as we had to make some changes to some classes due to the directive from the district. We are quickly getting into the flow of learning with our new reading curriculum and starting our Walk -to-Read and Walk-to-Math programs. I urge families to continue to ask students about their day and to focus on asking questions that require more than a one-word response. For example, instead of asking how was your day ask what did you learn or what are you working on. If students can articulate what they are learning that lets us know, they truly understand the concept and the learning process.



LATE START MONDAYS BEGAN SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

The Professional Learning Community (PLC) Late Start Mondays are scheduled on the following dates throughout the 2018-19 school year. Buses will run one hour late and breakfast service will also be one hour late.

School will start at 10:10 AM.

September 24

October 1, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 26

December 3, 10, 17

January 7, 14, 28

February 4, 11, 25

March 4, 18, 25

April 1, 15, 22, 29

May 13, 20



Parking Lot

Please be kind and patient when picking up and dropping off students. Safety is of the utmost importance, not convenience or speed. If you are dropping off or picking up please pull as far forward as you can and stay in your car to drop off or pick up. This allows for more vehicles to enter our parking lot. If you are meeting students at the Flag pole please park in our lot, and use the crosswalk. **Also, please do not park in the through lane as cars need to use that lane to exit.** We are working as a building to develop systems to safely get students on the bus and to their transportation home.

Breakfast Line

With our increase in enrollment we are seeing more and more students getting school breakfast which is causing some challenges. Just a few reminders, the breakfast line opens at 8:50 am and teachers open their classrooms at 9:00 am. If students wish to get breakfast they need to go straight to the breakfast line **before** going to class. Also, it helps when students have their numbers memorized so they can quickly enter their number. We would appreciate any help families can give us in working through this challenge.



Lost and Found

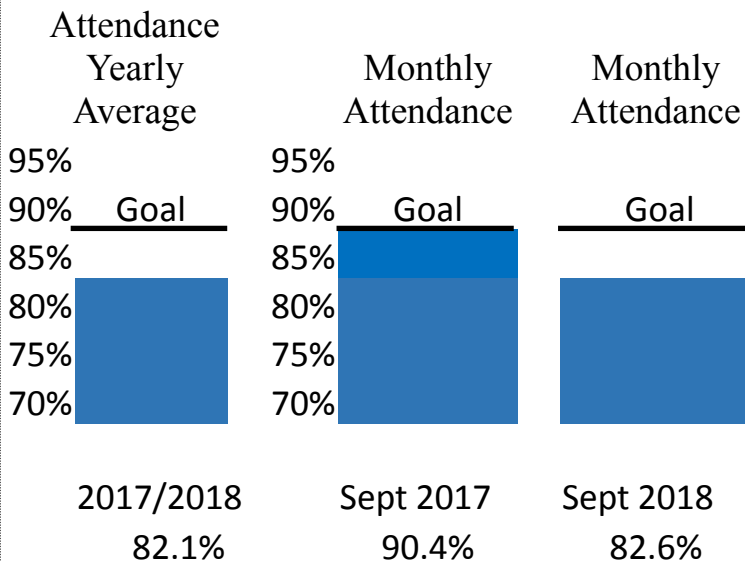
We already have many coats and sweatshirts in our lost and found. Please remind your students to check to see if any of the items are theirs. Also, please put student names in jackets so we can easily identify who it belongs to.

Attendance Matters

Research shows that missing just **10%** or about 18 days a year negatively impacts student's academic performance. **That is just 2 days a month.** We will recognize classes and individuals who make coming to school on time a priority.

Students who arrive late and leave early are also missing instructional time. We ask that families please try to make appointments for outside of school hours and plan vacations around school breaks.

For the 2017-2018 school year we ended with a 82.1% attendance rate. Our goal for the 2018-2019 year is 90%.



Islander Night October 11th 4 to 5:30pm

Hello, Aloha, Talofa, Mālō e lelei, Iqkwe aolep, Kamusta, Bula, Ia Orana, Kia Orana, Fakafeiloaki, Halo, Gude/Hai! Everyone is invited to this Islander Night! We will play volleyball and have some snacks too. Students, you must come with an adult, thank you very much. Let's have some fun! Time 4-5:30pm in the gym

Celebrations

It is wonderful for our students to share treats with their classmates. When you plan a celebration with your child, and his or her teacher, please be Sure to bring store purchased products only.



Upcoming Events



September/October 2018

- Sept 28 Individual Picture Day
- Oct 1 PLC Late Start - 10:10am
- Oct 2 PTA Fall Fundraiser ends
- Oct 4 PTA Skate Night @ Auburn Skate Connection
- Oct 5 1st Trimester Progress Reports
- Oct 11 Islander Night
- 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
- Oct 22 PLC Late Start - 10:10am
- Oct 22 Vision & Hearing Kindergarten Screening
- Oct 23 Community Listening Night
- 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 5 PLC Late Start - 10:10am
- Nov 12 No School- Veteran's Day
- Nov 21 Early Release 1:40pm

Conferences Nov 14-16. Early Release will be at 12:40pm

**PTA Skate Night October 4th
Auburn Skate Connection 6-8PM
\$6 per skater, \$2 extra for inline skates.
Show school spirit by wearing Red and Black**

First Community Listening Session

One of the ways Alpac is working to strengthen our home and school connections is through community listening sessions. On October 23rd from 5:30 to 6:30pm, we will have our first of three sessions for the 2018-19 school year. We will be sharing information regarding our new reading curriculum as well as our new learning specialist class called the Leadership Lab, which teaches students social, emotional and leadership skills. Lastly, we will discuss our school improvement plan. Every three years we develop a plan to improve our practices to meet the needs of each of our students. We really want to encourage all families to be involved in this process.

