

# ALKI WEEKLY UPDATE 2-26-21

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## **GREETING**

As we end our first ever week of hybrid learning, I would like to say thank you. All of the questions about how it would work, all the anxiety of how it would go, and all of the anticipation of planning something we have not done before have been answered and we got through it. It has been a GREAT week! The kids have done a great job wearing their masks, staying socially distant, following the directions cooperatively, and best of all just being NICE. It is great to have them back in the building, and I hope the 6th grade students who returned this week feel a bit more comfortable about school now. I appreciate all the planning the teachers have done, and the preparation you have done at home to help students prepare to return to school. Next week, I am looking forward to welcoming back the 7/8th grade students. Proud Alki Principal!

## **HYBRID INFORMATION**

-In case you would like a stand alone printable one pager for the Hybrid Bell Schedule, here is a link you can use to print and copy from. At this point, ALL of our classes are following this bell/time schedule each day whether at home or at school.

-7/8th grade students were notified of their cohorts on Tuesday of this week. Please make sure you know what cohort you are in. Cohort A students will report to school on Monday and Tuesday this upcoming week, and Cohort B students will report to school on Thursday and Friday. Teachers should have communicated with their students what their live streaming plans and expectations are.

-As a reminder, here is the Hybrid Playbook with any and all information we currently have about how we will operate for school in hybrid mode.

-Please remember to send your student with the necessary supplies (list in Playbook), re-fillable water bottle, copy of their schedule (we will also have printed copies when they arrive on Monday or Thursday morning), and their Student Handbook.

-Bus information is on the school and district website. Upon arrival, students will line up in front of the school at the cafeteria doors, go through a thermal scanner and then go on to their first period class. Masks required!

-Lunch is available for all students at no cost. Students are also welcome to bring their own lunch.

-Here is a video you can watch that models a few key points for returning to school. It is also linked on the school website. Many thanks to our leadership students, Mrs. Terry, and Mr. Young for putting this together.

## **PICTURE DAY**

Now that we have students returning in person, we have scheduled Picture Day! Cohort A students will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, 3/2 during their PE classes. Cohort B students will have their pictures taken on Friday, 3/5 during their PE classes. Students who are staying in Remote Learning can come to school to have their picture taken between 2:00 and 3:00 on each of these days. By the end of the weekend, you should receive a hard copy picture packet from Bell Studios. You can access the electronic packet information here if you prefer.

## **LEARNING IS HAPPENING!**

I know we have all had our concerns about the amount of learning students may have lost this past year. We recently completed our Winter iReady Diagnostic testing in Math and Reading, and I want to share some encouraging results with you. In Reading, the median score for our 7th grade students was 125, and for 8th grade it was 94. The expected median score is 50. This means there has been a TREMENDOUS amount of growth in learning so far this year, despite the challenges of remote learning. I am incredibly grateful, and proud of our students and staff for such great progress during a pandemic. In Math, we also saw better than expected growth with 7th grade students (median 58) and 8th grade students (median 67). While we all know there is still lots of opportunity to improve, it is encouraging our students are demonstrating more progress than may have been expected.

## **UPCOMING DATES**

- 3/1 7th/8th grade cohort A students report to school
- 3/2 Picture day for cohort A students (remote students from 2:00—3:30)
- 3/2 PTSA Chipotle Fundraiser
- 3/4 7th/8th grade cohort B students report to school
- 3/5 Picture day for cohort B students (remote students from 2:00—3:30)

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