

ALKI WEEKLY UPDATE 4-16-21

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GREETING

Happy Friday! What a beautiful day and weekend we have to enjoy! Thank you to those of you who were able to engage with teacher during our parent conference time last night and today. I hope you found the conversations helpful as we go into the last few months of school. We still have a lot of opportunity to finish the school year strong and catch up a bit on any lost learning from earlier in the year. I am hopeful of a strong finish and positive end to the strangest year in my 32 year career. Take care this weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

FUTURE READY PARENT EVENT

In case you haven't heard about it yet, we wanted you to know about the 2nd Annual **VPS Future Ready Parent Event**, planned for Monday, April 19, 6-8 PM. It will be a virtual zoom workshop with 30+ breakout sessions, all designed to school parents up about all things College and Career Readiness. The structure of the event is that we will have a short keynote and then parents will pick three 30 minutes sessions to participate in. There are sessions for everyone, including every post-secondary pathway (Enrollment, Enlistment, and Employment), first generation college attendees, students of color, English Language Learners, students with disabilities, highly selective colleges, college planning tips, transitioning to high school, and so much more!

[Here](#) is the agenda, schedule and list of sessions, which includes the link to register. The link to register is also [here](#).

PICTURE RETAKES AND TRACK PICTURES

We have scheduled picture retakes for Monday, 4/26 from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. Cohort A students who are at school will be called down to get their picture taken or do their retake. Cohort B students and Remote students can come to school anytime in this 3 hour window to get their picture or retake done. Please check in at the office when you arrive. At 3:00 p.m., we will take the track picture for both cohorts of students. Track coaches will share more about this next week.

iPADS

We wanted to let you know ALL students WILL be turning in their iPads at the end of this school year. There is nothing you need to do now, but I wanted to make sure you know about this so you will be prepared to turn in the iPad when the time comes. We will share more about the timeline and process for this later this spring.

SBA STATE TESTING

We recently received word that we will not be doing SBA testing this spring due to the pandemic year. Instead, it has been postponed until the Fall of 2021. We do not yet have any details on what this means for the fall, but we do know we will not need to carve out time for testing in May. We will still do the iReady spring testing so we have data on student learning to inform our fall planning.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 4/19 Track starts for cohort A, 4/22 start for cohort B
- 4/26 Picture retakes (12:00-3:00) and Track pictures (3:00)
- 5/27 PTSA General meeting 6:00
- 5/31 No School—Memorial Day