

# ALKI WEEKLY UPDATE 4-23-21

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## **GREETING**

We are entering that time of year where things start to get very busy. Testing, forecasting, master schedule building for next year, track, baseball, softball, camping, hiking, fishing, gardening, I could go on, right?! This week's letter has a lot of information in it as we navigate all of the things, so please review carefully. At the same time, even in the midst of all the busyness, I try to always remember this work is about your children. We are here to teach them, encourage them, support them, and help develop them into successful adults. Thanks for partnering with us to stay focused on what really matters.

## **4 DAY IN PERSON LEARNING**

I am sure you have heard by now VPS is tentatively planning on bringing more students back to in person learning 4 days a week instead of 2. While that is very exciting, there are some limitations and logistics we have to work through to make it work with 3 foot social distancing in classrooms, but 6 foot social distancing everywhere else. For now, here is what I can tell you about it:

- ALL current HYBRID 6th grade students will be invited to come to school 4 days a week starting May 10th.
- Full remote 6th grade students will only be able to come back if we have room in classrooms to accommodate them.
- HYBRID 7/8th grade students who have risk factors impacting their success in school will be invited back for 4 day in person learning starting May 10th as well. Risk factors include students with individualized plans or disabilities, English Language Learners, and students struggling with attendance, grades or mental health.
- We will be sending an email to the specific students we have identified with risk factors to invite them back as of May 10th. If you have a 7/8th grade student and do not receive an email by Tuesday, April 27th, and you feel your student has risk factors we should consider, please contact your grade level counselor.
- HYBRID 7/8th grade students who do not have risk factors, or are fully remote will only be able to return if we have room
- You can opt out of returning to 4 day in person learning if you feel it would be better for your student to stay in their current method of instruction. There will be a google form linked in the invite email for you to complete to communicate your intention to opt out.
- Most teachers are planning on continuing live streaming daily as they do now so that students at home can still access instruction.
- In order to prepare classrooms for more students, Wednesday May 5th has been set aside for teachers to plan and reorganize their classrooms. They may not be available that day to provide Zoom meeting support for individual and small groups of students. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## **HYBRID ATTENDANCE CHANGES**

Notification was sent out earlier regarding changes in attendance procedures for our current hybrid method of instruction. Some language in that was confusing, so here is an update from our Student Welfare Director:

Remote learning attendance update

Remote learning attendance reporting will change beginning May 3. This change will help align remote learning attendance with in-person learning.

What students need to do

To be counted as present on a remote learning day, students will need to do one of the following between 7 a.m. and midnight daily log into Canvas

- turn in an assignment
- attend a Zoom class
- contact their teacher

## **8TH GRADE CELEBRATION—NOTE FROM PTSA**

8th grade Celebration- note from our PTSA

Dear 8th Grade Families,

★ WAY TO GO! YOU DID IT! ★  
We've reached our \$1,500 Venmo Goal!

THANK YOU to all who donated! Your support is an integral part of our Success.

We are working on a couple more fundraisers to meet our total goal of \$3,450, so please keep an eye out for those.

Also, if you're interested in helping with fundraisers, please send us a message at: 8thgrade@alkiptsa.org

Warmly, PTSA - 8th Grade Celebration Committee

## **FREE COVID VACCINE**

If you are interested in access to free Covid vaccine shots this weekend, please click [here](#) for the flyer for an opportunity sponsored by the health department. This is not put on by the school district, but we were approved to share the information with you in case you are interested.

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

- 4/26 Picture retakes (1:30-2:30) and Track pictures (2:30—4:00) Link to Order photos online—click [here](#)
- 5/5 Teacher in person learning prep-day—asynchronous learning
- 5/27 PTSA General meeting 6:00
- 5/31 No School—Memorial Day
- 6/18 Last day of school