

# ALKI WEEKLY UPDATE 5-07-21

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WHERE OUR LEGACY IS VALUING EVERY STUDENT

## **GREETING**

One of our goals is to meet the individual needs of our students as we focus on high levels of learning for each student each day. As I am sure you can imagine, this is a worthy goal that is not always easy to achieve at the middle school level. As we look forward to inviting more students to attend 4 days a week in person starting Monday, 5/10, the goal of supporting each student in what they need to learn is as important as ever. Some of our students will be fully remote, some will attend 2 days a week, and some will attend 4 days a week. It is a challenge our teachers are ready to take on as we do one more instructional transition for this year. With 6 weeks to go, we will do our best to meet the needs of all of our students. Thanks again for your patience and partnership as we continue to learn and grow together.

## **4 DAY IN PERSON UPDATES AND REMINDERS**

We are all set to bring back more students next week. Our front office and counseling staff have been working hard this week to reach out to families and confirm plans for coming back to school 4 days a week. As a reminder:

- ALL HYBRID 6th grade students will begin attending 4 days a week as of Monday. Fully remote 6th grade students will continue to stay fully remote.
- HYBRID 7/8th grade students who have risk factors that are making school success more challenging are also invited back to 4 day in person learning. These students and their families were sent a specific email invite with a survey link to communicate intentions to come back or stay in 2 day learning. Fully remote or cohort A and B students who did NOT receive the email invite will stay in their current method of instruction. That means cohort B students who do not have risk factors should NOT come to school on Monday.
- Please contact your grade level counselor if you would like us to consider a change to your student's method of instruction. Bringing more students back to 4 day in person learning is possible as space allows.
- Start and end of day procedures for school remain unchanged. Upon arrival, students will enter through the cafeteria to go through the thermal scanner and then on to their first period class.
- Students who bring their own lunches will be given the choice of eating lunch in the cafeteria or outside. Students who get hot lunch will eat in the cafeteria. This is because there is not enough space in the cafeteria for all students to eat and stay 6 feet apart. Extra garbage cans and supervision will be provided outside for those who choose to eat out there.
- We will follow the current bell schedule for class times Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will still be set aside to focus on remote learners and those needing support.

## **PTSA NOMINATIONS**

Our PTSA has ALL Executive positions OPEN for the 2021-2022 school year as well as some Board Positions!

Our entire Executive Board has 8th graders who are moving on; we encourage you to read the important letter below to see if you'd be interested in taking on a vital role in keeping our PTSA going strong.

Also, click [here](#) for a list of the committees and descriptions provided; without our leaders our students, teachers and staff could miss out on the support we're able to provide.

We cannot stress how crucial the PTSA is to Alki Middle School education, please consider nominating someone or yourself—running the next school year.

Thank you for your time, commitment and support to Alki PTSA.

## **8TH GRADE CELEBRATION INFO**

The PTSA has been hard at work raising money and planning for a celebration for our 8th grade students at the end of the year. Click [here](#) for the flyer. If you have an 8th grade student, please make sure to review the flyer for more information regarding fund raising and the details of the celebration itself.

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

- 5/17 Progress reports available
- 5/27 PTSA General meeting 6:00
- 5/31 No School—Memorial Day
- 6/1 5th Grade Parent Night via Zoom—6:00 pm
- 6/17 Early Release at 1:30
- 6/17 8th Grade Celebration—4:30—6:00 pm