

ALKI WEEKLY UPDATE 10-08-21

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WHERE OUR LEGACY IS VALUING EVERY STUDENT

Greeting

I imagine you heard about the state testing we did this week from your son or daughter. Regardless of how we feel about doing the SBA Math, Science and English testing this fall as a make up to spring, I am proud of the focus and effort our students and staff put into the testing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The results will be helpful for students to have a sense of where their learning is as we get this year started. Given the past year and a half, I would be surprised if anyone believes there has not been an impact on student learning. I would think we also recognize there has been an impact on the social emotional health of our students (and ourselves!). All of that said, we will continue to focus on both. Attending to the social emotional needs of our students while continuing to strive for the highest levels of learning each student is capable of. Thanks for your partnership and support in working with your students.

Parent Conferences

- Will take place via Zoom
- Thursday, 10/21 from 4:00-8:00, and Friday, 10/22 from 8:00-12:00
- You can sign up on Skyward as of Friday, 10/8
- Teachers will share Zoom links as we get closer to the conference dates

Panorama: Social Emotional Health Screener

-As part of a new state requirement for schools, our district has adopted Panorama as a social emotional screener this year. Alki students will be completing the screener some time in late October/early November. Below, please find information about the screener, and a form if you choose to opt your student out of this assessment. You can return the opt out form to your grade level counselor by October 14th.

-The information gained from this screener will be used to identify students who need additional support so we can better serve them in their social emotional needs.

- [Parent Letter and Opt Out form](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)

New Covid Flow Charts

The CDC has new recommendations for students/staff who are CLOSE CONTACTS, and who HAVE SYMPTOMS for Covid. I have [attached](#) them for your reference. Moving forward, we will follow these guidelines when needed. There are some significant changes from what I sent out last week.

-Please note, we are not yet offering the test to stay option mentioned in the close contacts document

Upcoming Dates

- 10/8—Zoom Parent/Student Conference Sign-ups available in Skyward Family Access (Instructions sent in the October Newsletter).
- 10/20—Two Hour Early Release—school out 1:45
- 10/21—Two Hour Early Release—school out at 1:45—Zoom Parent/Student Conferences 4:00—8:00—pm
- 10/22—No School—Zoom Parent/Student Conferences 8:00—12:00 pm

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