



## **Greeting**

I hope the start of February finds you and your families happy and healthy. I know the ground hog saw his shadow and we are to expect 6 more weeks of winter, but I also saw he is only correct about 40% of the time. I hope this is one of those years he is incorrect! Either way, I am hopeful for a strong second half of the school year for our staff and students. Our focus continues to be on supporting our students to learn at the highest levels they are capable of. Covid or not, in the words of one of my heroes, Captain Picard, "We've got work to do!"  
Enjoy your weekend!

## **Student Equity Advisory**

We are interested in engaging student voice in the work we do to improve our school. Toward that end, we are going to start a Student Equity Advisory group of students who will meet weekly throughout the spring to give us their perspective on the student experience at Alki. If you feel that your child would be interested in working with a group of students to make sure that everyone feels like they belong at Alki, please have them consider becoming a part of our [Student Equity Advisory](#). If your child would like more information please encourage them to connect with their grade level counselor, restorative coach Mr. Johnson, or equity specialist Mrs. Vann.

## **Lunch ID Numbers**

- Starting Monday, 2/14 students will be required to resume entering their lunch code numbers in Skyward
- Lunches are still provided at no charge, but this will allow us to get a more accurate accounting of how many lunches are being served
- Next week, students will practice entering numbers so they are ready for 2/14
- Lunch codes are in Skyward, once you log in navigate to the "Food Service" link. It would be great if you could help prep your student with their number so we can move them through the line as quickly as possible

## **Valentine's Day and Food/Gifts**

- We reminded the students this week that we do not allow food deliveries during the school day (i.e. door dash, uber eats, pizza delivery etc). This causes too much disruption and places too much burden on staff to help facilitate the logistics of it.
- We also have seen an increase in Dutch Brothers, Starbucks, etc. in the morning. We also did a friendly reminder to students their coffee beverages need to be consumed before entering the building, or in the cafeteria, and cups need to be disposed of in proper containers and not left sitting on tables. Thank you for any reinforcement of these expectations you might provide to maintain a clean campus.
- Transportation has asked we remind families of the expectations below, especially as we look forward to Valentine's Day and the gifts students may want to give to each other.
  - No Glass on the Bus (safety hazard in an accident or if broken)
  - No Balloons on the Bus (visibility for the driver no exceptions)
  - No Food or eating of any kind on the Bus especially hard candy (choking hazard)
  - No large bulky items (everything must sit in the seat with a person or it is considered a projectile by state patrol, additionally most seats already have two students in them)
  - Windows on the School side must stay up while at school (safety hazard of students falling under the bus, due to horse play with students on the bus)
  - Masks must be over nose and mouth at all times
  - No bags or students in emergency exits or aisle's.

## **Upcoming Dates**

2/7 3:05 early release  
2/14 3:05 early release  
2/21 No school- President's Day  
2/28 3:05 early release

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