

ALKI WEEKLY UPDATE 03-11-22

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WHERE OUR LEGACY IS VALUING EVERY STUDENT

Greeting

This sunny weather is teasing me when it comes to spring time. As I drive around, I am not seeing a lot of signs of blooms on trees yet, but I feel like we might be getting closer to blossoms on trees and flowers in the garden. And now that baseball is set to return.....I am ready for spring! Enjoy your weekend!

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Mask Mandate Change

I believe we are all set to transition to the masks becoming optional. We have spent the week reminding students that for some this is good news, and for some it could potentially raise anxiety. My main concern is that we maintain a respectful approach to how we treat each other as each person decides how best to deal with masks. No judgement. No criticism. No making people feel bad. For me, the BIG 4 still applies:

1. Maintain social distance
2. Wash hands frequently
3. If you have symptoms, stay home
4. Masks are now optional.

I hope this is a hopeful sign we are getting closer to the end of Covid as a pandemic, and closer to getting back to normal...whatever that is! VPS will continue to do our best to follow health department guidelines, and we will keep you posted as things change.

Forecasting for 2022-23

- Last week I sent out information regarding forecasting for next year. Here are a few points to help you with supporting your child in thinking about their forecasting requests:
 - ◇ Current 6/7th grade students will forecast in Science classes on Thursday, March 17th
 - ◇ Elective choices for grades 7/8 include choosing one academic elective, and one arts elective
 - Academic elective choices include: Creative Writing, Robotics, Spanish, and STEM (labs in technology)
 - Arts elective choices include: Art, Band, Choir, Orchestra, Theater and Visual Art Design
 - Students who take Leadership or Yearbook may choose either an academic elective, or an Arts elective
 - Students below grade level in math, reading, or both (as measured by iReady and/or SBA) take Academic Prep (academic support class) instead of an Academic elective
 - ◇ All students will take Math, Science, English, Humanities (social studies) and PE in addition to their 2 electives
 - ◇ Counselors will review all of this information with students on the 17th, and have them complete a google form to make their requests.
 - Getting first choice requests is not guaranteed depending on staffing and scheduling factors, but we will do our best to honor first and second choice requests for electives

Skyview Football

If you are an 8th grade parent, here is a link pertaining to information about playing football at Skyview: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-wgbwiwucpePMFcBslRoRpAHBKxLr3Dm81NiUTf-sLo/edit?usp=sharing>

Football starts May 31st for next fall's season, so take a look if your future freshman is interested in playing.

Upcoming Dates

3/14 End of trimester 2
3/14 3:05 early release
3/15 Start of trimester 3
3/16 Band festival at Discovery MS- 9:30-12:00
3/17 Forecasting 6/7th grade students in Science classes

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