

# ALKI WEEKLY UPDATE 04-22-22

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## **Greeting**

Happy Friday! Navigating the bumpy weather and surviving tax day has made the last few weeks quite the adventure. I am looking forward to what looks to be a pretty nice weather weekend, and I hope you are too. It is coming into a very busy time of year and nicer weather somehow makes it feel better. Enjoy your weekend!

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## **SBA Testing**

- 8th grade students did their Science testing this past week and we are now working on make ups.
- Over the next few weeks all grade levels will be testing in math and ELA. Here is the schedule:
- 4/26- ELA writing performance task all grades
- 4/27- ELA writing performance task all grades
- 4/28- Math performance task all grades
- 5/3- Math computation all grades
- 5/4- ELA reading all grades

Please encourage and support your child to make sure they have charged iPads each day, they get good rest each night, and they are well nourished. We want everyone to be prepared to do their very best on each assessment. Thanks for your help.

## **Kindness**

I am constantly reminding students and staff that one of my TWO big priorities as a principal is to create a KIND, CARING, RESPECTFUL school. The other is to focus on HIGH LEVELS OF LEARNING! Middle school students have a developmental need to be guided and taught how to interact with peers in respectful ways as they navigate the ups and downs of relationships and friendships. Social media has made this more of a challenge, as I am sure you all know. As a parent, it is very helpful to monitor your child's social media to ensure they are interacting in appropriate ways with their peers and community. Many of the bullying and harassment issues we deal with at school stem from social media posts or messages that can be quite rude and disrespectful- and often occur outside the school day. Thank you for joining us in the ongoing work of helping to shape positive communication and respectful interactions for our kids. They really do need the structure and guidance we as adults can provide to use their social media presence for good to make the world a better place.

## **Upcoming Dates**

- 4/25 3:05 early release
- 4/26 SBA testing- morning test schedule
- 4/27 SBA testing- morning test schedule
- 4/28 SBA testing- morning test schedule
- 5/2 3:05 early release

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