

ALKI MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WHERE OUR LEGACY IS VALUING EVERY STUDENT

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Greetings Alki families!

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! I hope you all have had a restful fun filled relaxing summer and are ready to return to school. Though it seems like yesterday we ended the school year, I am ready to be back and I am excited to begin my third year as principal at Alki.

As a principal, I have 2 main goals that everything we do must align to: 1. **Create a positive and caring culture that is safe and conducive to learning, and 2. Ensure high levels of learning for every student every day.** The last few years of Covid protocols and the impact of the pandemic have made these goals more challenging to achieve, but I am hopeful we have the opportunity this year to move forward. I pledge to you I will provide the vision and the support to our school to ensure we are pursuing these two goals with focus and commitment.

As teachers, we are here to support students in attaining the skills and knowledge they need to be successful 21st century citizens. As parents, you want to support your children to be the best they can be and to find success in whatever they decide they want to do. Working together to engage students in a way that creates opportunity for them to think more deeply, learn more fully, and prepare for life beyond middle school is something we all have to work on together. Let's work together to make sure YOUR child achieves at the highest level possible this school year.

Empowering students to create a better world,

Mark Cain

Principal, Alki MS

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General information to help with getting started:

Covid Protocols: We do not have any updates to report on protocols we must follow in schools this fall. I anticipate some updates next week, and we will communicate those at a later time. We believe they will be similar to what we ended the school year with. Stay tuned!

Schedules: Schedules will be available in Skyward on August 22nd or 23rd (waiting on a final date from district folks). In the mean time, family access is supposed to be turned off while we work on finalizing teaching assignments and schedules. If you somehow are able to see it, please do not count on its accuracy right now. All class assignments are tentative and based on current enrollment projections from last spring. It is always difficult to predict our exact enrollment. We will inform you at the earliest possible moment should we need to make adjustments. Paper copies of student schedules will be available at Back to School Night, and on the first day of school as well.

Staff Changes: We are very fortunate NOT to have a lot of staff changes, but please welcome these new team members to the Alki family:

- Scott Kielty, Structured Learning Teacher
- Lindsey Andreotti, 8th grade counselor
- Fawn McKay, Secretary
- Megan Shanahan, Paraeducator
- Melody Morrow, Paraeducator
- Rachel Bereczki, Paraducator
- Scott Sartorius is a current teacher at Alki, and will take on the role of Athletic Director

Back to School Night: We are planning to hold our annual Back to School Night this year, and we are excited to welcome everyone back to find their classrooms and meet their teachers before the first day of school.

Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:00-6:00. Teachers will be in their classrooms to meet and greet students as they follow their schedules to find their classrooms.

- There will be information tables in the great hall where you can get more information from PTSA, the Nurse, the Business Office and more
- Counselors will have paper copies of student schedules out in front of the cafeteria, however it will be very helpful for you to check Skyward and come with your child's schedule so you don't have to stand in line (they should be available the 22nd or 23rd)
- The purpose of this night is to meet teachers and find classrooms, and it will go pretty quick.

6th Grade Kick Off

We are excited to welcome our incoming 6th grade students to come to school on Monday, August 29th for a day of school by themselves. The purpose of this day is to give our new students an opportunity to go through their school day, find their classes, meet their teachers and do some community building without the older students present. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation will be provided. The day will start at 9:00 and end at 3:30, which is our normal start and end time this year. This is an optional opportunity, but I hope you will plan to have your 6th grade student attend on August 29th to get the "kick off" to school.

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First day of school: The first day of school for all students is Tuesday, August 30th. Upon arrival, students can get a copy of their schedule out front. If eating breakfast, the cafeteria will open for that at 8:30. Doors open at 8:55 for students to go to their first period class. We are excited to see EVERYONE show up the first day!

Bus Information: Information on bus stops is provided in this newsletter and on the district web site. We recommend students ride the bus in the morning on the first day so they know their stop and bus number to go home. It is also a great start to meeting their driver and learning the routines for bus riding. It is helpful that your student knows their address, so please practice with that information prior to the first day of school.

First Day Packets: We will be sending home a First Day Packet for parents to go over that includes all of the forms that need to be filled out, signed, and sent back to school. The **required forms** are the VPS 1:1 Technology Responsible Use and Safety Agreement, The Alki School/Family Compact, 2022-23 Family Income Survey and for **6th grade students only**- the Attendance Agreement. Please go over these forms the first day and return them to school on Wednesday to ensure the school has all the information we need regarding your child.

School Hours: 9:00-3:30 on Tuesday-Friday. Mondays we have an early release so teachers have dedicated time for collaboration. School hours on Mondays are 9:00-2:50. Breakfast is provided starting at 8:30 daily in the cafeteria.

Breakfast and Lunch: Again this year, Vancouver Public Schools has obtained a grant to offer breakfast and lunch to any student who wants it free of charge.

Transportation: Parents bringing your child to school: Please see the PARKING LOT information sheet on page 9 of this newsletter. We work very hard to make Alki safe for all students, and drop off and pick up in the parking lot tends to be a place where we need a system to maintain order. Any time you are dropping off or picking up, please **pull forward as far toward the front of the gym as you can**- this will create room for cars to pull into the parking lot from the road and reduce back up. THANK YOU!!

Bikes and Skateboards: We request students on bicycles walk their bikes to the bike rack once on campus. There is a rack in front of the South House near the basketball courts, and one near the bus drop off area in front of the gym. **Skateboards and scooters are not allowed on school grounds in current school board policy.**

PTSA: Our wonderful PTSA does so much for our students at Alki. They provide funding for enhanced learning opportunities, support for classrooms, support for the 8th grade end of year celebration, and more. It would be great to have ALL of our Alki parents and students join the PTSA. Please look for the membership information in the first day packet, or stop by the PTSA info table on Back to School Night! It's a great way to support your student and get involved in the school.

Also, the PTSA board currently has an opening for President. If you are interested in taking on this important role, please contact the school so we can connect you with the PTSA board. There is a current Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, so you would be joining a wonderful group of supportive parents who are already working to support the staff and students through the PTSA.

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ALKI MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:

Striving to create a learning environment that empowers every student by providing engaging academic programs and positive social experiences for all

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Mark Cain - Principal
Doug Warner - Associate Principal
Scott Sartorius - Athletic Director



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Aug. 24th** - Back to School Night
5:00 - 6:00 pm
- **Aug 24th** - Fall sports practices begin
- **Aug. 29th** - 6th Grade Kick-Off
- **Aug. 30th** - First day of school
- **Sept 2nd** - Last day to register for Fall sports
- **Sept. 5th** – Labor Day—No School
- **Sept. 8th**- Picture Day
- **Sept. 20th** - Curriculum Night -
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Our Office Staff is always ready to serve you!

Fawn McKay - Secretary
Kelly Newcomb - Registrar

OFFICE HOURS:

8:00am - 3:00pm (thru Aug 26th)
 8:00am - 4:00pm (Aug 29th on)

Main Office - 313-3200

Fax - 313-3201

Jennifer Stelter - Attendance
Alkiattendance@vansd.org
 313-3220

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS:

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Erin Redd - Business Office
 313-3210

Please try and keep phone calls and items dropped off to a minimum. This prevents classroom interruptions for optimal student learning. Thank you for your help!

Back to School Night August 24th, 2022

All students and their parents are invited to attend our Back to School Night on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:00-6:00 pm. Teachers will be at their classroom doors to meet and greet students as they follow their schedules to find their classrooms and tour the building. The Front office and Business office will also be open during this time. **Schedules will be available in Skyward no later than August 24th. We will also have copies available at the event.**



BUS SCHEDULES

Bus route schedules and information will be available soon on the Vancouver School District website: vansd.org. You will click on the "Schools" link on the top then "Bus Routes" on the right hand side.

All Monday's from Sept. 12th through May 22nd will be 40 minute early release. School will end at 2:50 pm



SCHOOL PICTURES:

Picture day is Wednesday, **Sept. 8th**. All students will have their photo taken for the yearbook, ID Card and a variety of picture packets for you to purchase. Price information will be sent home with the students prior to picture day.

SCHOOL FEES

ASB Fee—\$10 (required to participate in sports or any clubs)

Athletic Fee (per Sport) - \$20

National Junior Honor Society—\$10

Optional PE Uniform—\$15 - 7th & 8th Grade only (6th Graders do not dress down)

Yearbook—\$25.00

Parents may pay on-line with a debit/credit card on the Alki website at <https://alki.vansd.org/business-office/>.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS—

Have you been thinking about volunteering at one of our district schools? The district has now made the process very easy! Go to <https://vansd.org/volunteer/> and follow the instructions from there. Volunteer clearance is good for two years. Washington residents can take as little as 5 minutes up to 48 hours and Oregon residents can take up to 12 weeks to receive clearance back! Please make sure to apply ASAP if you are interested in volunteering or attending a field trip with your student this school year.

IMPORTANT TDAP BOOSTER FOR ALL STUDENTS IN 7TH & 8TH GRADE

Students must be fully immunized **prior to** the first day of school which is Tuesday, August 30th. As a reminder, a Tdap booster dose is required for all students in grades 7-8. For students in 7th and 8th grade, Tdap dose is acceptable if given on or after 10 years age.

Please submit medically verified immunization records to our school Nurse, Joy Feltz or our school Registrar, Kelly Newcomb. You may bring them to the office or send them or via email - joy.feltz@vansd.org or kelly.newcomb@vansd.org. **Please submit these documents by August 29th.**

Students who are out of compliance will not be allowed to attend school and will be withdrawn until their vaccinations are up to date.

MAKE SCHOOL COUNT: ATTENDANCE MATTERS, YOU MATTER

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Building this habit starts with the first day of school so they can learn right away that arriving at school on time, every day, is important. Good attendance is critical to school success. The parent is expected to notify the school of the reason for the absence within three (3) school days.

To excuse an absence at Alki Middle School:

- A written note by Parent/Guardian stating the date(s) and reason for the absence.
- Call the attendance line at 360-313-3220
- E-mail Attendance Clerk at AlkiAttendance@vansd.org
- Skyward Family Access request for student absence

Absences can be excused for the following reasons:

- Illness (a doctor's note is required after 5 absences)
- Health care appointments (as much as possible, try to schedule these outside the school day)
- Emergencies
- Religious activity
- Pre-arranged approved activity (family vacations **must** be pre-arranged to be excused)
- Family Related

All absences, whether excused or unexcused, become a problem for student success. At five unexcused absences within the school year, the "Unexcused Absence Report and Agreement" begins. Ten or more unexcused absences within the school year will result in the school district enforcing the compulsory school attendance law through truancy court.

When picking up your student from school it is required by VPS to have your ID ready and you must be on the student's approved pick up list.

Parents can now "Request an Absence" for their student. This can be done through Skyward Family Access.

****Notice****

Due to the importance of student's academic class time and school safety, students will not be excused from class until Parent/Guardian is in the office to sign them out.

Please review Alki's Tardy Policy:

- * 1st Tardy - Verbal warning
- * 2nd Tardy - Parent is notified via e-mail
- * 3rd Tardy - Lunch detention assigned to student
- * 4th Tardy - Referral to the office for his/her total and discipline will be assigned. Parent is contacted.
- * 5th Tardy - Referral to the office for After School Detention. Parent is contacted.



VPS Is Hiring!

Are you, or do you know someone who would be a great addition to our Vancouver Public Schools (VPS) team? Did you know that VPS hosts monthly Substitute and Classified Candidate Day interviews for qualified applicants?



Vancouver Public Schools is now hiring for full-time, part-time, substitute, and seasonal employees in the following areas:

**Paraeducators
Bus drivers
Coaches**

**Cafeteria Assistants
Custodial Assistants**

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Vancouver Public Schools is an equal opportunity district in education programs, activities, services, and employment. The district does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, including gender expression or identity, age, families with children, honorably discharged veterans or military status, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal. The district provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. The district complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Older Worker Protection Act, and all other state, federal, and local equal opportunity laws. You may contact any of the following people at 2901 Bell Rd., Vancouver, Washington, 98661, or by writing to them at Vancouver School District, PO Box 8937, Vancouver, Washington 98668-8937 or by calling 360-313-1000: ADA-Kathy Everidge (kathy.everidge@vpsd.org); Title VII, 504-Steve Vance (steve.vance@vpsd.org); IDCA-Daniel Betts (daniel.betts@vpsd.org); Affirmative Action/Title IX-Kathy Everidge (kathy.everidge@vpsd.org); Title IX Elementary-Kristle Lindholm (kristle.lindholm@vpsd.org); Title IX Secondary-Bill Oman (bill.oman@vpsd.org); Athletic Equity-Jim Gray (james.gray@vpsd.org). This notification can be provided in the appropriate language for communities of national origin and minority persons with limited English language skills by contacting 360-313-1250.

[Click Here to Apply Online](#)



Free meals will be available to all K-12 students again this year! Meal payments online or by cash or check will not be collected by schools.

Free or reduced-price meal applications will not be collected this year. We do ask that **all** of our families complete the Family Income Survey. This survey provides your child's school a way to collect household income information. This information makes sure your child's school receives the full amount of federal and state funding and makes sure your child receives services they are entitled to when free/reduced price applications are not collected.

The Family Income Survey will be sent electronically to all families and a paper version will be included in first day packets. You can also obtain a copy in the school office. Please complete the survey online or return completed paper surveys to the school office by October 1st.

Parents and guardians need to complete only one survey for all school-aged children in their household. For further information, please call 360-313-1190 or email nutrition.services@vansd.org.

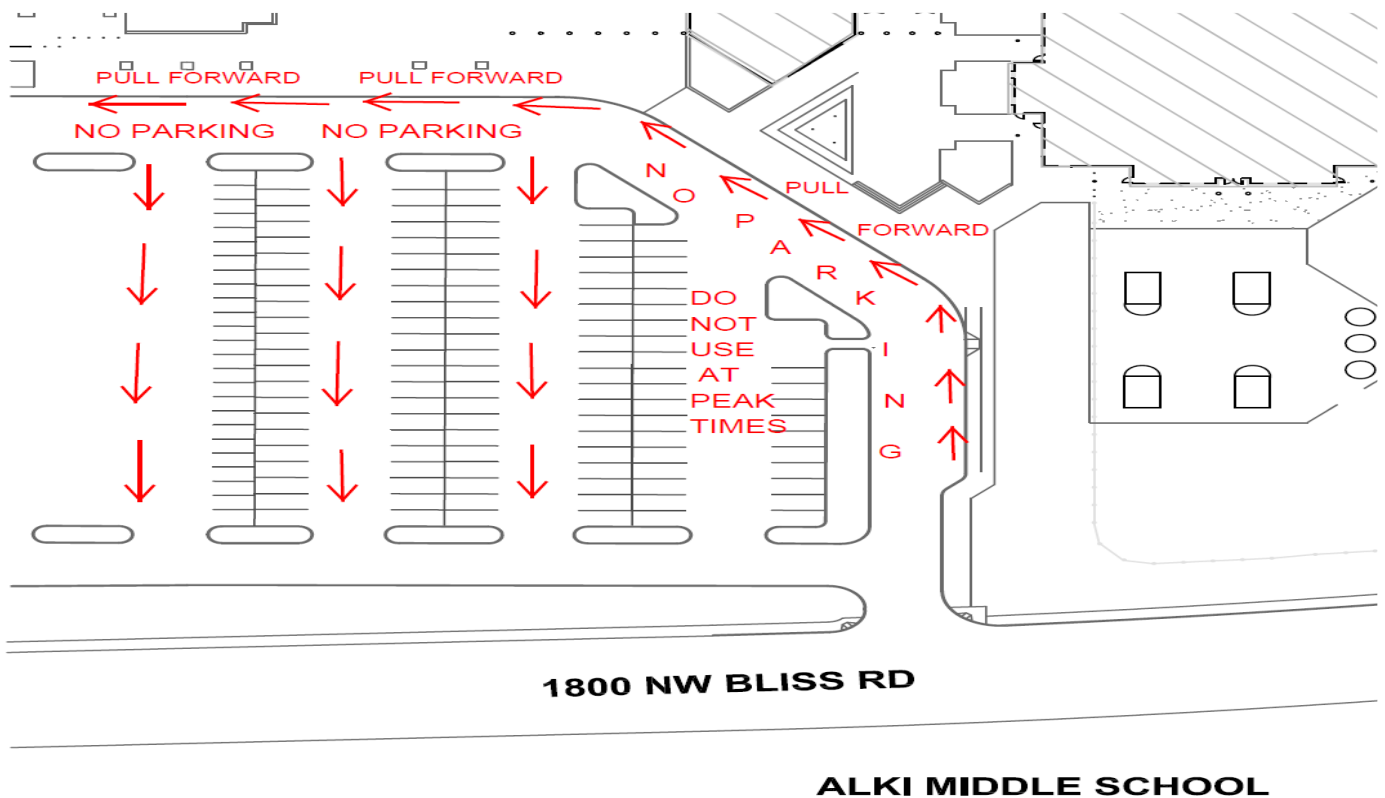
PARKING LOT SAFETY- Parent Drop off and Pick-up

Dear Alki Families:

In order to minimize hazards to students we are asking drivers to follow these procedures to ensure a safe pick up and drop off in the Alki parking lot:

- Pick up time in the afternoon is 3:30-3:40
- Please only travel east to west in the driveway when picking up and dropping off, then turn left to head south toward the exit, avoiding the first aisle.
- Pull as far forward as possible and continue doing so as cars pull out. We will be asking students to wait further west on the sidewalk rather than in front of the office.
- Form ONE line next to the curb when waiting in your car. Do not stop in the middle of the driveway to pick up or drop off your student.
- Remain in your car unless you are parked in a parking space
- Please find a parking space if there is no room along the curb. Students will be asked to use the cross walks to get to the parking area.
- Do not park or stop your car in front of any ORANGE CONES.

Please be aware that school zone traffic laws are in effect all year. Watch for the yellow flashing light and remember to slow down—20 miles per hour—and stop at crosswalks whenever students are present. Use caution when entering and parking in the Alki parking lot.



ALKI MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST –2022-2023

Back Pack (No sports bags please)

Colored Folders-

Green- Science

Blue- Social Studies

Yellow- English

Red- Math

Designer-student's choice - Elective

3 holed College ruled paper, white, loose leaf

#2 pencils (3 or 4 packages)

Ruler with inches and cm.

3 Composition Notebooks –100 sheets/200 pages – college ruled – these will be for Math, English & Science

Quad ruled composition notebook (Algebra)

1 Spiral Notebook (6th Grade Only)

Pencil Sharpener with container

1 set of colored pencils

2 or 3 erasable pens (Blue or Black)

Eraser, Pink Pearl

Glue stick (for paper) or white glue

Ear Buds (Wired not Bluetooth)

Highlighters- yellow, pink, green, blue

Kleenex

Hand Sanitizer

Scissors – 5"

1" Binder – Orchestra and Choir

****Donations of paper reams and Kleenex are gladly accepted. Please drop off at the office.**

7th/8th Grade

Graph Paper and Scientific Calculator Options

Art Students – These Art supplies will be kept in the Art room in a box that is provided for you.

#2 pencils

Large White Polymer Eraser

Colored Pencils – 24 pack

Pencil Sharpener with container

1 Black Ultra Fine Sharpie

1 Black Fine Sharpie

Gym clothes: loose fitting, but not oversized, plain gray t-shirt and black shorts, gym shoes (A District PE uniform may be purchased at the school office for \$15) Students will also be able to wear Spirit Wear which is available to order through our PTSA at the beginning of the year.

*If you need financial assistance, funds are available. Please call our office at 313-3200

FREE - After School Fall and Winter Dance Sessions

Each session lasts eight weeks, so students receive eight hours of extracurricular dance education.

During the program students hone their technical and creative skills as dancers. Students in the program are able to learn specific styles of dance.

Not only do students get to explore the technique of dance, but they also have the opportunity to create dances with other students. Students are encouraged to collaborate while exploring and choreographing based on various stimuli. It is an amazing experience for students to work with students from other schools who share their love for dance.

At the end of the sessions the students have a chance to show their families what they learned and perform to a real audience.

The program is open to students in grades 3-8. Classes are one hour once a week. Students should wear comfortable clothing that allows them to move freely. Special dance shoes are not necessary, but students may wear them if they wish.

Fall Session Dates:

Monday, September 19, 2022 – November 7, 2022

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics

Winter Session Dates:

Monday, January 23, 2023 – March 20, 2023

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics

Students may only apply for one session as both sessions are the same Applications are due Friday, September 9, 2022 Families will receive a confirmation email with further details about attendance, attire, etc.

You can apply on-line [HERE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1E1PIHZOe2RD1BAXkqc38pqSP83ByYvJ4auwUPHVeank/viewform?edit_requested=true) (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1E1PIHZOe2RD1BAXkqc38pqSP83ByYvJ4auwUPHVeank/viewform?edit_requested=true)



MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

Period	Start	End	
Warning Bell	8:55		
Period 1	9:00	9:50	50
Period 2	9:53	10:41	48
Period 3	10:44	11:32	48
1st Lunch (7th & 8th)	11:35	12:05	30
Period 4 (1st lunch)	12:08	12:55	47
Period 4 (2nd Lunch)	11:35	12:22	47
2nd Lunch (6th & 7th)	12:25	12:55	30
Period 5	12:58	1:46	48
Period 6	1:49	2:37	48
Period 7	2:40	3:30	50

MONDAY

Period	Start	End	
Warning Bell	8:55		
2nd Step Time	9:00	9:25	25
Period 1	9:25	10:05	40
Period 2	10:08	10:47	39
Period 3	10:50	11:29	39
1st Lunch (7th & 8th)	11:32	12:02	30
Period 4 (1st lunch)	12:05	12:44	39
Period 4 (2nd Lunch)	11:32	12:11	39
2nd Lunch (6th & 7th)	12:14	12:44	30
Period 5	12:47	1:26	39
Period 6	1:29	2:08	39
Period 7	2:11	2:50	39



MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL SCHEDULE

2 Hr Early Release

Period	Start	End	
Warning Bell	8:55		
Period 1	9:00	9:32	32
Period 2	9:35	10:07	32
Period 3	10:10	10:42	32
1st Lunch (7th & 8th)	10:45	11:15	30
Period 4 (1st lunch)	11:18	11:48	30
Period 4 (2nd Lunch)	10:45	11:15	30
2nd Lunch (6th & 7th)	11:18	11:48	30
Period 5	11:51	12:22	31
Period 6	12:25	12:56	31
Period 7	12:59	1:30	31

2 Hr Late Start

Period	Start	End	
Warning Bell	10:55		
Period 1	11:00	11:32	32
Period 2	11:35	12:07	32
Period 3	12:10	12:42	32
1st Lunch (7th & 8th)	12:45	1:15	30
Period 4 (1st lunch)	1:18	1:48	30
Period 4 (2nd Lunch)	12:45	1:15	30
2nd Lunch (6th & 7th)	1:18	1:48	30
Period 5	1:51	2:22	31
Period 6	2:25	2:56	31
Period 7	2:59	3:30	31