

WHERE OUR LEGACY IS VALUING EVERY STUDENT

Greetings Alki families,

Happy Friday! Here we are, finishing our first full week of school, new master schedule, 3rd week, mid-September. I couldn't be happier or prouder of the job our students and staff have done getting through all of the start of year busyness and adjusting to a new schedule. I know it has been very disruptive to everyone to go through such a significant change. I also appreciate how well everyone has adjusted. Thank you for your patience and flexibility. We are now settled and I anticipate great things as we get into our new schedule and routines.

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Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum

- Again this year, we will be using Second Step to teach students about social emotional learning.
- All students will participate in lessons on Monday mornings from 9:00-9:25 as part of our early release Monday bell schedule.
- We started this schedule on Monday this week, but the first Second Step lessons will not start until October 3rd. We have started with a focus on community building between now and then.
- If you would like more information about the Second Step curriculum, here is a <u>link</u> with the Second Step scope and sequence overview
- If you would like to know the specific <u>schedule for Alki</u>, here is a link to our planned scope and sequence (this is subject to change throughout the year)
- Second Step is aligned to the Washington State SEL standards, and meets the state requirement for a Social

Athletic Spectator Guidelines

Now that we are up and running for athletic contests this fall, please note these guidelines for spectators from our Athletic Dept.:

Safety is a top priority in Vancouver Public Schools, and we want our after-school athletic events to be safe and respectful places for all student athletes and spectators. To provide adequate supervision of students and ensure the safety of all athletes and spectators, we have established the following guidelines for games.

- Students must be accompanied by a parent or adult. This applies to both home and away games.
- Food and drinks, with the exception of bottled water, are not allowed in school gymnasiums.
- Spectators must stay in bleachers or designated areas.
- Re-entry to the game/activity is not permitted after leaving.
- Students are not allowed to remain on campus after school ends until a game begins. They should leave after school, and come back at game time.
- Support all student athletes by exhibiting good sportsmanship and positive support.

Due to the unique nature of facilities at different buildings, guidelines may vary at each school.

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Open House

- Alki's Open House will be on Tuesday, September 20th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Yes, it will be in person this year!
- Parents will go through your child's class schedule and spend about 10 minutes per class meeting with the teacher and learning about the curriculum, classroom processes, grading, etc.
- Student's will fill out a schedule form to share with you via hard copy and/or text picture so you can follow their schedule during the Open House time. You should receive that on Monday from your student.
- We hope you will attend!

Upcoming Dates

- 9/19 Early release 2:50
- 9/20 Open House 6:00 p.m.
- 9/26 Early release 2:50
- 10/3 Early release 2:50
- 10/11 Picture Retakes

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