

# ALKI MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WHERE OUR LEGACY IS VALUING EVERY STUDENT

NOVEMBER 2022

Hello Alki Parents and Families,

Happy November! We are entering into my favorite time of year. I love celebrating the holidays, the transition from summer to fall and the leaves changing color, and yes, I even enjoy the cooler wetter weather. AT least for a short time. :) We have great kids and great things going on here at Alki Middle School, and despite the recent allegations we are dealing with, we have much to celebrate. Here are a few things I would like to celebrate this month:

-I am thankful for the work of our counselors (Mrs. Andreotti, Ms. Kelly, and Mr. Wagoner). The emotional, mental health, academic, and behavioral support our counselors provide is invaluable to our students. Mrs. Kreunen (Student Advocate), Mr. Johnson (Restorative Practice Coach), Mrs. Vann (Equity Coach) and Ms. Potter (Family Resource Coordinator) round out a team of caring dedicated educators who work hard to support students and families and I am thankful for them every day.

-I am thankful for wonderful staff who go the extra mile every day to help our students succeed. Each person plays a significant role in "Striving to create a learning environment that empowers every student by providing engaging academic programs and positive social experiences for all." (Alki mission statement) They care about your students deeply and work hard to give the best learning experience they can each and every day.

-I am thankful for our students. Every time I see a student find success, achieve a milestone, complete an act of kindness, I am proud. Kids are why we do what we do, and Alki has awesome students that I enjoy working with. I love to see our Leadership students, our Student Equity group, and our National Junior Honor Society students take on leadership and work to improve our school.

-I am thankful for a community who values and supports education. We live in difficult times, and some of you know this better than others. Education, becoming life, college, and career ready is an important opportunity for our students to find success in life. We couldn't do this without community support.

-I am thankful for you as parents. As a former middle school parent myself, I know how challenging it can be to keep your child motivated to move forward. I also know how important it is that we stay the course as parents and continue to love and support our kids to do and be the very best they can. Thank you for your partnership and support.

I do not have any additional information to share with you at this time regarding the video voyeur incident our district is dealing with. The Clark County Sheriff's office continues their investigation, and to this point has not told us there are any images of Alki staff or students. Any new information they share with us regarding potential details or victims from Alki will likely come from our district communication department as they continue to work with the Sheriff's office on the investigation. We still do not know, nor do we know a timeline for finding out if Alki staff and students are victims. I know it is hard to be in limbo. Hang in there.

I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy the variety of holidays you celebrate at this time of year. I am thankful to be an Alki Wolf and look forward to seeing you at the variety of events we have going on over these next few months.

Empowering students to create a better world,

Mark Cain

Principal

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## ALKI MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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



Our Office Staff is always ready to serve you!

**Fawn McKay - Secretary**  
**Kelly Newcomb - Registrar**

### OFFICE HOURS:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Main Office - 313-3200**

**Fax - 313-3201**

**Jennifer Stelter - Attendance**  
**[AlkiAttendance@vansd.org](mailto:AlkiAttendance@vansd.org)**

313-3220

### BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS:

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Erin Redd - Business Office**  
 313-3210

**Please try to keep phone calls and items dropped off to a minimum. With the exception of urgently needed items, we will only call students down before lunch and at the end of the school day. This prevents classroom interruptions for optimal student learning. Thank you for your help!**

## 8th Grade Party

### Meeting

**November 2nd, 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Alki Media Center**

**We are in need of a Chair Person and Committee Members!**

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Nov. 6th** - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- **Nov. 11th** - Veteran's Day - No School
- **Nov. 14th** - Student Chest Drive Begins
- **Nov. 22** - End of 1st Trimester
- **Nov. 23 - 25** - Thanksgiving Break - No School

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

## SCHOOL FEES

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

Athletic Fee (per Sport) - \$20

National Junior Honor Society—\$10

Yearbook—\$25.00

Parents may write one check per student (to Alki Middle School) for all fees. Parents may also pay [online](#) with a debit/credit card.

Please note that there is limited cash on site. We are unable to make change for students.



# 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:**

**Special Program Paraeducators  
Paraeducators**

**Cafeteria Assistants  
Custodial Assistants**

**Bus Drivers  
Coaches**

#### **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 veteran 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 Falk 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@vansd.org); Title VII, 504-Steve Vance (steve.vance@vansd.org); IDEA-Daniel Bettis (daniel.bettis@vansd.org); Affirmative Action/Title IX-Kathy Everidge (kathy.everidge@vansd.org); Title IX Elementary-Kristie Lindholm (Kristie.Lindholm@vansd.org); Title IX Secondary-Bill Oman (bill.oman@vansd.org); Athletic Equity-Jim Gray (james.gray@vansd.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](#)**



## Youth Opportunity Pass Parent Consent 2022-23

C-TRAN, Vancouver Public Schools, the Evergreen School District, WSSB, WSD, and Vancouver Parks and Recreation have formed a partnership to provide free access to public transit and local community centers for all currently enrolled middle and senior high school students who wish to participate. As a participant in this program, your child will receive one full year of free public transit access starting September 1 and continuing through the following August 31. It does not provide service past the Columbia River into Portland or on C-VAN paratransit, TriMet or the Portland Streetcar.

If you consent to your child participating in this program, your child's Youth Opportunity Pass (YOP) can then be used to gain free access to either Marshall or Firstenburg community centers. Simply take your child and their Pass to your preferred location to fill out the required forms. You will then receive a community center ID card that provides access during non-school hours.

The total value of the YOP for the entire year is over \$525!

Applications for the YOP are available in the office that you will complete and return to Alki. The pass sticker is placed on the student's ID card, so please have them bring their ID with them when they return the signed application.

### Student Chest Drive



The Student Chest Drive is an annual charity event hosted by the Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools to raise funds for the emergency needs of students. This year's chest drive will take place from November 14th through the 18th, and will include activities students are able to participate to help raise money. During this drive, Alki's staff and students are united with the common goal of helping raise money for other students in the district that need financial help.



## *Alki Sharing and Caring Project 2022*

### *The Giving Tree*

*Our goal is to assist the Vancouver School District families that are in need of extra help during the Holidays!*

*Before Thanksgiving break, on November 21st and 22nd, all students will have the opportunity to select ornament tags from our designated trees. Each ornament will list a specific item needed for one of our family members.*

*If you choose to participate, please bring an unwrapped item (with the tag still attached) back to the school by December 7th, 2022.*

*We thank you in advance for your support. Helping families in need is a popular and rewarding annual project that every student can participate in. Together we can make a huge difference!*

*If you have any questions or you wish to volunteer, please email [alkigivingtree@gmail.com](mailto:alkigivingtree@gmail.com).*

*- PTSA*





# FREE FOOD PANTRIES!

**¡Despensas de comida gratis!**

**Бесплатные продовольственные кладовые!**

**Open to ALL Vancouver Public School Families!**

**¡Abierto a todas las familias de las escuelas públicas de Vancouver!**

**Открыт для всех семей в государственных школах Ванкувера!**

Sarah J Anderson Elementary (2215 NE 104th St #5641, Vancouver, WA 98686) 11am – 12pm  
Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 7, April 4\* (at St John's Lutheran Church), May 2

Washington Elementary (2908 S St #2932, Vancouver, WA 98663) 2:30pm – 3:30pm  
Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1, March 29, May 3

Hudson's Bay High School (3528, 1601 E McLoughlin Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98663) 1:30pm – 2:30pm  
Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, May 4

Sacajawea Elementary (700 NE 112th St, Vancouver, WA 98685) 11am – 12pm  
Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10

Jim Parsley Community Center (4100 Plomondon St. Vancouver, WA 98661) 1:30pm-2:30pm  
Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9, April 13, May 11

McLoughlin Middle + Marshall Elementary (5802 MacArthur Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661) 1:30pm-2:30pm  
Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 20, May 18

Harney Elementary (3212 E Evergreen Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661) 2:30pm-3:30pm  
Nov. 22, Dec. 13, Jan. 24, Feb. 28, March 28, April 25, May 23

Walnut Grove Elementary (6103 NE 72nd Ave #1998, Vancouver, WA 98661) 12pm – 1pm  
Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23, April 27, May 25

Acceso comunitario a alimentos | Community Food Access | Доступ к еде в сообществе  
Clark County Food Bank Drive-Thru (6502 NE 47th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98661)  
Todos los martes de 3 pm a 4 pm | Every Tuesday 3pm-4pm | Каждый вторник с 15.00 до 16.00





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.

If you have not already completed the survey, you can also obtain a copy in the school office. Please return completed paper surveys to the school office.

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](mailto:nutrition.services@vansd.org).

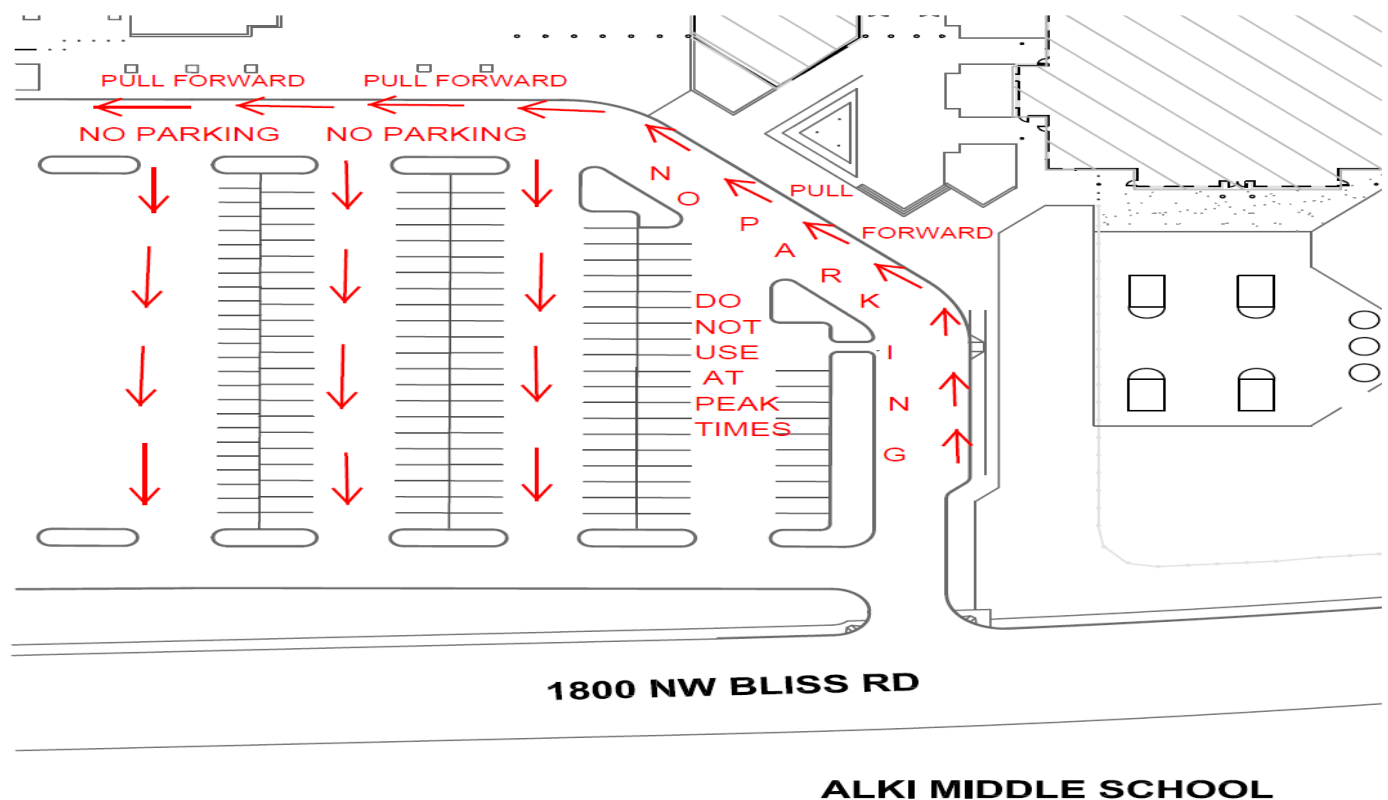
## PARKING LOT SAFETY- Parent Drop off and Pick-up

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.





## 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](mailto: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 - Written warning sent home with student and parent is notified by teacher
- \* 3rd Tardy - Written warning sent home and detention assigned by teacher
- \* 4th Tardy - Referral to the office for his/her total and discipline will be assigned. Parent is contacted by Administrator.
- \* 5th Tardy - Referral to the office for After School Detention. Parent is contacted by Administrator.

## **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/) (https://docs.google.com/forms/**



# Free Sports Physicals

Sponsored by  
**Vancouver Public Schools**  
**Family Medicine of Southwest Washington**

Available to Vancouver Public School students entering 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades

These physicals are provided by volunteers and are meant to target those athletes with difficulty accessing care or who **do not have health insurance**. These exams are not meant to replace regular health visits with your primary care provider\*. *If you have access to primary care, please have your sports physical performed there.*

\*Students with known cardiac, asthma, diabetes and/or seizure related issues or other conditions of concern cannot be served. If an abnormality is found, you will be referred to your primary care provider before being cleared for your sport.

Limited Space

**You must sign up in the Business Office of your school**

Sports physical staff will facilitate a referral to a primary care provider

**November 3, 2022**

**November 10, 2022**

**February 16, 2023**

**February 23, 2023**

2:15 – 5:00 pm @ Fort Vancouver HS

***Students please bring:***

WIAA Sports Physical Form with the medical history portion completed and signed by parent before your physical.

Wear loose fitting shorts and a t-shirt

Signed permission slip IF NOT ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Forms are available at the school business office, and can be downloaded from our website at [www.vansd.org](http://www.vansd.org)

(Click on Athletics, scroll down to Forms and click on Physical form and/or Parent Consent form).

**\*\*Those experiencing symptoms of COVID, have had exposure to someone who had COVID within the previous 14 days, or have had a positive COVID test in the past 10 days will not be allowed to have a physical completed\*\***

*Your child may be eligible for free or low-cost medical, dental and vision coverage through Washington Apple Health for Kids. You can find out more information or apply at the sports physicals. If you would like to apply, please bring proof of all household income, birth certificates for your children, and picture ID for your children 16 years and older.*



## Alki Middle School PTSA 3.7.86



Alki Parents,

We would like to welcome our new PTSA board! Nicole Allman and Kelly Wittingham will be your co-VP's, Mandy Williams will be your Treasurer, Nikole Graves and Eye Boyer will be your co-Secretary's and I will be your President!

Our spirit wear sale is finally open! Here is the link to order new Alki spirit wear:  
<https://www.bethankfulcompany.com/alki-spirit22>

We would like to encourage everyone to go and like our PTSA Facebook page! We will be actively posting new and upcoming events to this page. Here is the link: <https://m.facebook.com/100064322754218/> or search for us @AlkiMiddlePTSA.

Our next PTSA Meeting will be November 30th at 7pm in the Alki Media Center. We hope you can join us! We will also be meeting on November 2nd to start discussing and planning our 8th grade party. That meeting will also be in the Media Center.

We have created a new email for Parents to email with questions or if you would like to volunteer. The new email is [President@alkiptsa.org](mailto:President@alkiptsa.org).

Thank you,

Melanie Heaton  
PTSA President  
Alki Middle School

A decorative border made of watercolor-style flowers and leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, framing the central text on a dark grey background.

# Holiday Food Boxes

If your family needs assistance with  
food over the holidays, please  
contact FCRC Kelsey Potter

Email: [Kelsey.potter@vansd.org](mailto:Kelsey.potter@vansd.org)  
Text or call: #360.721.8464





If you would like more information on childhood diabetes please visit:  
<https://beyondtype1.org/type-1-diabetes/>





## The SmileMobile is coming to Vancouver!



The dental team will see babies (first tooth), up through high school (age 21 and under) with Apple Health and no insurance.

**When:** Nov. 7 - 10, 2022

**Where:** Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School  
2921 Falk Rd., Vancouver, WA

**Please call [888.286.9105](tel:888.286.9105) to schedule your dental appointment.**

**At your SmileMobile appointment, we may do one or more of the following:**

- > Dental examination
- > Oral health education
- > Fluoride varnish
- > Sealants
- > Simple extraction
- > Filling
- > X-rays

**COVID-19 Update:** To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the SmileMobile program is implementing new recommendations for infection control. All these changes and precautions are to keep you, your family, and the dental team safe and healthy. Operated by Arcora Foundation in partnership with Seattle Children's Hospital.

## ¡La clínica dental SmileMobile está llegando a Vancouver!



El equipo dental atenderá bebés (primer diente), hasta la escuela secundaria (menores de 21 años) con Apple Health y sin seguro.

**Cuándo:** 7 al 10 de noviembre de 2022

**Ubicación:** Escuela Primaria Eleanor Roosevelt  
2921 Falk Rd. Vancouver, WA

**Llame al [888-286-9105](tel:888-286-9105) para programar una cita dental.**

**Durante su cita, podemos realizar uno o más de los siguientes procedimientos:**

- > Examen dental
- > Educación sobre salud bucal
- > Barniz de flúor
- > Selladores
- > Extracción simple
- > Empaste dental
- > Radiografías

**Novedades sobre la COVID-19:** Para reducir la propagación de la COVID-19, el programa SmileMobile está implementando nuevas recomendaciones para el control de infecciones. Todos estos cambios y precauciones son para que usted, su familia y el equipo dental estén seguros y saludables. Operado por la Fundación Arcora en colaboración con Seattle Children's Hospital.