

ALKI MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WHERE OUR LEGACY IS VALUING EVERY STUDENT

MAY 2023

Greetings Alki Families,

Happy May everyone! Ahh, spring time. Spring is such a mixed bag. Weather is all over the place, the end of the school year is getting closer, yet there is still so much to learn and do. We start winding down this school year, yet looking ahead to the next. I look forward to finishing these last few months strong! Enjoy the sun this weekend!

We just concluded our spring parent conferences a few weeks ago. Thank you to those parents who attended with your child to collaborate with teachers. For those of you who may not have been able to attend, I would encourage you to reach out to teachers if you have any concerns at all about how your child is doing at school. We still have a few months of school to go, so we want to partner with you to make students finish strong.

With spring around the corner, allow me to discuss a few important reminders regarding behavior and dress code. We have a dress code because as a public school we have all different beliefs and types of people represented in our student body. We have to have a standard that respects the rights of others while allowing for safety in the school climate and keeping an environment conducive to learning. It is about context. We act and dress differently when we go to the dentist or out to a restaurant. School is like that, a more formal place where modest dress is expected out of respect for others. Please remind your students to be mindful of what they are wearing to school so it reflects a more formal public setting.

The other behavior I would like to touch on is really about relationships. As human beings we navigate all different types of relationships in our world. Relationships are typically based on respect. Respect for a family member. Respect for a colleague or peer. Respect for authority. Respect for the community. At school, the relationships most present are between teachers and students or between students and their peers. Either way, respect and kindness go a long way toward healthy relationships that make our school a better place. Most students demonstrate respect and kindness most of the time. I appreciate that and encourage all to think about that every day.

Empowering students to create a better world,

Mark Cain

Principal, Alki Middle School

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ALKI MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:

MAY 2023

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
 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. Commercial deliveries (such as balloons, flowers or Door Dash) are not allowed. Thank you for your help!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 5/2-5/4 - SBA Math Testing
- 5/9-5/11 - SBA Science Testing (normal schedule)
- 5/4 - Home Track Meet - 4:45 vs McLoughlin
- 5/18 - Home Track Meet - 4:45 vs Gaiser
- 5/22 - LAST 40 minute early release!
- 5/24-5/26 - OMSI Planetarium visit to Alki
- 5/29 - Memorial Day - No School
- 5/30 - PTSA Meeting 7pm

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

SUMMER ARTS WORKSHOPS REGISTRATION IS HAPPENING NOW!

Session A: July 31st - Aug 4th

Session B: Aug 7th - Aug 11th

9am-12pm. Click [here](#) to sign up! If you would prefer, the paper registration is at the end of the newsletter! Registrations are due by June 9th.

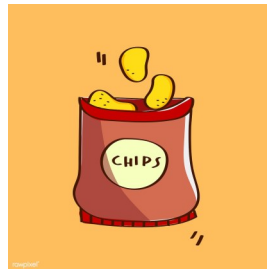
MESSAGE FROM ALKI PTSA

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK May 15-19



It's time to show the Alki staff some love all week long. Please click on the link below to help donate. Want to help but don't have time to make something or shop? Email ashep-43552@msn.com to make arrangements.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA9AD22A3FC1-staff1>



Some exciting things are on the horizon! Two new fundraisers will be announced the first week of May. Check out the Alki PTSA Facebook page for more information!



8th Grade Celebration!!



All 8th graders get a FREE yard sign! Stop by the office during school hours to pick it up or come to one of the home track meets (May 4th & May 18th)

- ✓ It's not too late to be added to the email list to get all of the latest information. Email alki8thgrade2023@gmail.com to put your email on the list or to make a donation.
- ✓ Follow us on Facebook: Alki Eighth Grade

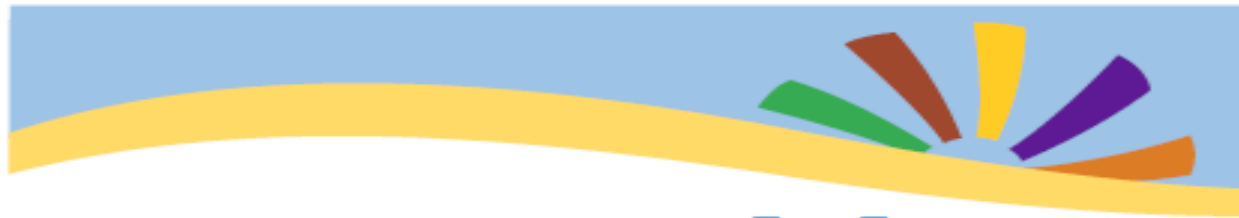
SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE!

Visit <https://www.bethankfulcompany.com/alki-spirit23-late> to place an order!



VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD MEET SCHEDULE 2022-2023

Date	Visitor	vs	Home	Location	Time
4/27					
Thursday	Discovery	vs	Mac	Fort Vancouver HS	4:45
	Alki	vs	Jefferson	Jefferson	4:45
	Jason Lee	vs	Gaiser	Gaiser	4:45
5/4					
Thursday	Mac	vs	Alki	Alki	4:45
	Jefferson	vs	Jason Lee	Jason Lee	4:45
	Discovery	vs	Gaiser	Gaiser	4:45
5/9					
Tuesday	Alki	vs	Discovery	Discovery	4:45
	Jason Lee	vs	Mac	Fort Vancouver HS	4:45
	Gaiser	vs	Jefferson	Jefferson	4:45
5/11					
Thursday	Jefferson	vs	Discovery	Discovery	4:45
	Mac	vs	Gaiser	Gaiser	4:45
	Alki	vs	Jason Lee	Jason Lee	4:45
5/18					
Thursday	Discovery	vs	Jason Lee	Jason Lee	4:45
	Jefferson	vs	Mac	Fort Vancouver HS	4:45
	Gaiser	vs	Alki	Alki	4:45
5/25					
Thursday	All Star Meet			Columbia River HS	5:00



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 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 Workers Benefit 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 XII, 504—Steve Vance (steve.vance@vpsd.org); IDEA—Daniel Bette (daniel.bette@vpsd.org); Affirmative Action/Title IX—Kathy Everidge (kathy.everidge@vpsd.org); Title IX Elementary-Middle Lindholm (Kathie.Lindholm@vpsd.org); Title IX Secondary—Bill Olson (bill.olson@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 360-313-1200.

[Click Here to Apply Online](#)

Hello Alki Families!

Every now and again, one of our students will have an accident where they need to change their clothes at school. Because of this, we are in need of new or gently used leggings and sweatpants for our health room. It would be helpful if they were in a unisex color. If you have any that you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it!

Thank you!

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 Alki.Attendance@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 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.

ATTENTION 6th GRADE FAMILIES!

Vaccination Reminder:

6th grade student routinely get a TDAP booster at age 11 from their healthcare provider. Please remember to drop off a copy of the TDAP booster to the office or via email to joy.feltz@vansd.org or Kelly.newcomb@vansd.org. The vaccination will be uploaded into VPS student records. **This vaccine is required in order for your student to start 7th grade!**

If you need assistance finding a vaccine clinic, please contact the office.

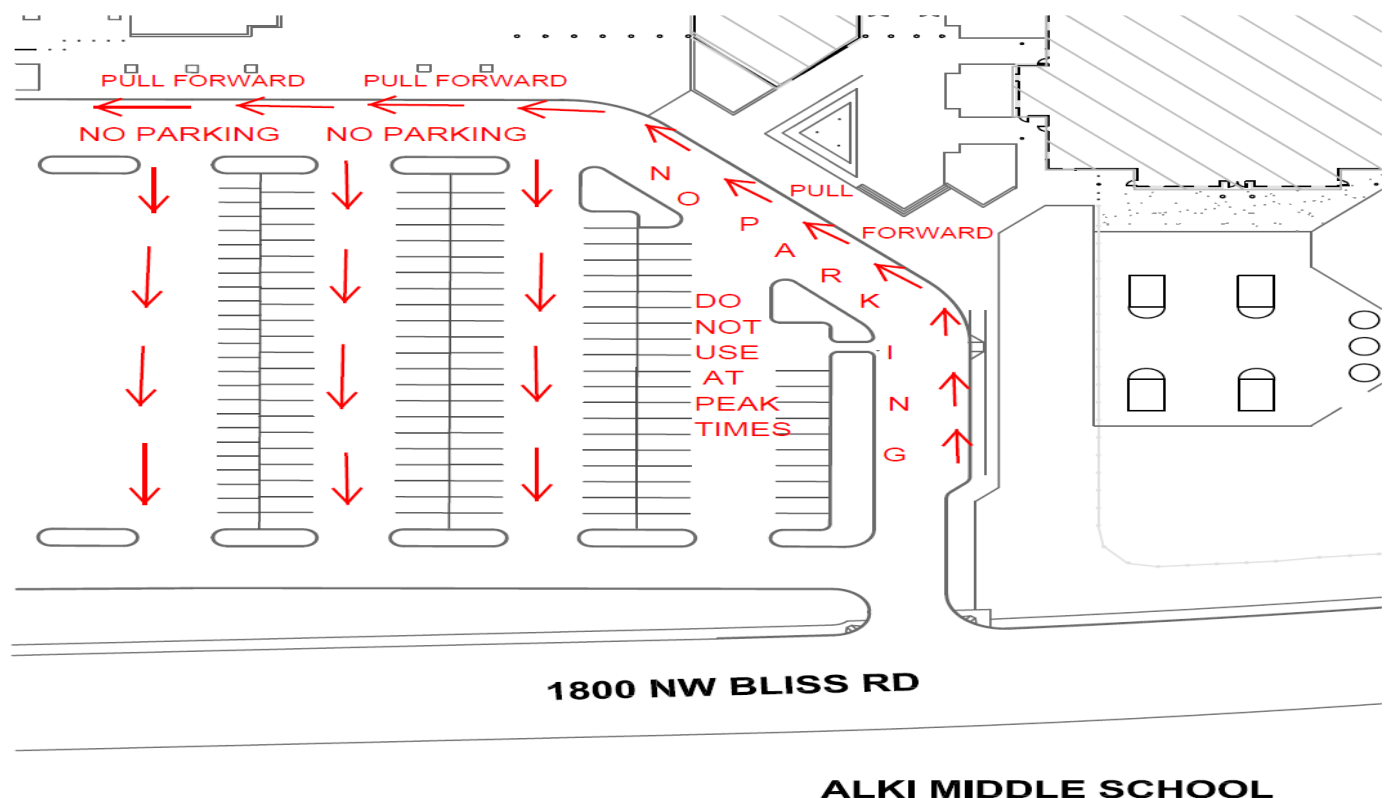
PARKING LOT SAFETY- Parent Drop off and Pick-up

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.



FREE Summer Arts Workshops



Session A

July 31 to August 4, 2023 • 9 am - 12 noon

or -

Session B

August 7-11, 2023 • 9 am - 12 noon

All Workshops held at Ogden Elementary

• Movers & Shakers (Session A Gr. 1-2) - (Session B Gr. 3-5)

Students will learn modern dance skills and will learn to choreograph a dance. There will be a performance for families on the last day.

• Improv Theatre (Grades 5-8 in 2022-23)

Students will play improv theatre games that will help them learn how to think on their feet, and build confidence

• Mixed Media Collage (Grades K-5 in 2022-23)

Curating found objects to assemble into a whole new creative masterpiece. Self-portrait collage inspired by the artist Suzy Ultman, mixed media collage inspired by Clair Youngs, and huge animal collages.

• Popular Team Sports (Session B Only - Gr 3-5 in 2022-23)

A day each will be spent on rules, movement mechanics, and basic of play for each of these popular team sports: soccer, flag football, volleyball, baseball and basketball. We will also be addressing the social, emotional aspects of teamwork and sportsmanship. This will be a beginner level class.

• Realistic Drawing (Grades 4-5 in 2022-23)

This workshop will help students improve their realistic drawing potential using graphite and charcoal pencils. Students will learn a variety of techniques

• Recess Games (Session A Only - Grades 1-2 in 2022-23)

We will be learning and exploring traditional recess and PE games. Some games, among others, might be Four Square, Wallball, Red Light/Green Light, Gaga Ball etc. We will also address social, emotional aspects of teamwork and sportsmanship in group games.

• Summer Choir (Grades 2-8 in 2022-23)

Do you love to sing? Come join other singing enthusiasts this summer! We'll learn how to sing in parts, play some singing games, learn some fun solfege and rhythm activities. There will be a performance at the end of the week.

We will be following state Covid guidelines and local health officials' recommendations during in-person learning.

• Please print •

Student's Full Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Current School: _____

Current Grade: _____

Home Address: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name (other than parent): _____

Emergency Contact Number : _____

Relationship to student: _____

Pick only **ONE Session**

(Student may not participate in both sessions.)

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Session A

OR

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Session B

July 31 - Aug 4

Aug 7 - Aug 11

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Movers & Shakers

☐ Session A—Grades 1-2

☐ Session B—Grades 3-5

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Popular Team Sports

(Session B Only)

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Improv Theatre

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Realistic Drawing

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Mixed Media Collage

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Recess Games

(Session A Only)

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Summer Choir

Completed registration, consent/medial forms are due no later than Friday, June 9, 2023.

Scan and Email: Libby.Odren@vansd.org

or Take to your school office

or Mail to: Libby Odren - JPC - VaPA
2901 Falk Rd, Vancouver, WA 98661

(Must Complete Consent/Medial Form on Back)

VANCOUVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN
SUMMER ARTS WORKSHOPS
MEDICAL TREATMENT CONSENT FORM

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY GIVES PERMISSION AND AUTHORIZES

Student Legal Name: _____

To attend the **Summer Arts Workshops**, Dates of Attendance between **July 31** thru **August 11, 2023**.

Consent for Medical Treatment

This is to authorize emergency medical care and treatment for my son/daughter in my absence. Every reasonable effort will be made to contact me if such action is necessary.

FAMILY PHYSICIAN

HOSPITAL PREFERENCE

NAME OF INSURANCE CARRIER

GROUP/CHART NUMBER

If your student will need to bring prescribed medication, the Authorization for Medication Administration form (enclosed) must be completed and signed by the health care provider and parent/guardian. For over-the-counter medications, please check with your school nurse for procedure.

DOES YOUR CHILD TAKE ANY MEDICATION? _____ If yes please list: _____

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY HEALTH CONCERNS THAT THE TEACHER NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF? _____

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STUDENT WILL BE SUPERVISED BY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE STUDENT SAFETY.

I WILL ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR MY CHILD.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME

PHONE/RELATIONSHIP

(Complete Registration Form on Back) →