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Alki Art Walk and Culture Night

Thursday, May 27th * 5:00pm-7:30pm

Join us for an exciting evening to celebrate student art, culture and traditions!

We're starting earlier this year so families can enjoy more time at the artwork and display tables, and still have time to dine on a fabulous assortment of international appetizers provided by Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering.



Performances begin at 6:30, including a student pageant, and dances from America, Greece, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Russia.

All families are encouraged to wear traditional clothing from their family traditions and heritage. Students who want to be in the student pageant should meet in the library at 6:20 pm.

Questions? Please contact the event chair, Shirlee Johnson at 767-0322 or saj13turtle@yahoo.com.

Shout Outs

Go raibh mile maith agaibh (Irish Gaelic) to Alki parent, HB Radke, and his band the Jet City Swingers for donating the amazing jump-and-jive entertainment at our Kenyon Hall party in West Seattle. It was a great way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Tickets were initially sold during our fall auction in November, but many others bought in at later opportunities. We hope this will become an Alki tradition. Keep your eyes open at next year's auction!

Gadda ge (Afar) to Nancy Woodland and Doreen and Jeff Sifferman who

helped pull the night together, and to Lou Magor who donated the space at Kenyon Hall. All hands were on deck for clean-up too! Thanks to everyone who came and made this such a special night!

Faleminderit (Albanian) to all the volunteers who helped "payback" our area sister-schools who donated volunteers for our Alki auction in the Fall. What a great way for neighborhood schools to show support for one another! Helping out at the Schmitz Park, Pathfinder and Madison auctions were: Nancy Woodland, Jen Hey, Karna Leinbach, Karen Leimback, Laurie Rasmussen,

Karin Roney, Julie Howell, Jean Williams, Janet Smith, Susan Hamilton, Claire Foster, and Eric Nyberg. As we didn't have a complete list by print time, please accept our anonymous thanks if we missed your name!

A big **Ahoo** (Apsaaloke) to the staff, teachers and volunteers who help make after-school activities such a success. Mary Brodahl, Jen Hey, Karna Leinbach, Laurie Rasmussen, Erika Bennett, Julie Hartley and Candy Terao: without your help checking students in and out, after school activities would not happen. And to irreplaceable Roxanne in the office, a special **muchas gracias!**

CALENDAR

Passport Test
3/25. Study those maps!

Art Walk and Culture Night
3/27 from 5 PM to 7:30 PM all throughout Alki Elementary,

Spring Break
3/31-4/4. NO SCHOOL!



Did You Know?

Kid's do like something better than pizza!

This year, Mrs. Kazama's 4th/5th Grade class won a pizza party as their reward for Sally Foster fundraising sales. In lieu of a party for themselves, the students asked that the money be given to the West Seattle Food Bank to help feed hungry families. Mrs. Kazama generously matched her students' gift, then that total was matched again by another food bank donor.

So what started as a \$100 pizza party was turned into a \$400 donation to the West Seattle Food Bank.

Great kids, great teacher, great idea!

Your Alki PTA Needs YOU

CULTURE NIGHT SET-UP

There is a significant amount of set up needed for Alki's Culture Night, starting at 4:00 PM on March 27th. If you can help with set up and/or clean up, please contact Shirlee Johnson, at 767-0322 or sajl3turtle@yahoo.com.

CULTURE NIGHT TABLES

Do you have items from another country or culture that you would like to share for Alki's Culture Night? Contact Andre Laranang at 932-4737.

SOCIALS COORDINATOR

Feel passionate about creating community? The Alki PTA is looking for an individual to help parents coordinate community socials for their grade-levels.

You will encourage parents to coordinate their own socials, by providing communication and how-to information to get the process rolling. If interested or for more information, please contact Laurie Rasmussen at

alrasmussen95@comcast.net or 923-2055.

FIFTH GRADE BREAKFAST

Susan Hamilton and Doreen Sifferman are beginning work on the 5th grade breakfast/graduation slide-show presentation. They need pictures of current 5th grade students from over the years. Digital format is preferred and you can email pictures directly to dsifferman@comcast.net. Thanks!

Welcome to Our Newest Teacher!

Welcome to our new 4th/5th Grade Teacher, **Kelli Soccorsy**! Here is a little information from Mrs. Soccorsy on how she came to Alki:

"Last summer, my husband, Nathan, and I decided that we were ready for a little adventure. We sold our house in Chandler, Arizona and moved to Seattle. Neither of us had ever been to Seattle or the Northwest, until the day we arrived. All we knew is that we wanted to escape the heat and move to a more environmentally-friendly city. I do not have

any children of my own, but I do have a mastiff named Lazy Dazy.

This is my 7th year of teaching. The majority of my experience is in 5th grade, but I have taught everything from 4th grade to high-school math. I love to challenge the students and have high expectations for both academics and behavior."

We are so glad to have Kelli on staff at Alki. You can help her acclimate to our cold climate by making sure to stop by and offer her a warm welcome!

The Beat Goes On

MUSIC: Our ever-talented music teacher, Stephanie Trinneer, has embarked on a four-week session of drumming instruction with our kids. Your generous PTA dollars allowed the purchase of numerous sizes and shapes of hand drums for the school.

Each class will be meeting with Ms. Trinneer in the cafeteria for ½ hour per week for the next four weeks. The

drums will also be used to supplement the music program next year and beyond.

DRAMA: In mid-April, Heather Hawkins will begin a seven-week stint of drama instruction (to creatively channel all those emotions and wiggles).

Heather taught drama at Alki two years ago, and we are excited to have her back this year. She successfully



applies all aspects of drama to her teaching: voice, posture, facial expression and movement. This session will culminate in an evening performance sometime in mid-June. Stay tuned for more information!