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# Alki PTA Currents

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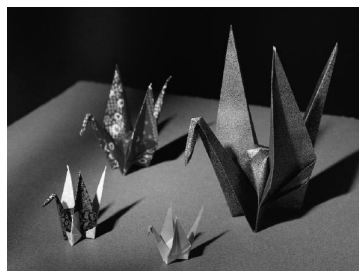
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## Tertragami Night

February 29th \* 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Join us for a night of family fun where parents and kids can work and play together. Tetragami is a paper folding design system, which produces shapes and structures based on the tetrahedron, a four-sided pyramid. Peter Hubbard, the developer of Tetragami, will teach parents and kids how to make different shapes like drums,

spaceships, 5-point stars and many more. Supplies are provided



but you need to bring your own scissors. This activity is best suited for 2nd grade and older.

For those interested in continuing their fun at home, Tetragami supplies will also be sold at the end of the evening. Watch for more information to come home in kidmail and via email after break.

## Help the Earth—Help Our School

By Dee Schulz (Emma McKeag's Grandma)

I have volunteered to coordinate a great new fundraiser for the Alki PTA: a spring bulb and plant sale! This is a unique opportunity for us to do something good locally and globally by adding scores of beautiful plants to our city, and encouraging our families, friends and neighbors to join us. Plus the Alki PTA receives 45% of the total products sold!

Breck's and Spring Hill Nursery are world-renowned, and are now providing this fundraising opportunity for schools across

the nation. They offer a great way to purchase a nice variety of plants and bulbs to add color and beauty to your gardens without ever leaving your home. And, they offer a 100% lifetime guarantee on all products.

We can all feel good about what we are selling because people love plants and flowers. Even better, all orders are shipped direct to your customers from Spring Hill at the right time for planting in

our zone. Alki families do not have to worry about picking up items sold or delivering them back to your customers. How great is that?

Watch for additional information to be sent home through Kid-mail after we get back from break. So remember to check those backpacks and prepare to get busy (and maybe a little dirty!) and support this great new environment-friendly fundraising opportunity.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Mid-Winter Break**

2/18-2/22. No School!

**Passport Club Test**

2/26. Study those maps over break!

**Tetragami Night**

2/29 at 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Cafeteria





### Did You Know?

Human beings have celebrated Valentine's Day for centuries, but lately it seems like the holiday is going to the dogs. Yes, this year 10 million pet owners will celebrate Valentine's Day by buying their pet a gift.

If you, like me, can't imagine what a pooch might want for Valentine's Day, here are some ideas from the Internet:

- ⇒ Hearts and Dots Fleece Dog Pajamas
- ⇒ Bow Wow Bouquet
- ⇒ Aromatherapy Dog Coat
- ⇒ Freshening Spritz
- ⇒ Prince or Princess Heart-shaped Dishes in an Iron-Wrought Stand
- ⇒ Red Velour Tuxedo or Red Velvet Dress

Be careful though ... there are some gifts that should be "paws-off" at your house: chocolate is poisonous for dogs, even in small amounts.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

## Your Alki PTA Needs YOU

Have talents, ideas, muscle or time to share? Alki Elementary PTA has many ways you can plug in and charge up our community. Here are a few urgent needs:

### Heritage Night Volunteers

Each spring, Alki has traditionally hosted a Heritage Night: a fun family evening where we celebrate different cultures and traditions from around the world and from inside our school. From ethnic foods, to fun performances, it is one of Alki's favorite events. The planning committee is looking for help

in the planning and selection process, help with coordinating the event, and volunteers to help with setup, cleanup and greeting the night of. If you believe that diversity is important to celebrate and want to participate in making that happen at Alki, please contact Shirlee Johnson at 206-767-0322 or Stephanie Raymond at sorcha@blarg.net.

### Grade-Level Socials Coordinator

Feel passionate about community? Want to get involved in a way that you can have a maximum impact in a minimal amount of time? The Alki PTA is looking for an individual to help parents coordinate com-

munity socials for their grade-levels. Many parents would love to meet other parents and kids at their kid's grade-level, but they just don't know where to start. That's where you come in!

We envision parents doing the planning and hosting duties of these gatherings, but we need a Coordinator to provide help with ideas, communicate with the school office, and provide general encouragement for parents to get started planning and connecting. Could this be you? If the answer is Yes or Maybe, please contact Laurie Rasmussen for more information at alras-mussen95@comcast.net or 923-2055.

## Shout Outs!

A big thank you to the parents that came and helped lead Alki school tours for perspective Kindergarten parents. Everyone did a great job highlighting our strengths and putting our best "feet" forward. We had some

large tours and much favorable feedback. This would not have happened without you.

**Mila esker (Basque)** to Laurie Rasmussen,

Karna Leinbach, Julie Hartley, Torrey John, Linda Rackner, Shirlee Johnson, Andre Laranang, and Steven Smith.

## Tutors Needed

We believe that each student can and should reach their full potential at Alki. For some, that includes help through one-on-one tutoring ... and we need you to make that happen! As a volunteer tutor you receive some fantastic training, and your time commitment can be as little as one hour per week. If interested, please contact Laurie Iba at 252-9050.

