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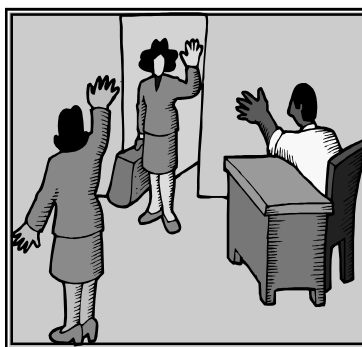
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Till We Meet Again

From Jen Hey, Alki PTA President from 2006-2008:

It has been a great year for our PTA and I am amazed by all that we accomplished working together. This year saw an expansion of our After School Activities program that provided enrichment opportunities for over half of our students. We also started the year with an incredibly well organized and instituted auction (and oh what a party!) that raised a record amount of money.

We have improved the appearance of our school with various painting projects, new white boards, new cork strips, and two wonderful murals. Our Artist-in-Residence program has broadened our kids minds with music, drama, and international drumming. Our students continue to love learning about the Great Composers and the Passport program continues to challenge them to be citizens of the globe.



We had a fabulous day of moving our bodies at the Alki-a-thon, another wonderfully organized event. We enjoyed several evenings together carving pumpkins, learning about different cultures, viewing beautiful student art, making math fun, and barbecuing at the school and beach. As always, our kids just couldn't wait for Razzle Dazzle Day and all the fun that comes along with that memorable celebration.

All of these activities are possible because of you, our Alki Family. Donations made to the PTA support all of these programs and much more.

Another aspect of our funding is the support of our incredible staff. We enjoy a positive working relationship that allows us to use dollars raised by you to support learning in a meaningful way. We subsidize playground supervision, library and PE materials, technology support, classroom supplies, tutoring programs, and scholarships for field trips and camp experiences. We love our teachers and staff and feel blessed to have such talented people working with our kids.

As I move on from my role in the PTA, I am excited about all that lies ahead. We have a great group of people assembled to lead our organization and I can't wait to watch all of their success. Each and every one of us in our community brings something special to the table and I am so thankful for all of the contributions of time, talent, and resources. Way to go Alki! Thanks for another great year!

CALENDAR

Last Day of the 2007-2008 School Year

6/17. Early dismissal at 2:15.

Summer Break

6/18 through 9/2. Give your brain a break and have some fun in the sun!

First Day of the 2008-2009 School Year

9/3. Welcome back!

Stay Hip To Happenings

Even though there will be no more "kidmail" over the summer, there will still be communications going out via email. Make sure you are signed up for Alki's email list by sending an email to

claire.foster@comcast.net with the Subject line "Sign me up for Alki email" (or something similar).

Communication will be modest during the break, but we'll start up regularly again in September

with email reminders, notifications and the weekly What's Up At Alki This Week? messages.

Parents are a busy bunch. Let us help you keep hip to what's happening!



Did You Know?

Summer's here and it's time for a whole new bunch of fun. Here are some of the many events to keep you busy at the beach and around West Seattle this summer:

Admiral 4th of July Parade
July 4

Seafair Pirate Landing
July 5

**West Seattle Summer Fest
(a.k.a. Street Fair)**
July 11-13

West Seattle Hi-Yu Parade
July 19

Alki Beach Art Walk
July 26 & 27

**Seattle Music Fest
@ Alki Beach**
August 10-12

Your Alki PTA Needs YOU

School is over for the year, but the wheels of the PTA will keep on rolling this summer. Here are a few projects you can jump aboard before the start of school in September.

FALL AUCTION

We will start planning our event and procuring auction items this summer and can

use a bunch of new help. The auction is a quick way to get involved with the PTA if you haven't in the past, especially for working moms and dads. It's fun and a great way to meet other Alki parents!

No experience necessary. Contact Doreen Sifferman at dsifferman@comcast.net for more information.

PTA PROGRAM AND EVENT CHAIRS

It's time to fill some open positions, plus we'll be adding a few new roles for 2008-2009. Please contact Laurie Rasmussen at alrasmussen95@comcast.net if you'd like to find out what is needed. We'll find a job, small or large, to fit your time and talents!

Shout Outs!

DRAMA PERFORMANCE

A huge round of applause to Heather Hawkins for a fun and productive drama segment, which culminated last Thursday afternoon and Friday morning in an all-school "sharing" time. Heather's talent and success was evident in all the big voices, animated bodies and enthusiasm we saw in our students. *Brava!*

BEACH BBQ

Thanks to Jeff and Doreen Sifferman for making our Alki Beach Spring BBQ their labor of love again this year. We had a great spread and a great turnout (even the sun put in an appearance)! Thanks to Erik Nyberg and Lisa and Sean West for bringing and manning their grills. Thanks to Sharon and Nick Matarangas, Julie Hartley and the crew of thoughtful volunteers who welcomed our incoming Kindergarten families. And a final thanks to all the nice folks who stepped in to unload, clean up, and relieve the hotdog-flippers - Shirley Johnson, Lars Carver, Jeb Bush, Troy Hoskins and more.

GREAT COMPOSERS

Thank you to all of the Great Composers volunteers for introducing our children to the joy of classical music this year: Arne Reed, Janet Smith, Paul and Nancy Gjording, Julie Howell, Margit Anderson and Torrey John. And, of course, thanks to those wacky composers who wrote such stupendous stuff!

PAINTING PEEPS

Thank you to the wonderful crew who helped complete the underpainting of our climbing wall mural: David Coleman, Susan Hamilton, Torrey John, Jeff Sifferman, Brianna Smith and Morgan Timblin. They made the mural become a reality, by donating ladders, brushes and their time painting. And of course, a "Cascade" of thanks to Steven Smith who is the visionary and artist behind the project. We can't wait to see the finished mountain mural in the Fall!

RAZZLE DAZZLE DAY

Thanks to Juanita Hoskins for organizing a fantastic Razzle Dazzle Day! It was full of thrills (flying darts, whizzing balls), chills (fruity pop-sicles, cloudy skies) and spills (Dunk Tank splashes, wet teachers). Thanks, too, to the many helpful hands that made it all possible. The event left our kids covered in paint, crafted and snacked out, and exhausted but happy. What a great way to celebrate the end of the 2007-2008 school year!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Finally thanks to all the Alki families and staff who supported these events, programs and more this year. We are fortunate to have the PTA dollars to fund these enrichment and fun activities for our kids. We appreciate both your generous time and financial support. We couldn't do any of it without you!



*See you back at school on September 3rd.
Have a safe, silly and super summer!*