



AEA FRIDAY LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Executive Director's Message

Dear AEA Families:

On September 30th we were honored to host San Diego Unified School District trustee Richard Barrera on the AEACS campus. He met with members of our leadership team and visited classrooms in advance of the AEACS charter renewal process. Mr. Barrera is a long-time supporter of both AEA schools, and was very impressed with what he saw. We are working on scheduling a visit for him to AEACMS as well.

In an effort to communicate from my vantage point without overburdening email inboxes, I have started the Executive Director's Blog. This will be a place for me to post on topics such as the AEA board of trustees, legislation affecting charter schools, as well as a range of issues that have overarching importance for both AEA schools. You may access my blog here:

<http://www.aeacs.org/executive-directors-blog>

Finally, please note the upcoming AEA Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 11 at 4:30 pm at 3035 Ash Street, San Diego, CA 92102. This meeting is open to the public. To view the meeting agenda within 72 hours of the start of this meeting, click here:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/aeacs/Board.nsf/Public>

Have a wonderful weekend.

Respectfully,

Dr. Sciarretta
Executive Director



AEA Events at a Glance:

Oct 11th - 4:30pm AEA Board of Trustees Meeting at Elementary
 Oct 12th - Elementary School Pictures / Makeup Day
 Oct 12th - 5:30pm-7pm Parent University K-1 Supporting Your Beginning Reader at Elementary
 Oct 13th - 8th grade High School Night: 5:00pm-6:30pm
 Oct 17th - NO SCHOOL / Staff Development Day
 Oct 20th - 10:20am Great California Shakeout
 Oct 23 - 1:00pm Language Bridge Potluck at Elementary
 Oct 24th - 8:30am Kiepenkasper German Puppet Show at Elementary
 Oct 25th - 8:30am Kiepenkasper German Puppet Show at Elementary
 Nov 2nd - 8:30am Pastries with the Principal at Elementary
 Nov 3rd - 9:30am Elementary School Tour for prospective Kindergarten Parents
 Nov 3rd - 3:00pm GCC Meeting at Elementary
 Nov 3rd - 6:00pm FOAEA Board Meeting
 Nov 5th - 4:00pm Lantern Festival at Elementary
 Nov 8th - 10:30am 5th Grade Field Trip to Junior Theater
 Nov 8th - 11:30am Lunch League Ultimate Rings/Flag Football Championship
 Nov 8th - 4:30pm AEA Board of Trustees meeting at Middle
 Nov 11th - NO SCHOOL / Veterans Day
 Nov 14th-18th - MINIMUM DAYS / Parent Teacher Conferences both schools
 Nov 14th-18th - Elementary Book Fair

AEA General Messages

Fall Service Opportunities:

Saturday, October 15th, 1:30-4:30pm Kind to Our Community Day at Albert Einstein Elementary School (open to all)

Saturday October 22nd, 5:30-8pm German Film Festival at the Natural History Museum in Balboa Park; ushers needed (open to only 6 students)

Sunday October 23rd, 10am-11am, 1-2pm, 3:30-4:30pm or 6:30-7:30pm German Film Festival at the Museum of Photographic Art in Balboa Park (only need 2 students per shift)

Thursday October 27th, 4-7pm Serving Meals at Father Joe's Village (open to only 12 students)

Saturday October 29th, 10am-12pm Trash or Treat! Clean Up in Bird Park (open to all)

*Students need to sign up for Service Opportunities on ManageBac and obtain a permission slip from the front office for each activity.

Want to contact the ES and MS School Site Council?

Email them at: ssc@aeacs.org

Elementary School Highlights and Messages:

Back to School Night

Back to School Night was very well attended. We were very excited this year to give you an opportunity to meet our amazing specials teachers in addition to your child's classroom teachers. Thank you to all who signed up as volunteers as well as those who took this opportunity to donate to Friends of AEA.

Great Kindness Challenge

AEA is once again taking the Great Kindness Challenge, October 10th-14th, with daily kindness activities planned. The is one week dedicated to performing as many acts of kindness as possible. Both campuses will be taking the challenge, but will have different activities. Here's a schedule of events for the elementary school campus:

- **Monday, Oct.10th** - Morning Kindness Tunnels, Kindness Read Alouds in some classrooms, Kindness Literature Stations during all morning recesses
- **Tuesday, Oct.11th** - Kind to the Earth Activities: Parents are encouraged to Park & Pick Up their children after school, or, if waiting in line, to not have their cars idle. Classes are encouraged to do clean-ups on and around campus.
- **Wednesday, Oct.12th** - Crazy for Kindness Hair Day: students wear "crazy" hair to school
- **Thursday, October 13th** - Creativity and Kindness: Kindness morning song with Frau Claudia and students. Staff surprise. Optional Kindness Card creation during morning recesses, given to brighten someone's day.
- **Friday, October 14th**- Kindness Week classroom reflections and/or celebrations.
- **Saturday, October 15th** - "Kind to Our Campus" Community Service: Elementary families, middle school students and community members will work together from 1:30-4:30 to help beautify our campus. Sign Up Here:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d44afa922a64-kind>



Did you know every 3rd-5th i.Run Student has a personal Dashboard Account!

Dashboard accounts give students access to their running data online (miles, participation, graphs, stats etc.). Each student has access to only his/her dashboard.

- Login Here <https://www.laptracker.net/account/login>
- The username is made up of the prefix 'aea' and the student's ID number.

- The password is the student's ID number and initials in lowercase.
Example: Brian Nassif is a student at aea elementary school with Student ID 123456. His login is:
Username: aea123456
Password: 123456bn
 - Then go to reports --> Student Dashboard --> Select your name --> View Report

Lost and Found

Please take note that we currently have several items in our lost and found. We have set up tables next to the MPR for you to sort through if your child is missing belongings. We remind you to put your child's first and last name on all items. Please **ONLY** take items belonging to your child. Any items that are not claimed by October 14th will be donated to a local organization.

Lunch Application Reminder

As we have reported, the AEA Elementary School lunch program is provided by the District. If you received free or reduced lunch last year and did not fill out an application this year, you will soon be charged for meals. **On October 10th, those students that have not submitted a new application will go to paid status and will need to begin paying for breakfast and lunch. Charges will begin on Tuesday, October 11th.**

Please click the link below to apply:

<https://www.sandiegounified.org/food-nutrition-services>

Middle School Highlights and Messages:

Back to School Night

All three back to school nights were a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many parents learning about our IB program and what they can expect this school year. We are dedicated to a positive home-to-school connection. Please be reminded that email is the best way to communicate with staff and all email addresses can be found on the website.

8th Graders Go Roller Skating!

The 8th grade team was so pleased with the 8th grade field trip to Skateworld last Friday. We had almost 100% participation and are already looking forward to planning more fun excursions to reward our kids for working so hard during their final year of middle school. Both students and teachers had a blast skating, falling, skating, crashing, skating, laughing, laughing, laughing! We had student photographers and once we download the pictures we will share with the 8th grade class.

AEACMS has a News Broadcast Team!

Check out their first broadcast!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGiYMIsu88o>

AEACMS Celebrates Oktoberfest!

On September 29th and 30th our 6th grade students had the opportunity to take part in AEA Middle School's annual Oktoberfest celebrations. They learned about the origins of the festivities and took part in activities like drawing on paper hearts (representing the decorations found on gingerbread hearts you can buy at Oktoberfest in Munich) and also a "Maßkrugstemmen" contest in which students had to hold beer steins (filled with water) out in front of them. Students also got to enjoy "Apfelschorle" (soda water mixed with apple juice) and pretzels. Everyone had a wonderful time and we would like to thank all the amazing parents who either donated food, drinks or their time.

AEACMS Volunteers at a Makers Faire!

On October 1 & 2nd 30 AEA middle school students volunteered in the 2nd annual [San Diego Maker Faire](#) in Balboa Park. Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue to for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments, and projects. Our students led demonstrations and provided training for attendees about soldiering, solar cookers, stomp rockets, and paper circuits. Visitors were highly impressed by the level of skill, maturity, and enthusiasm expressed by 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Photos here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/OB6o2vpaEnPisRjdnREdOd1BtSVk>

Lunch Clubs and After School Tutoring

Please visit our website to learn about offerings and schedules.

<http://www.aeacms.org/clubs-and-activities/>

Thank you for Supporting Teacher Wishlists!

The response to teacher wishlists has been amazing. Thank you. Wish list can be found at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cod45a8a728a3fb6-thewish>

High School Night - 8th grade

High School Night is October 13th from 5:00 - 6:30. This event is for students and parents. This informational evening is designed to provide important information regarding the high school enrollment process as well as high school enrollment options. A representative from the San Diego Unified's Office of Enrollment will be here and we are expecting as many as eight local high schools. Each high school will offer a fifteen minute presentation about their school and parents and students can rotate through presentations of their choice. We highly encourage parents and students to attend this important evening.

Washington DC Trip

Don't forget that the deadline to submit an application for the DC trip is October 17th. Please contact Mr. Owen for more information/questions. towen@aeacs.org

Want to Know What Wednesdays Look like at Middle School?

Check out our website for more information:

<http://www.aeacms.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/GuidetoWednesdayOfferingsandProgram.pdf>

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale now! Order yours

today! <https://www.treering.com/purchase?passCode=1013406467831713>

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

You must complete a free and reduced lunch application every new school year. Please contact the front office if you need an application. Please note that the 30 day grace period for students that qualified last year has expired and if you have not completed a new application, your lunch balance will begin to accrue.

Morning Drop Off and The Cafe

Please note that we are not permitting students to “hang out” at the cafe before school. We do not have the capacity to supervise large groups of students and want to ensure safety. If students have parental permission to make purchases at the cafe, we ask that they bring them to the MPR. Please also note we are not permitting students to bring caffeinated drinks into the building. We would also prefer that they be guided to not purchase sweets. Thank you for your support.

After School Dismissal - PLEASE HELP

Parents, we need your help making after school dismissal safe. Please follow all traffic laws and directions of supervision staff. Additionally, it is not safe for students to “hang around” school for extended periods of time. Adult supervision ends at 3:15. We have large clusters of students staying to socialize with friends. We respectfully request that this not be allowed.

Picture Proofs Are In

If your student did not bring home school picture proofs, please contact the front office.

Ms. Lohse and 7th graders of Project Love

Thank you for all your donations!

Homerooms in the lead for the ice cream party so far:

Gullans: 91 items

Jimenez: 44 items

Manis: 15 items

Pruitt: 4 items

Allen- 4 items

We are still collecting donations! Please continue to donate!

We are looking for things like: blankets, beanies, scarves, clothes, toiletries (unused toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)

The Great Kindness Challenge

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