AEA FRIDAY LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Superintendent's Message

Dear AEA Families,

Congratulations on finishing another week of excellence at AEA. In our continued efforts to maintain a safe and welcoming community in both AEA schools, we are announcing a new Anonymous Safety Tipline that is now live on all three AEA websites (aeaces.org, aeacms.org and aeacs.org). The link is featured prominently in red font on the websites and allows users to leave anonymous messages via text message or voicemail. This tipline is an additional avenue for our community to provide information to our principals and counselors that may keep our community safe. The tipline will be monitored regularly. In addition to this tool our community will of course still have access to our staff for in-person or electronic communication.

Finally, don't forget to buy your tickets to the 14th Annual Friends of AEA Auction Gala on June 2. This year's theme is "There is music in all of us" and a prominent focus of the evening will be to raise funds to augment music programs at AEA. For more information and to purchase tickets online go to <u>www.foaea.org/gala</u>.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sciarretta

AEA Superintendent

AEA Events at a Glance:

Please see the official AEA calendar below for important upcoming events at both schools: <u>AEA Calendar</u>

AEA General Messages

Creek to Bay Clean Up Annual Clean Up

Thank you to everyone who participated in the clean up at Mission Bay South Shores this past Saturday! Our Einstein Team helped clean up a total of 366 pounds of trash at this site. We had approximately 30 volunteers from AEA consisting of students, families, and staff members.



Parent University: Fostering Independence in Children

May 1st, 6-7:30 pm

Do you want to help your child feel more confident and become a healthy independent child? Do you ever find yourself spending too much time worrying about your child's problems, or wanting to do *anything* to help your child out of a tough situation?

Learn steps on how to help your child increase their resilience through conflict resolution and selfesteem skills. <u>All K-8 AEA families</u> are invited to our "Fostering Independence in Children" Parent University Seminar, led by Jennine Estes, MFT.

When: Tuesday May 1st, 2018

Time: 6-7:30pm

Where: Elementary School Think Tank (3035 Ash Street San Diego 92102)

*Spanish translation provided

Childcare provided for **current AEA students only.** Please indicate the number of children when you rsvp.

Sign up here: Fostering Independence Parent University

Feeding San Diego K-8 Community Service May 5th, 9-11am:

We have arranged a family community service opportunity with "Feeding San Diego," on **May 5th for a "Food Sorting" volunteer shift from 9AM-11AM**. We have reserved this time for **up to 125 volunteers** from AEA, and sign up is first come first serve.

<u>Elementary students must be accompanied by their parents</u>, but middle school students are able to sign up via Managebac, and will be supervised by staff volunteers.

Volunteers sign up to participate by using the easy steps provided in this link: Feeding San Diego Sign Up. You'll have to create an account in order to sign up.

Important Reminders:

- All volunteers must wear closed-toed shoes.
- Volunteers must be 6 and older to volunteer.
- Any volunteers not signed up online must bring a paper waiver, to include a parent or guardian signature if under 18 years.

On the day of your event:

- Arrive at 9455 Waples Street, Suite 135 San Diego, CA 92121.
- Sign in, complete a name tag.
- Volunteers not signed up online must also complete a paper waiver.
- Wait in the Volunteer Center for your volunteer event to begin.
- Make an impact! Bring a donation of non-perishable food like peanut butter, canned vegetables, or canned chicken.

Elementary School Highlights and Messages:

Testing Season:

5th grade has completed their German Language DSD exams which are given at the end of our elementary school program. Students worked hard to prepare for the exams which included reading, writing, listening, and oral exams. Certificates will be awarded at the 5th grade Awards Assembly in June. Grades 3-5 will also begin their State- mandated SBAC testing in May in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. These tests are computer adaptive tests that assess student proficiency on the California Common Core State Standards. In addition, our English Language Learners (ELLs), students who have a mother tongue other than English, have now nearly completed the English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC). This is the first year of this exam and we do not expect results back until next year. This exam helps us monitor the progress of our ELLs in their English language development and allows us to plan for appropriate instruction to support needs. At AEA, we take a balanced approach to these higherstakes and mandated testing. We want students to understand that we expect them to do their best and take them seriously, but we do NOT want to create anxiety around them. Students have been given opportunities to familiarize themselves with test practice both with and without technology. Teachers are sure to expose the students to the different types of questions that may come up, but do so in the context of authentic learning around the curriculum standards.

Elementary School Talent Show & Spring Open House

May 24th, 2018

Got talent? Our annual Albert Einstein Academy Elementary School Talent Show will take place the same day as our Spring Open House.

- Kinders/1st grade performances from 1:30-2:30 pm
- 2nd-5th grade performances from 3:00-5:00 pm

All performances will take place in the MPR. Come and enjoy the show, then stick around to visit your children's classrooms from 5-6:30pm. Applications are available in the front office as of Thursday, April 26th or you may download and print:

Talent Show Application 2018

*Pizza & drinks will be sold from 5:00-6pm to raise money for Safe Passage.

Literary Character Spirit Day - Wednesday, May 9th

Do you want to bring out your inner Cat in the Hat, favorite Roald Dahl character, or fairy tale villain? On May 9th, elementary students are encouraged to show their AEA spirit by coming to school dressed up as their favorite character from a **BOOK**.

*This is <u>NOT</u> a free dress day, so students may clearly dress up like a book character or may wear their school uniforms.



Save the Date! 12th Annual Elementary FIELD DAY! FRIDAY, June 15th. 12:40-2:45 CLICK HERE for our Field Day Flyer with class colors (*Class colors are based on B week teachers*)

Middle School Highlights and Messages:

Message from Principal Trakas:

I would like to thank our staff for creating a positive and supportive environment as we enter our annual testing window this spring. I would also like to recognize our eighth grade team in getting SBAC testing off the ground. Kudos go out to Fabian Hoffman for his hard work in wrapping up DSD (Deutsches Sprach Diplome) testing for our German- speaking students. Lastly, I would like to recognize Marianna Rivera and her team who have stepped up and handled ELPAC testing with both of our schools.

Cinco de Mayo Dance for 6th-8th Grade:

Next Friday on May 4th, our middle school students will host a Cinco de Mayo dance. Tickets cost \$3.00 and will go on sale next Monday April 30th, Tuesday May 1st, and Thursday May 3rd. The dance will be in the MPR from 3:00-4:30 pm. All students 6th-8th grades are invited to have some fun and dance! If your student is interested in being on the Dance Committee, please have them sign up on ManageBac and pick up a permission slip from the Front Office.

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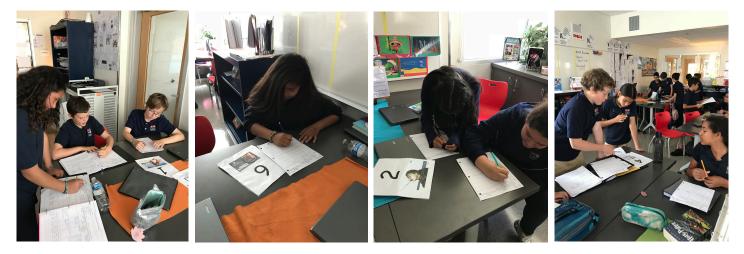


You can find more information about this tournament at <u>https://allgirlsmathtournament.org/</u>

Middle School Classroom News:

Sixth Grade—Literature & Language:

Students have been engaged in analyzing the use of rhetorical appeals (ethos, pathos, logos) in advertisements and commercials for our current unit of persuasion.



English Language Arts:

In Unit 5, students will write an essay answering the question "Why be educated?" They will be using the rhetorical appeals of ethos, pathos, and logos to persuade. As an introductory activity, students have worked in groups to analyze print advertisements. Students explored the ads to discover which rhetorical appeal(s) the ad used, what the ad is trying to persuade us to do, why the ad is trying to persuade us, and how the ad uses a particular rhetorical appeal to convince us.

Individuals and Societies:

In Individuals and Societies, students recently completed their presentations on a character from Greek Mythology. Presentations focused on communication and investigation, students shared their findings with the class.



Physical Education:

In Physical Education, students have completed learning the elements of dance. They are now getting into their groups, choosing their music and creating their final dance projects which will be presented on Thursday and Friday, May 24th and May 25th.

