



AEA FRIDAY LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Executive Director's Message

Dear AEA Families:

*Congratulations on finishing the first month of the 2017-2018 school year with excellence. As we head into October, school calendars are filling up rapidly-- I'm sure this is the case with families' personal calendars as well. In the midst of all this activity if you find yourself reflecting on what life might be like without so many screens competing for your attention, please consider attending a private showing of **Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age** October 3 at 5:30 pm on the AEACMS campus (see <https://www.screenagersmovie.com/> and read the event description below for more information). Childcare for AEA students will be provided. Click here to RSVP: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A49AEA92CA6F49-film*

On the topic of being busy, while I understand the urgency of our professional and personal lives, this should never be an excuse to be rude or endanger others. On both AEA campuses it is critical that all members of our community realize that our student drop-off and pick-up procedures are in place for the sole purpose of protecting students and ensuring they leave campus in an orderly manner. AEA staff assigned to support these processes are not law enforcement officers nor traffic experts, but rather your children's teachers and support staff. I appreciate those members of our community who make a concerted effort to be patient when there is traffic and to follow the direction of our staff.

Here are a few tips that might help lower stress at drop-off and pick-up on both AEA campuses:

- In the mornings consider leaving home ten minutes earlier to account for traffic and delays at our campuses. This can go a long way towards decreasing stress levels.*
- At pick-up consider parking a few blocks away from campus and walking to meet your child. In addition to getting some fresh air this eliminates the need to sit in lines of traffic and is also kind to the environment.*
- The West side of the AEACMS campus (by the ball courts with alley entrance) is under-utilized as a pick-up area. This means that the East side of campus (26th Street) is a stressful traffic jam on a daily basis. Middle school students are capable of walking down to the ball courts to be picked up and may actually enjoy chatting with friends as they go.*
- Join a carpool. Friends of AEA/PTA has partnered with Carpool world, a web-based service that connects drivers and passengers for carpools. Click this link for more information: <https://www.carpoolworld.com/aeasandiegocarpool>*

Working together as a community we will continue to make both AEA campuses safe and welcoming places to learn and grow,

Sincerely,

Dr. Sciarretta

AEA Executive Director and Middle School Principal

[AEA Events at a Glance:](#)

September 30th - 12:00pm Service Opportunity: Wheelchair Dance Showcase in Balboa Park

October 3rd - Spirit Day at Elementary

October 3rd - 5:30pm Film Screening: Screenagers at the Middle School MPR

October 4th - 8:30am Pastries with the Principal at Elementary

October 5th - 3:00pm GCC Meeting at Elementary

October 5th - 6:00pm FOAEA / PTA Meeting at Middle

October 6th - 7:30am Elementary School Picture Day

October 9th - **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Development Day

October 10th - 4:30pm AEA Board of Trustees meeting at Elementary MPR

October 12th - 8th Grade Field Trip to Skate World

October 14th - 5:30pm Service Opportunity: Ushering at German Film Festival (at the NAT)

October 15th - 10am Service Opportunity: Ushering at German Film Festival (at the MOPA)

October 25th - Service Opportunity: Serving Meals at Father Joe's

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[Screenagers Film Screening for AEA Community](#)

Please join the AEA community for a film screening of Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age on Tuesday October 3, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Film screening will be held at the Middle School campus in the MPR. Directed by Delaney Ruston, M.D., this film explores the impact of screen time on children and offers solutions on how we can help children find balance. In addition, Screenagers discusses how families can minimize harmful effects of screen time. After seeing the film, people report they feel more confident and better equipped to establish balance around screen time. Families can bring their students ages 10 and up to see the film. About the film maker: Dr. Ruston decided to make Screenagers when she found herself constantly struggling with her own two children about screen time. This is depicted along with many other stories in Screenagers. The runtime for the film is 68 minutes. A discussion about the film will follow the screening. This event is open to all families, K-8.

Child care will be provided for students who attend AEA under 10 years old

For more information please visit: screenagersmovie.com

Please RSVP here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10CoA49AEA92CA6F49-film

Elementary School Highlights and Messages:

Elementary School's First Spirit Day of the 2017-18 School Year:

As a school community, we've decided to set aside days throughout the school year to help foster school spirit. Our first "School Spirit Day" of the school year is scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 3rd**, in recognition of **German Reunification Day**. On October 3rd, students may wear colors of the German flag: black, red, and/or yellow (gold) to school, instead of their school uniform. We will start out the day with students K-5 singing a German song, led by Frau Claudia, during our morning line up. Related classroom activities have been organized across our campus. We look forward to a day of fostering school spirit here at AEA!



In addition, the GCC will have a Bake Sale of German Goods after school in the lunch arbor.

Global Outreach Continues:

This will be the ninth year in which our school community has raised funds for **Safe Passage**. **Safe Passage** is a nonprofit based in Guatemala and dedicated to providing education to those who can't afford it. These are the students we are sponsoring:



Joel



Cyndi

Every classroom on our campus has a collection jar for Safe Passage donations and we are excited about working together to support Safe Passage again this year. Please consider donating. If you'd like to learn more about Safe Passage, please visit: [Safe Passage](#)

School Attendance:

Each year we make school attendance a priority. We monitor attendance closely because research has shown that regular attendance is vital for the success of your children. We are asking all parents to help us ensure the regular, on-time attendance of their children at school. Please

remember school starts promptly at 8:10 and a late arrival is disruptive to your child's learning as well as distracts the entire class. In addition, we ask that all vacations and travel be scheduled around the AEA school calendar. AEA offers extended winter and spring breaks compared to other schools to accommodate for travel.

We know students get sick and we certainly don't want sick children coming to school. If you have a sick child, you may ask about an independent contract in the front office so your child can keep up with academics if they are able. With the flu season approaching, The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) strongly recommends a flu vaccine each fall for everyone 6 months of age and older.

Getting vaccinated is easy:

- Contact your doctor, clinic, or pharmacy, and ask if they stock flu vaccine.
- Many [local health departments](#) offer low or no cost flu immunizations.
- To find other locations near you, visit <https://vaccinefinder.org/>.

Our annual goal for attendance is 98%. Please help us achieve this!!

Pick-Up:

Thank you to all the parents who are honoring the staggered pick-up times. This has greatly improved our traffic flow to the neighborhood. Please remember: (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

- Kindergarten: 2:30pm
- Grades 1 and 2: 2:40pm
- Grades 3-5: 2:50pm

You will be asked to leave the line if you are too early for your child's pick up to allow for a steady flow of traffic. And don't forget the placards with your child's name, grade, and teachers. This helps us tremendously.

Cell Phones and Smart Watches:

Please be reminded that cell phones must be turned off and left in backpacks during the school day and only used with permission by an adult while on campus. This holds true for Smart Watches as well. Students should not be using their watches to text during the school day. Anyone caught playing games, texting, or taking pictures during the school day will have their devices confiscated and they will need to be picked up by a parent in the front office.

Middle School Highlights and Messages:

8th grade field trip - Rollerskating at Skate World

The 8th graders will be embarking on their first of several field trips, which are taking place every other month to foster communication, caring and risk-taking. The grade level will be rollerskating on Thursday, October 12th from 10 am to noon.

German Student Exchange 17/18



We welcomed 27 German exchange students from Herderschule Gießen last week at AEA. During their three week long visit, they will stay with their AEA host families. In addition to attending school with their host students they also get a chance to see beautiful SoCal -visit the Zoo, Sea World, Old Town and Universal Studios. In return AEA 7th and 8th grade students who hosted in the fall will go on their visit to Gießen in May/June of 2018. This is our 8th exchange with students from Herderschule. For more information about the German student exchange please visit: <https://sites.google.com/a/aeacs.org/aea-german-resources/student-exchange-program>

Service as Action

Service Opportunity: 5th Annual Wheelchair Dance Showcase

Middle school students are encouraged to attend the 5th Annual Wheelchair Dance Showcase: "Everyone Can Dance" - a fundraiser and dance-ability showcase.

Students and families, K-8, are welcome.

When: FREE Admission on Saturday September 30, 2017 from 12pm to 4pm

Where: Balboa Park Club: 2150 Pan American Rd West San Diego, CA 92101

Service Opportunity: Ushering at German Film Festival

German Currents, San Diego's premier Festival of German language films, will showcase award-winning screenings that encompass a broad range of topics during its seventh German Film Festival. The first part of the festival will take place on the evening of Saturday October 14th from

5:30-8pm at the NAT (San Diego Natural History Museum).

*This Service Opportunity is for 6 students ONLY.

The second part of the festival will take place on the evening of Sunday October 15th from at the MOPA in Balboa Park (1649 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101). First shift: Sunday Oct 15th from 10-11am Second shift: Sunday Oct 15th from 1-2pm

*This Service Opportunity is for 2 students ONLY for each shift.

Interested volunteers must join group on ManageBac and have permission slip signed, it will be a first come first serve basis.

Service Opportunity: Serving Meals at Father Joe's

Calling all AEA Middle School students interested in working with Father Joe's Village and their kitchen crew in the preparation and serving of dinner to underprivileged San Diegans! There is only limited space with 12 student spots so sign up soon! Participants will be accepted in the order they are received.

When: Wednesday October 25, 2017 from 4pm to 7pm

Where: Father Joe's Village - 1501 Imperial Ave, San Diego, CA 92101

Volunteers must wear pants and closed toe shoes.



The City of San Diego
Proclamation

Presented by
Mayor
Kevin L.
Faulconer

ALBERT EINSTEIN ACADEMIES DAY
August 27, 2014

WHEREAS, Albert Einstein Academies is celebrating the opening of its new state-of-the-art middle school facility located in Grant Hill, and

WHEREAS, Albert Einstein Academies serves the San Diego K-8 community through its two high-performing, tuition-free public charter schools which will enroll 200 new students in the next year; and

WHEREAS, Albert Einstein Academies features the world-renowned International Baccalaureate Program for all elementary and middle school students and teaches students the skills to be lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, Albert Einstein Academies is committed to academic excellence for all students through a well rounded program focusing on critical thinking skills and an emphasis on foreign language acquisition so that students will be successful in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Albert Einstein Academies believes in the value of students serving their local, national and international communities in meaningful and lasting ways and teaches students to care for and serve others; and

WHEREAS, Albert Einstein Academies believes in teaching students how to think rather than what to think, so that they may be positive forces for change in the world; and

WHEREAS, Albert Einstein Academies embraces the motto "Teaching our children today to advance our shared humanity tomorrow"; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, proclaim August 27, 2014, to be "ALBERT EINSTEIN ACADEMIES DAY" in the City of San Diego.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND, THIS DAY AND HAVE CAUSED MY SEAL TO BE HEREONTO AFFIXED.

Kevin L. Faulconer
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Mayor

August 27, 2014
DATE

BY JINNA ALBRIGHT