



# AEA FRIDAY LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

## Superintendent's Message

*Dear AEA Families,*

*Welcome back after what I hope was a restful Spring Break. At our most recent Board of Trustees meeting on April 10 our board approved a policy allowing AEA administration to share a **limited** amount of personal information with certain non-profit organizations where it will be of benefit to our community. With the upcoming elections the board is committed to ensuring that our community is well-informed when it comes to evaluating candidates and their stance on charter schools. If you would like to receive election information from Charter Nation (an affiliate of the California Charter Schools Association) you don't need to take any action. We will only be sharing the following information for this purpose: Parent/guardian names; mailing address; email address; phone number(s); the date you joined AEA as a parent. We will not be sharing this information with any organizations other than Charter Nation; furthermore this information will not be shared with any government agencies.*

*If you DO NOT want us to share your contact information please send an email to [recordsoptout@aeacs.org](mailto:recordsoptout@aeacs.org) with your complete name before May 1, 2018 and we will not share your information.*

*We recognize the sensitivity of personal information and the importance of privacy concerns. The board-approved policy complies with all state and federal laws governing personal privacy and what public entities such as AEA can and cannot share. Click [here](#) to learn more about applicable privacy laws.*

*Please note that student names or other student identifying information WILL NOT be shared. We are confident that if you decide to receive election information it will help with your important decisions on Election Day.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Sciarretta*

*AEA Superintendent*

## **AEA Events at a Glance:**

April 16th - Scholastic Book Fair begins at Middle  
April 16th - German Language Exams begin - 5th Grade  
April 17th - 9:00am 3rd Grade Field Trip to Birch Aquarium  
April 17th - 5:00pm German Exchange Trip Meeting at Middle  
April 19th - 9:00am Kinder Field Trip to Timken Museum  
April 20th - 9:00am Kinder Field Trip to Timken Museum  
April 20th - 2:00pm 5th Grade Overnight Field Trip to Maritime Museum  
April 20th - 3:00pm Last day of Middle School Book Fair  
April 21st - 9am K-8th Service Opportunity: 16th Annual Bay Clean Up @ Mission Bay  
April 24th - 4:15pm School Site Council Meeting at Middle Room #213  
April 24th - 6:00pm Parent University: Kinder Parents "Zones of Regulation" at Elementary  
April 27th - 2:00pm 5th Grade Overnight Field Trip to Maritime Museum  
May 1st - 6:00 pm Parent University: K-8 "Fostering Independence in Your Child" at Elementary  
May 2nd - 8:30am Pastries with the Principals at Food for Thoughts Cafe  
May 3rd - 3:00pm GCC Meeting at Elementary  
May 3rd - 6:00pm PTA/FOAEA Meeting at Elementary  
May 5th - Feeding San Diego K-8 Service Opportunity: [Sign Up Here](#)  
May 7th - 8th Grade Graduation Pictures  
May 7th - 9:00am 3rd Grade Field Trip to Rueben H. Fleet Museum (3C)  
May 8th - 9:00am 3rd Grade Field Trip to Rueben H. Fleet Museum (3D, 3E)  
May 8th - 4:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting at Middle  
May 10th - 9:00am 3rd Grade Field Trip to Rueben H. Fleet Museum (3A, 3B)

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## **AEA General Messages**

### **Parent University: "School Safety"**

On Thursday March 22nd, AEA hosted a Parent University on School Safety. We had 25 parents/family members attend. Topics discussed included an overview of the measures already in place to keep our students and staff safe, important recommendations for coming together to continue creating our caring and supportive community (one of the key elements in maintaining safety), and an opportunity for parents to ask questions. Click here to access the slideshow from the session.

[\*\*Parent University: School Safety\*\*](#)

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## **Service as Action - Save the Date!**

### **Take Action on Earth Day, Saturday April 21st, 2018:**

Please join the AEA community in partnering with I Love a Clean San Diego (ILACSD), in to clean up one of our local beaches. Students and families K-8 are welcome.

Middle school families are encouraged to serve with their child. With signed permission slips middle school students can be dropped off and picked up, and will be under the supervision of an AEA staff member. However, elementary parents must stay with their children for the duration of the clean up.

**When:** Saturday, April 21st, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**What:** I Love A Clean San Diego's 16th Annual Creek to Bay Cleanup

**Where:** Mission Bay South Shores, 500 SeaWorld Drive, San Diego, CA 92109

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

Interested families from both elementary and middle can take action by volunteering at "Feeding San Diego." For details, visit this link: [Feeding San Diego & AEA](#)

*\*You have to create an account with Feeding San Diego in order to volunteer.*

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## **Elementary School Highlights and Messages:**

### **Updates: 5th Grade Exhibition Mentors NEEDED!**

**We need volunteer Mentors** to help guide student groups through the Exhibition process. Mentors may be parents, grandparents, or even community members. For parents who don't have a current 5th grader, being a mentor is a great window into what will be expected of your child during their 5th grade year. Mentors meet with their assigned group an hour per week (same day and time), for the last six weeks of the year. In addition, Mentors need to attend Exhibition Night, Wednesday, 5-7 p.m, June 13th. Mentors play an invaluable role in the 5th grade Exhibition process. Please contact 5th grade teacher, Johanna Blackman at [jblackman@aeacs.org](mailto:jblackman@aeacs.org) if you can volunteer.

### **Parent University: Zones of Regulation for Kinder Parents**

All Kinder parents are invited to join us for a special Parent University about the "Zones of Regulation," on Tuesday, April 24th. The Zones of Regulation is a cognitive behavioral approach, beneficial to all students, geared toward helping students gain self-regulation skills and improved problem solving abilities. This approach has been applied throughout the kindergarten school year and will continue with each child as they journey into first grade. It will be led by our School Psychologist Intern, Emily Johnson. Participants will learn about the Zones and will be given

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useful strategies on ways to foster the Zones at home.

*\*Childcare, **for current AEA students only**, will be provided by staff in the library. Please indicate the number of children when you RSVP.*

[Sign Up Here](#)

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## Middle School Highlights and Messages:

### **Waking Up Courage Assemblies**

This past Thursday April 12th, all grade levels participated in the Waking Up Courage Assembly. It was a powerful, student-centered experience which empowered students to take a stand and speak up when they see mistreatment, bullying, and violence among their peers. This presentation delivered a compelling and consistent message to all students that bullying is not OK and silence isn't either. It introduced them to youth-friendly language and skills they can use to safely and effectively defuse, de-escalate and stop bullying behavior.

The presenter used age appropriate techniques, including music, video and audience participation, to engage students in a self discovery process that:

- Provided a common vocabulary that sensitizes students to the mean behavior that is too often ignored, accepted, or not even recognized as being mean.
- Promoted understanding of the effect of bullying on the Targets and the Aggressors, as well as the impact on the bystanders, the staff and the whole school/community.
- Increased empathy, "enlightened self-interest," and motivation to take action, both on and off campus.
- Helped bystanders speak up by providing effective, youth friendly communication skills, language and actions that all students can use to safely and effectively intervene with their friends and classmates.

We will continue this work with our students and staff to ensure everyone feels safe at school.

### **6th Grade News!**

#### **Literature & Language:**

#### **Info Meeting for 2018/2019 German Exchange - Tuesday April 17th at 5 pm:**

We would like to invite you to an informational meeting about our 2018/19 German Exchange Trip on Tuesday April 17th at 5 pm in Frau Bohl's room at the Middle school.

Please enter through the back door of the school towards the courts. Frau Bohl's room will be the first door on your left entering the back door.

Vielen Dank

Your German Exchange Team

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