

# **SCOOP FROM THE SUPE (rintendent)**

### UPDATES FOR PARENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT ARDELLA DAILEY

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

### 2007 Graduation Ceremonies

Adult School June 13, 7:00 pm

ACLC June 14, 7:00 pm

Chipman Middle School June 14, 5:00 pm

Lincoln Middle School June 14, 1:45 pm

Wood Middle School June 14, 10 am

Alameda High School June 15, 6:00 pm

Encinal High School June 15, 4:00 pm

Island High School June 14, 6:00 pm

### June 14 Last Day of School

August 12

AEF Benefit Concert

**September 4**First Day of School

October 3
Walk and Roll to School Day

October 6
AEF "Funky Formal"
Fundraiser

For details check, www.alameda.k12.ca.us

Over for summer updates!

### **June 2007**

### A year of building blocks...!

Sitting on the window ledge behind my computer is a small plaque that reads "Problems can be tombstones or building blocks." Every day it reminds me that every challenge, no matter how daunting, holds within it an equally great opportunity. 9 2006-2007 has certainly been a year of challenges! And yet, as we close the school year, it is clear that it has been a year full of opportunities. So We have had to make excruciatingly difficult budget decisions, yet we have radically raised awareness of AUSD's unfair state funding formula, and our community has mobilized around this issue like never before. So While it was necessary to devote extensive time communicating about our budget, we also learned how to make the budget process more understandable and accessible to our stakeholders. So And with the very intense dialogue at community budget meetings, superintendent coffees, and board meetings. I have had the great opportunity to hear more of what is important to parents, students and staff. . In 2007-2008, I plan to continue building on this "listening," with the formation of a broadbased community group that will advise the superintendent on key educational issues. If you would like to know more about this group, or are interested in serving, please send your email address to kbrooks@alameda.k12.ca.us with the subject line: "Superintendent's Advisory Group," or call 337-7060.



## AUSD and Teachers' Union agreement looks promising

After just two mediation sessions with a state appointed mediator, the AUSD and Alameda Education Association (AEA) negotiating teams reached a tentative agreement on a new 3-year contract for teachers on May 25, and AEA members voted to ratify it on June 6. The proposed contract will now go to the Board of Education for final approval at the June 26 meeting.

I value both negotiating teams and am grateful for the hard work and commitment that brought us to this point of resolution. If you would like more details, go to <a href="https://www.alameda.k12.ca.us/negotiations">www.alameda.k12.ca.us/negotiations</a>.

### Have you heard the good news?

As "chief ambassador" for Alameda's public schools, I like to share our good news every chance I get. I hope you will join me by sharing these "sound bites" with friends and family! Do you know that...?

- ...the State of California considers AUSD one of its *high-performing school districts*, based on its score on the Academic Performance Index (API)?
- **2** ... Half of Alameda's schools rank in the top 10% of schools statewide?
- **3** ...84% of this year's 10<sup>th</sup> graders passed the California High School Exit Exam on the *first try?*
- ...Alameda and Encinal High School rank in the top 2% and 3% of high schools nation-wide, based on the number of AP (Advanced Placement) exams that seniors take?
- **5**...the Alameda Science and Technology Institute (ASTI), a new AUSD high school on the College of Alameda campus, allows students to graduate with two years of college credits?

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### Here's what's happening this summer!

### FREE healthy lunch for Alameda kids this summer!

It really is FREE! Through a special federal grant, AUSD is able to offer ALL Alameda kids and teens, 18 years and younger, a FREE summer lunch at five different locations. No reservation or income eligibility is necessary!

Lunches will be served week days (except July 4) at the following locations. Please note different start times/dates.

#### SUMMER LUNCH LOCATIONS

- ① Boys and Girls Club 1900 Third Street Lunch Time is 1:00 pm -1:45 pm June 25-July 25
- Alameda Point Collaborative 677 W. Ranger Avenue Lunch Time is 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm June 25-July 25
- ③ Encinal High School 210 Central Avenue Lunch Time is 11:30 am - 12:15 pm June 25-July 20
- Wood Middle School 420 Grand Street Lunch Time is 11:15 am - 12:00 pm June 27-July 25
- S Ruby Bridges Elementary School 351 Jack London Avenue Lunch Time is 11:15 am - 12:00 pm June 27-July 25



Presented by AUSD Food and Nutrition Services For more info, call 748-4008, X129.

### **Summer School Locations**



AUSD summer school 2007 is offered to students who are at risk of being retained, (elementary and middle school level), have failed a class, or have not yet passed the California High School Exit Exam (high school level). Students recommended for summer school received registration information in April. Notification of acceptance will be mailed the week of June 18. If you believe your student is eligible, please contact your child's teacher or counselor. July 4 is a summer school holiday!

### **Elementary Summer School**

Wednesday, June 27-Wednesday, July 25 8:15 am-12:15 pm Ruby Bridges Elementary School 351 Jack London Avenue Susan Martin, Principal 748-4006 (school office) 337-7095 (before June 27) (Entering grades 3-5) After school-program offered 12:15 pm-3:00 pm through LEAPS, based on space available

### Middle School Summer School

Wednesday, June 27-Wednesday, July 25 8:15 am-12:15 pm Wood Middle School 420 Grand Street Jo Fetterly and Babs Freitas, Co-Principals 748-4015 (school office) 337-7095 (before June 27) (Entering grades 6-8)

#### **High School Summer School**

Monday, June 25-Friday, July 20 8:30 am-12:30 pm Encinal High School 210 Central Avenue Brian McGarry, Principal 748-4023 (school office)

### **High School Counseling Offices**

AHS 337-7056 EHS 748-4059 IHS 748-4024 ACLC 521-7543 x2

"No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened up a new heaven to the human spirit."

Helen Keller