



AEA FRIDAY LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Executive Director's Message

Dear AEA Families:

It's no secret that email communication has come to play a major role in our personal and professional lives. At AEA we encourage our community to send us email rather than call us, and email allows us to connect with others at the press of a button or the tap of a touchscreen. Email also distracts us, disrupts our work flow, interferes with deep thinking and reflection, and creates a mental to-do list that seems to grow out of control with every email notification that arrives. Because it often lacks context and is composed in haste, email communication can be responsible for miscommunication and even causing perceived slights.

For all these reasons and more, we are mirroring what many large multinational companies have already implemented: the AEA Leadership Team is asking that the entire AEA staff refrain from reading or answering emails for the entire day of Tuesday, November 8. That's right--you are reading this email correctly! This is NOT an April Fool's joke. For the entire work day our staff will be using the phone, sending notes, and most importantly having face-to-face interactions. If you send an email to a staff member they will respond the following day. For more time sensitive matters please call our campuses directly.

As you are all aware, November 8 happens to be election day! We are hoping that everyone will put down their electronic devices, leave their email alone for a few hours and go vote!

Respectfully,

Dr. Sciarretta

AEA Executive Director

AEA Events at a Glance:

Nov 4th - 9:25am 2nd Grade Field Trip to World Beat Center
Nov 5th - 4:00pm Lantern Festival at Elementary
Nov 7th - 11:30am Lunch League Ultimate Rings/Flag Football Championship
Nov 8th - 9:00am 3rd Grade Field Trip to Mission Trails
Nov 8th - 10:30am 5th Grade Field Trip to Junior Theater
Nov 8th - 4:30pm AEA Board of Trustees meeting at Middle
Nov 10th - 9:30am Elementary School Tour for prospective Kindergarten Parents
Nov 10th - 2:45pm Elementary Book Fair Opening Day
Nov 11th - NO SCHOOL / Veterans Day
Nov 13th - 1:00pm Language Bridge Carne Asada lunch at Elementary
Nov 14th-18th - MINIMUM DAYS / Parent Teacher Conferences both schools
Nov 14th-18th - Elementary Book Fair
Nov 15th - 8:30am 3rd Grade Field Trip to Mission Trails
Nov 15th - 8:30am Middle School Tour for prospective parents
Nov 21st - Nov 25th NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
Nov 29th - 5:30-7pm Safety Net Parent University at the Middle School

AEA General Messages

15th Annual Lantern Festival

The 15th Annual Lantern Festival will take place at the AEA Elementary School on Saturday, November 5th, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm!

Please join us for a bratwurst dinner, bake sale, and music. The event will end with a Lantern Parade around the neighborhood. For more info about the Lantern Festival please visit

<http://foaea.org/lantern.html>.

If you would like to be involved in helping with the success of the event, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=20fod45aba62babfa7-lantern>. You may also contact our event organizers, Jennifer Cardinale and Angie Santini, directly at lantern2016@foaea.org.

Language Bridge

“Language Bridge” is a new AEA community group established to reach out to the Spanish speaking families at our elementary and middle school campuses. Please join us for our first gathering on Sunday, November 13th. See this flier for details: <https://goo.gl/IE96f6>

Fall Service Opportunities:

Saturday November 5th, 2pm-7pm Annual Lantern Festival: Middle School students can receive service hours by volunteering at the Lantern Festival. The event will run from 4-7pm, but we need volunteers starting at 2pm. Students do not have to stay the entire time. Please make sure to sign up AND pick up a permission slip from the front office!

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

Parent University: Safety Net

Interested in learning strategies for keeping your children safer online? Come to our "Safety Net" Parent University, held at the middle school. Kristine Amicone, from the San Diego Police Foundation, will discuss children and Internet safety. Sign up here:

Safety Net Parent University RSVP: <https://goo.gl/F1pIOI> * Childcare provided. Please indicate number of children in your RSVP.

Date: 11/29/2016 (Tue.)

Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm PDT

Location: Albert Einstein Academy Charter Middle School

Want to contact the ES and MS School Site Council?

Email them at: ssc@aeacs.org

Elementary School Highlights and Messages:

Parent Conference Week: November 14-18

Please note the **week of November 14th will be minimum days** so teachers have the opportunity to meet with parents for conferences. We will be on a Wednesday schedule all week. **Dismissal will be 12:00 pm for kindergarten and 12:30 for grades 1-5.** Teachers have created sign ups for parents to pick a time for conferences. Please email your teachers if you are unsure of your meeting time. If your child is enrolled in an after school enrichment program, contact the teachers of those programs directly to check on program details for this week. SAY San Diego will run on a Wednesday schedule daily.

The Book Fair is Coming!

Albert Einstein Academy believes strongly in growing readers. The book fair provides our students with a chance to purchase books for their own collection, as well as raise Scholastic dollars for our library and classroom book collections. It is also a great place to get your holiday shopping started!

Opening day is **Thursday November 10th after-school**. The fair will continue the following week (half-day week), **ending Friday November 18th at 1:00**. Scholastic books are available in

English and Spanish and may be purchased with cash, check or a credit card. **German books** are also available, but are **cash or check only and absolutely no holds**.

Upcycle! Please help us work towards a greener future!

We are happy to announce to you that our Upcycle Corner, located in the hallway of the east building, is up and running for the 2016-17 school year. The teachers have already been informed and we hope that all classes will be able to contribute to this project. Of course, we also want to invite you to drop off your upcyclable items at school.

We have collection bins for:

- crayons
- markers (Crayola and other brands, including dry erase markers and highlighters)
- pencils
- glue sticks
- cardboard rolls (toilet paper and paper towels)
- plastic lids
- egg cartons
- empty gardening 6 packs (cleaned out)
- corks

Reduce your family's carbon footprint! Why?

Your donations will help facilitate creative projects using crayons and cardboard rolls that Mary Shannon Heinzlmann, our art teacher, plans to do with our children. In addition, AEA mom Terri Hughes-Oelrich will pick up our collections of pencils and glue sticks for her art students at City College.

Moreover, we have a special upcycle program for markers. Our school is now part of Crayola's ColorCycle program, an initiative that repurposes markers into clean-burning fuel. You can find out more about Crayola's green initiatives here: <http://www.crayola.com/about-us/company/green-initiatives.aspx>

We will also be presenting educational materials about recycling. Please stay tuned for where and when to find them.

Happy upcycling!

The "Upcycle Moms" – Fini (Stefanie Orlamuende-Cosby) and Feli (Felicita Jaima)

For questions, feel free to contact us at fr527@nyu.edu

Fundraiser for Fusion Physical Education @ Hess Brewery!

Wednesday, December 7th from 1:00-9:00

Come by the family friendly Mike Hess Brewery in North Park. 3812 Grim Ave.

A portion of the proceeds to benefit AEA Elementary Physical Education Equipment

Flyer: <https://goo.gl/oYH71v>

Middle School Highlights and Messages:

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.

Service as Action

Thank you to everyone who participated in October’s Service Opportunities! Our students especially enjoyed serving meals at Father Joe’s Village. Because so many students were interested in the Father Joe’s service event, we are planning another opportunity for December. Please remind your students to add their hours and complete their reflections for any community service on ManageBac.