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Graduation and Promotion Reminder

- Senior Project Presentation Night is May 13 from 6-8 pm.
- **Room 13**

Courtyard Makeover Committee	<i>Billy Chow, Jake Ng, Michael Peng, Devin Hom, Henry Zhu</i>
Senior Store Fix-It Crew	<i>Dimitri Stetsenko, Justin Stewart, Kyle Lintao, Hank Smith, Olivia Cusack</i>
Multicultural Night	<i>Sandy Evsanaa, Bujka Battsoj</i>
Flat Screen News	<i>Jacky Au Yeung</i>
Senior Sleepover	<i>Ellie Teare</i>
Ultimate Frisbee	<i>Gavin Maxwell</i>
Large painting for school	<i>Bruce Wang</i>
Homeless feed	<i>Ameena Hayat, Bianca Tobis</i>

- **Room 14**

Senior Store	<i>Breanna Dean, Daysia Adams,, Khalayah Joseph, Michael Richie, Adam Orla-Bukowski</i>
ACLCLC Mighty Pens Poetry Book	<i>Ellie Dodds</i>
Canned goods giveaway (church outreach)	<i>Janelle David, Matthew Cunanan</i>
Calvin and Computer Upkeep	<i>Austin Bradfield, Jiaho Situ</i>
Hannah Camp	<i>Ryan Kelley-Cahill, Koda Cochran, Adam Orla-Bukowski</i>

ACLCL Senior Video	<i>Nora McCoy</i>
Pennies for Patients	<i>Gabriel Llamas</i>
Poetry Slam	<i>Sophia Moore</i>

• **Room 15**

ACLCL radio	<i>Michaela Allen, Eli Solomon</i>
Holiday Grams	<i>Rowan Starling Shirley, Cameron Galt, Ky'Asia Thompson, Miles Orozco, Samaki Buford</i>
Winter warming hunt	<i>Branden Christman</i>
Alameda animal rescue	<i>Evan Hallam</i>
ACLCL leadership conference	<i>Winnie Zhou</i>
Girls who code	<i>Caroline Harlow</i>
Yearbook	<i>Dianna Urzua, Clare Ryan, Avery Andrews, Caitie Norboe</i>

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ACLCL – Listed amongst Best High Schools in US News

Alameda, CA – April 20, 2016 — U.S. News & World Report just released its annual list of “Best High Schools” for 2016, and the Alameda Community Learning Center (ACLCL), a grade 6-12 Alameda public charter school, made the list for the 8th year in a row.

U.S. News & World Report, with RTI International, a global nonprofit social science research firm, considered nearly 20,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia for their awards. To earn a “Best High Schools” award from U.S. News, a school must first pass a three-step evaluation which measures: 1) student performance on required state math and reading tests, 2) whether their disadvantaged students (black, Hispanic and low-income) are outperforming disadvantaged students state-wide, and 3) student graduation rates.

PAC - Couch Night

Last week ACLCL held its final “Couch Night”. Couch Night is a sort of rap group for parents to talk about our concerns and joys in parenting our teens and tweens at ACLCL. Our topics depend on who comes and what people have on their minds. Guest speaker **Dr. Michael Torres**, a local psychologist specializing in adolescent mental health came o discuss technology and kids. He also addressed us about how to support our teens through the rough terrain of high risk behaviors (all the bug-a-boos we worry about).

Mark you Calendars for graduation and the 8th Grade Promotion

ACLCL High School Graduation - June 14 @ 2:00pm

ACLCL 8th Grade Promotion - June 15th @ 6:00pm

Fencing Project

As you may know, funds from AUSD's recently passed bond measure are, in part, designated to construct perimeter fences around all of the district school sites in order to increase security and reduce vandalism. As such, AUSD is hosting community-wide meetings to gather input about these projects.

It is incredibly important that we have parent feedback on the potential to have a fence line around the campus. We hope you will mark your calendars, therefore, for the kick-off meeting of the AUSD District Wide Fencing Project. The fourth set of sites/schools for these meetings will be:

- Woodstock site: ACLCL and Nea
- Longfellow site: Woodstock Child Development Center and Island High School
- Chipman site: Academy of Alameda and Adult School
- Encinal site: Encinal High School and Junior Jets

The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 2, 2016**, will take place from 6:30-8:30 pm and will be held at Island High

School.

Screenagers

Thursday, May 19, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM (PDT)

Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that happening with her own kids and began a quest to uncover how it might impact their development. As with her other two award-winning documentaries on mental health, Ruston takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance.

CCEF Updates - Walk-a-thon

CCEF facilitated another great Walkathon! Learners did it again, and raised nearly \$6,000. for CCEF. We also have to thank the ACLC Facilitators and Staff for their great support of the walkathon.

Parents and Guardians, Learners and Facilitators took on many volunteer support roles to make the day a great success.

Earth Day

Earth Day was celebrated this year on April 20th with a full day of activities designed to celebrate the Earth. These sessions were led by ACLC learners and facilitators.

This effort was led by Daysia Adams and Michael Richie along with the Environmental Science class. The sessions included time to work in the garden, repurposing bottles by cutting them into usable glasses, poetry, repurposing t-shirts into bags, sessions on marine biology and permaculture and lots more.

Learners started the day reviewing the correct waste sorting, then choosing from over 20 sessions, picking three to attend.



Multicultural Night Festival

Multicultural, Art and Diversity Night, held on Friday, April 29 in the Nea Tree, was a wonderful evening! What a talented group of learners we have! Special thanks to Bujka Battsooj and her crew for planning and organizing this event. Also, a special thank you to our incredible PAC! Together, they turned the Nea Tree into a performance venue, art gallery, and international cafe with twinkling lights, flags for every country, dolls from different cultures and art work everywhere! It was a beautiful evening with bagpipes, ukuleles, a fashion show, an a cappella choir, a fashion, dancers, poets, singers and musicians of every kind. Hats off to Kenyon Shutt and Eli Solomon who, in addition to letting us borrow some lighting equipment, handled every sound or lighting need with impromptu lighting and sound design. They made each act look and sound their best! Thanks to the parents who brought some scrumptious eats, and to the Bio learners who used their culinary skills to serve up crickets and earth worms and ants, to name a few. Everyone enjoyed every moment and showed such warmth and support throughout the evening. What an incredible community!

Pie Robotics

The 2016 Spring season of PiE Robotics just came to a close with the Final Competition hosted by the Lawrence Hall of Science. It was a wonderful and challenging season, with our biggest team thus far. This years competition was by far the most challenging we've experienced, yet given the challenge were able to advance into the Semi-finals using some last minute ingenuity. Given their hard work over the last 8 weeks, I think these learners deserve a shoutout, especially the seniors: Branden Christman, Billy Chow, Koda Cochran, Devin Hom, Kyle Lintao, Jake Ng, Michael Peng Winnie Zhou, and Henry Zhu.



Lunch-master to AUSD

Many families aren't aware of the many compliance issues every food services program is expected to follow. There are expectations around handling food, what can be served, what needs to be monitored (like temperature), where the food can come from, handling money, overseeing Free & Reduced Lunch programs, and the list goes on. Many charter schools work with a service that oversees the lunch process and assures the food vendor and the school is in compliance with all state and federal guidelines. CLCS and the Nea and ACLC Administration got a crash course in compliance when it was discovered that our company, PUC, would no longer be able to provide the oversight we had come to expect.

PUC, our provider for student food service, notified us that they will no longer be offering meal program compliance services due to the enormous task of preparing for the audit and after careful consideration of their organization's risk and liability.

We have ventured out to 3rd party contractors to help with being within compliance. So far our efforts to work around this issue have left us in a bind with our current lunch vendor, whom is still not in compliance. We have also contacted other lunch vendors and have found that all are out of compliance or cannot handle the work without other contractors involved.

The state requires Independent School Food Services to manage their own food services by complying with the following:

· FRL and compliance:

- Receiving lunch applications and processing them through the state.
- Complying with federal/state regulations on how food is served, accounting practices with monies, how FRL reimbursement is being spent.
- Auditing daily lunch counts and accounting.

We found one organization that would do all that we needed in order to be in compliance, and that organization is the Alameda Unified School District.

The Alameda Unified School District has special catering services that could be the answer to our current food services problems. Here are some of the highlights:

- AUSD serves Breakfast, late breakfast (snack time) and hot lunch.
- They provide fresh homecook-style food from trays during lunch.
- They will provide a daily Salad Bar, and anyone can pay upfront with cash or through their prepaid account. (Breakfast, late Breakfast and Lunch)
- AUSD will have an On-Site team that handles everything from serving, accounting and clean up.

FRL and state compliance are also handled through their service.