

## School Calendar Holiday and Special Events 2000

February 21, 2000	Presidents' Day Observed - School Closed
March 13 - 17, 2000	Blue (A) and Green (C) Tracks Parent Conferences
April 25, 2000	Red (B) and Green (C) Tracks Open House
May 5, 2000	5th Grade Panorama Picture Day
May 17, 2000	Happy Birthday, Alexandria! -75th Birthday Celebration
May 23, 2000	Blue (A) Track Open House
May 29, 2000	Memorial Day Observed - School Closed
June 2, 2000	10:30 A. M. - Red (B) Track 5th Grade Culmination
June 28, 2000	10:30 A. M. - Green (C) Track 5th Grade Culmination
June 29, 2000	10:30 A. M. - Blue (A) Track 5th Grade Culmination

## Testing Schedule for 2000

February 7 - 25, 2000	Blue (A) and Red (B) Tracks 2nd, 4th and 5th Grades Performance Assessment
February 10 - 17, 2000	Blue (A) and Red (B) Tracks STEPS
March 13 - 31, 2000	Green (C) Tracks 2nd, 4th and 5th Grades Performance Assessement
March 13 - 31, 2000	Green (C) Track 3rd Grade STEPS
March 15 - 29, 2000	Blue (A) Track SAT 9 -Track A
April 3 - 7, 2000	Red (B) and Green (C) Tracks SABE
April 10 - 21, 2000	Red (B) and Green (C) Tracks SAT 9
May 8 - 12, 2000	Blue (A) Track SABE

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### Parent Conferences

During conference week, the teacher discusses the child's progress in the second trimester and reviews the report card grades. Parents have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss their concerns during this private, one to one conference with the teacher. We hope that all parents have an opportunity to attend these very important parent conferences.

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### Standard-Based Promotion

In fall of 1999, District stakeholders reviewed the implementation of standard-based promotion to develop a phase-in plan. In the first year, students not proficient (students with teacher marks and performance assessment marks of 1 or Fail) in reading or at ELD levels 1 or 2 (after three or more years in school) in Grades 2 and 8 will not be promoted. Although the Standards-Based Promotion Policy applies to Grades 2 in elementary schools, retention may be implemented in other grades when warranted. The essential criteria in determining promotion on these grades are the following:

- Student success on achieving the standards specified in the District curriculum
- Student emotional and social maturity and growth.

### Academic Performance Index

The State released the Academic Performance Index (API) report which showed how public schools throughout the state compared with each other on student achievement. The rankings this year were based on the 1999 Stanford 9, a standardized test that measures students' performance in math, reading and other subjects from grades two through eleven. The results give schools a way to measure their performance and set goals for improvement. Each school received a score between 200 and 1,000.

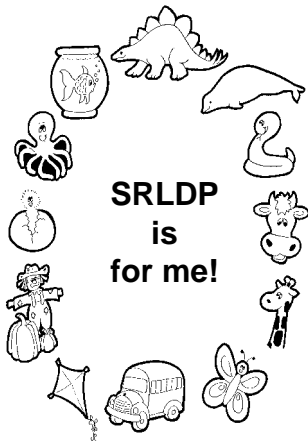
Alexandria's API is 506 and the decile rank is 3 with 100% of the eligible students tested. Each school also received another score ranking it against the performance of other schools with students of similar ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds. We are pleased to inform you that our decile rank in this is 9.

Congratulations to the staff, students and parents of Alexandria. Our new API target is 521. We are very hopeful that next year, we will be able to meet this goal.

## Kindergarten and SRLDP Enrollment

Kindergarten and SRLDP (Preschool) enrollment packets will be available in the main office in March and April for the 2000-2001 school year. In order to enroll in Kindergarten or SRLDP, you must live in our school community attendance area. We will need proof of address with every enrollment packet and will accept a current utility bill with the name of parent or guardian. If you cannot provide a bill, you must fill out a form obtained from our office. Pursuant to current law, all new Kindergarten enrollees must be five (5) years old on or before December 2, 2000. To enroll in the SRLDP (Preschool) Program, your child must be four (4) years old on or before December 2, 2000. We will need proof of age and will accept a Birth Certificate, Passport, Baptism Certificate or a Hospital Certificate of Birth. Please come by the school's main office to pick up an enrollment packet on the dates indicated below. If you have any questions, call the school at (323) 660-1936.

March 6, 2000 - Kindergarten  
April 3, 2000 - SRLDP (Preschool)



## Parent Workshops

We are pleased to inform you that we will continue the workshops entitled Between Families every Friday afternoon at 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in Room 64 until March 31, 2000, as per your requests. These workshops have been coordinated with Clinica Para Las Americas, and provide you with valuable information and resources. The first workshop of Parent Community Services Branch will start on Tuesday February 8, 2000, at 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Room 64. Below are the dates for the rest of the workshops:

Tuesday, February 15, 2000

8:15a.m.-10:00a.m.

AWorld of Math Part II

Tuesday, February 22, 2000

8:15a.m.-10:00a.m.

AWorld of Math Part III

Tuesday, March 7, 2000

8:15a.m.-10:00a.m.

Student Assessment

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

8:15a.m.-10:00a.m.

At Home With Science

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

8:15a.m.-10:00a.m.

Standard Based Promotion

Please make every effort to participate and make a difference in your child's education and academic success.



Alexandria, in collaboration with School Entertainment & Activities Program, recognized the above mentioned students with awards, prizes, and entertainment during an assembly on January 20, 2000.

### **Congratulations to the following students:**

#### Blue Track Students:

Stephanie Escobar  
Sara Garcia Rosas  
Beatriz Buenrostro  
Gabriela Aguilar  
robin Carrillo  
Vickie Carrillo  
Narumi Moran  
Steven Garci  
Wendy Escobar  
Wanda Escobar  
Intiaz Razzak  
Wendy Duenas  
Jose Veneracion  
Jennifer Rosales  
Eric Ventura  
Jayson Rivas  
Vanessa Rivera  
Natalie Palacios  
Jocelyn Menendez  
Brenda Buenrostro  
Yessica Minera  
Lesley Reyes  
Yamiketh Sanchez  
Gabriel Orizco  
Kevin Mariano  
Sally Mejia  
Stacy Montoya  
Freddy Mendez  
Victor Rogel  
Lui Galindo  
Jovanny Blanco  
Jonathan Cruz  
Laura Torres  
Virgina Soto

#### Red Track Students:

Daniel Mercado  
Kevin Mejia  
Mario Rodriguez  
Josue Menjivar  
Karina Medrano  
Samantha Hernandez  
Ricardo Mercado  
Ceason Gonzales  
Christian Galicia  
Joannie Ayala  
Jorge Rodriguez  
Kimberly Cabrera  
Anthony Silva  
Mercy Escobar  
Jennifer Nevarez  
Kristen Aguja  
Andres Alvarez  
Eva Lopez  
Mychall Viudez  
Lesly Albayero  
Erick Magana

#### Green Track Students:

Manuel Lara  
Lorenzo Basilio  
Vernon Espinos  
Francesca Ayala  
Astrid Rosas  
Benjamin Gonzalez  
Kathy Juarez  
Rafael Cervantes  
Nancy Ayala  
Joannie Ayala  
Rafael Rubi  
James Chang  
Quinn McDonald  
Jose Cornejo  
Cristina Lopez  
Kevin Mendez  
Jessica Mejia  
Erick Morales  
Edgar Araiza  
leslie Valencia  
John Montalvo  
Adril Montoya  
Omar Medina  
Andrea Castro  
Sammy Aguilar  
Joshua Aguilar  
Eduardo Maldonado  
Leticia Zuniga  
David Galindo  
Michelle De La Cruz  
Audriana De La Cruz  
Grigor Gevorkyan  
Petros Bakalyan

### **Congratulations to**

Ms. Kling and Mr. Lapin were selected to be included in the sixth edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000, a publication dedicated to the recognition of our country's prestigious teachers. Successful former students select one of their teachers because of the difference their teacher has made in the students' lives. We want to congratulate our teachers for the great honor and commend them for their contributions to today's youth.

## Safety Tips

The safety of all of our students is of utmost importance to us. Parents are urged to obey all motor vehicle laws, especially when driving around schools. Drivers are endangering the safety of others by:

- Stopping in the middle of the road for loading or unloading passengers.
- Allowing passengers to exit from the street side of a vehicle.
- Stopping at the curbside opposite the school and allowing passengers to cross the street where there is no crosswalk.
- Making U-turns in the middle of the street.
- Double parking which causes drivers of other vehicles to pass on the wrong side of the street.
- Parking their cars at No Stopping Zones.

To avoid traffic problems and help protect the safety of our students, we urge you to drive safely. Select a prearranged drop-off and pick-up location with your children. This location should be in short proximity to the school and not necessarily at the exit gates of our campus.



## Intersession/ Intervention Classes

We will continue to hold Intersession/ Intervention classes throughout the remainder of the year. If your child is invited, it is very important that your child attends.

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## Lost and Found

Please put your child's name on his/her sweaters, coats, lunch boxes, and any other item brought to school. Lost and found items are kept in baskets outside of Room 9.

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## Census 2000-Everyone Counts

The 2000 Census attempts to count all persons living in the United States on April 1st. The Census is taken every ten years to determine the number of congressional seats to which each state is entitled. Census counts are used to allocate money where it is most needed, for schools, Meals on Wheels, Headstart, job training and many other programs. Questionnaires will be mailed to households in March, 2000. Be sure everyone in your family is counted.

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## Test Taking Tips

Good attendance, good work habits and doing homework on a daily basis are ways that children can best be prepared for standardized and performance tests. Parents can also help their children perform better on tests by ensuring that their children:

- Get a good night's sleep the night before the test.
- Have a healthy breakfast on the day of the test.
- Wear comfortable clothing on the day of the test.
- Pay careful attention to the directions on the test.
- Check the answer sheets to make sure that the answers match the right questions.