

Welcome to the Alex Anderson Elementary Home and School Club



Home of the Bulldogs

The Alex Anderson “Home and School Club” is a non-profit, volunteer group whose purpose is to provide support for school programs, to encourage involvement in our students’ education, and to strengthen the sense of community at Alex Anderson Elementary School.

The HSC connects Alex Anderson Elementary parents, teachers and staff, and the community, with a goal of providing a unique opportunity to be a part of the Alex Anderson community.

All parents/guardians of any child enrolled at Alex Anderson Elementary and all members of the school staff are members of the HSC Membership is free!



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~~~~~**JOIN US TODAY!**~~~~~

The number-one reason to join the Alex Anderson "Home and School Club is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more advantages. Here are just a few:

- ❖ **Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
- ❖ **Discover Great Resources.** The HSC offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.
- ❖ **Tap into a Network.** HSC functions provide opportunities to meet other parents, teachers, build relationships and discuss parenting school issues that are on your mind.
- ❖ **Watch yourself Grow.** By volunteering with your HSC, you gain valuable experiences and personal confidence. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause.
- ❖ **Speak Up.** Because HSC is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions and more effectively suggest improvement at your child's school.
- ❖ **Help Your Child Succeed.** HSC fosters parent involvement. Parent involvement has been proven to be the greatest assistance of student success.
- ❖ **Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping to make positive changes. The HSC play an important role in fundraising to provide improvements to curriculum-based programs, social events – all important to a school's success.
- ❖ **Be a Role Model.** By becoming a HSC member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.



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## **Purpose**

The purpose of the HSC is to enhance and support the educational experience at Alex Anderson Elementary School, to develop and foster a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parental involvement, assist in the general welfare of the school, the children and the community at Alex Anderson Elementary School through volunteer and financial support. To achieve this goal, this organization will conduct and host activities in a safe manner, including fund raising, assemblies, parent education/social events, fairs and other activities.

### **The HSC does**

- \* Support the educational programs and extracurricular activities of the school
- \* Encourage parents involvement in their individual child(ren) lives, education, class and school
- \* Provide feedback and suggestions for school programs
- \* Coordinate programs and projects that will support or enrich the curriculum
- \* Encourage/fund the increased exposure of students to technology
- \* Provide feedback/assist with increased awareness of school safety and security issues
- \* Organize fundraising efforts to support some additional programs, equipment, and services not covered in the school budget
- \* Support the educational goals of the school and assist with attaining those goals through parent and community volunteerism
- \* Recruit volunteers and coordinate volunteer efforts to staff HSC functions and assist with school programs
- \* Stay aware of legislation and political issues that may impact education and school
- \* ***A lot!***

### **The HSC does not**

- \* Force parents to participate in HSC and/or school activities
- \* Define or interfere with the school's security program and policies
- \* Set policy regarding school programs
- \* Define the school's curriculum
- \* Dictate the technology platforms and/or software used by the school
- \* Control the school's budget
- \* Run the school
- \* Set the educational goals, testing requirements, or compliance factors
- \* Have jurisdiction or authority over school staff, teachers, and other employees
- \* Endorse a particular political candidate or commercial concern
- \* ***Do everything!***



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## Meetings

The Home and School Club meets once every month. Our meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month from 8:30am – 9:30am in the school library.

**Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## Planned Events - 2017

|                                                   |                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| August 30 <sup>th</sup>                           | Chefs Night SF Boudin Bakery on Almaden              |
| September 5 <sup>th</sup>                         | Yearbook Sales at \$25.00                            |
| September 7 <sup>th</sup>                         | Back to School Night                                 |
| September 7 <sup>th</sup>                         | Product Sales                                        |
| September 13 <sup>th</sup>                        | Picture Day                                          |
| September 22 <sup>nd</sup>                        | Movie Night on the Lawn                              |
| October 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>         | Book Fair                                            |
| October 17 <sup>th</sup>                          | <i>Chef's Night – Buffalo Wild Wings (tentative)</i> |
| October 31 <sup>st</sup><br>Volunteers are needed | Halloween Party, Parade, Carving Contest             |
| November 3 <sup>rd</sup>                          | Science Camp Balance Due                             |
| November 12 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup>        | Anti-Bully Week                                      |
| November 16 <sup>th</sup>                         | See's Candy                                          |
| November 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>      | Thanksgiving Break                                   |
| December 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Jan <sup>th</sup>     | Winter Break                                         |

## Volunteers

Your help is always needed!! If you are available to help out with any of our many events please let us know! You can contact us at **AndersonHSC@gmail.com**