

## **Friday Update**

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Dear Families,

Spring Break has arrived! This week was full of excitement and school spirit! From crazy socks, to lots of cool jerseys, to a fantastic array of color, to ending things in our coziest best (with snowflakes falling). Although lots of us were dressed in our PJs, there was nothing terribly "sleepy" or "hushed" about the day! Lots of excitement and energy was in the air.

As we approach Spring break and the final quarter of the school year, I want to be sure to celebrate the academic growth that is taking place. Almost 90% of our 3rd-5th graders scored average or above in their recent MAP assessment in reading and 85% in math. Close to 80% of our K-2 grade students are at "core level" or above in their developments of important early literacy skills. Our staff and our students work really hard every day and we look forward to building on the great learning that has occurred during this year.

Here are some upcoming Dates and Events...

<u>Volunteers Needed:</u> It's Alameda's turn to staff the clothing closet on April 3rd and so far only 1 of 6 spots is filled. PLEASE CLICK HERE to sign-up. We need your help!

<u>TAG Referral Update:</u> We appreciate your patience in this process. As a school team we are nearing the end of our work, and we hope that by the end of April you should hear from the TAG department. Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Britt Kuether or Abby Largo. If you referred your child more recently, we will begin the identification process after spring break and you should expect results by the end of the school year.

**No School on Monday, April 10th**: Reminder, there is no school on 4/10. Teachers will be using this day to work on 3rd quarter progress reports.

<u>Kindergarten Open House:</u> I believe there may be a couple of times floating around for our April 12th Kindergarten Open house - my apologies for any confusion. The event will take place from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. This first, in a series of Connect to Kindergarten events, is geared towards parents/guardians learning about what to expect next year. We will have minimal childcare available for those families that do not have other options.

Movie Nights: 4/13 (Sensory Friendly) and 4/19. Both events start at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria

Science Fair: 4/26 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the cafeteria

Family Dance: Friday, 5/19 - More information will be coming out after break

**5th Grade Celebration**: Our annual 5th grade celebration, including the clap-out, will take place on Wednesday, June 14th. 5th grade families are welcome to join together in the cafeteria at 2:30 PM to help send off our amazing group of students.

I hope everyone has a wonderful spring break. For those of you who are hitting the road, have a safe and fun adventure. We will see you back on Monday, April 3!

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