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Friday Update

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that 2023 is off to a good start and that everyone enjoyed their Winter Break. It has been great to welcome back our students over the last four days. I have been really impressed with how quickly our students have adjusted back to "life" at school.

Community Value Spotlight: Over the next 4 weeks, I am going to highlight each of our newly adopted community values. This week we will focus on Safety: Safety can be defined as *a state in which conditions leading to physical, psychological or material harm are controlled in order to preserve the health and well-being of individuals and the community* (<https://www.inspq.qc.ca/>). At the core, we all must feel safe in order to be successful. Our staff is committed to ensuring a safe environment for all students. While some aspects of safety are harder to control, much of what we do everyday can and will create a safe school community.

On the one hand, safety is very much about receiving, deserving, and expecting a safe space to learn, work, have fun, and grow. However, this just won't happen by itself - each of us need to commit to providing (or giving) a safe environment for all students and adults. Our individual and collective actions contribute to the overall safety and well being of our students, staff, and families. Actually creating and sustaining this level of safety is where our work lies. In the coming months, students and staff will explore what it means to feel safe and how to actively "cultivate safety" throughout our school community.

Community Service: Over break, a group of 4th grade students coordinated a community service project to benefit the local family shelter Lilac Meadows. A recent story in the [The Star News](#) highlighted this amazing project. The students collected over 800 diapers and wipes, backpacks and purses, and made holiday tins filled with homemade cookies for the 38 families that live at the shelter (total of 557 cookies). The 4th grade girls that coordinated the event are: Penelope Carpenter, Etta Dennis, Ann Fort, Caroline Kenyon, Kira Sakamoto, and Brooklynn Siegel. Thanks to all those who participated in this project - what a great example of true service learning.

From the Foundation: The Alameda Auction committee is in need of someone with video filming and/or editing skills! We are open to any skill level, whether that is amateur, hobbyist, or professional. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping us out, please contact Surina Hollingsworth at surinakalotia@gmail.com. Thank you!

Successful Schools Survey is Coming: Families will be receiving links for the 2023 Successful Schools Survey during the week of January 23rd. We are hoping that all families will participate in the survey. In addition to families, students in grades 3-5 and all Alameda Staff will also be completing the survey. For more information, visit: pps.net/sss2023

End of the Semester: The first semester ends on January 26th. Students will be receiving progress reports on Friday, February 3rd. In addition, beginning on Monday, January 28th, students in grades 3-5 and our CB classrooms will begin art.

Site Council Meeting: Our next Site Council meeting is scheduled for January 24th at 6:00 PM. The meeting is open for anyone who would like to attend, regardless if you are "on" the site council. We will be discussing Alameda's School Improvement Plan and early staffing/budgeting projections for the 2023-2024 school year. To join the meeting you can follow [THIS LINK](#)

I hope you have a great weekend.

Regards,
Matt

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