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Friday Update

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Dear Families,

I hope your long weekend is off to a great start. Yesterday I had the opportunity to visit a couple of 2nd grade classrooms as I visit all 22 classrooms to talk about our Alameda Values project. I mentioned to students in Ms. Largo's and Ms. Pixley/Bossard's classes, how impressed I was with their reading and discussion skills. They clearly have a deep understanding of what it means to "value" something and they truly understand what it takes to make Alameda a place for all.

As most of you know, Alameda's Bike Bus was [featured on NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt](#). If you have not already done so, definitely check it out. Great work Coach Balto, volunteers, and most importantly, the hundreds of students who are riding to school!

PTA Meeting: Thanks to the PTA for hosting (in person!) last night's meeting which focused on how our community can best support our students and our schools. We heard from elected officials and Salem based lobbyists about the upcoming election and legislative session. The message was clear: we must come together as a community to pressure school board members, district leadership, and our legislators to prioritize K-5 school funding for all students. It is imperative that we move away from a budgeting/staffing process that puts us in a state of disbelief every February. This starts with Salem fully funding our schools, but continues all the way to how the PPS budget reflects the needs of our school and our community. If you are interested in learning more or finding out how to become more involved, reach out to pta@alamedaschool.org or reach out directly to school board members and your elected officials.

TAG Information Night: Thursday, October 20th in the Alameda Library, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Join Principal Matt Goldstein and TAG Coordinator Abby Largo to learn more about the nomination and identification process as well as more details about TAG.

Reading Friends is looking for volunteers to come and read with Alameda students. If you have 30 minutes a week to volunteer, consider being a reading friend to a kinder, 1st, or 2nd grader. Email Yasmin at ye.mcgrath@gmail.com

Conferences: As mentioned previously, online signups for fall conferences will begin next week. You should receive an email from your child's teacher with a link to a document where you can sign up for a conference. Conferences can be either in-person or virtual. Except for extraordinary circumstances, there is only one conference slot available per child. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you need to speak about this further. Finally, there are no make-ups for conferences. We hope that all families can find a time that works, especially with the ability to attend virtually.

Movie Night: Get your costume on and come to the Alameda Family Movie Night, featuring Muppets Haunted Mansion! Cafeteria doors open at 6:15 pm on Wednesday, October 26 and admission and popcorn are free! Other concession treats are for sale. Grab a pillow and a blanket, and come snuggle up for some spooky, cozy fun!

Looks like another summery weekend...in mid October. Enjoy. See you next week.

Regards,

[Matt Goldstein](#)

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