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Friday Update

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Dear Families,

Our fall break has arrived! We have had a fun and busy week. The sunny, cold (and breezy) weather has been a special treat. It really feels like fall, especially with all the leaves piling up around the neighborhood.

Today we had our [second whole school assembly](#) of the year. Yet again, it was a great opportunity for us to gather as a school community and to celebrate our students. We heard beautiful piano playing from 4th graders Penelope and [Charlie](#), a poem from 4th grader Reed, and an amazing solar system song/rap from [Ms. Kohn's 5th graders](#). In addition, we talked about Native American Heritage Month and introduced two books, [Fry Bread, A Native American Family Story](#) and [The First Strawberries](#). All students will be reading both books in class over the next couple of weeks. And finally, we introduced Alameda's new Community Values!

Here they are:

Safety: *Individual and Collective Well-Being*; **Kindness**: *Caring and Supportive*; **Inclusion**: *All are Always Welcome*;
Joyful: *Fun, Laughter, Creativity, and Friendship*

Thanks to students, staff, and families for sharing your opinions, thoughts and ideas over the last few months. We are excited to begin to immerse ourselves in our new values and to begin to find opportunities, each day, to practice what it means to be safe, kind, inclusive, and joyous people!

Move for the Arts: Thanks to all who have donated to this important cause. So far we have raised \$14,671, just a few hundred dollars shy of our stretch goal of \$15,000. We have left the donation link open through Saturday, 11/26. We are hoping that we can hit that goal. Thanks again for your support. [CLICK HERE to make a donation today](#).

Safety: Arrival time at Alameda can be fast and frenzied. We want to make sure that our families are safe. If you are coming from north of Fremont, please use either the existing crosswalks on NE 26th or NE 28th to cross Fremont. There is no crosswalk at NE 27th and Fremont, and for a number of reasons this is not a safe intersection to cross. I have also reached out to the City to express my concerns about NE Fremont. I am still waiting to hear back with more details.

Bike Bus: The Alameda Bike Bus is still in the news! Here is the latest from Coach Balto: The Alameda Bike Bus and Coach Balto will be featured on the Kelly Clarkson Show next Monday, November 21st on KPTV FOX from 3:00 - 4:00 PM!! Make sure to check it out!!

Poinsettia Pick-Up - Front Hall on 11/30 from 3:00 - 4:30 If you have questions or need to make special arrangements please contact pta@alamedaschool.org

OBOB: OBOB Update for parents of 3/4/5 graders: For more OBOB information, explore [Alameda's resource site](#). Team registrations are due in about 1 month. Need help finding or filling a team? [Submit your reader's information here](#).

Lost and Found has been set up on tables in the main hallway-please come by to claim your gear (there are lots of nice sweatshirts, coats and more). All unclaimed items will be picked up and donated Friday 12/2.

Alameda Foundation - Wall of Wine: The Wall of Wine has kicked off! They are looking for your donations of bottles with a value of greater than \$25. Local wine shops, Dogwood, Blackbird Wine, and Great Wine buys are all offering discounts to Alameda parents that mention the Wall of Wine upon purchase. Drop off the wine at the office or contact Bryan Dennis (bryandennis@gmail.com or 503.597.9301) for pickup. Full details to be found here-
www.alamedaschoolfoundation.org/wall-of-wine.

Opportunities from Grant High School: There are several upcoming events from Grant Hight School, including [Basketball](#), [Dance](#), and [Wrestling](#). Check it out!

I wish everyone a great break and a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday, 11/28/22. Be well and stay safe!

Regards,
Matt

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