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## Friday Update

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Dear Families,

Welcome to December! I hope that everyone had a wonderful fall break. For me, it was a great opportunity to visit with family, spend lots of time in the kitchen (which I love), and to celebrate family coming together. The next couple of weeks leading up to our Winter Break will undoubtedly be busy and filled with lots of excitement. Speaking of the holidays, a small gift from PPS will be coming home next week with your child: COVID-19 Test Kits!

To help your holidays be healthy as well as happy, next week our school will provide each student with an iHealth test kit for at-home use. Students and families are encouraged to use these tests if they develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or know they have been exposed to COVID-19. Please note: the FDA granted a shelf-life extension for the iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test. Please enter the lot number listed on the end of your test kit box into [this tool](#) to check the updated expiration date of your kit.

Speaking of staying healthy, as most of you know, Multnomah County is dealing with a major increase in respiratory illnesses right now, including RSV, Influenza, and COVID. At this time there is no change to the PPS masking policy, however, the county is recommending people wear masks when indoors, including in schools. Here is a link to the [MCHD public health advisory](#). I believe additional communication from PPS will be coming out next week as well. At Alameda, we have seen a pretty significant increase in students being out sick. Thank you to families who are keeping your kids home - we appreciate this as we know it can be challenging. Please remind students about washing hands, covering their coughs, and letting an adult know if they are not feeling well. Welcome back to our nurse [Lisa Jones](#)! If you have any questions about COVID or other health related matters please reach out to her.

Here are some more updates and details about upcoming events:

**Move for the Arts:** The final amount raised is: \$15,541! Thanks for your generosity and willingness to support the arts and arts education at Alameda.

**Alameda Choir Performances:** Our very own SongBirds Choir will be performing two upcoming holiday concerts: On Tuesday, 12/6 at the Fremont Methodist Church (next door to school) at 7:00 PM and then on December 14th at Pioneer Courthouse Square at 5:00 PM. After several years of COVID induced silence, we are super excited to hear our students' voices again!

**PTA Multicultural Mixer:** We will be celebrating our multiethnic and diverse student-family population on Wednesday, December 7 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm in the Alameda Cafeteria. See you there!

**District TAG Meeting:** Due to unforeseen circumstances, the district TAG meeting previously scheduled for November 30 will now take place on DECEMBER 7 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. To join this meeting and to learn more about TAG, visit the [PPS TAG Department](#) website.

**December 5th to the 9th Children's Place Bookstore** will be offering a percentage of sales to help Set The B.A.R. High for Beaumont, Alameda and Rigler. Just mention one or all of the schools when you purchase. Librarians will be asked to have pulled a few books out that they wish to have added to their libraries for you to purchase while you do your own holiday shopping.

**Important Volunteering Opportunity:** Thursday, December 8th (9:30 am to 1:30 pm) is Alameda's day to help kids in need at PPS shop for clothing and to help sort donations. The clothing center is located at the Marshall (Benson HS) Campus (3905 SE 91st, Room B-60). Please sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/yCPVVUM>. Thank you so much for your time and energy!

**OBOB Update:** A reminder to families that if your child is participating in OBOB this year, the deadline to register their team is Friday 12/16. If your child is still looking for a team please fill out the "need help finding a team" form on our website by 12/12. Registering for a team and finding a team can be done on our [Alameda OBOB website](#). Also, the first OBOB student meeting will be held in the gym from 3:00-3:45 on Thursday 12/15.

**The Students Rights and Responsibilities Handbook** has been updated by PPS and reflects changes that have been made in several areas. Please take a moment to review this information and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

**Blocking Driveways** - Please be courteous to our neighbors and do not park or partially block driveways. As someone who lives across the street from a school, I fully understand this one. Thanks for your cooperation!

**Safety Reminder:** All guests and volunteers (even if you are just stopping by for a brief moment) must initially check in at the office and wear a visitor/volunteer badge at all times. You must have a badge on to be inside the building AND on the playground. Thank you for taking the time to stop by the office.

I hope everyone has a great weekend! Stay healthy.

Regards,  
Matt

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