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Dear Families,

I hope everyone had a good week. March is a busy month, including [Women's History Month](#) and next week is [Neurodiversity Week](#). We look forward to recognizing these important topics in the next couple of weeks. It is hard to believe that Spring Break is coming up. Remember, no school on Monday, March 27-March 31

Neurodiversity Awareness Week (and we hope the other 51 weeks as well) is a time for us to be intentional about recognizing and celebrating neurological differences that exist in our classrooms, school community and world - it is not about tolerance, but acceptance, inclusion, and a focus on strengths. As a school, classrooms will spend time discussing neurodiversity, what it means (in the eyes of a 5/6 year old or an 11 year old) and how our individual actions can be a positive force in how students are treated and cared for at Alameda. Our school and school community must adapt, flex, and grow to meet the needs of all students, especially our neurodiverse students.

Here are some additional resources/site to learn more:

- <https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/2023/02/09/neurodiversity-celebration-week-launches-2023-campaign/>
- <https://www.redballoonlearner.org/news-events/neurodiversity-whats-to-celebrate/>
- <https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/neurodiversity-celebration-week-toolkit/>
- <http://www.stannesfulshaw.net/page/neurodiversity-celebration-week/100125>
- <https://library.cityofpaloalto.org/blogs/post/neurodiversity-celebration-week/>

Staying Healthy: We are seeing a recent increase in both COVID-19 cases as well as other viruses. We thank you for being cautious and keeping your student home if they are experiencing symptoms, even mild ones. I am hoping that things improve once we return from Spring Break. If you have any questions, please reach out to our [Student Health Assistant Emily](#) or our [School nurse Lisa](#).

Anxiety Presentation Slides: Several of you have requested the slide deck/presentation from Kevin Ashworth's March 1st presentation on Anxiety. [CLICK HERE](#) to take a look at the information he shared. There are lots of great pieces of insight - definitely check it out.

New Date for the Science Fair: Due to a scheduling conflict (and to allow students a bit more time), the science fair date will be shifting to after Spring Break. The Science Fair will now be held on April 26th. Thanks for your flexibility.

Graphic Design Work: We are looking to contract with someone with graphic design skills who is interested in working with our School Climate team to develop and create visuals (signs/logo, etc.) connected to our newly adopted Alameda Community Values. If you (or perhaps someone you know) are interested, please email [Matt Goldstein](#).

Grant Basketball Camp: Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about basketball camp opportunities through Grant High School.

The Grant wrestling program is offering an all [Girls Wrestling introductory class](#) on March 19th from 3:30-4:30 for Kindergarten - 5th graders. There is no experience expected or required. We want to provide an introduction to wrestling in an attempt to grow girls wrestling at Grant and the elementary and middle schools that are connected to Grant. There is also open mat on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00-7:30 at Grant High School.

From our Auction Team: We are looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow evening at the Alameda Disco Fever Live Auction & Gala at The Loft on 8th. Doors open at 5:30pm. The [Virtual Silent Auction](#) is also in full-force, and will close

on Sunday, March 12, at 5pm. Thank you to this amazing community for your generosity and support for all Alameda and PPS students!

Have a fantastic weekend! Maybe even a bit of sunshine on Saturday.

Regards,
[Matt Goldstein](#)

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