

## Friday Update

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Dear Families,

As we roll (perhaps sprint, is more accurate) into Memorial Day Weekend I am reminded that summer is truly on the horizon. The final weeks and days of school are always filled with excitement and plenty of emotion. For some students, busy summers with camps, travel, and more await. For others, summers can be stressful, somewhat isolating, and without much organized and engaging activity. I encourage all families to look for ways to reach out to "new" students and/or families. Is there a way to include one more person in your activity for the day? It would be wonderful if families could lean into the idea of being "inclusive" over the summer, and look for a chance to loop in some new friends/families into your pod/group.

For those of you who are paying attention to the action in Salem, it does appear that the legislature is going to "reopen" the general school fund bill and add a possible \$200 million. This would mean millions of dollars more coming to PPS. As I have shared before, how these additional funds get allocated is a decision that is made by the Superintendent and his leadership team (with some oversight from the school board). I know I will be keeping a close eye on this and doing my best to advocate on behalf of Alameda students. For those of you who are so inclined, I encourage you to do the same.

**Final Site Council Meeting:** All are invited to attend our final Site Council Meeting of the year. We will be reviewing our School Improvement Plan and beginning to think about our plans for the 2023-2024 School Year. The meeting is on Tuesday, May 30th, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

To join the meeting use this LINK.

**Spring Open House/Eagle Story Hour/Classroom Art Project Foundation Fundraiser**: May 31st is a big day! We hope you are able to come to Alameda beginning at 5:30 PM for our classroom open house.

 The Story Hour/Open Mic program begins at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria: Last call to sign up for Eagles Story Hour! You may sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548aca62ca6fb6-eagle#/. Parents! Please sign up to take a volunteer shift if your child is also signed up to participate. Teamwork makes the dream work! • **Classroom art projects:** The Alameda Foundation's Art Auction & Sale is now live! Check out the creative and beautiful work of our students here. Most items are immediately available for purchase and bidding, and will also be displayed live at the Open House on 5/31. Thank you for supporting our students and teachers!

Junior Rose Parade: The Junior Rose Parade takes place on Wednesday, June 7th, beginning at 1:00 PM. We recognize that some students will be participating in the parade and will need to leave school early that day. In addition, some families may choose to take their child (or a group of kids) to watch the parade. Please know that all students leaving school early must be signed out at the office. As we did last year, if you will be signing out any child, other than your own, you must have a signed permission slip filled out by that child's parent/guardian. Please contact Beth Minch or Elaine Chan if you have any questions.

**Kindergarten 2023-2024:** Do you have an incoming Kindergarten Student next year? If so, please make sure you have registered AND take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire.

<u>YMCA Before/After Care Registration</u>: Registration for Before and After Care opens at 7:00 AM on May 30. You can visit https://www.ymcacw.org/programs/after-school for more information. In addition, you can email Site Director Alex Zelensky with any questions.

**Bike Bus Survey:** Thank you for taking a few minutes to share feedback on the Alameda Bike Bus. Even if you haven't participated in the Bike Bus, please share your thoughts so we can better support all students with active transportation to school. Respondents will be entered into a drawing for two \$25 gift cards to the Community Cycling Center. https://forms.gle/QhYWLijWTChCHkg67

I hope everyone has a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend. See you on Tuesday!

## Regards, Matt Goldstein

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