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Friday Update

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Dear Families,

In some ways it's hard to believe that we just finished up our fourth week of school. Although it did not feel like it yesterday, cooler temperatures, a few leaves on the ground, not to mention lots of college and NFL football, remind us that fall has arrived. If you have a second grader, you might want to ask them about their work in English/Language arts - the very first module of [Wit and Wisdom](#), focuses on change brought about by the seasons. One benefit to the new curriculum is that it integrates science, social studies, reading, writing, speaking, art, and critical thinking skills.

Yesterday we had our first whole school assembly of the year! Although it was a bit of a tight squeeze, it was wonderful to have our community together - it has been way too long. Our staff had a chance to introduce themselves, we learned about Sonia Sotomayor in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month (each class will be reading her book Just Ask, Be Different, Be Brave, Be You); and we heard music from Daisy Johnson, Sophia Klencz, and Teddy Ruhoff and poetry from Hazel Weedman, Kaelyn Proia, Zoe Willey, and Lumen Hanns. A big thank you to our students. It was a great way to start our day! [Here are a few pictures from our assembly](#)

School Photographs are coming next week: Individual student photographs will take place on Friday, 9/30/2022. Please see this [FLIER](#) from Dorian for more information.

School Gear: The fall Alameda Gear sale is [HERE](#). Visit the [on-line store](#) to get the latest shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and more.

Chess Update: Due to the large number of families signing up for Chess Club this year, we are going to choose the 40 students randomly (using an online program). We will update all the families that inquired by Monday evening, 9/26. The remaining students who were not selected will be put on a waitlist. In addition, those students not selected will have first priority next year. Due to space limitations and our desire to offer a quality experience, we are only able to accommodate 40 children. Thank you for your patience and understanding. The first Chess Club date will be Friday, Oct. 7th from 8:00 to 8:35. The one time fee is \$ 20.00.

From PPS Talented and Gifted Department: Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department: Ask questions and receive information related to TAG identification, services, processes, etc. We will meet on Zoom, 6:00-7:00 PM on 9/28/22, 10/26/22, 11/30/22, 1/25/23, 2/22/23, 3/22/23, 4/26/23, and 5/31/23. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 28 6:00-7:00 PM. [Zoom link](#) for Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department We look forward to seeing you!

Alameda TAG Information Meeting: In addition to the above district facilitated conversations, Alameda will host a TAG informational meeting on October 20th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Alameda Library.. Building TAG Coordinator Abby Largo and Principal Matt Goldstein will be on hand to talk about the TAG nomination/identification process as well as what you can expect if you have a child who is identified as TAG.

School Lunch: Please remember that lunch and milk are no longer free (unless you qualify for free/reduced lunch). You can bring money into school and pay Darlene directly or you can go to [Nutrition Services](#) website to pay online, learn about qualifying for free/reduced lunch, and to see the menus. A number of students are bringing lunch from home AND buying a lunch. This became popular last year, especially because it was free. Please have a conversation with your child about having both lunch from home and from school. There are no rules against this, but I am concerned that some students are doing this without communicating with their parents (shocking, right :))

The Bike Bus continues to roll on, gathering more and more momentum and more and more riders. Here is a recent article (another in a growing number of articles coming out) [The Alameda bike bus has more than doubled in size in just four months](#) (great photos in article)

I hope everyone has a nice weekend.

Regards,

[Matt Goldstein](#)

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