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## Friday Update

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Dear Families,

Week two, and our first week with all of Alameda's students together, was very smooth. Our incoming kindergarten class is doing incredibly well. They are finding their way around the school, already working hard in class, and on Thursday, dozens of them successfully got school lunch for the very first time (pizza, of course).

On Wednesday, after a 3 year hiatus, we welcomed back the Back-to-School Picnic. Thanks to our PTA for organizing the event, the cake, and most importantly, the opportunity to gather and connect. It was a great reminder of our need for community and connection. It is my hope that we continue to look for ways to grow and learn together.

Earlier today, we welcomed mural artists Lucy Boyd and Ben Hider back to Alameda to celebrate their amazing project. Here are a few [PHOTOS from the celebration](#). We thank Lucy and Ben for their dedication and for sharing their skills with our community. We look forward to years and years of enjoying their mural!

**Fire Drill and Safety Drills:** Yesterday we had our first fire drill of the year and all went very well. In addition to monthly fire drills, we will periodically have additional drills, including lockdown, earthquake, and emergency team response. Our teachers are also engaging in ongoing conversations with their class about how to react in emergency situations. Our goal is to make sure we focus on preparedness and practice, while also minimizing additional stress and anxiety.

**Bike Bus:** [Epic 150-Kid 'Bike Bus' Shows America a Better Way to Get to School](#) If you want to join here are the meeting [times and locations](#). Email Coach Balto with questions at [sbalto@pps.net](mailto:sbalto@pps.net).

**COVID-19 Update:** As the school year gets into full swing I want to share some information with you about COVID-19. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 it is important that you contact the office to let them know. PPS and Multnomah County are continuing to track cases and monitor schools. Here is the latest information from [Multnomah County regarding quarantining and isolation](#). It sometimes can be a difficult decision on whether to keep your child home from school. Please consult this [document from ODE/OHA](#) to help guide you in making the best choice. While we know it can be an inconvenience, please consider erring on the side of keeping your child home.

**Back-to-School Night - September 15, 2022:** The event starts at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria. Come meet our Admin team, support staff, and other community partners, and hear about the year ahead. From 7:00 - 8:00 PM is an OPEN HOUSE. Parents/Guardians will move around the building, meeting teachers, visiting classrooms, learning about curriculum and other details about the 2022-2023 School Year. There will not be a "formal" presentation by teachers so feel free to visit your child(ren) classrooms in any order. BTSN is our ONLY adult only event of the school year. Our PTA is working on arranging limited childcare - please contact [pta@alamedaschool.net](mailto:pta@alamedaschool.net) for more information.

**From Darlene in the Kitchen:** Please remember that breakfast and lunch are no longer free. To check your student accounts, you can go to [schoolcafe.com](http://schoolcafe.com) or email us at [nsalameda@pps.net](mailto:nsalameda@pps.net) with any questions. A big Thank you to the parents that come and help us at lunch! Thank you.

**Picture Day is September 30, 2022.** This is for individual photos only, make-up photos and class pictures will be announced later in the year. Be on the lookout for additional information soon. If your family needs financial assistance with, please email counselors [Molly Clark](#) or [Anna Tofel](#)

It has been great to reconnect with students and families in the last couple of weeks. It feels good to be back! I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Regards,

[Matt Goldstein](#)

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