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## Friday Update

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Dear Families,

It was a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school on Monday. I feel very fortunate that Alameda, with all its quirks and aging bones, survived yet another winter storm. I imagine last week was a challenge for families, on a number of front, and I want to thank you for your flexibility and the extra work many of you undoubtedly did throughout the week.

As we close the first half of the academic calendar, even with all the disruptions, I am incredibly impressed with how students are developing critical academic, social, and emotional skills. There are scores of students who have worked really hard this year and I thank them for their effort. I also appreciate the amazing work our teaching and support staff do on a daily basis to make this learning possible.

Here are a few [PHOTOS](#) to enjoy!

### Updates and Announcements:

**Make Up Days?** We still have not heard from PPS leadership regarding any additional school days that may be added to the calendar. Ultimately, this is a school board decision, however, it also must be agreed by all the labor partners as well.

**Library & 5th Grade Food Drive Update:** There is a week left for families to make a food donation by Feb. 7th! We lost momentum a bit due to the week-long ice storm. We appreciate your ongoing support! Here are some fun comments I heard this week from your students:

"I have never seen an entire aisle of Noodles before!"

"The best part was the Asian Candy Aisle. "

"I am Filipino and I go there all the time to buy food."

Please see online Food Drive Poster [HERE](#) created by Ann F., Mr. Sooper's 5th grade.

**Report Cards:** Teachers will be working on report cards this coming week and your child will bring home their report card on Monday, February 5th. Because of a number of disruptions to instruction this year, and the delay of conferences, second quarter report cards may look similar to those received at the end of the first quarter. Teachers will do their very best to update you on your child's progress and hopefully, between your recent conference and the report card you will have a strong sense of how your child is doing thus far. Of course, you should not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions about your child's progress.

**5th Grade Families:** Beaumont Middle School will be hosting an open house for incoming 6th grade families on February 8th, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

**Celebrating Black History Month:** Throughout the month of February, classes will be celebrating [Black History Month](#) - recognizing the journey, story, and contributions of African Americans throughout our history, to the present day. **In addition, The Alameda Equity committee is hosting Sonja Ervin, the Equity and Inclusion Manager at Multnomah County Library, to speak with parents for Black History Month. February 21st at 6:30pm. "Inclusion and Belonging...More than just words"**

**Kevin Ashworth Presentation:** We have rescheduled NW Anxiety Institute's Kevin Ashworth's presentation on Anxiety/Anxiety Disorders for Wednesday, March 6th, beginning at 6:30 PM. Pizza and Childcare will be provided. We hope you are able to attend.

**Connect to Kindergarten:** Do you have an incoming kindergarten student for next school year? Perhaps someone on your block? Our first Connect to Kindergarten event will take place on March 16th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. This is an adult

only event where families can learn more about kindergarten at Alameda, meet our staff, and see the classrooms and the school. Limited childcare will be available.

**4th and 5th Grade Musical Performance:** Our 4th and 5th graders, under the direction of our new music teacher Lisa Engelman, will be performing a musical on Wednesday, February 20th at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. Students in K/1 and 2/3 will be performing later in the year. We look forward to the production.

Please remember that there is no school on Monday. Looks like it is going to be another wet (albeit no ice) weekend. Stay dry. See you on Tuesday, January 30th!

Be well,

Matt

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