



Friday Update

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Dear Families,

Well I hear that according to the groundhog, we will be enjoying an early spring. Based on how this year has been going, I would not place any wagers on much of anything related to weather, school days, calendars, or schedules. That being said, we have thoroughly enjoyed the last two weeks of school and we look forward to the next stretch coming up. Our students (and the adults too) are back into our routines and things are moving along well.

Thanks to those of you who attended this morning's coffee. We discussed a bit about the upcoming budget (I receive our school budget and staffing allocation on 2/12 and should be able to share the initial outlook with families by Friday, 2/16), our Instructional Coach Marisa Hirata spoke about her role and the work she has been doing with teachers, we talked a bit about mid-year assessment data, and how we can best support the academic growth of each child, and I also showed off our new [4 Core Values Posters-all 4.pdf](#). The next Principal's Coffee will be on Friday, March 1st at 8:50 AM. I hope you can attend.

Updates and Announcements:

Arrival Time: As I have discussed previously, there is no supervision outside until the bell rings at 8:40 AM. There are an increasing number of students who are showing up well before 8:40. In some cases, students are playing games, running around on the play structure and are either there without an adult or the parent/guardian is not actively supervising the child. Unfortunately, this is creating an unsafe and chaotic environment for both students and adults. Thank you in advance for working to keep our arrival time calm, peaceful, and SAFE.

Report Cards: A reminder that your child will be bringing home their 2nd quarter report card on Monday, February 5th. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions.

Food Drive Update: Thank you to 5th graders Henry H., June S., Ann F., Kira S., Tanner P., and Charlotte M. for being our Food Drive Reps at our school wide assembly. The Food Drive will end Feb. 7th. Thank you to all the families & students who participated. As of today, you have donated 920 food items and we are so close to making our goal of 1000! Ms. Swisher's class and I walked over to the Fremont United Methodist Church (FUMC) today and met our wonderful neighbor, Pastor Erin! FUMC's members began donating culturally specific foods alongside Alameda. She was very happy to meet our students today! **Remember, only 3 days left, please donate if you can.**

Our FEBRUARY BAR night out EVENT is here!! Come out to SteepleJack Brewing Company [2400 NE Broadway](#) Wednesday February 7th. They have a great [menu](#), drinks and plenty of indoor seating. How to Participate?

1. Come to SteepleJack on Wednesday Feb 7th and purchase dinner/drinks and tell another family to join as well.
2. If you can't make it, buy a gift card for another time.
3. If you enjoy your night out at the participating restaurant, please consider sharing a review on a site like Yelp or Google- this can really help and motivate our partner restaurants to continue working with us. Tacovore, Nico's, SteepleJack, and more to come! --Participating restaurants/bars typically will offer 15% of total sales from the night to be donated back to our schools. What an easy way to raise funds!

SongBirds Concert: Our incredible 4th and 5th grade choir will be performing at Alameda on Wednesday, 2/7 beginning at 7:00 PM. Enjoy some dinner before or after the show at Steeplejack and make a fun night of it!

Beaumont Middle School Open House: Visit BMS and learn more about life in middle school. Event starts at 6:00 PM at Beaumont.

4th and 5th Grade Musical Performance: Our first of three musical performances will take place on February 20th. The show starts at 6:30 PM.

Black History Month Speaker: Our PTA Equity Committee has organized a speaker in honor of Black History Month. Sonja Irvin, Equity and Inclusion Manager for the Multnomah County Library System will be speaking in the Alameda Cafeteria beginning at 6:00 PM. Pizza and Childcare will be available. Thanks to our PTA for making this possible

Anxiety Presentation: Kevin Ashworth from the NW Anxiety Institute will be presenting on March 6th beginning at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. Pizza and Childcare will be provided. This presentation is a joint effort between Alameda and our PTA.

Reminder: Monday, February 19th (President's Day) is NOW a School Day.

News from the Foundation: Tickets to the 2024 Alameda Gala and Live Auction, "Camp Alameda" are going on sale soon! Stay tuned for details next week on ticket pricing and release dates. Not familiar with why the Alameda Foundation hosts an annual auction? Check out this [FAQ](#) to learn more. In the meantime, if you have any items or services you'd like to donate to the auction, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to foundation@alamedaschool.org with any questions and/or next steps. Thanks in advance to our generous community!

I hope everyone has a nice weekend. See you Monday!

Regards,
Matt Goldstein

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