



Friday Update

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Dear Families,

We ended our week with a whole school assembly. The crowd was lively and thanks to student performers, Eliza (5th/Piano), Evie (5th/Piano), Elise (4th/Spoken Word), Emory (3rd/Euphonium), and Charlie (4th/Piano), we were not disappointed. In addition, we introduced two new whole school read alouds. The first book, in honor of Autism Awareness Month, is *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin*. The second book, to help celebrate Earth Day is *Captain Green and the Plastic Scene*.

Recess = Fun: As we enter the final couple months of school, staff is going to be emphasizing the importance of having FUN and JOY, trying new things, and welcoming others (especially if they are at a different level) to join in a game. We know that there are lots of talented athletes at Alameda - we see it on the field and the court. However, at times, recess can feel like an extension of a PCU or United PDX practice/tryout instead of an opportunity for our students to get some exercise, smile and laugh. We want to say "yes, of course you can," as much as possible during recess. In order to do so, we need our students (and your support too) to monitor their behavior, listen and learn from each other, and take feedback from adults.

End of the 3rd Quarter! Today marks the end of the 3rd quarter. Kind of hard to believe how quickly things continue to go. Please remember that there is no school on Monday, April 10th to provide time for teachers to work on progress reports. Those reports will be sent home with your child on Monday, April 17th.

2023-2024 School Year: Yes, we are beginning to make preparations for next year. If you know, for certain, that your child will not be attending Alameda next year, please email our school secretary Beth Minch with that information. And, if you know someone who has recently moved into the neighborhood, please encourage them to contact us to talk about registering for next year. Having the latest (and most accurate) numbers allows me to advocate for additional staffing. Also, be on the lookout for a google form that will be coming home on April 21st regarding classroom placements for next year. Students will be informed about their classroom assignment in August. We look forward to your feedback.

Speaking of next year, if you have a spare moment, feel free to reach out to your [member in the Oregon Legislature](#) and let them know how important it is to fund schools at \$10.3 Billion (at a minimum).

Spring Open House: On May 31st, from 5:30-6:30 we are excited to welcome students, families and friends to Alameda for an open house. This is a great opportunity for students to share the amazing work that has taken place during this year. We hope you can join us. Following the open house, starting at 6:30 PM is the PTA's Second Annual Alameda Eagle Story Hour (AKA Open Mic night). Look for more information in the coming weeks about how to sign up. We hope everyone can join us on the 31st!

Upcoming Events:

- Connect to Kindergarten Open House: April 12th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- Sensory Friendly Movie Night: April 13th at 6:30 PM
- Movie Night: April 19th at 6:30 PM
- Science Fair: April 26th at 6:00 PM
- SongBirds Choir Performance: May 3rd at 7:00 PM
- Family Dance: May 19th at 6:00 PM
- Spring Open House: May 31st from 5:30 - 6:30 PM

- Field Day: June 6th: K-2 in the AM and 3-5 in the PM - More information coming soon
- June 14th: Final Day of School. 5th grade clap out at 2:50 PM

I hope everyone has a great weekend and happy holiday (perhaps Passover and/or Easter) celebrations!

See you on Tuesday.

Regards,

[Matt Goldstein](#)

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