



Friday Update

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Dear Families,

I hope everyone is having a nice week. Our students and staff are without a doubt back into the swing of things. The Winter Assessment “window” opened this week and so all students have been working through several different assessments in literacy and math. Staff will use this data to help inform their instruction, make groupings, and provide feedback to students and families. As mentioned last week, families will receive progress reports on Friday, February 3rd.

School Safety (one of our four community values) has been at the forefront of many of our minds, especially in recent weeks and months. Starting this week, I will be visiting all classrooms to talk about safety and what that means here at Alameda. Specifically, the focus of our discussions is around what students and adults need to feel safe and what each of us can do to ensure that everyone feels safe.

I am compiling a list of ACTION items that we all can do to help Alameda be a more physically and emotionally safe community.

- Here are a few themes that are beginning to emerge from my conversations this week: Friendship, Including others, trusted adults, being kind, playing fairly, saying hello/greeting people, being careful and mindful of our words and actions during recess, caring teachers, calmness, reassurance and understanding, respect

Community Value Spotlight: This week, let’s take a closer look at kindness. When students, staff, and community members were asked to chime in about values, Kindness (and being Caring and Supportive) was by far the most mentioned ideal. When we speak of being “kind,” we mean the small, yet significant things that each of us can do, every day, to make someone smile, feel welcomed, feel supported or connected to our community.

We also aspire to cultivate a school climate and culture that embodies kindness - where the collective needs and interests of our community are at the forefront of our daily decisions and actions. As is the case with all of Alameda’s values, none of this will firmly take root without each of us doing our part. I have no reason to not be optimistic about our community living up to our newly adopted values - I see it everyday as our students and staff work together to solve problems and bring joy to one another. We need this now, more than ever. I thank you for the critical part you play in our child’s growth and development.

Upcoming Fundraiser for Alameda, Beaumont, and Rigler: On Wednesday, January 18th, enjoy a delicious meal at Tacovore ([3707 NE Fremont St](#)) and help raise funds to support our neighborhood schools. Tacovore will donate a portion of the proceeds for the night to Alameda, Beaumont, and Rigler.

From our Foundation: Tickets for the Alameda Disco Fever Live Auction & Gala go on sale Tuesday, January 17 at 5pm. Please watch your email inbox on Tuesday morning for ticket pricing

and purchase instructions from the Foundation. In the meantime, if you know of any businesses interested in sponsoring the event, they can check out available sponsorship levels [here](#). Questions about why we host this event or what happens at a live auction? Check out this [FAQ](#) for more information.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior Holiday weekend. I hope you find time to celebrate Dr. King's legacy, enjoy time with family and friends.

Stay healthy and be well.

Regards,
Matt
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