



Friday Update

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good first week back after break. It has been good to reconnect as a school community and to jump into the 2024 portion of the school year.

Yesterday, PPS Superintendent Guerrero visited Alameda. It is always a pleasure to tour district leadership around the school. I think the superintendent got to see a little bit of everything (it was a chaotic morning to be honest) as we walked around the school. A few highlights : an awesome theoretical conversation about the "1st Dimension" during a math lesson in Teacher Vicki's class; a deep and detailed lesson about the difference between the Puritans and the Pilgrims and how they influenced the founding of the colonies in Ms. Masini's 5th grade class; and Ms. Largo's second graders fully focused and engaged reading/writing about the Mountain West (utilizing Geodes, a newly purchased and district adopted curriculum).

Of course the Superintendent is moving on in a month, but it was great for him to hear about Alameda and to get a glimpse of all the hard work taking place.

Announcements and Updates

- **NW Anxiety Institute Presentation:** The Alameda PTA and Alameda School are excited to have Kevin Ashworth back to present at Alameda on 1/10/24 at 6:30 PM in the Alameda Cafeteria. Kevin spoke last year and it was an excellent presentation. For more information about Kevin [CLICK HERE](#). Refreshments and Childcare will be available.
- **Site Council Meeting:** Our next Site Council meeting will take place on Thursday, 1/11/24 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. The meeting is virtual. If you are interested in attending you can join the meeting at [this LINK](#).
- **Food Drive Has Begun!**

Our 5th graders kicked off the first week of our Food Drive by visiting each classroom, introducing themselves, gave a short food drive presentation and encouraged our students to participate. They dropped off a classroom Food Drive Box, where they could drop their donations off.

During library class each week, 5th graders will be responsible for collecting the food, tallying the items, and assisting in packing up the food so the Community for Positive Aging can properly pick up the donations from Alameda. It appears that other grades are doing separate promo projects as well. The more the merrier!

The 5th graders are excited to help. They showed a lot of leadership this week. Along with the Food Drive, I am reading [Maddi's Fridge](#) by Vin Vogel. It has already sparked discussions about homelessness, immigration, health, poverty and helping others, because it is the right thing to do.

Some donations are slowly coming in...let's see if it picks up next week. Students will drop off food donations at their classrooms in the designated Food Box or Bin. [Culturally Specific FOOD LIST](#)

- **A note from the Foundation:** Happy New Year, Alameda Community! Please join us for our next monthly meeting on Monday, January 8, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm via [this link](#). Auction season is officially here so find out how you can get involved. And remember to save the date for the Camp Alameda Gala & Auction on Saturday, April 20, 2024. More information coming soon!
- **Calendar Reminders**
 - No School on 1/15/24 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Holiday.
 - THERE IS SCHOOL on Friday, 1/26/24 (added day because of the strike)

- No School on Monday, 1/29/24 teacher work day.
- THERE IS SCHOOL on Monday, 2/19/24 (added day because of the strike)

I hope everyone has a nice weekend!

Regards,
[Matt Goldstein](#)

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