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Friday Update

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Dear Families,

What a couple of beautiful days! Normally I am in the cafeteria during lunch/recess. Today, I had the opportunity to spend a bit of time outside and it was really fun to see all the activity during recess - it is a busy place out there!

The first PTA meeting of the year took place on Wednesday. Thanks to those who attended. It was a very informative meeting. For lots of good resources and information you can check out the [SLIDE DECK](#) from the meeting.

Thanks to those of you who attended this month's principal's coffee. We talked about our new section of 5th grade, the student petition that is being circulated to bring back halloween costumes (we have some very civic minded students!), and we also discussed the latest information about our local school foundation.

If you are interested in the work our foundation is doing I encourage you to attend their next meeting. Here are the details:

- Please join the Alameda Foundation for our next monthly meeting on Monday, October 9th, at 6:30pm, via Microsoft Teams. Login information below. We hope to see you there! [Click here to join the meeting](#); Meeting ID: 243 315 964 427; Passcode: coSnUx

We're excited to kick off [Move for the Arts!](#) - a fundraiser to bring local artists into our school.

- These artists offer unique expertise that enriches our students' education. Through Move for the Arts! we are able to bring artists from the community to teach students in each grade level a variety of artistic skills. Each artist comes into the school for 1-3 weeks to work with students on a project. Your donation will help us compensate these artists and pay for supplies, ensuring our students benefit from diverse learning experiences. Please contribute today: <https://app.memberhub.gives/26a2ed/Campaign/Details>
- Through your support last year we were able to bring in artists to teach students paper quilt making, stop motion animation, and a variety of clay projects. Students learned West African drumming, ballet, and how to make paper collage. Your support is crucial in making this initiative a continued success.

Staffing Updates: I want to welcome Mary Swisher to the Alameda Staff and the Alameda Community. We are thrilled to have Mary join our 5th grade team. Mary will spend the next couple of days getting her classroom ready and will start with her “new” class on Tuesday, 10/10. Once our 4th section of 5th grade opens up, class sizes will go from 32 to 24 students per class - a huge difference and a definite win for our students and staff.

One other piece of staffing news to share - Diane Masini will continue with us as a 5th grade teacher for the remainder of the school year. We are thrilled to have Diane as a permanent member of our team for the 2023-2024 school year.

From Coach Balto: The Alameda Bike Bus is putting together a GoogleGroup to share information and resources. Please email Liz Costa lizcosta@gmail.com if you would like to join the google group.

I hope everyone has a great weekend!

Regards,
Matt Goldstein

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