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## Friday Update

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Dear Families,

Happy Winter! We all collectively made it through the “extra week.” I know this week was not on anyone’s calendar, but I do want to thank our staff, students, and families for making the best of it. To be honest, I was at school through Wednesday before joining my family for a previously scheduled trip to Central Oregon. Karla Hudson, a long-time Alameda teacher, who now works as an administrator in the central office, filled in for me on Thursday and Friday. Thanks again to all who stuck it out throughout the entire week!

### Updates and Announcements:

- **Book Bank Drive:** Thanks to everyone who donated to the Share the Love of Reading book drive—Alameda collected 778 books for the Children's Book Bank!
- **Conferences:** Conferences have begun and will continue through mid-January. If you have not signed up for a time, please contact your child’s teacher.
- **Upcoming Service Learning Project:** In celebration of the Lunar New Year on February 10, 2024, Alameda Elementary Library and our very eager 5th graders will be organizing a Community Food Drive. All food donations will help support the Community for Positive Aging (CfPA). CfPA is asking our community to donate culturally specific non-perishable foods for their AAPI elders. Click here for a : [Culturally Specific Food List](#) \*NOTE: See suggested Grocery Stores at the bottom of this food list.
  - Food Collection from January 2, 2024 - February 7, 2024
  - Students will drop off food donations at their classrooms in the designated Food Box or Bin.
  - CfPA Asian Food Pantry serves 225 people = 140 Households
  - 7 Asian Ethnicities = Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, East Indian, Japanese, & Laotian.
  - Non-perishable foods included in donations that are not Asian specific will be allocated to CfPA’s weekly food pantry programs.
- **Counselor Update:** In December and January, counselors are focusing their lessons on feelings identification, emotion regulation tools, and The Zones of Regulation. [The Zones of Regulation](#) is a school wide tool Alameda staff and students use to identify feelings. Ask your child about some of the strategies they can use to get back to the green zone (learning zone). Some of the tools we are teaching can be found [here](#). Please reach out to your child’s counselor: [Molly Clark](#) (grades K,4,5) and [Anna Tofel](#) (grades 1,2,3) for support with social/emotional concerns for your child. Wishing you all the best in 2024!
- **January Calendar Change:** Please note that we now have school on Friday, 1/26/24. There still is NO SCHOOL on Monday, 1/29/24.
- **Book Fair Update:** As you may have heard, the book fair was postponed due to the strike and will now take place in the spring at a date TBD. Be on the lookout for additional information.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable winter break and a happy and healthy start to 2024! School resumes on TUESDAY, January 2nd, 2024.

Have fun and stay safe!

Regards,  
[Matt Goldstein](#)

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