



Friday Update

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Dear Families,

After a very soggy start to the week, it was really nice to see some blue skies and sunshine today. We are two weeks back into the year after the strike and have two weeks to go before our winter break. It is hard to believe that 2024 is almost here.

As we gear up for our shortened winter break, thanks to those of you who have let us know about your plans for the week of 12/18-12/22. If you have not already communicated with your child's teacher and Beth in the office, please take a minute and send us an email to let us know if your child will be out for a portion (or all) of that week.

Here are a few [PHOTOS](#) from the week, including a display that focused on the Zones of Regulation. Our counseling team is teaching "zones" to all our students. If you are not familiar with it, check out [THIS LINK](#) and talk with your child about it. We hope it is something that you think about using at home, or perhaps you already are.

Announcements and Updates

Progress Reports: As you may have heard, the progress report for the 2023-2024 School Year has been modified. To learn more about the new progress report, visit this page - <https://www.pps.net/Page/20893>. If you misplace your paper copy of the progress report you can access it through [Parentvue by following these instructions](#). As a reminder, there may be blanks on the progress report - not all items are for the first quarter. In addition, because of the strike, some items were not completed. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions. In addition, you will be able to further discuss your child's progress during the upcoming conferences.

Conferences: Conferences will take place between 12/18/23 - 1/18/24, depending on your child's teacher. Times will be in the afternoon into the early evening and each teacher will be setting a schedule with specific dates and times. You will receive an email sign-up sheet from your child's teacher no later than Friday 12/15. Conferences will be 15 minutes in length and families have the option of either in-person or virtual. I recognize that conferences this year will be slightly different, but nonetheless, we look forward to being able to set aside this time for you to connect with your child's teacher. Thanks for your patience and flexibility.

Dungeons and Dragons (D and D): We have a group of 5th grade students that are interesting and starting a lunchtime D and D club. They are searching for a parent (or

two) who would be interested in coming in to help facilitate and supervise the group. The group would meet once a week from 12:00 - 12:40 PM. The day of the week can be flexible. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know.

A Message from the Alameda Foundation: Please join us for our Monthly Foundation meeting on Monday, 12/11, at 6:30pm here: <https://meet.google.com/wvd-cyqx-zmo>. We're in full-blown auction planning mode, so come learn about ways to get involved. As a reminder, the Camp Alameda Auction & Gala will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Save the date! And thank you for the additional Giving Tuesday contributions! If you'd still like to [donate](#), it's not too late. All donations to the Alameda Foundation are tax-deductible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

TAG Update: Because of the teacher's strike, the TAG referral process has been delayed. Students who have scored in the 95th% or higher on one of our district-wide assessments will be notified via email by the TAG department. Those emails will hopefully be sent by 12/14/23. The "Open" Referral window, is set to begin on 12/15. We will continue to update families each Friday when we have the latest information.

From Our PTA: Join the Share the Joy of Reading Book Drive next week! We all know what a huge difference having access to books makes for our kids. Please help Alameda Elementary families share the love of reading by bringing in gently-used children's books next week. They'll be donated to the [Children's Book Bank](#) at SMART Reading, which distributes free book bundles to low-income Oregon families with babies-8th graders. Let's go through those bookshelves!

- What's accepted: Gently-used or new board books and picture books for babies through elementary schoolers, as well as chapter books and graphic novels for elementary and middle school students in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Mandarin Chinese, or Somali.
- What's not accepted: Vintage books, former library copies, religious books, coloring books.
- Where to donate: Blue bins at the Alameda front and side doors When to donate: Any day next week, from Monday Dec. 11-Friday Dec. 15 Or, help buy new diverse books: The sad fact is that many recipients don't see themselves in donated books. Donate [here](#) for the book bank's A Story Like Mine program, which buys new books with diverse representation to make sure stories centering people of color, immigrants, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ people are included. Questions: Email parent coordinator Sarah, sarah@flamingocomms.com. Happy holidays, and thanks for sharing your kid's love of reading with other children in our community!

Thanks for reading through all the details - lots of information. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments. I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend. See you on Monday.

Regards,
[Matt Goldstein](#)

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