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Friday Update

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Dear Families,

On Wednesday, we had our latest Whole School Assembly. Our focus was to honor Black History Month. We had a great performance from our 2nd graders, our Alameda Songbirds Choir, and in honor of National School Counselor Week, we recognized the amazing work our counselors Molly Clark and Anna Tofel do to support our students and staff. In addition, we introduced our two latest whole school read alouds: [The Youngest Marcher](#) and [The Oldest Student](#).

Thanks to those who were able to attend this morning's coffee with the Principal. We had a nice discussion about a variety of topics including staffing/budget, school safety, and how we are best supporting our students during a stretch of time where student "need" is high and resources are limited. If you were unable to join or would like to engage in further conversation about next year's staffing and budget please join an online discussion this **Monday, 2/13/23 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM**. [CLICK HERE to join](#).

Speaking of resources it is not too late to purchase your ticket for the **2023 Alameda Foundation Auction** scheduled for Saturday March 11th. Visit [Alameda Foundation's Disco Fever Live Auction & Gala](#) for tickets and more information. Join us for an evening of good food, drinks, entertainment, and fundraising for Alameda and PPS students.

This coming Thursday, 2/16, is the 100th day of school (for 1st-5 graders)! Can you believe it! To show some school spirit, we are encouraging all students to celebrate the Number 100! Be creative and come to school showing your joy for 100!

Successful School Survey: Thanks to the more than 100 individuals who have completed the survey. Please consider taking a few minutes to [offer your thoughts and opinions](#). As mentioned, our staff and site council will use this data to help inform our School Improvement Plan. This is also a good opportunity to share your views and ideas with PPS Central Leadership.

Guest Speaker on March 1st: The Alameda PTA and Alameda School are excited to welcome [Kevin Ashworth](#) from the [NW Anxiety Institute](#) to Alameda. He will give a presentation on anxiety in children and how we can best support individuals struggling with anxiety. The event will take place on March 1st, from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the Alameda Cafeteria. We hope many can attend.

Health Room Needs: Our health assistant, Emily, is requesting some donated clothes to have on hand for accidents or field mishaps. Items needed include: boys and girls shoes of all sizes, Socks, Warm tops and bottoms kids size 6-12 (14-16 are well stocked already). THANKS!

Coach Balto is seeking volunteers with access to a large truck or flatbed trailer that would be willing to pick up [Imagination Playground](#) equipment at Cesar Chavez School in N. Portland for a Movement & Mindfulness Unit. Hopefully we will have multiple volunteers so no one should feel obligated to do it both ways. If you can help please email Coach Balto at sbalto@pps.net.

OBOB: Our OBOB pool play battles are finally here! If your child is participating in OBOB, we will see you tomorrow 2/11. You can find the battle schedule on our [Alameda OBOB website](#). Please note that all battles take place here at Alameda. If your child's team progresses we will have more battles on 2/15, 2/16, and 2/22. The final battle will take place on Friday 2/24.

Class Photo Day is coming soon - Class Picture Day is scheduled for February 23rd. Please see [FLIER](#) for additional information

5th Grade Family Dance: Greetings families! We are so excited to bring back the coveted Alameda Family Dance, which will be held in May. This is a dance for all Alameda families and the funds we sell with tickets, snacks and more will be used for end-of-year celebrations for our 5th graders as we celebrate their transition from Alameda to Beaumont.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan, purchase snacks, work with local businesses for prizes, create a theme, help with setup and breakdown. We would also love to hear from your kiddos about what sounds fun - musical artists, songs, game ideas and more. Please fill out the survey to share ideas, show interest and more! [Alameda 5th Grade Dance](#)

I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Regards,

[Matt](#)

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