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## Friday Update

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Dear Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying your Friday away from school. Thursday was the 100th day of school (for grades 1-5). An impressive mark indeed. It is hard to believe that March (and the beginning of Spring!) are just a couple weeks away. This upcoming stretch is no doubt one of the busiest times of the year.

On Tuesday, not only did we celebrate Valentine's Day, and the "birthday" of our state, but most importantly, we had Tater Tots at lunch. The tots did not just arrive on their own, but came to the cafeterias throughout PPS because of 4th grader Tate Knudsen's persuasive letter sent last spring. Whitney Ellersick, Senior Director of Nutrition Services never forgot about reading that letter and months later, after working hard, came through with the goods! A big thank you to Tate and Whitney (and her team) for making 2/14 a true celebration!

**Successful School Survey:** Thanks to those of you 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.

**Class Photo Day is coming soon** - Class Picture Day is scheduled for February 23rd. Please see [FLIER](#) for additional information. If you need financial assistance we have you covered. Please email [Molly Clark](#) or [Anna Tofel](#) and we will take care of it.

**March 1st Guest Speaker:** Alameda Elementary and the Alameda PTA are excited to welcome [Kevin Ashworth](#) from [NW Anxiety Institute](#) to present on Anxiety in Schools. Even before the pandemic, K-5 schools, including Alameda, have seen an increase in the impacts that anxiety (both diagnosed and undiagnosed) has on the lives of our students and their families. While a challenging issue at times to discuss, we feel it is critical to surface this topic and invite parents, staff, and other adults to learn more about how they can help and support our community. Kevin will speak on March 1st, from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the Alameda Cafeteria. We hope you can attend.

**Get Active in Salem:** Join Coach Balto, Alameda students, and their families when the Bike Bus goes to Salem on Monday, February 20 at 3 pm (Oregon State Capitol in Hearing Room D). [RSVP here](#). It is President's Day and it is a great time for a family field trip to Salem to be part of democracy in action! Wear your bike helmet to boost our visibility in the Capitol and show support for the Bike Bus Bill--HB 3014! Join students, families, teachers, bikers, pedestrians, and carpools from across the state in support of the Bike Bus Bill for our first public hearing on Monday at 3 pm in Salem. Can't make it? Submit advance testimony [here](#). Request a copy of the testimony toolkit by emailing [aaron@khanhphamfororegon.com](mailto:aaron@khanhphamfororegon.com).

[What is HB 3014?](#) This bill would allow local school districts to flexibly allocate their existing transportation dollars to fund alternate ways to get our kids safely to school, including bike buses,

walking patrols, and carpools.

Can't join in person? Livestream the House Education Committee Hearing [here](#).

I hope your Holiday weekend is off to a nice start.

Regards,

Matt Goldstein

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