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## Friday Update

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Dear Families,

It is hard to believe we just finished up our 4th week of school. Our students are doing really well - adjusting to routines and working really hard throughout the day. I was visiting a few classrooms recently and was super impressed with the writing, art work, and other cool things happening day to day. Our students have amazing skills and they all have the capacity to make both social/emotional and academic growth. Our work lies in connecting and building positive relationships with every single student at Alameda. This bond will allow students to feel confident, safe, and willing to push themselves to learn and grow. As parents, your work at home and the conversations you have with your students about the importance of pushing through challenge and trying new things can help support our efforts here at school. Your partnership is invaluable.

On Thursday, we had our first whole school assembly of the Year. It is always super fun for our entire school community to come together in the cafeteria. During our assembly we talked about community expectations for assemblies, we reviewed our four school values, we learned about two books that all classes will be reading to honor Hispanic Heritage Month, and we had several great performances from students. A big thanks to 5th graders Savannah and Daisy, for telling some great jokes, to Isla for a beautifully choreographed dance, and finally, to Duncan, for playing a piece from Hamilton on the piano. We have some incredibly talented students. If your child is interested in performing during an upcoming assembly, please have them reach out to their teacher or directly to me!

Thanks to all who were able to attend Back to School Night. It was great to see many of you pack into the cafeteria. In case you did not come to that portion of the night or were unable to attend, please take a look at the [SLIDE DECK](#) that I shared. There are some good links and a great video that a number of our 5th graders put together under the direction of our Media Specialist Verna Leong.

**Changes coming to 5th Grade:** Some of you may have heard that last week we received funding for a 4th section of 5th grade. Over the next couple of weeks we will be hiring a new teacher and creating a new classroom of students. Although it requires us to move approximately eight students from each of the existing classrooms, it will result in having only 24 students in each class. We thank our students and families for

their patience as we work through this change. In the end, we will be super excited to welcome a new staff member and to welcome our newest Alameda classroom full of students!

**Class Pictures:** Class photos will be on Monday and Tuesday, October 2nd and 3rd. I believe we are using a new photographer this year, so please be on the lookout for more details coming soon.

**Move for the Arts:** As I have mentioned, the 2nd Annual Move for the Arts Fundraising event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th. The event takes place throughout the day and we need lots of volunteers to make everything run smoothly. If you are interested in helping out please [CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#).

**Fall Conferences:** I know it is still a bit away out, but fall conferences take place on Monday and Tuesday, November 20th and 21st. As with last year, we will likely offer families the opportunity to meet either in person or virtually. Each teacher sets a slightly different schedule and online signups will be sent out in the next few weeks.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend. See you next week.

Regards,  
Matt Goldstein - [mattgoldstein@pps.net](mailto:mattgoldstein@pps.net)  
Principal

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