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Friday Update

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Dear Families,

I hope you all have had a good week. We are still in the midst of a tough stretch of many of our students (and staff and families) staying healthy. Cases of RSV, Influenza, and to a less extent, COVID, are still being detected on a weekly basis. Most days this week we had approximately 100 students absent with illnesses - about 19% of our student population. We thank those of you who are keeping your children home when they become symptomatic. I know this is a real hardship for some families. I hope that with winter break coming up, we will see a reprieve and a decrease in the number of students who are absent. If your child is out for multiple days, please feel free to connect with your child's teacher to find out what work they can do while recovering at home.

Next week is our final school week of 2022. Our teachers have some fun things planned and we will end the week with a whole school assembly on Friday afternoon. We will enjoy hearing from the Alameda Songbirds and Mr. Cheek and Mr. Nelson will lead all students and staff in a sing-along. It should be a fun way to end the week!

Speaking of the Alameda Songbirds, they recently performed (along with the Beaumont MS Choirs) in front of a capacity/standing room only crowd this past Tuesday night. They sounded and looked fantastic. Thanks to our choir director Mr. Nelson and thanks to all of you who recently donated money during our Move for the Arts Event. Our school choir, which is free for students, is a great example of how those dollars are spent! The choir is back in action next week when they perform at 5:00 PM at Pioneer Courthouse Square! Grab some warm clothes and head downtown to support our choir!

With the holidays comes plenty of exciting times and for many lots of joyous occasions. As you are aware, one of our newly adopted values is Joy. At Alameda we are beginning to learn that there are many ways we celebrate as families and as a community and how these traditions bring us joy. I read an article recently in the NY times that explores the importance of not only finding joy in what one does, but the joy we derive from others' successes. If you have a chance take a look at the [article from the NY Times](#). Our hope is that we can emphasize how our choices, comments, and actions can bring joy to others.

Here are a few Updates:

From Darlene in the Alameda Kitchen: Any questions about your student's lunch balance please email me at nsalameda@pps.net. Just a reminder that lunch is not free this year and it is never too late to fill out the [free/reduce application](#) if you need to.

The Alameda Bike Bus was recently gifted an electric cargobike [Official eBike of Back to School™](#). In an effort to support families' choices around active transportation to school we wanted to lend the bike out to families for 1 month trials. If you are interested in trying an electric bike to support student transportation please let Coach Balto know sbalto@pps.net.

Coach Balto is seeking volunteers who have experience using Erg rowing machines. For the month of January 3rd-5th grade will be doing Erg Education. Please see the sign up sheet with times and dates [here](#).

From our Foundation: The Wall of Wine is officially open for purchases! Purchase your bottle(s) [here](#) from now through Wednesday, December 14th. Thank you for supporting Alameda and PPS students!

Looks like it is going to be a wet weekend. Stay dry and be well.

Regards,
Matt

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