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Dear Families,

I hope that everyone had a good end to the week. We had a busy week at Alameda with our 5th grade Back to School Night, our TAG Informational Meeting, and our first movie night of the year. Although I was unable to attend, it sounded (and looked) like it was a great success. A big thank you to Caitlin Klenz and other volunteers who made the movie night possible.

If you were unable to attend our annual TAG Informational Night. Here are the [SLIDES](#) that we presented. If you have any questions about Talented and Gifted, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher, [TAG Coordinator Abby Largo](#), or me.

This coming Thursday, 11/2, marks the end of the first quarter of the school year. Teachers will be working on progress notes and depending on next week, progress reports will come home at some point in mid November. Once we have an exact date, we will share that information.

As we head into next week, I know there is considerable uncertainty in the air. What we do know as we head into the weekend is that if a settlement is not reached in the next four days there will be no school on Wednesday, November 1st. Teachers will not be providing any work for students (as per PPS, and they will not have access to their devices, curriculum, etc.) leading up to or during the work stoppage. Please do not email your child's teacher and ask for assignments, worksheets, etc. PPS will be providing a collection of online resources for students. To access materials and get more information visit [PPS's Resource for Learning Page](#). Devices for K-2 students, that were requested via an online form that was sent last week by PPS, will be sent home in student backpacks on Monday and/or Tuesday. All 3-5 grade students already have a chromebook should they need one.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during these challenging and uncertain times. Be sure to check for email from the school and from PPS with any updates. Also, a reminder that regardless of a work stoppage (or not) there will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, 11/3. This is a planned teacher work-day for progress reports.

We do know that there will be some celebrating taking place on 10/31! Yes, after a several year hiatus, costumes (in a limited manner) will make a return on Tuesday. Please make sure you connect with your child's teacher if you have any specific questions, especially around the timing of the festivities. A reminder that there are absolutely no weapons (of any kind), no gore/blood, etc., and no masks that completely hide (and likely scare other children) the face. Finally, your child should be able to easily slip on and off their costume over the clothes they are wearing for the day. Thanks for your support.

**Picture Retakes.** Picture retakes are scheduled for November 2nd. If school is closed that day, retakes will shift to November 28th.

**Conferences:** You hopefully have received a link to sign up for your child's conference. This should have come via email directly from your child's teacher. We truly hope you can prioritize connecting with your child's teacher (even if you need to do so virtually, if you are traveling). Conferences represent the ONE time during the year where you have the opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, to learn more about your child's progress, and to ask any questions you have about the year. Thanks in advance for signing up.

**From the Foundation:** Our Fall Giving Campaign is in full gear! Many thanks to those who have already contributed. You can support the Fall Giving Campaign in multiple ways:

- Go to [www.alamedaschoolfoundation.org/donate](http://www.alamedaschoolfoundation.org/donate) and make a one-time or recurring monthly donation
- Follow the Alameda Foundation on Instagram or Facebook [@alamedafoundation](#)
- Sign up [here](#) to volunteer with the Alameda Foundation

You can also support our Fall Giving Campaign by attending one or both of our Fall House parties on Friday, November 10th. Come for the hosted bar and appetizers, stay for the inevitably terrible mom/dad jokes, and have a great time with the broad Alameda community. There is no cost to attend.

[Grades K-2 Party](#)

[Grades 3-5 Party](#)

I hope everyone has a nice weekend. Looks like there will be lots of sun and crisp and cool temperatures.

Be well,  
Matt Goldstein