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Dear Families,

Happy Friday! This week marked our first, full 5-day week of the school year. Our students continue to work hard, adjusting to new routines, connecting with their classmates, and digging into new assignments.

Last night's Back-to-School Picnic Extravaganza was truly that. With close to 700 slices of cake served, countless faces painted (a huge thank you to our face painting volunteers, they were amazing), and all around community cheer, it was a super night. Special thanks to Katherine Hart, Surina Hollingsworth, and the many volunteers who made last night a reality.

We also learned a bit (more food trucks and shrinking our environmental footprint) and are excited for more community activities during the remainder of the school year. Last night was the first time in 4 years that Alameda came together in the fall and it was truly special. So lastly, a big thank you to everyone who made the time to stop by - it was great to see so many of you. [Check out some photos from the night.](#)

We had our first fire drill on Wednesday. We did well - safely evacuating the building and meeting on the field which is our dedicated meeting (reunification) location. Not only do we have monthly fire drills, but most months we will also discuss other matters of safety.

Later this month, we will have a drill to practice a Lockdown. A lockdown takes place if there is a threat within the school building. This is the most "severe" safety issue that may occur in a school. We recognize that these conversations and drills create anxiety in all of us, especially in some of our students. Our goal is to engage in developmentally appropriate discussions with students - to be prepared and ready without creating an environment that is full of fear and stress. Teachers, students, and families will be given advance warning prior to this drill taking place.

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School counselors Molly Clark (grades K,4,5) and Anna Tofel (grades 1,2,3) started teaching their bi-weekly counseling lessons. Lessons in September will focus on kindness and bucket filling, and "STOP, WALK, TALK". Please ask your child about these topics or their counseling lesson. Click [HERE](#) for a peek at our bulletin boards and some of the materials used this month.

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Thursday, 9/21/23. BTSN starts at 6:00 PM with a short welcome meeting in the cafeteria. Learn a bit about the year ahead and hear briefly from our PTA and Foundation. At 6:25 PM, families will head towards the classrooms. From 6:30-7:30 PM, families will have the opportunity to visit their child's classroom. Please remember that BTSN is not the best time to speak with your child's teacher about questions or concerns specific to your child. You can always reach out to your child's teacher to schedule time to connect. BTSN is the one adult-

