



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ALAMOS ELEMENTARY

MAY 2019

Celebrating
the end of the
School
Year



Goodbyes are not forever.
Goodbyes are not the end.
They simply mean
I'll miss you
until we meet again.

May 1, 2019

Dear Alamos Families,

April showers bring May flowers... has certainly been true this year! I hope this last newsletter of the school year finds you and your family happy, healthy and ready to enjoy a wonderful summer vacation. It is hard to believe that there are only 27 days left in the school year! Our last weeks together will be quite busy. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be finishing up CAASPP testing, our new Junior Ambassadors are being selected and of course, we are excitedly preparing for promotion ceremonies! Please be sure to check our school website regularly to be reminded of upcoming events and activities.

Did you know that one of the most important and timely issues concerning public education is the social and emotional well-being of students? Research shows that programs that support students' development in communicating effectively, negotiating conflict, practicing empathy understanding their own skills and abilities, managing their emotions and behavior and other social and emotional skills can lead to better academic and life outcomes. One such way that TVUSD in partnership with AES, is helping to support the emotional needs of students is developing a SEL Team. SEL is the new acronym for SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING. All TVUSD schools will be staffed with teams of specialists to support this endeavor. Our school social worker along with our new behavior intervention assistant, will be working together to help students in a variety of different ways. AES welcomes Aaron Capehart, as our newest SEL team member. One of Aaron's top priorities is opening a "Friendship Garden" which will offer students the opportunity to choose to engage with their peers in an alternative playground setting. The *Friendship Garden* will house a variety of different board games, Legos, puzzles and art activities. While students are engaged in play, Aaron will mentor students in positive ways to support social development, while practicing turn taking, effective communication, dispute resolution and empathy. We are excited for our *Friendship Garden...a great place for kids to GROW!*

Please join us for our **Alamos Memorial Day Flag Salute assembly on Friday, May 24th at 9 am.** We will come together to recognize our First Responders and our Military Service men and women. If you are serving as a First Responder or in the United States Military, you are invited to wear your uniform and be honored. Our students and staff are encouraged to wear red, white and blue in observance of this great country and its heroes!

If you are the parent of a 5th grader, it's almost time to say good bye to the elementary school years! **Our Take Flight Promotion ceremony** will be held on **Thursday, June 6th at 9:30 am.** This is a well-attended event so plan on being here early! Light refreshments will be served.

Lastly, please check your calendar and make note: **May 29 and June 5th are not modified days but June 6th and 7th school releases at 1 pm.** As always, it has been a privilege to serve this community as Principal and I thank you for supporting our school, our teachers and our students! For those OWLS that are leaving our nest, I wish you the very best and for those returning to us, I will be anxiously awaiting your arrival!

Fondly,

Mrs. Jenniffer Aynesworth, Principal

Calendar

- 4/29-5/24 CAASPP Testing
- 5/6-10 Teacher Appreciation
- 5/6&7 Jr. Ambassadors Interviews
- 5/10 2nd G. Rockets & Robots Assembly
- 5/16 4th G. Gold Rush Days
 - Kinder "All that I can be"
 - 2nd G. Evening Performance 5:30pm
- 5/17 PTO Board Meeting
 - "Owl Always Love You" Dance 5pm
- 5/22 Kinder Pacific Animal Assembly
- 5/24 Memorial Day Flag Salute
- 5/27 NO School – Memorial Day
- 5/30 4th G. Musical Performance 4pm

- 6/3 3rd G Field Days
- 6/4 TK – Smith Class to Bella Vista Park
- 6/5 3rd G to Bella Vista Park
 - 5th G Luau – All day on Field
- 6/6 2nd G to Bella Vista Park
 - 5th Grade Promotion 9:30
- 6/7 Last Day of School

2019-2020 PTO Board We are so excited to announce our 2019-2020 Executive Board:

President: Casey Rendon **Vice President:** Sonia Whitmore
Treasurer: Kathy Toner
Secretary: Veronica Enriquez

We still have some shoes to fill, if you are interested in any of the appointed positions below email Casey at

alamosppto@gmail.com:

- Fall Festival Committee members
- Grade Level Fund Coordinator
- Talent Show Coordinator
- Volunteer Coord



**TVUSD / ALAMOS ELEMENTARY
NEW RAPTOR VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

You will notice all schools in TVUSD now have a new Raptor Visitor sign in system in the effort to make our campus more secure. All visitors and volunteers must sign in through the system. Your first visit, please see Mrs. Bev, after that you'll be able to use the self-use kiosk. You will always need Drivers License or California ID with you.

Please note with this new system all schools will be closed campus. All students need to be dropped off at the gates or front office. Per the district closed campus policy we will no longer be checking parents in to walk students to the classroom doors.

Thank You for your understanding and help with this transition.

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NEWS**

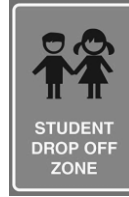
Hello Alamos Families,

Wow March and April have sprinted by and May is already springing into action. We would like to thank everyone that participated in our Basket Raffle. Thank you to all our Fabulous Room Parents who worked really hard on those incredible baskets. Thank you to Sonia Whitmore and Melissa Avitabile for all your hard work with running and organizing the event, you both did an amazing job. We are excited to announce that we raised \$4,882.60, so thank you to everyone for all your support. Congratulations to all our basket winners.

We have some fun events coming up soon in the month of May. Our Staff Appreciation week is the week of May 6th through May 10th. Keep an eye out for a flyer coming home soon with some suggestions of how you can help us celebrate all our amazing staff and teachers and all they do for our students.

Our "Owl" Always Love You Dance is coming up on May 17th 5pm-8pm. Please remember that you must RSVP by May 8th to attend this event. Admission and presale for food is due on May 8th, no exceptions. All students are invited to bring one adult guest. Siblings that do not attend Alamos currently will not be allowed at the event. We are really excited to dance the night away with you all and have some fun. If you have any questions please email Casey at alamospto@gmail.com.

We hope that you have a great month of May and enjoy the rest of the school year to come
The PTO Board



**Alamos Elementary
NEW Drop off Zone
Off Promontory Street**

As many of you know, we continue to look for solutions to ease our drop off and pick up procedures at Alamos. In seeking alternative solutions, we will be trialing the use of the side loop on Promontory Street. The side loop is currently being used for BASES and our bus drop off and pick up.

Beginning Monday, May 6th, the side loop will be open for student drop off and pick up. The loop will be supervised by administration and staff. Parents need to pull forward to the top of the loop, dropping off/picking up your student(s) nearest the curb. Students may not be picked up in the second lane. The second lane will be used as a passing lane. Please be aware, you will see cones to designate the area to be left clear for busses. Please do not pull into the bus area.

Student safety is our number one priority. Students who walk home must use crosswalks at all times. We would appreciate your help in reinforcing this safety precaution.

Our goal is to create a more efficient, safe, alternative route for you to use at Alamos. We will continue to trial using both loops until the end of the school year. If, for any reason, we no longer feel keeping both loops open is a safe option, parents will be notified, and the loop will be closed. We feel fortunate being able to work together with our community on a solution to the ongoing traffic congestion. Let's hope this new option is successful! Thank you for supporting our school community!

Our school garden needs some TLC and we would like to start restoring its beauty for it to become our new friendship room. If you are interested in helping us in this process or you have a high schooler/ incoming freshman in need of volunteer hours please email Casey at alamospto@gmail.com. Once we have received your email we will keep you informed with our clean

SCIENCE FAIR

We would like to thank everyone that participated in our Science Fair, everyone did an amazing job and came up with some very interesting topics. Congratulations to our SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS:

Kinder: 1st - Skylor Ruiz, 2nd -Emma Hargesheimer, and
3rd - Emma Rodriguez

1st Grade: 1st - Jacob Lopez, 2nd -Eli Salazar and 3rd- Addison Hitz

2nd Grade: 1st - Keith Michalowski, 2nd -Zachary Rendon and
3rd - Lily Dewall

3rd Grade: 1st- Jeffery Lee, 2nd- Abiyah Ansari, and 3rd- Derick John Lugo

4th Grade: 1st - Jack Cole, 2nd - Evan Van Winkle and 3rd- Christopher Pena

5th Grade: 1st- Elena Gallegos and 2nd - Payton Tisbo