



ALAMOS ELEMENTARY

NEWS FROM

DECEMBER 2018



Dear Alamos Families,

Make a **JOYFUL** noise...the holidays are upon us! I hope this last newsletter of 2018 finds you and your family happy, healthy, and of good cheer! This is such a magical time of the year for children and there is no other place quite as delightful as an elementary school in December! Although this time of the year brings with it a long list of "To Do's," my hope is that you will find the time to experience the joy of the season through the eyes of your child.

The students and staff at AES have been very busy. Semester one will soon be coming to an end and this means that students and teachers are reviewing for district summative assessments. In order to prepare for these assessments, it is extremely important for students to be in school, all day, every day. I know the holiday season can often be a tempting time of the year for family vacations and while of course, family time is important, please plan for these events outside of the school day. Winter vacation allows us 20 days off from school, surely enough time for family play and holiday get-a-ways! Remember....*When we Attend, We Achieve!*

Catch the Energy, Release the Potential! It's inspiring to be in classrooms every day watching and listening to the thinkers of the next generation! I am amazed at the creativity, communication, collaboration and critical thinking happening in our hallways at every grade level. Teaching our children to **THINK** about their **THINKING** is no easy task and yet our teachers are facilitating these important kinds of conversation every day. Have you ever asked your child what they **THINK** about or **WHY** they **THINK** the way they do? Their answers may surprise you! AES, we commit every day to providing all students opportunities to make their **THINKING** visible and we are impressed by what we see!

Our PTO Direct Donation Drive, *I Believe I Can Fly, is soaring!* We have already raised over \$10,000 and our goal of \$30,000 is within reach! If every family made a one-time donation of just \$30 per child, we would surpass our goal and we would not have to do any additional fundraising. It is our goal to put innovative technology into the hands of every student, every day and our Direct Donation Drive will provide the funds necessary to do it!

It is my pleasure to serve this community as a school leader and I am blessed to share the *Most Wonderful Time of the Year* with you and your child. From my family to yours, I wish you the very best of the **Season** and **Happy New Year!**

Fondly, Jenniffer Aynesworth, Principal

Calendar

November:

19th- 23rd – Thanksgiving Week
NO School

December:

4th – 4th & 5th Grade Spelling Bee
10th- 14th - Canned Food Drive
12th– After School Movie
Kinder Performance 4:30pm-6:00pm
14th – Coffee with the Principal 9:45-11
PTO Meeting 11:15am
17th-21st - Holiday Boutique in Room 42
19th- Choir Night Performance 6pm
21st- Grandparents Day
24th- Jan. 7th – Winter Break

January 2019

8th – Back to School



Coffee with the Principals

Friday, December 14, 2018
At 9:45 in the Multi-Purpose Room

Our Agenda Includes:

Data, Data, Data and Our Vision
for Student Achievement

LCAP Goals, Funding and
Spending to Narrow the
Achievement GAP for ALL
Students in Mathematics

Securing our Campus:
Mr. Richard Dixon, TVUSD,
Safety and Security Coordinator



Coffee and sweet
treats kindly
provided the
AES PTO

PTO NEWS



Hello Alamos Families,

We wanted to send out a big thank you to everyone who attended our Fall Festival. It was a joy seeing the smiles on all the children and adults faces that night. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves. We would like to thank all our fabulous Room Parents who worked so hard and put together such amazing booths for our event this year. You all did an incredible job. A Huge thank you to our Student volunteers that helped run our booths, jumpers, haunted house, and helped setup and clean up afterwards. We really appreciate all your help and time. To all our vendors at our Vendors Market and our Food Vendors, thank you for being a part of our event. Thank you to all those who helped us sell tickets during the week before and after school. Thank you Lisa Hoberg, Kathy Toner, Veronica Enriquez and all the father figures that helped at our gate that night for volunteering your time to help us make this event so spectacular. Thank you to our Historian Julie Fisher for capturing pictures throughout the night. I would like to give a huge shout out to our Fall Festival Coordinators Angie Lopez and Desiree Delayo for all your hard work you put into this event. You two are amazing. And last but not least Mr. Diego, thank you so much for all your help and time on Friday not only at the event but during the day and after the event as well. We really appreciate all you do for the PTO. Thank you everyone for all you contributed to this event we could not have done it without you. Thank you to everyone who responded to our Fall Festival Survey. We will be meeting soon to talk about the event and review all your responses. Thank you for your support.

LIBRARY

Our Book Feast was a hit! Students enjoyed the café music and the autumn decorations. Many students were surprised to be interested in books with “boring titles,” and once they started reading a few sentences or the blurb on the back of the book, they realized they were actually interested in reading it. Some students found it hard to pick a favorite and wrote down many titles to read later. Overall it was a success and we hope to hold another book tasting before the end of the school year!!!

Our next library adventure will be introduced in December!! We will begin Storybook STEM. Library time will be spent creating, collaborating, and making projects. Picture books are an excellent way to combine STEM challenges. Picture book units will be available to teachers if they would like to take storybook STEM activities further in the classroom.

If you would like to donate any school/craft supplies you may already have plenty of please consider donating them to our Owl Library. For December we will need boxes and tape (any kind).

I Believe I Can Fly Direct Donation

WE REACHED OUR FIRST GOAL!!!!



Hello Alamos Families,

We are so excited to announce that we have reached our first goal and have raised \$10,302.62. We would like to thank everyone who has already donated towards our Direct Donation Drive. In hopes to reach our goal of \$30,000 we are extending collections until January 31st. The online option will also still be available at <https://99pledges.com/fund/AESDirectDonation>.

For those of you who have already donated, receipts will be coming home soon.

Thank you again for your support.

With Thanks,
Mrs. Aynsworth and PTO



GRANDPARENTS DAY will be on December 21st this year. Keep a look out for more information coming home soon!



We are so excited to announce that we are bringing back out Talent Show this year on **February 20th**. Keep a look out for more information coming home soon!



We would like to thank all of our awesome Watch D.O.G.S that we have had at our school so far. A HUGE THANK YOU to our Watch Dogs from October: Juan Ibarra, BK Monty, Miguel Limon, David Serpa, Steven Van Houten, Peter Whitmore, Rick Kasitz, Marshall Goff, Keith Michalowski, and Keith Conway. If you know a dad or father figure that would like to participate, have them contact Tommy at aestopdog@gmail.com.