



ALAMOS ELEMENTARY

NEWS FROM

NOVEMBER 2018



Dear Alamos Families,

It was so very nice seeing all of you and hearing the amazing accomplishments of all students during Parent Conference Week. This is a time to celebrate a successful launch of our new school year. With that in mind, it is an important time to discuss school safety and what that looks like at Alamos Elementary School.

Students' safety is of the utmost importance. Students will have age-appropriate safety class discussions. They will participate in monthly fire and evacuation drills to get students and staff out of the building by a route designed to ensure their safety. In addition, shelter in place and lockdowns are practiced a minimum of three times per year to protect students and staff from a threat on campus.

The Earthquake Drill is designed to keep students safe in the building until the earthquake stops. At that time the alarm will sound and students proceed with a directed evacuation. This procedure is used to get students and staff out of the building quick and safely. Earthquake drills are practiced four times per year.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, children ages 16 and under are the most at-risk for getting hit while crossing the street. In order to protect students from dangerous and life-threatening accidents, it's essential that drivers yield to pedestrians crossing the street at intersections, even when a crossing guard is not present. The use of cellphones while driving is prohibited, this includes school parking lots!

Thank you to families who are helping keep our busy arrival and end-of-day dismissal safe for students. If at all possible, we would appreciate children exiting the vehicle curbside to eliminate the danger of walking between cars. We appreciate families who are remembering to stay in their cars while in the curbside lane and continuing to move forward as space becomes available, which helps to keep traffic moving. Please remember to follow the right turn only rule when leaving the campus on Pacific Park Drive.

Students may not walk to cars parked in the parking lot without an adult. Even when a crossing guard is present, the adult must use the crosswalk to retrieve their student from the front of the school and escort their child across the crosswalk.

Many of our 3rd to 5th grade students bicycle to school. Alamos Elementary cannot be responsible for unlocked bicycles. Please make sure to lock the bicycle to the bicycle rack. Please remind your student of the bicycle safety rules: Students must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle to or from school. The helmet should cover the top of the forehead, have straps that are tight enough to prevent the helmet from rocking, either side to side or front to back. The helmet should not tilt in any direction when the head is turned. Students should always ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic, obey all traffic laws, signals and stop signs. Students should look left, right and left again at all intersections and when leaving driveways. Lastly, when arriving or leaving Alamos Elementary School, all bicycles need to be walked on the school campus.

Thank you for helping keeping everyone moving forward at Alamos Elementary School. We believe our traffic congestion will be eased by everyone following the rules. Safety rules and practice will ensure our students build the skills to necessary to be safe in any situation.

Fondly,
Jenniffer Aynesworth and Cyndi Alvarado

Calendar

October:

- 24th – Kinder Field Trip – Pelter Farms
- 25th – Preschool Pumpkin Patch
- 26th – Fall Festival 5:00-8:00pm @ AES
- 31st – Live Literature Day
Choir Tryouts

November:

- 5th – Jr. Ambassador Meeting 3:20pm
- 9th – Veterans Day Celebration at
Friday Flag 9:00 am
- 12th – Veterans Day NO School
- 16th – PTO Mtg Meeting 10:00am
- 19th- 23rd – Thanksgiving Week
NO School

LIBRARY

You are invited to Join Us for Book Tasting Feast!!

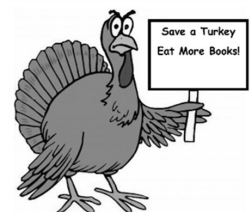
We'll Be 'Tasting' Book Genres, Book Authors, And Book Types To Expand Our Reading Interest!!

This event engages students in a fun activity while introducing them to a wide array of books. Students will come to the library which will be decorated for an Autumn Feast of Books!!! Our Alamos Owl Library will be transformed into the Owl Café and the Librarian Chefs will be ready to serve a tray of books to each table.

Each student will be able to rotate around the room and get a "taste" of 20 different books!! All students will have the opportunity to document their favorite books.

When: November 5th-9th During Library class visits

Where: Alamos Owl Library



PTO NEWS



BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair was a great success last month bringing in \$13,063.56 in sales, which means \$3,032.37 in cash will be used to support our Library. Thank you to everyone who purchased books and came to see all the hard work that was put into decorations and organizing the event. We would like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to our Book Fair Coordinators, Kim Buck, Ana Salazar and Niki Elardo for all your hard work and commitment to making the Book Fair such a spectacular event. THANK YOU to Anaka Wood, Brenda Albarracin, Carol Gonzalez, Diana Torres, Elizabeth Palacios, Karen Hindrawinata, Kathy Toner, Kaylie Woolstenhulme, Krizia Suero, Lourdes Santos, Melissa Rosenthal, Misty Bruce, Ken Bruce, Nicky Hristopoulos, Ryan Turner, Saskia Herrera, Sonia Whitmore, Veronica Barajas, Veronica Enriquez, and Jennifer Correa for volunteering your time to help decorate, work the Book Fair and clean up. Your time was much appreciated and the event would not have been a success without you.



We are so excited that our Fall Festival is approaching soon. Flyers will be coming home soon with our event and ticket sales information. Our room parents are working hard to put together over 20 fun booths with games and activities for all who attend. We will have food vendors, a DJ, Bouncers and our first annual Vendor's Market. We can't wait for the event and hope to see you all there.



We would like to send out a **SHOUT OUT** to a dad who took time out of his week off to come and work for several days in our garden. Robert Herrera you did an AMAZING JOB and we really appreciate all your hard work. Thank you to Mr. Diego as well for helping Robert when you had free time in your day to lend a hand.

MATH
1 + 1 = 2
MAKES YOUR
LIFE ADD UP!

$$6 + 4 + 3 = 2$$

True or False?

True...If you had no problem solving the above equation, you are truly a baseball fan. If you didn't, it's a double play. Here is another question...Have you ever had your child ask you a mathematics related question and you were unsure? We've got just the thing for you. Try **Khan Academy**. You can Google them. **Khan Academy** is a non-profit^[6] educational organization created in 2005 by [Salman Khan](#) with the goal of creating a set of online tools that help educate students.^[7] The organization produces short lessons in the form of [YouTube](#) videos.^[8] Its website also includes supplementary practice exercises and materials for educators/students and parents. All resources are available to users of the website. The website and its content are provided mainly in [English](#), but is also available in other languages including Spanish, Portuguese, Hebrew, Italian, Russian, Chinese, Turkish, French, Bengali, Hindi and German.

What I like best about Khan Academy is that the presentation is so easy to understand. Even a kid can do it 😊

Birthday Wishes

AES is happy to announce that Birthday Wishes are now available for the marquee in the front of the school.

Your student's name will appear on the day of their birthday for \$10.

This is a fundraiser! Funds will go towards the purchase of a New Electronic Marquee.

Please check in with the front office to arrange a birthday wish.



We would like to thank all our awesome Watch D.O.G.S that we have had at our school so far. A HUGE THANK YOU to Ken Bruce, Miguel Limon, Juan Ibarra, David Serpa, BK Monty, and Steven Van Houten. If you know a dad or father figure that would like to participate have them contact Tommy at aestopdog@gmail.com.