



Be a friend... to Alamo School. We are looking for parent volunteers for lots of activities!

Here are 10 reasons you should get involved!

1. **Your child benefits.**

When parents get connected to the school, children do better. Research shows children whose parents are involved get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems at school.

2. **We can make a difference.**

Our mission is to create the kind of school community where teachers and administrators can do their best work—and so can our children. We provide support for teachers in and out of the classroom.

3. **We honor your time constraints.**

People are often reluctant to participate because they're afraid they'll get pulled into a black hole of never-ending time commitment. That won't happen here. An hour or two really makes a difference.

4. **We have fun.**

Volunteer work shouldn't be drudgery. We accomplish a lot, and not everything we do is easy. We try to enjoy ourselves along the way whenever possible.

5. **Meet nice people who share your concerns.**

We all have a common bond. We care about creating the best possible educational experience for our children.

6. **There's a lot to be done.**

These days, schools are asked to do more with less. Our help is needed more than ever to fill the gaps.

7. **We can match jobs to your interests and abilities.**

The work we do covers a broad spectrum: filing and photocopying, planning and executing events, writing and editing, running the bookfair, decorating and more. We encourage creative ideas, and we're thrilled to have people take on tasks that meet their skills and interests.

8. **We're welcoming.**

To us, there are no "outsiders." Anyone can get involved as we are all people who have come together to work toward common goals.

9. **We're about parent involvement, not always fundraising.**

In these times of tight budgets, parent groups everywhere are filling in the gaps, and so are we. Our #1 goal is to get more parents connected to the school.

10. **This work is very rewarding.**

It's seeing the smiles on kids' and parents' faces that shows we're making school a little more fun—and a child feel a little more comfortable in a learning environment. There are lots of rewards, both big and small, for those who get involved. Won't you join us?

Volunteer Opportunities

September

Cookie Dough Sales

October

Walk-to-School Day

Halloween Carnival

December

Book Fair

Winter Arts Fair

January

Spell-a-thon

March

Read Across America

Auction

May

Teacher Appreciation Day

Grandparents Day & Talent Show

Science Fair

All Year

School Beautification

Science & Technology

Emergency Preparedness

Graphic Design/Advertising

Cartridge Collection

Library

Garden

Art/Bulletin boards

Copying/Clerical

School Merchandise

Photo

Baking/food

School Maintenance

Traffic - Stop, Drop & Go

Translation

Three Ways to Sign Up

- ⇒ Put your name and contact information on the sign-up sheets tonight!
- ⇒ Email Alison Murdock, VP of Community Events, at alisonmurdock@gmail.com
- ⇒ Complete this form below and drop it into the PTA mailbox in the school office

Volunteer Sign-up Form

Parent Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Children at Alamo (names, grades): _____

Which volunteer opportunity interests you? Any suggestions or other ways you can help?
