

Alamo Matters

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READ ACROSS AMERICA: On March 3rd, Alamo will be celebrating the joy of reading for Read Across America day by inviting community members into the classroom to read. We look forward to welcoming the Firefighters of Station 14, Police Officers from the Richmond District Station, a School Board Member, staffers from Assemblywoman's Ma's office, some beloved retired teachers, school administrators, wonderful parent volunteers etc. to make for an exciting day.

GRANDPARENTS DAY - TALENT SHOW - BOOKFAIR - Grand Opening: Friday, March 19 will be a big day at Alamo. Starting at 12:30, we will be welcoming grandparents and special friends for a visit to the classroom and a chorus performance. Topping off the day will be our annual Talent Show starting at 3:30pm featuring performances from over 20 of our very talented dancers, singers, musicians, actors, and martial artists! FOOD DONATIONS needed. Baked goods and finger food are welcomed. VOLUNTEERS needed on the day of the event - 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call or email Jasmine Kaw at 558 4484. Sluk2005@sbcglobal.net Finally, after the show closes, we welcome kids, parents, and grandparents upstairs to the opening day of our annual Scholastic Bookfair. We will have books for all grades and will once again be offering our \$5 book credit to every student.

2010 ALAMO AUCTION AND RAFFLE: The auction invitations will be going out this month. Please make sure you return your RSVP cards on Friday, March 26 before spring break. We are still looking for auction donations. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Meg Hudson at hudsonm@sbcglobal.net. Also, the kids now have their raffle tickets in hand. The raffle fundraiser ties directly into supporting our top-notch physical education program led by Ms. Annie Murphy and Kat Sena's wonderful vocal music program.

JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS: Dear Alamo Families, among the many enrichment programs we provide at Alamo is a program called Junior Great Books (JGB). Junior Great Books are a compilation of short stories or parts of novels that are designed to give our students an opportunity to read, interpret, and discuss literature. The program is designed to improve reading comprehension and critical thinking. JGB at Alamo is run by parent volunteers who have been trained to lead these "shared inquiries." Our teachers break their classes into small groups, and then the parent volunteers read and discuss these stories with the students. This year, more teachers than ever would like to offer this program, BUT, we need more volunteers. Some parents already have JGB training. If you do and you can volunteer, please contact Laurie Moore ellemow@yahoo.com to be matched to a teacher in need. Or, if you haven't trained, you may contact Laurie (415.221.9153). She will be scheduling a training session for anyone who wants to be trained. Even if you don't teach this year, feel free to take the training to be prepared for next year. Thank you. The Alamo PTA

SPELLATHON: Thank you to all the classes and families that participated in Spellathon. We are close to our goal of \$22,000 raised with 95% class participation. Also, a huge thanks to the parent volunteers that helped correct all the spelling tests: Judy Woon Ja, Victor Chao, Jade Wong, Lily Wong, Linda Fisher, Francesca Harkins, John Harkins Susie Sloan, Laurie Moore, and Alison Murdock

CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE: Thank you to all the Alamo students and parents who participated and helped make the parade a success! We had over 60 people representing Alamo. Special thank you to Jeff Eng, Dorine Leong, Albert Ko and many others for this amazing opportunity to celebrate the Year of the Tiger.

To submit information to Alamo Matters, please email chris.tonner@ucsf.edu

Save the Dates!

March 3rd

Read Across America

March 19th

Grandparents
Day/Talent Show

March 22-26th

Parent-Teacher
Conferences Day:
Early Dismissal

March 29-April 2

Spring Break

April 9th

Annual
Auction/Raffle

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