

# The Parent Press

Alamo Elementary - A National Blue Ribbon School

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## Alamo Book Fair Pleases Crowd

Andrea Wulff and Kee Fricke did a great job organizing the Scholastic Book Fair. The school sold more than \$8,000 worth of books.

## Please Don't Interrupt Classes

When you would like to speak with teachers, please do not interrupt them during instructional hours. Call 750-8456 to arrange a meeting.

## Our Edible Garden Needs Supplies

Our renovated rooftop garden is helping students learn about energy, soil nutrients and plant development. Help us gather garden equipment. We need soil, fertilizer, seeds, trowels, pruning shears, stakes, hoses, spray nozzles, wheel barrows and beneficial insects. Please bring items to the rooftop garden.

## Seeking Spanish Translators

We need help translating English into Spanish for parent conferences and school newsletters. If you can help, please call Jane Young 750-8456 or e-mail dpwerner@aol.com

## We Need a Minivan to Deliver Gifts

Help us deliver holiday gifts to a local shelter on Dec. 17. Call the PTA 750-8456.

## Alamo Parent Trim Holiday Tree

Stop by Davies Symphony Hall to see Alamo's tree decorated with artwork by our children. Thanks to: Dan Ehrmann, Tom Hatton, Curt Makano, N. C. Chin, Judith Gadaldi, April Fujimoto, Sonia Bolanos, Lisa Mahoney, Lilly Murphy, Julia Lavroushin and Hilary Billings.

## Please Turn in Carnival Folders!

Obstacle Course, Hot Dog and Baked Goods folders should be returned to the office.

## Santa is Coming to Angelina's Cafe

On Friday, Dec. 12 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., visit Angelina's for a free photo with Santa, a magic show and a chance to decorate cookies.

## Principal's Corner

## The Spirit of the Holidays...

### The Heart of Alamo

Once again, the Alamo Community demonstrates its incredible generosity. In November, we sent barrels of food to San Francisco food banks. Now, families are gathering holiday gifts for children in homeless shelters.

These charitable acts show our children the importance and joy of philanthropy. Our children watch us closely, glean many a life's lesson from our words and ways. The examples we set help shape the adults they become.

Alamo's diverse community models big-heartedness. Daily, we share the "greatest gifts of all" with our children... our time, our talents, and the treasures of our hearts. Alamo students internalize the concept of making this world a better place, each time they are on the receiving end of our random (and deliberate) acts of kindness. Together we illustrate the message that each one of us can make a difference. Thank you for the positive impact you create in the lives of our children.

I wish you all a joyous holiday season.

## Save on Your 2003 Taxes Today

It's not too late to make your contribution to the Friends of Alamo School Foundation and receive a deduction on your 2003 tax return. Contributions can be made by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard, securities or other property. For questions, call the Friends office 297-8125.

## Help Us Repair our Mac Computers

To diagnose and repair a few MacIntosh Computers, call Jeanette Chin 750-8456.

## Important Dates to Remember:

<b>Family Music Night</b>		<b>Dec. 12</b>
<b>School Site Council</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>
<b>Holiday Song Festival</b>		<b>Dec. 18</b>
	Performances at 10:30 and 1:45	
<b>Winter Recess No School</b>		<b>Dec. 22-Jan. 2</b>