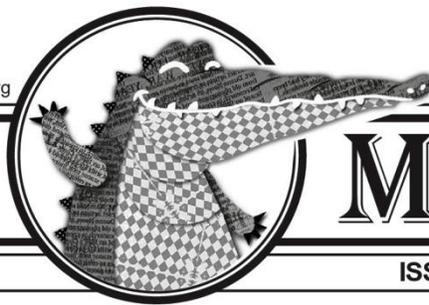


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SAVE THE DATES!!

October 24 – December 4 –
Alamo Food Drive

Sunday, November 2 –
Daylight Saving Time Ends

Monday, November 3, 3 – 4 pm –
Green School Yard Committee Meeting,
school library

Tuesday, November 4, 6:30 pm – **PTA Meeting,** school library (Election Day)

Wednesday, November 5, 9 am –
Nagata Dance 1st Grade performance,
auditorium

Tuesday, November 11 - School closed,
Veterans Day Observance

Friday, November 14, 9 – 10 am –
"Coffee and Conversation" (Alamo families get together), library

Friday, November 14, 1:30 pm show for 3-5 grades, 2 pm show for K-2 grades - Alamo Friendship Chorus Fall Concert - **"FABULOUS FRIDAY!"**, auditorium

Saturday, November 15, 10 am – 1 pm -
Green Schoolyard Family-Friendly Workday

Monday to Friday, November 17 – 21 -
Parent-Teacher Conference Week, dismissal at 1:40 pm

Tuesday, November 18, 4 – 10 pm -
Alamo Families' Night Out, Gaspare's Pizza House

Friday, November 21, 9 – 11 am -
2nd Annual Safety Day

Monday - Tuesday, November 24 – 25 -
Thanksgiving Breakfast for Alamo Staff, Teachers' Lounge

Wednesday - Friday, November 26 – 28 - School closed,
Thanksgiving holiday break

Dear Parents and Guardians,

From Cicero:

"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the virtues."
I'd like to thank all the parents, especially Stephanie Kwan, for another very successful Halloween Carnival!

Time is just zipping by and now it is November. There are three very important events I'd like to call to your attention. First, Parent-Teacher Conference week is November 17-21. Second, on November 21, we will host our 2nd Annual Safety Day. Many of the city's finest service departments, such as SFPD, SFFD, Sheriff's Department and Muni, will be coming to talk to our students about safety awareness. Third, the Thanksgiving Holiday break will be from November 26 to 28.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Principal Fong



Alamo Going Green: Join GatorGreen! Hopefully you received our first e-Alamo Matters November issue in your email inbox! If not, please check your junk mail/Spam folder for a message from communication@friendsofalamo.org, and add it to your address book so you can receive future messages. Unless you've turned in the green sheet that indicated that you wish to continue receiving paper copies because you have no email account or no access to a computer, this November issue of Alamo Matters will be the last printed copy. Starting December, Alamo Matters and all Red Envelope announcements (School, District, PTA, and Foundation communication) and fliers will **only come out electronically**. Please be sure to register either through the green flier that was distributed two weeks ago, through this link <https://vr2.verticalresponse.com/s/alamomatters>, or by scanning the QR Code with your Smartphone. Thank you for helping us save money, labor and our environment by signing up for Alamo's electronic newsletter and communication.



Alamo Food Drive: Please help the Alamo Food Drive by donating food for San Francisco Food bank, which distributes food for more than 107,000 meals each day. Barrels will be located in the hallways. Most needed items are: tuna, canned meat, peanut butter, soup, chili, beans, cereal, canned fruit and vegetable and granola bars. What not to donate: food in glass, perishable items (like dairy, meat, chicken, fish and fresh fruits and vegetables), opened items, or items not within their "Use before" date.

Coffee and Conversation: The November Coffee and Conversation gathering will be on Friday, November 14, 2014, from 9 - 10 am in the library. Come and get to know other Alamo parents over a cup of coffee and breakfast treats. We can discuss upcoming school events and veteran parents can answer any questions about holiday activities. We look forward to seeing you!

"Fabulous Friday!" Fall Friendship Chorus Concert: Please mark your calendars for Friday, November 14, 2014 for the Fall Chorus Concert at 1:30 pm for grades 3-5 and 2 pm for grades K-2. Our tradition at Alamo is to make the fall show a time to celebrate our appreciation and gratitude. We plan the concert so that all the children can sing and PARTICIPATE- not just sit and watch. Parents are invited to attend, but seating will be limited as there will be a lot of children participating in the show! All chorus members will be singing in both shows.



2nd Alamo Families' Night Out: Please join Alamo families and friends for dinner on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 4 pm to 10 pm at our neighborhood partner Gaspare's Pizza & Italian Restaurant at 5546 Geary Blvd. 10% of all proceeds will go back to school to support our PTA programs and events. Take-out orders are also included. Do not forget to mention and write "Alamo" on your receipt. For any questions please contact Alamo Night Out Committee, Tal Palman at paltortal@hotmail.com or Chris Wright at cjwinsf@gmail.com.

Annual Safety Day: Please join us, San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Fire Department, Sheriff's Department and Muni for the 2nd Annual Safety Day on November 21. We are looking for parent volunteers. Please come to the Main Office to sign up!

Appreciate Our Teachers: Help show our teachers how much we appreciate them! Please bring treats for the teachers on Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25. You can drop them off in the Teachers' Lounge. Volunteers are needed to help clean up at the end of each day - please email kaufmanmeeks@yahoo.com if you can help.

Stop Drop & Go Program: Alamo's Stop, Drop & Go program runs from 8:25 am to 8:45 am every morning to assist families in dropping their children at school. The schedule for the November is Week of November 3 - Room 206, Mr. Savant; November 10 - Room 213, Mrs. Yee; November 17 - Room 217, Mrs. McLaughlin and November 24 - Room 212, Ms. Elliott. Sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4eadae2aaaf49-stop>. Search for signups made by jwlouiesf@gmail.com. You need to sign up for an account, and you'll get a reminder two days before.

Special Olympics: The children in Bungalows A and B participated in the first of three Special Olympics events for SFUSD this year. Many kids from schools all over the district participate, from Elementary to High School. This event took place at the Little Rec Field in Golden Gate Park, and focused on soccer skills: passing, dribbling and shooting. We have been training for this event since the school year began. After participating in the soccer drills, we played at the Koret Children's Playground and went on the merry-go-round. We invite everyone to join us for the next events: come help us train and/or cheer us on while we participate! Our next events are basketball skills in February and track & field in May.

Invest in Alamo: Our Invest in Alamo campaign is in full swing. We've raised more than half of the \$50,000 goal to help maintain programs such as music, physical education, art, library supplies, field trips, math and technology. If you have already contributed, thank you! If you haven't, any donation amount is welcome and 100% tax deductible. Donors receive a beautiful Alamo key-chain/flashlight. Donate online at <http://www.friendsofalamo.org/invest/>

Count Me In Events: Last year, we introduced "Count Me In" (CMI) events as a new fundraiser that also promotes community among Alamo families. Our inaugural year was a success - with 24 events that raised more than \$3,000. These funds went directly to enrichment programs for the benefit of all students at Alamo. For the 2014/2015 school year, we already have more than 12 CMI events scheduled with more being added all the time. Secure your spot for an event by registering at an Alamo Community Event (like the Halloween Carnival) or completing/returning a CMI registration form. Forms can be found at the PTA bulletin board. They can be returned to the PTA mail slot in the Office. We are looking for more families to host NEW CMI events during the school year. If you have questions or want to host an event, please email Christine Morris at seekingbalance206@gmail.com.

eScrip: Want to raise money for Alamo with minimal effort and at no cost? Do your everyday grocery shopping at eScrip-participating merchants (like nearby Fresh and Easy, Safeway and Mollie Stone's) and a percentage of your purchases will automatically be donated to Alamo. Take 5 minutes to register/renew your credit and grocery cards at eScrip.com. Email Yuko Yoshino at yukoyoshino415@yahoo.com with questions.

Halloween Carnival: THANK YOU to everyone who came together to make the 34th Annual Alamo Halloween Carnival such a success. Thank you for donating your time, delicious food items, supplies, and money! Many, many people were needed to make this community event work. Thanks to ALL our volunteers, room parents, RDASC staff, Chinese After School Staff, and our Alamo staff who organized the booths. Congratulations to our 2nd annual Alamo Pumpkin Carving contest winners!

Alamo's First Literacy Night a Huge Success! Thank you to all who attended! Over **300** members of the Alamo community enjoyed the many activities and the book exchange! Kudos to Jodie Louie and Betty Liu (111) for organizing Alamo's newest community event! Thank you Ms. Sarah Cahuas, Alamo librarian, for all your assistance and e-resource expertise. Thank you to the many teachers who guided activities and hosted read-alouds in their classrooms! Thank you, Principal Fong and Ms. Shellie Wiener! Thank you to all the parent volunteers! A special thanks goes to Ting Tlo Lo for doing the graphic design and to Phil Ma who printed the beautiful posters. For more information about the Literacy program or committee, or to train and volunteer to be a parent-reader in the classrooms please contact Jodie Louie at jwlouiesf@gmail.com.

Literacy Links: Check out these NEW Literacy Links on the Alamo website! <http://www.friendsofalamo.org/programs/literacy-support/>

National Walk & Roll to School Day: Congratulations to all Alamo students who participated by walking or rolling on Wednesday, October 8th! 2nd grader Alejandra O'Dell won the Alamo water bottle raffle from among the Walking School Bus participants. This program encourages fewer car trips to school, promoting a safer school environment for children and is sponsored by Safe Routes to Schools.

