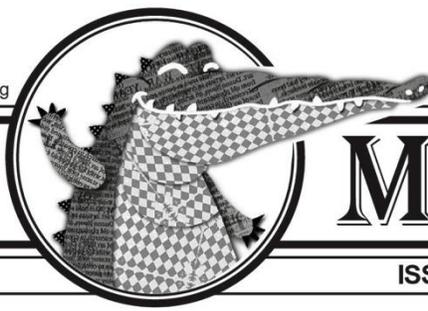


ALAMO**MATTERS**

ISSUE NUMBER : 4

ISSUE DATE : November 30, 2015

SAVE THE DATES!!

Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 6:30 pm:
PTA meeting, school library

Wednesday, December 2, 2015: Last
day of Food Drive for SF and Marin
Food Bank

Thursday, December 3, 2015, 3pm -
4pm: Green Schoolyard Committee
meeting, rooftop garden

Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 9am:
"Holiday Harmonies!" Performers:
Kindergartens, 1st Grades and Alamo
Friendship Chorus (3rd Grade),
auditorium

Wednesday, December 16, 2015,
1:30pm: "Holiday Harmonies!"
Performers: 2nd Grades and Alamo
Friendship Chorus (4th and 5th
Grades), auditorium

Friday, December 18, 2015, 9am-
10am: "Coffee and Conversation,"
school library

December 21, 2015 – January 3, 2016:
Winter Break

CMI EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 10am -
noon: CMI - Mommy Nail Rendezvous

Thursday, December 3, 2015, 6pm -
8pm: CMI - Mommy Botox Event

Sunday, December 6, 2015,
10am: CMI - Holiday Floral
Arrangement Class

Sunday, December 6, 2015, 2pm - 4
pm: CMI - The Joy of Coding

Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 7pm -
9pm: CMI - Holiday Beauty Bash

Dear Alamo Friends and Families,

With the holidays fast upon us, let us reflect on our first half of the year and all the things we've done as a school community! Thank you to all the parents and volunteers! There are so many opportunities to continue to support one another, from the new Alamo Community of Sharing and the Teacher Book List to Education Outside and Schoola. Don't forget the fun ways to come together outside of Alamo with the Count Me In Events.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday filled with community, friendship and fun!

Principal Fong



SUPPORT EDUCATION OUTSIDE: Alamo students are digging into science with Meredith Witt, our Education Outside instructor. Support this program by shopping at Sloat Garden Stores from November 27 to December 13. A portion of your purchase will come back to the school to buy outdoor classroom supplies. Buy gorgeous holiday plants and wreaths to decorate or gift. Or buy an item from the Alamo Garden Wish List. Sloat Garden stores are on 3rd Ave, Sloat Blvd and Pierce St. Tell them "Alamo Elementary in SF" when making purchases. For questions contact Andrea Flint at andrea.flint@gmail.com.

COUNT ME IN: Have you always wanted to learn how to make sushi? Wanna hang out with your favorite gals at the Holiday "Benefit Cosmetics" Beauty Bash? Care to try a rejuvenating treatment this holiday season? Surprise someone with a spot at a CMI Event! For more CMI Event details, please email Paulina Chen at alamocmi2015@gmail.com or visit: <http://www.friendsofalamo.org/events/count-me-in>.

SCHOOLA CLOSET CLEAN-OUT: Starting December ask for a bag in the office or request a bag here: <https://www.schoola.com/schools/alamo-elementary-san-francisco-ca>. Alamo's Schoola shop is running out of merchandise. Please help stock the Schoola Alamo Shop with your pre-loved clothes and earn money for our school.

ALAMO COMMUNITY OF SHARING: Our school motto "Be a Friend" gives us a wonderful and inspiring approach to our community. It is this philosophy that underpins our new effort to come together and share what we have with each other, not only during the holidays, but year-round - creating the Alamo Community of Sharing. While the holidays give us a chance to share food and gifts with each other, we all have clothes and toys that we've out-grown, and many other items that we no longer use, but that others could. We can all participate in making our community a greener, closer place by being a friend and passing items no longer in use for families who can enjoy them. Thanksgiving Dinners kicked off in November and the winter gift effort is under way. More information will be posted in Gator Weekly, Alamo Matters and Wednesday Red Envelopes. Stay tuned for additional opportunities to help out as they are organized throughout the year. We hope everyone will join us in making the Alamo Community of Sharing a part of who we are. Ideas? Questions? Contact Julie Wayne or Tasia Neeve at: dimmiqualcosa@hotmail.com (Julie) and anastasianeeve@gmail.com (Tasia) Together we can make "Be a Friend" more than just a school motto!



TEACHER BOOK LIST: Would you like to show your appreciation to the *dedicated and awesome teachers at Alamo*? You are welcome to make an *End of the Year donation* to the **Teacher Book List** (divided by grade level) so that you are know exactly where your donations are *making a difference*. Please make a check out to *Friends of Alamo School Foundation*, earmark it for the Grade Level Book List of your choice, and return it to school by 12/11/15 so grade level purchases will be ready for use this school year! (i.e. Kindergarten Book List, 1st Grade Book List, 2nd Grade Book List, 3rd Grade Book List, 4th Grade Book List, or 5th Grade Book List.) You may also designate an amount to several grades of your choice.

If everyone participates, we can make great things happen ...

Here are the grade level needs:

Kindergarten –Leveled Guided Reading Books for teaching reading. (approx. \$1500)

First Grade – Leveled Guided Reading books for teaching reading (approx. \$2000)

Second Grade – Reader’s Workshop books (approx. \$1200)

Third Grade – Reader’s Workshop books (approx. \$1200)

Fourth Grade – Classroom sets of Literature books for Literature Circles, reading workshop, e-books (approx. \$1500)

Fifth Grade – Classroom sets of Literature books for Literature Circles, reading workshop, spelling practice books (approx. \$1500)

Every donation counts, whether its \$12, \$120 or \$1200

If everyone student gave \$12, we’d reach our goal! It’s amazing what we can do if we work as a community...

Thank you, from the Literacy Committee!

IT'S RAINING, IT'S POURING AND ALAMO'S LUNCH SCHEDULE CHANGES: When it is a rainy day, not just a mist or a sprinkle, we reverse the lunch order and the children eat BEFORE having recess in their classrooms. What does this mean to parents? If you, a guardian or a grandparent brings lunch to your child, you will need to arrive 20 minutes **earlier** than you would on a sunny day. Please remember this schedule change and you can always call the Alamo office after 10:30am to see whether we are having Indoor or Outdoor Recess on any particular day.

SQUARE 1 ART: Thank you for participating in Alamo Square 1 Art Fundraiser! By preserving your child’s art on memorable keepsakes, you have helped contribute to both the school and your child’s self-esteem. Throughout this Fundraiser, Alamo was able to earn back 38% of all profits by reaching 55% participation, adding up to \$3800 which will support our school and programs. Products are scheduled to be delivered to our school by December 7. Square 1 Art volunteers will distribute the products straight to student’s backpacks as soon as they arrive. If you need more keepsakes for special occasions, holidays, or birthdays, please use Square 1 Art Retail Store at <https://shop.square1art.com/shop/> throughout the year using the same art or submitting a new art. Alamo will receive 15% of profits year round; products will be shipped directly to your home (Free shipping is available only during the school’s annual fundraiser). Happy holidays and hope your child, family and friends will enjoy your keepsakes.

SIGN UP FOR e-ALAMO MATTERS AND GATOR WEEKLY: Please be sure to sign up for e-Alamo Matters and Gator Weekly through this link or QR code (right): <https://vr2.verticalresponse.com/s/alamomatters>. Thank you for helping us save money, labor and our environment by signing up for Alamo’s electronic communications.

