

Alimacani Fall Carnival: Oct. 17, 11 AM–5 PM

The Alimacani Fall Carnival is coming soon! Different than the fall festivals in previous years, expect an entire day of outdoor activities like a jumpy house and obstacle course, pony rides, a DJ with hula hoop contests, tug-of-war and sack races, 15 carnival booths, food and snacks, a scarecrow auction, and fellowship with our Alimacani friends and neighbors! There will even be a pumpkin patch, so make plans to stock up on pumpkins for the fall season.

Here are a few things to know if you're planning to attend:

Cost

All activities, booths, and food stands will only accept tickets or wrist bands. **You can purchase tickets for cash only.** Four tickets cost \$2, and all games and activities require one to two tickets. You can purchase a wrist band for unlimited time on the inflatables and Ferris Wheel for \$10. Food, snacks and drinks start at one ticket and go up to six tickets, depending on the item.

Scarecrow Auction

Be sure to stop by the auction booth to see (and bid on!) the wonderful display of scarecrows created by our teachers and students. The silent auction starts at 11 AM and closes at 3 PM. For winning auctions, we can accept cash or check payment.

Miscellaneous

Be sure to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for picnic seating. Please, no coolers or packed lunches.

Activities/Booths

- Pony rides
- Four different inflatables
- Ferris Wheel
- Pumpkin Patch
- Crazy hair
- Temporary tattoos
- Sandy candy
- Photo booth
- Bean-bag toss
- Basketball
- Wet sponge throw
- And much more!

Food

- Chick-fil-A sandwiches
- Orange Tree hot dogs
- Popcorn
- Cotton candy
- Shaved ice
- Bottled water
- Sodas

Volunteers

We still need volunteers to run some of the tables. If you're interested, please email Marybeth Baumann at djmbbaumann@bellsouth.net.

See you there!!

Alimacani PTA is

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Upcoming Events

10/8	School Yard Clean Up (8:30 AM)
10/12	PTA Board Meeting (6 PM)
10/17	Fall Carnival (11 AM to 5 PM)
10/19	Red Ribbon Week Begins
10/21	Early Dismissal (1:30 PM)
10/22	Cookie Dough Sale Begins
10/23	Wear Red Day
10/28	Picture Retakes
11/3	Bruster's Spirit Night (6 to 8 PM)
11/4	Early Dismissal (1:30 PM)
11/6	Flag Raising (8:30 AM)
11/6	Cookie Dough Sale Ends
11/6	Service Staff Appreciation Day
11/9	PTA Board Meeting (3 PM*)
11/13	Book Fair Begins
11/16	Real Men Read Week Begins
11/19	Real Men Read Night

**All age childcare will be provided.*

Oops! The Alimacani PTA website was incorrectly cited in the last newsletter. Sorry for the inconvenience.

www.alimacanipta.com



Message From Our President

What a great start of the year! I would like to thank all the Alimacani families who came out to Chick-fil-A on Tuesday, October 29 for our school spirit night. The manager said we had the highest school spirit night participation at that location. Way to go Alimacani!

With your help, we raised \$600 for PTA programs!! Thank you to the volunteers holding signs, and a big thank you to the Chick-fil-A cows...you know who you are!

I would also like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who attended the volunteer orientation and room parent meeting on September 25. We are lucky to have so many parents and grandparents eager to help our children succeed. I'm excited to see the PTA and room parents work

together for our students. Together we do make a difference!

We've been working very hard on the Fall Carnival and we can't wait to see all the smiling faces running around and having fun. I hope to see you there!

Keep your eye out for information about Alimacani Service Staff Appreciation Day November 6. This is a time when we show our bus drivers, cafeteria and janitorial staff, and crossing guard how much we appreciate what they do to keep our school running smoothly.

For more information about the PTA, I encourage you to stop by our bulletin board or visit our website at www.alimacanipta.com. Thanks for your support!
~ Jennifer Cafiero



Staff Birthdays

October

06 David DeWaele
07 Ginger Schneider
15 Pam Holland
16 Pam Fuller
18 Christine Bell
21 Helen DeJournett
22 Legenia Nickles

November

03 Malinda Garcia
08 Edgar Pabon
10 Debbie Philipp-Edmonds
17 Calpurnis Whetstone (cafe)
19 Beth Cartlidge
25 John Crutchfield (custodian)
30 Penny Reed-Mendez



Bruster's Spirit Night

Mark your calendars for another Alimacani Spirit Night, this time at Bruster's Ice Cream located at Atlantic and Kernan. **On Tuesday, November 3, Alimacani teachers will scoop up waffle cones from 6 to 8 PM**, and Bruster's will donate 50% of the proceeds to the PTA. This is for waffle cones only. Show your spirit and join the fun with a sweet treat for our school!

Volunteers of the Month

In August and September we logged over 1,500 volunteer hours, and August was a short month! Thank you volunteers for all you do for Alimacani. Special thanks to the volunteers logging the most hours in August and September. They are:

August

Gaynelle Collins (35.25 hrs)
Marybeth Baumann (42.25 PTA hrs)

September

Gaynelle Collins (98 hrs)
Daria Tater (96 hrs)

You ladies ROCK!

Don't Monkey Around With Drugs

Join Alimacani as we celebrate Red Ribbon Week October 19-23. The week is dedicated to uniting the school and community for a visible stand against drugs, and promoting the importance of choosing healthy habits for a lifetime.

To follow Alimacani's "Wild About Learning" theme, we're calling the week: **"Don't Monkey Around with Drugs"**.

There are many in-school activities planned for students and staff, including a morning pledge to a healthy,



drug-free lifestyle on Wake Up Alimacani Elementary School (WAES); handing out reminder wrist wraps, bookmarks and stickers to every student; creating classroom banners; participating in a school-wide walk; and many other engaging activities.

Sgt. Roy Locklear from the National Guard will also speak to third, fourth, and fifth graders about living drug-free and making smart choices.

Please be sure to wear red on Friday, October 23 to solidify our commitment to being drug-free!

Fundraising Note From Our Treasurer

A great big **THANK YOU** for your support in the fall fundraiser. Preliminary numbers put us at \$12,000 earned. While this is short of our anticipated \$20,000, we are on our way to a good start. Chick-fil-A Spirit Night was a success and we're looking forward to our 1st Annual Fall Carnival on October 17 to help make up for the shortfall. We appreciate all you do for Alimacani students and the PTA!

Cookie Dough Fundraiser: The cookie dough fundraiser starts October 22 and runs through November 6. This is delicious Classic Cookie Dough, which is different from the cookie dough from last year. The best part is, orders will be in the week before Thanksgiving break so you can enjoy gourmet cookies with your Thanksgiving meal!



Real Men Read Week

Real Men Read Week, an Alimacani tradition, is November 16-20. Created to promote early and regular reading, this is a wonderful opportunity for male family members to visit our school for a great cause.

We're looking for a few good men—dads, grandpas, uncles, older brothers, guardians, friends—to read a story to their child's class using a book from the classroom, or a special book from their home library. In less than 15-minutes, you'll make a life-long impact in the lives of our children!

Also, make plans to attend **Real Men Read Night on Thursday, November 19** where dads and kids (and moms!) will enjoy special guest readers and lots of fun celebrating the wonderful world reading provides. The book fair will be open this evening as well.

Don't forget to contact your child's teacher to set a convenient time to read. You'll be glad you did!

PTA Reflections Contest

The National PTA Reflections initiative provides arts recognition and achievement for students by promoting creative expression and enhancing community awareness on the importance of the arts in education. **This year's theme is "Beauty is..."**

All Alimacani students K–5 are encouraged to submit an entry defining what "Beauty is..." in one or more the arts areas listed below.

- Literature
- Musical composition
- Photography
- Visual arts
- Dance choreography
- Film/video production

The entry deadline is November 20. For more information, contact Linda Sloan or Christi Tuten at 221-7101 xt. 162.

Get Your Banana Today!

If you haven't already, check out the "Giving Tree" located in the hall outside of the front office. We encourage you to pluck a banana and donate the item to our amazing teachers who need help stocking their rooms with supplies for teaching and special activities for our children.



Some teachers and resources like PE, music, and art do not get "wish list items", so this is a great way to share our giving with members of our Alimacani family who need our support.

One fun request is for someone to sew curtains for the classroom. It doesn't cost a dime, just your time! Browse the list to the right for more items requested!

- Copy paper
- Bean bags
- Baby wipes
- Area carpet
- Dry erase markers
- File folders
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Plug-ins
- Duck tape
- Kids' meal toys
- Magnets
- Page protectors
- Velcro

PTA Membership: It's not too late!

What a great start to the new school year! During the first six weeks of school, we received 786 memberships. We are on our way to achieving our goal of over 1,060 members. We truly appreciate your participation.

It's not too late to join!

The children at Alimacani benefit from each PTA membership, so if you haven't yet, please become a member. Membership is still only \$5, and the more members we have, the more we can improve your child's educational experience. We encourage every parent, grandparent, other relatives, neighbors and local businesses to join.

What's more, **every membership we receive up to October 31 is entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card from Target...who couldn't use that?!**

Congratulations to all classes reaching 100% participation by October 1. These teachers will receive a \$25 gift card to Office Max.

A special congratulations goes to all Pre-K and kindergarten classes—both grade levels reached 100% participation. Way to go!



Pre-K

Brodeen
Kirton

Kindergarten

Backfisch
Bautista
Beck
Brown
Lang
Rogers
M. Squire
Thomas
Wells

First Grade

Clance
McAvoy/Ridout
Rouse
Tolbert

Second Grade

Garcia
Kirkham
Trice
Tuten
Willis

Third Grade

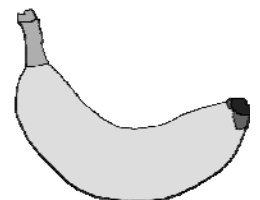
Brantley/Schneider
Greer
Park
Perkins
Pike
Remley

Fourth Grade

Kirton
Le
Proctor/Dejournett

Fifth Grade

Beaty
Bell
Fuller
Phillip-Edmonds
Thompson





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Look here for immediate school needs, ways you can help, business partner ads, and special thank-yous!

HELP WANTED Business Member/ Sponsor Liaison

Do you enjoy creating relationships with business owners and managers? Then consider becoming a PTA business/sponsor liaison.

Responsibilities: Drum up community business support for school initiatives through donations, gift cards, and special promotions.

Requirements: Out-going personality and only a few hours a month. Contact Jen Cafiero at sogretch@comcast.net.

BUSINESS MEMBERS We Need YOU!

Alimacani appreciates our business members! If you own a business, consider joining the PTA or only \$5! Contact Terry Harman at 994-5161 or terry@harmanfamily.net.

A BIG THANK YOU

Thanks to all of the shovel-wielding warriors who came out to help clean up and landscape on October 8. We love our volunteers!

CONTACT US

If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter or an "ad" for our classifieds, please contact Jeanelle Odum at 992-4652 or jeanelleodum@bellsouth.net.

A BIG THANK YOU

A special thank you to Enterprise Integration, an IT management, datacenter, and networking solutions provider, for donating \$200 for landscaping and sprucing up our school grounds. We appreciate you!



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Contact Jeanelle Odum at 992-4652 or jeanelleodum@bellsouth.net.

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