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AMCS NEWSLETTER

Alief Montessori Community School

AMCS Spotlight

MS. JISHA
PRAKASH KUTTASSERY

Position:

Assessment/
TIA Coordinator

Favorite Food:

Home Cooked Meals

Favorite Book:

The Diary of Anne Frank

Favorite Song:

This Girl Is On Fire by Alicia Keyes

Favorite Activity as a Child:

Reading

Fun Fact:

When Ms. Jisha shares her job title with others, people always seem confused. Everyone except the Kindergarteners, who are always excited to take a test. They always introduce Ms. Jisha as the person who gives tests.



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AMCS Food Drive

JENNIFER DONOVAN (AMCS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT LIAISON)

During this fall season, AMCS has many things to be thankful for: our wonderful students, our dedicated teachers and staff, a wonderful community of parents, neighbors, and partners. This November, AMCS looks forward to bringing our community together to give thanks and reach out to our greater Houston community by hosting our 3rd Annual AMCS Food Drive.

Beginning November 1st through November 10th AMCS classes will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods. Each class will be filling a large bin with the items to donate to the Houston Food Bank.

Some of the items that are most needed by the Houston Food Bank are:

Water • Crackers • Granola bars and other protein snacks • Canned tuna – preferably pull top • Cereal • Canned soup and ravioli – preferably pull top

Some other needs are:

Paper towels • Toilet paper • Paper plates/cups/utensils • Cleaners

The Houston Food Bank does not accept:

Open packages • Homemade food items • Perishable foods • Baby food • Items with “expired” dates • Clothes • Mattresses • Furniture

We hope that you will join us in supporting our greater Houston community. When we all give a small amount it becomes a great gift. We hope you and your family will join us this season in giving thanks and supporting the Houston Food Bank.

“We shall walk together on this path of life, for all things are part of the universe, and are connected with each other to form one whole unity.”

Maria Montessori



KEEP HOUSTON WILD!

AMCS is happy to announce that our school was selected by the Houston Humane Society Wildlife Center to receive the Keep Houston Wild! Program.

Keep Houston Wild! is an environmental program that immerses students, grades 1st - 8th, in five unique and engaging wildlife workshops and two field trips. This experience-based instruction educates students on the importance of the natural world, focusing on the Texas coastal prairie, native Texas wildlife, and the human impact on both. A variety of lessons and projects promote student understanding and appreciation of nature and wildlife in their everyday experience, including at their own school. Students will have the opportunity to not only learn about the wildlife and plants around them, but will interact with local wildlife during animal visits and nature watching activities. Students will also work to grow native plants that will be used for the culmination of the program being the renovation of a greenspace on the AMCS campus into a native Texas "Pocket Prairie". This space will provide a native ecosystem that will attract native insects and animals, thus helping our environment and providing an area of observation for our AMCS students.

Keep Houston Wild is a year-long program that students attending Alief Montessori Community School will participate in for the 2023-2024 school year. Thank you to the Houston Humane Society for bringing this opportunity to AMCS!

AMCS HOODIES

Youth and Adult sizes **\$30**

Adult 2XL and up **\$35**

Optional: Personalized with your child's name above the right cuff (Free of Charge).

Color: Navy Blue Hoodie with Yellow AMCS logo

Now available!



Middle School Production & Exchange is now selling AMCS Hoodies! Order using these links: Youth XS to Adult XL

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLC1RSYAE5FTB/checkout/U42UVLIDEXULJ5HO2S56NKK6?src=webqr>

Adult 2XL and Up

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLC1RSYAE5FTB/checkout/VIIJB4WSRIIVL3UQJYHHTHQT6?src=webqr>

Primary Reading Corner:

Head on over to your local library and check out a book with your student on one of the following topics, that will be highlighted in your student's classroom this month:

Elections, North America, Plants, Fruits, Vegetables, Harvest, Indigenous People, Thanksgiving, Feast

Safety Tips from Officer Cortes:

- PLEASE USE YOUR TURN SIGNALS WHEN TURNING
- PLEASE STAY IN YOUR LANE WHEN DRIVING AROUND THE SCHOOL
- PLEASE WAIT AT THE STOP SIGN FOR CARLINE TO BEGIN
- PLEASE BE ALERT WHEN WAITING IN THE CARLINE
- NO CELL PHONES IN THE CARLINE
- PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED
- BE COURTEOUS AND DO NOT CUT INTO CARLINE
- FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS, PLEASE RESPECT THE TRAFFIC LAWS AND THE DIRECTIONS FROM OFFICER CORTES WHILE IN SCHOOL ZONES

Please be safe over the Thanksgiving break!

AMCS Parent Volunteer Shout Outs!

Thank you to all of our AMCS Parent Volunteers!
We appreciate all your hard work!

THIS MONTH WE'D LIKE TO SEND A "SHOUT OUT" TO OUR AMCS PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHO SHOW UP TO GIVE THEIR TIME, MAKE DONATIONS, AND SHOW UP IN DIFFERENT WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY. WE SEE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION!

SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO ALL OUR AMCS PARENTS WHO HELPED MAKE THE FALL FESTIVAL A SUCESS!

AMCS ONLINE:

AMCS Website
<https://www.amcsmontessori.org/>

AMCS Official Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/Alief-Montessori-Community-School-102144042265960>

Alief Montessori Community Parents Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AMCSParents/>

Did you know AMCS students recite the AMCS Pledge begining in elementary?

AMCS PLEDGE

I believe in myself and in my ability to do my best.
Today, I will listen, I will speak, I will read and I will
write.

I will do these things with one purpose in mind- to
do my best.

I will not waste this day for this day will come no
more.

I can make it a great day or not.
The choice is mine.

Coming up:

Basketball
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
3:30PM-4:30PM

Orchestra
TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
3:30PM-4:30PM

Writers in the Schools
THURSDAYS
3:30PM-4:30PM

Volleyball
FRIDAYS

AMCS Food Drive
NOVEMBER 1ST - 10TH

Day Light Savings
NOVEMBER 5TH

Election Day
NOVEMBER 7TH

Diwali Celebration
NOVEMBER 10TH

Thanksgiving Feast
NOVEMBER 16TH

Thanksgiving Break
NOVEMBER 20TH - 24TH