



# What's Happening at Lamar Elementary?

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## Important Announcements:

- Current Lamar families will submit an intent to return form in the spring starting in February. We will share that information via this newsletter and other communication forums.
  - Lamar is currently accepting applications for new students next year. Interested families should apply online at the link on our school's webpage, [www.saisd.net/enroll](http://www.saisd.net/enroll)
  - Winter Break this year runs from December 22 – January 7. Lamar students start back on January 8 which is different from other SAISD schools.
  - Winter parties will be held on December 21 starting about 2 PM. Families are welcome to attend. Contact your child's teacher for more information.
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## Our Community

Many families in prekindergarten have asked about the dual language program for next year. If you are interested in applying for the dual language program, a dual language interest form will be distributed in the early spring. We will also have informational sessions for interested families at dates yet to be determined. Currently enrolled families who do not receive a spot in the dual language program will automatically received a spot in the general education program.

## Principal Message

Many of you read the letter from Mrs. Smith notifying our community that she has taken a position as Assistant Principal at Alamo Heights High School. Mrs. Smith arrived to Lamar in the fall of 2013 as a third grade teacher before moving to fifth grade and then Assistant Principal.

When I first received the principal position at Lamar, Mrs. Smith was one of the very first phone calls I made. She was a wonderful teacher already at that point. But it was not her teaching ability that made her most appealing. It was her deep care and investment in kids and families. She is willing to do anything to help serve communities and help mold young people into wonderful big people.

Mrs. Smith is set to begin a new journey. She will be dearly missed by our students, families, staff, and by me. Her legacy will continue at Lamar and we are all better for spending time learning from and with her. Good luck Mrs. Smith and see you soon.

Brian Sparks, Lamar Elementary Principal

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### **Upcoming events**

#### **December 11-15**

Book Fair

#### **December 12**

PK and Kinder performance, 6 PM

#### **December 13**

Lamar Informational Session for new families, 4:30-5:30 PM

#### **December 15**

Community Coffee Chat, 8:15 AM  
*Bring a holiday dish to share*

#### **December 19**

Community Luncheon, kinder and first grade

#### **December 20**

Community Luncheon, Pk and 2-6