



ALPINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

December 2015

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School Hours:

9:10 AM-3:45 PM

AM PreK: 9:10 AM-
11:45 AM

PM PreK: 1:10 PM-
3:45 PM

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Assistant Principal's Message

Happy Holiday Season!

I wanted to remind everyone who is dropping off their child at school every morning to please utilize the sidewalk around the parking lot. We have twenty-four buses using the driveway to pull in and drop students off. We ask people to use the sidewalk so the traffic flow can be uninterrupted and for the safety of our students/families.



There have been a few incidents where parents are letting their children walk alone or ahead of them in the parking lot and the bus drivers are having a difficult time seeing everyone. Parents can drop their children off at the beginning of the sidewalk (telephone pole) where a staff member is stationed. If you must park your car we are asking everyone to walk around on the sidewalk, not through the parking lot. It would also be helpful for parents to hold their child's hand at all times while outside.

During the afternoon dismissal parents please be aware of your surroundings when walking to your cars and pulling out of a parking space. Again, we ask that people walk around instead of through the parking lot. It is a very busy area and everyone needs to be aware of their surroundings.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter. I wish all of our families a Wonderful and Safe Holiday Season.

Mr. Miller, Assistant Principal

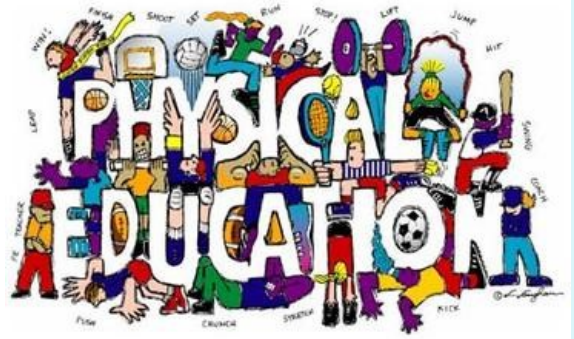
Character Education

This month's character education trait is caring. We want our kids to place a high value on helping other people. When we teach kids to care, not only do they learn how to care about themselves, but they also learn how to care for others and make the world a better place.

Mrs. Heather Yanoff, Guidance Counselor

Physical Education Update

As we approach our holiday break, we have a lot of exciting activities happening in physical education! Skills and activities that we have already worked on are spatial awareness, locomotor skills (hop, skip, jump, leap, gallop), cardiovascular exercise, dance, fitness circuit training, and volleyball. During our cardio unit, we trained for and ran a fantastic Bear Run. Congratulations to all of the students, and a big thank you to the PTO for their support.



To kick December off, we are participating in Alpine's infamous tradition of the Mini-Town activity. Each student is learning to drive, abide by "laws", and use creative play to move about in our town. We are also looking forward to activities involving creating pathways and climbing.

Our goal as elementary physical education teachers is to provide a large variety of age and developmentally appropriate activities and skills to the students in hopes that they find something they like, and become life-long movers. We keep your children as active as possible during their physical education class, and support positive social engagement through organized activities.

Happy Holidays!

Miss Lisa Saparito & Mr. AJ Agnor

Nurse's Message

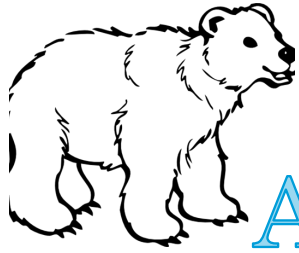
This is a very busy and exciting time of year. With so many activities and exciting events to attend it is easy to lose sleep, not eat properly and become accessible to illness.

To help keep your children healthy please:

- Have them eat healthy, well balanced meals and have breakfast before coming to school
- Dress appropriately for the weather and outside temperature
- Get plenty of sleep
- Remind them to wash their hands with soap and water before eating and after using the bathroom
- If they should cough or sneeze please have them do it in their elbow or into a tissue and to wash their hands afterwards
- When necessary to use a tissue to blow their nose
- If your child should become ill and develop a fever, is vomiting, having diarrhea or a constant cough please keep them home until they are 24 hours free of their illness
- They should avoid the sharing of hat, coats, scarfs, brushes and combs
- Send in a set of dry clothing to keep in their backpack in the event of a spill at lunch or snack or a fall in the mud or snow.

I would like to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!

Mrs. Aloisio, RN



Coming Up at Alpine Elementary:



DECEMBER:

- 1 Early Dismissal 1:15 - Parent Teacher / Conferences
- 1 PTO Funded American Education Week Teacher Luncheon
- 2 Early Dismissal 1:15 - Parent Teacher / Conferences
- 3 Early Dismissal 1:15 - Parent Teacher / Conferences
- 4 Early Dismissal 1:15 - Teacher In-Service
- 4 School Spirit Dress Down Day
- 18 Wear Red for Caring
- 21 PTO Funded Assembly "Christmahanukwanzamadan"
- 23 Early Dismissal 1:15
- 24-31 Holiday Recess

JANUARY:

- 1 Holiday Recess
- 4 School Reopens
- 6 PTO Funded Assembly "Spirit of America"
- 8 School Spirit Dress Down Day
- 9 Wear Purple for Citizenship
- 13 PreK & Kindergarten Family Night
- 18 MLK Day - Schools Closed
- 21 PTO Meeting 10:00am
- 22 End of Second Marking Period



FEBRUARY:

- 1 Start of Third Marking Period
- 4 Report Cards Posted
- 5 Early Dismissal 1:15 - Teacher In-Service
- 5 School Spirit Dress Down Day
- 18 PTO Meeting 10:00am
- 19 Wear Rainbow Colors for Courtesy
- 24 PTO Funded Assembly "Kira Wiley"
- 29 Love of Reading Week Begins