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9:10 AM-3:45 PM

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### ALPINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

November 2015

### Principal's Message

As we approach the Holiday Season I would like to wish all Alpine Elementary School families a Happy Thanksgiving.



November is a busy month at Alpine and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the major events. On Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> classes will begin to visit our PTO Fall Book Fair during their regularly sched-

uled STEP periods. The Book Fair will conclude on Friday, November 13<sup>th.</sup> Parents will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm.

On Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> parents are encouraged to attend our "Parent Visitation Day." Times for each grade level are listed in this newsletter. This opportunity will enable you to observe firsthand your child's daily educational experience and the various activities he/she participates in regularly. We kindly ask that younger siblings do not attend.

Beginning Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. Our teachers look forward to taking the time to meet with you to discuss your child's social/academic progress and review their Report Cards that will be posted on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Giuseppe Leone, Principal

# **Character Education**

This month our character education trait is responsibility. Responsibility means being dependable and making good choices. Teaching children responsibility does more than just help them become self-reliant. It also may help them avoid problems, such as low self-esteem and poor coping skills.

Mrs. Heather Yanoff, Guidance Counselor

## Welcome To Your Child's Media Center

Dear Parents and Guardians:

My name is Mrs. Taran Malaro, formerly known as Ms. Gallagher, and I am thrilled to serve your child as his/her Library Media Specialist. Though the school year has only just begun, we have been very busy and I am excited to offer a sneak peek into your child's Media class.



The "School Library" has changed a lot since we visited as young students. You may recall library visits of story time on a rug, followed by book choice and check-outs. Though these elements are still present and an important pillar of the library, today's library class includes far more. In fact, the library from your memories has matured into a Media Center, equipped to house and supply multiple ports of information and research. I, along with the other Media Specialists of Sparta School District, have worked hard to develop a program that will introduce students to the magic of books, reinforce homeroom curriculum, provide instruction that strengthens information-seeking skills, and extend the students' familiarity with literature, technology, and research.

Each grade level will experience these elements on various levels and as with all skills, practice is necessary for improvement. To reinforce your child's learning, please remember to read with them and allow time to practice computer skills such as typing and using a mouse. For further details about what your child is learning, please follow me on Twitter @aeschoollibrary and look to my website which can be accessed from the Alpine School webpage or by scanning the QR code, below. Here, you will find ideas and resources for athome practice, how-to videos to review lessons learned, and additional information about our Library Media Center.

It has been my pleasure getting to know your child so far and I look forward to helping him/her become a critical thinker, enthusiastic reader, skillful researcher, and ethical user of information and technology!

Happy Learning!

Mrs. Taran Malaro



### Art Class at a Glance

The newest project in art class this semester is in collaboration with the PTO. For a second year in a row, students are participating in the Original Works Fundraiser. Parents, keep an eye out for the Original Works packets coming home with your child. Kindergarten and first graders made owls, while second graders made holiday pictures in art class. Other projects coming home are Kindergarten pumpkin and scarecrows drawings and first grade painted paper pumpkins.

Mr. Gil Thompson, Art Teacher



#### **NOVEMBER:**

5-6	NJEA Convention - Schools Closed
9-13	PTO Book Fair
9-13	PTO Fall Food Drive
11	Picture Day Make-ups, 10:30-12:00
12	School Wide Scarecrow Day
13	School Spirit Wear Day
13	Original Works Fundraiser Orders Due
13	End of First Marking Period
16	Kindergarten Trip to Imagine That
18	Parent Visitation
	10:00-11:00 -AM-PreK, Kindergarten, Mrs. Lenox, Mrs. Morris & Mrs. Diklich
	<u>2:00-3:00</u> -PM-PreK, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade & Mrs. Gast
19	Report Cards Posted
19	PTO Meeting - 10:00AM
20	Wear Green for Responsibility
25	Early Dismissal 1:15
26	SEF Turkey Trot - White Dear Plaza
26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools Closed
30	Early Dismissal 1:15 - Parent Teacher /

Conferences

#### **DECEMBER:**

- 1 Early Dismissal 1:15 Parent Teacher / Conferences
- 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
- 23 Early Dismissal 1:15
- 24-31 Holiday Recess

#### **JANUARY:**

- 1 Holiday Recess
- 4 School Reopens

