



ALPINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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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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Principal's Message

September has come and gone and we are off to another great year at Alpine Elementary School. As always our teachers and support staff did an outstanding job preparing for the start of a new year. It was a pleasure seeing everyone at our Open House and Back-to-School nights. Your questions, comments and ideas are always welcomed as we look to continually improve. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming school events. Each month a list of upcoming events will available in this newsletter.

Mr. Giuseppe Leone, Principal

Character Education

Our school and district, as well as those across New Jersey, start this month with a Week of Respect, October 3—7 in keeping with the new HIB legislation. Throughout this week and month, our school will be participating in various activities which focus on ways to create a positive school climate in which everyone and everything is treated with care, compassion and respect. We have dedicated this month's character education theme to respect.

Mrs. Heather Yanoff, Guidance Counselor

Physical Education Department Message

October is a very exciting month in physical education! Students have learned about spatial awareness, locomotor skills (skipping, hopping, jumping, galloping), and basic soccer skills thus far. In October we focus on cardiovascular fitness. We teach the students about maintaining a healthy lifestyle while learning to distance run. The students will be training for our 8th Annual Alpine Bear Run. The Bear Run will be held on October 19th and is an opportunity to teach the students how to fundraise with athletic events. We will only be accepting online donations this year at the following URL: <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/aesbearrun>. All information on this event has been sent through Genesis. After the Bear Run, we look forward to activities such as rope climbing, our famous Mini-Town, obstacle courses, and volleying skills. Before the winter chill comes through, do not forget to get your kids outside and playing as much as possible!

Ms. Lisa Sparito & Mr. AJ Agnor

Nurse's Message

I hope everyone had a good start to the school year.

Here are just a few things to remember as we move along:

- ◆ Your child needs to be fever, vomiting and diarrhea free for 24 hours before returning to school after their illness
- ◆ No medication can be administered to your child without the proper documentation by you and your child's physician
- ◆ All medication must be brought to school by an adult in the original pharmacy labeled container
- ◆ Please include a change of clothing in your child's backpack for those unforeseen "accidents," spillage of lunch or falls at recess on days where the ground is wet or muddy
- ◆ Encourage your child to wash their hands before eating and after using the bathroom, remember to flush the toilet, and when sneezing or coughing cover their mouth and nose
- ◆ For any injury or illness that would require your child to miss physical education classes a note from their physician is needed as well as one stating when they can return to full activities
- ◆ Please check your emergency contacts and phone numbers. Be sure they are up to date and that your cell phone mailbox is not full
- ◆ If your child should have a change in their health status please let me know



- ◆ Stay in familiar neighborhoods and choose well-lighted streets
- ◆ Avoid dark houses
- ◆ WALK don't run
- ◆ Stay safely on the sidewalks, do not walk in the streets. If there are no sidewalks be sure you stay to the side of the road and face the traffic
- ◆ Cross at street corners or at traffic lights
- ◆ Put down all electronic devices, keep heads up and look where you are walking
- ◆ ALWAYS have candy inspected by a parent before eating it
- ◆ Use a flashlight
- ◆ Wear light colored costumes or reflective tape to help be visible at night
- ◆ Wear comfortable well fitting shoes
- ◆ Costumes should be a good fit to prevent trips and falls
- ◆ NEVER TRAVEL ALONE

PTO

Welcome back! The Alpine PTO has been busy over the last few months planning for an amazing school year. We have lots of fun events and fundraisers planned for this year.

We had our first PTO meeting of the year September 29th. Over 60 parents came to find out first hand about events happening at the school. Mrs. Yanoff, school guidance counselor, gave a presentation on the school's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying policy. Mr. Leone spoke about school safety drills as well as the upcoming Halloween Parade. The PTO would like to thank Kim Bragg and the 140 parent volunteers who helped with our Lunch Assistance Program during the month of September.

Upcoming PTO Events:

- ◆ Fall Catalog Sale- October 3rd to October 28th. We earn a 60% profit on every item sold. Items will be delivered to the school at the end of November. This is a great way to support our school and get a head start on your holiday shopping!
- ◆ Original Works Sale- October 24th to November 9th. Original Works puts your child's artwork on t-shirts, coasters, coffee mugs and many other items. Items ordered will be delivered the beginning of December. They make great holiday gifts for friends and relatives!

Alpine PTO would like to thank Will Pacala of Lakeview Landscapes of Sparta for donating his time and materials to make the front entrance of the school look amazing!

Our next PTO meeting is Thursday October 20th at 10 am. We are also having a joint PTO meeting Wednesday October 19th 9:30 am at Mohawk Ave School to discuss our community service project coming up in November. Hope to see you there!

Thanks for your support,
The Alpine PTO



Important Reminders & Announcements



- ◆ Please remember to call the school when your child is absent. The length of the absence and a reason for the absence should be included in the message. We are required to send home notices as your child's absences reach certain thresholds as follows:
 - 4 cumulative unexcused absences for the first notification
 - 9 cumulative unexcused absences for the second notification
 - 10 or more unexcused absences the student is truant pursuant to NJSA 18A:38-27 and must be referred to the court program

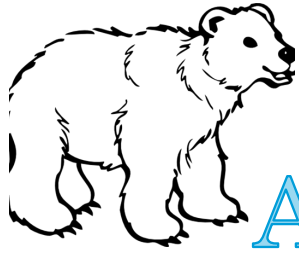
- ◆ We currently have openings in the PreK program for 3 & 4 year olds. Students enrolled in the classes will receive developmentally appropriate instruction from certified teachers. The research based PreK curriculum is the Creative Curriculum. A yearly tuition of \$3,000 will be charged to provide consumable supplies for the class.

- ◆ When picking up and dropping off students please remember to utilize the sidewalk and crosswalk. Do not cross in front of the buses.

- ◆ We encourage parents to take advantage of the "K-12 Voluntary Student Accident Insurance" offered by the Bollinger Specialty Group. More information can be found at <http://www.bollingerschools.com/>

- ◆ Our website includes a link in regards to "How to Voice a Concern." The link reviews the procedures for effectively communicating with school staff and officials. Your first avenue for asking questions or voicing concerns should always begin with your child's classroom teacher. Please know that I am available to meet with you in person or talk to you over the telephone to discuss any further issues or to assist you in any way I can. Contact information can be found via the schools' website at www.sparta.org.





Coming Up at Alpine Elementary:



OCTOBER:

- 3 First Grade Field Trip to Alstede Farms
- 3-7 Week of Respect
- 3-28 PTO Fall Catalog Sale
- 3 Wear Blue to Stomp Out Bullying
- 5 PTO Catalog Sale Begins
- 7 Wear Yellow for Respect
- 10 NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
- 12 NO SCHOOL - Yom Kippur
- 19 Alpine Bear Run
- 20 PTO Meeting 10am
- 21 School Spirit Day
- 21 Alpine Bear Run (Rain Date)
- 24 Original Works Fundraiser Begins
- 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- 24 Wear Red if You "Dare to Make Good Choices"
- 25 Wear Crazy Socks to "Sock it to Bad Choices"
- 26 Wear a Cap to "Put a Cap on Bad Choices"
- 27 Wear your Favorite jersey to "Team Up Against Bad Choices"
- 31 Halloween Parade 10:00am (Please Carpool)

NOVEMBER:

- 9 End of First Marking Period
- 10-11 NJEA Convention - No School
- 14-18 American Education Week
- 14-18 PTO Fall Food Drive
- 14-18 PTO Book Fair
- 16 PTO Evening Book Fair & Vendor Night
- 16 PreK and Kindergarten Family Night
- 17 PTO Meeting 10am
- 17 Report Cards Posted
- 18 Wear Green for Responsibility
- 23 Early Dismissal
- 24-25 No School - Thanksgiving
- 29 PTO Teacher Luncheon
- 28-30 Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher /
Conferences

DECEMBER:

- 1 Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher /
Conferences
- 2 Early Dismissal - Teacher In-Service

