



ALPINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

February 2016

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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

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the school year. We want to take this opportunity to bring up a growing concern from bus drivers and parents. During the morning arrival many parents are dropping off their children as we have twenty-four buses dropping off. As you can imagine, our driveway and parking lot get very crowded.

It has been brought to our attention that while the buses and cars are waiting to pull up the driveway, there have been cars impatiently passing buses into the on-coming traffic of the buses and cars. There have been a few close calls of departing buses almost hitting cars that are on the wrong side of the driveway.

We ask that you remain patient for the safety of our school community. At 9:00am the buses begin to unload the students in the front of the school. There is a backup of buses waiting until it is their turn to pull up and unload. Over the next few days we will be making some minor adjustments to alleviate the backup. We are asking parents to be patient as they pull up the driveway and please do not pass buses or cars.

Another issue that we have noticed is that parents are not dropping their children off at the telephone pole where a staff member is stationed. We still have parents parking and walking through the parking lot and between buses. There are also parents pulling up and letting their children walk through the parking lot by themselves. If you want to park and walk your children to the front of the building you must park and use the sidewalk.

In short, we have 638 students trying to get into the building at one time. There is a system in place for everyone to follow to give all students an opportunity to enter school safely. Your assistance in following these procedures would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Giuseppe Leone, Principal

Character Education

This month's character education trait is courtesy. Courtesy is being polite, using good manners and showing consideration to others. Courtesy is an important characteristic of a caring person. It is important for children to learn this at an early age.

Mrs. Heather Yanoff, Guidance Counselor

Art At A Glance

This past month we have been hard at work creating some very interesting art pieces. With our kindergarteners we have been creating pinch pot birds out of clay. Each student receives a ball of clay and transforms it into a bird. After it is dried for a week it is fired in our kiln. The following week we use different colors of glaze to paint each bird. It is then re-fired in the kiln. This changes the color of the glaze into new glossy color that you see on the birds.

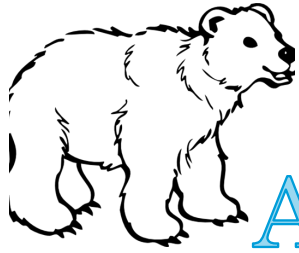


In first grade we are hard at work learning about Alexander Calder; an abstract painter from New York. After studying his work and discussing his painting style we begin to recreate one of his pieces. We recreated his piece "Homage to the Sun" by drawing with oil pastels and painting with water color paints.

In Second grade we have been creating our Pinch Pot Monsters. We look forward to this project all year long in second grade! We first get a ball of clay, then we divide it into two equal pieces. One is saved for our Monster body parts; eyes, tongue, teeth and spikes. The other half is used to create the monsters body. When the monster is created and left to dry for a few days, it is then fired in the kiln. The monsters are then painted with neon paint.



Mr. Gil Thompson, Art Teacher



Coming Up at Alpine Elementary:



FEBRUARY:

- 1 Start of Third Marking Period
- 4 Report Cards Posted 4pm
- 5 Early Dismissal 1:15pm - Teacher In-Service
- 5 School Spirit Dress Down Day
- 10 100th Day of School Celebration
- 15 Schools Closed
- 16 Schools Closed
- 18 PTO Meeting 10:00am
- 19 Wear Rainbow Colors for Courtesy
- 24 PTO Funded Assembly “Kira Wiley”
- 26 PTO Alpine Family Night Magic Shows
- 26 Love of Reading Week Begins

MARCH:

- 1-4 Love of Reading Week
- 4 School Spirit Dress Down Day

- 4 PTO Funded Assembly “Kay Winters”
- 7-11 PTO Spring Book Fair
- 7-11 PTO Spring Food Drive
- 9 Spring Book Fair - Late Night
- 15 Kindergarten Registration
- 17 PTO Meeting 10:00am
- 23 PTO First Grade Math Night
- 24 PTO Funded Assembly “Aesops Fables”
- 25 Spring Recess Begins

APRIL:

- 4 School Reopens
- 8 School Spirit Dress Down Days
- 15 End of Third Marking Period
- 16 PTO Funded Assembly “Penguins”
- 18 Start of Fourth Marking Period
- 21 Report Cards Posted
- 22 PTO Tricky Tray at Sparta High School

Alpine PTO Message

The PTO would like to thank you everyone who contributed to the Winter Clothing Drive. We collected 418 items during the month of December and January. Donations included 60 coats, 142 hats and 109 pairs of gloves! The food pantry was very appreciative of our efforts. Another Spring Clothing Drive will be held in March.

The PTO is excited to announce the Alpine Family Night Magic Show featuring the Magic of David Corsaro to be held on Friday, Feb. 26th at 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and must be ordered in advance. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Please submit order forms by Friday, Feb. 19th. Please join us for our next PTO meeting which will be held on Thursday, February 18th at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The PTO Executive Board

Sparta Alpine Elementary School

TRICKY TRAY

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🌿 Date: April 22nd 2016 🌿

Doors open at 6 pm Drawings start at 8 pm

\$10 ADMISSION

(gets you one free board)

Must be 18 years or older to enter

Hosted by the Sparta Alpine Elementary School PTO Questions or to make a donation- email
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