

Alpine Elementary School January Newsletter

January 2014

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! We are excited to be back to work at Alpine Elementary School. We are especially pleased with the students' work ethic and behavior after the long break. Many teachers have commented on the students' positive attitude towards learning.

There are several special activities we are planning for upcoming weeks and we know the students will be excited to participate. To name a few you will be receiving information through the Genesis Parent Portal in regards to the 100th Day of School, Love of Reading Week and the PTO Tricky Tray.

As we are always looking to improve daily operations please make note of these safety reminders:

- ✓ All visitors must sign in and report to the main office. You will be asked to state your name and purpose for your visit. You will be provided a visitor's pass.
- ✓ Do not hold the door open for visitors behind you.

Mr. Giuseppe Leone, Principal

PTO

Our PTO has been a valuable asset throughout the school year. I would like to thank everyone who has supported their efforts. Special thanks to our executive PTO Executive Board Kim Peterson, Jo Ann Yanuzzelli, Lorraine Bellush, & Marcie Pierce.

The Alpine Tricky Tray on Friday, March 14th is quickly approaching and we will need a large number of volunteers to make the event as successful as it has been in the past. Please visit the PTO section of our [website](#) to find out how you can continue to support our PTO and find information about upcoming events.

Character Education

This month our character education trait is citizenship. A good citizen is someone who cares about the feelings and rights of others, shows concern for the safety and well-being of others, and uses their skills to make a better community. This month we had an excellent assembly on citizenship. Some students and teachers from each grade level put on various skits for the school to show how to be a good citizen. Some skits focused on helping out in the community, being a good friend, and being respectful.

Mrs. Heather Yanoff, Guidance Counselor

Upcoming Events

January

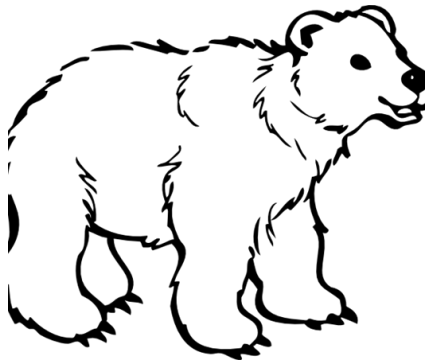
22nd PTO Meeting at 10am
27th BOE Meeting at MAS at 7:30
31st End of Second Marking Period
31st Souper Bowl Can Collection & Wear Your Favorite Team Jersey

February

7th Teacher In-Service Early Dismissal
7th School Spirit Wear Day
7th Report Cards Posted
12th Special Education Parent Advisory Group Meeting at SCESC at 10am
12th First Grade Math Night
14th Wear Red Day
17th Presidents Day – Schools Closed
18th BOE Work Session at MAS at 7:30
19th 100th Day of School (Projected)
20th PTO Meeting at 10am
21st Wear Rainbow Colors for Courtesy
24th BOE Meeting at MAS at 7:30
28th Author Visit - Debbie Dadey

March

3-7th Love of Reading Week
14th PTO Tricky Tray



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Curriculum Corner

Tips for Reading Success

Read-aloud Enjoyment

Some of the best times with your child may be when you share a story. Get the most out of reading aloud with these three easy tips:

- 1 Hold the book so your child can see the words and pictures while you're reading. Run your finger under the text, or point to interesting things in the illustration.
- 2 Take your time and don't rush the story. Your child can tell if you're in a hurry. Reading slowly will help you read clearly – and give you and your child more time together.
- 3 Don't be afraid to stop reading a book if your child doesn't seem interested. Have a back-up selection ready so read-aloud can continue. ☺

Reasons Reading Aloud is Important:

- ✓ Reading aloud builds excitement about reading – motivating children to read on their own.
- ✓ Children hear strong models of good English – improving their reading, speaking, and writing skills.
- ✓ Listening to stories helps develop children's imaginations – boosting creativity and thinking skills.
- ✓ Children can explore books, authors, and topics that are new to them – expanding their choices for books to read themselves.

For additional information visit:

<http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/reading-aloud.htm>

Mrs. Leala Baxter, Alpine Curriculum Supervisor



Nurse's Message

The flu and cold season is upon us. To prevent widespread colds and flu in the school, we recommend your child stay home from school if experiencing flu or cold symptoms.

Consider keeping your child home for rest and observation if he or she has any of the following symptoms:

- ✓ Very stuffy or runny nose and/or cough
- ✓ Mild sore throat (no fever, no known exposure to strep)
- ✓ Headache
- ✓ Mild stomach ache

Definitely keep your child home for treatment and observation if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- ✓ Fever (greater than 100 degrees by mouth. Your child may return to school only after his or her temperature has been consistently below 100 degrees by mouth for a minimum of 24 hours)
- ✓ Vomiting (even once)
- ✓ Diarrhea
- ✓ Chills
- ✓ General malaise or feeling of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- ✓ Frequent congested (wet) or croupy cough
- ✓ Lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose

To help prevent the flu and colds, teach your children good hygiene habits:

- ✓ Wash hands frequently
- ✓ Do not touch eyes, nose or mouth
- ✓ Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, use a paper tissue, throw it away and then wash hands
- ✓ Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Keeping a sick child home will minimize the spread of infections and viruses within the school. Your child should be physically able to participate in all school activities on return to school. Thank you for helping to keep Alpine school a healthy environment for everyone.

Christine A. Aloisio, RN