



# Alpine Elementary School January Newsletter

January 2013

## Principal's Message

Over the last several weeks we've all spent time grappling with the tragedy that unfolded in Newtown, CT. At AES we have reviewed our safety procedures with all staff members and will continue to do our best to create a safe learning environment for our students. There are security cameras at our main entrance and all doors will remain locked at all times. I ask that you please be patient and understanding as we have directed our staff to be more diligent in questioning visitors. All visitors will be asked to state their name and reason for visit when they visit AES.

In addition, we will continue to practice our two mandated drills per month. One will be our standard fire drill and the other will be a security drill. So far this year we have practiced Evacuation, Lockdown, and Bomb Threat drills. An Active Shooter drill will be our next drill. All drills are predetermined and we notify the police department and county officials of the dates at the beginning of each school year. At AES we are sensitive to the age range of our students and are careful in the language used when expressed to each student. Our teachers look to use the drills as teachable moments.

If you are aware that your child may need additional support, please do not hesitate to contact me. In addition, Mrs. Yanoff, our Guidance Counselor, and Mrs. Wright, our school psychologist, will be available for those students who need their assistance.

Mr. Leone, Principal

## Character Education

January's Character Education theme is Citizenship. Citizenship means being a member of and supporting one's community and country. Being a good citizen means you understand that you have a responsibility to the community, environment, and law.

Mrs. Yanoff, Guidance Counselor

## PTO

Join us for an afternoon of Tricks, Hoops & Alley-Oops!  
As the Alpine Elementary & Mohawk Avenue PTOs  
Present the

**SPARTA SLAMMERS  
VS  
HARLEM WIZARDS**

Date: Sunday January 13th  
Time: 1:00 pm or 5:00 pm  
Location: Sparta High School

Mrs. Trent plays at 1 pm & Mr. Leone plays at 5 pm.

General admission-\$10 advance ticket purchase - \$12  
at the door

Tickets can also be purchased online under the Harlem Wizards schedule at [www.harlemwizards.com](http://www.harlemwizards.com). The buyer will pay a \$1.25 service charge per ticket and receive an electronic receipt. The buyer can then pick-up their tickets on game day.

### PLEASE NOTE:

All PTO Meetings will now begin at 7pm

## Upcoming Events

### January

3<sup>rd</sup> BOE Re-Organization Mtg. 7pm  
4<sup>th</sup> School Spirit Wear Day  
9<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 7pm  
13<sup>th</sup> **PTO Wizards Game at SHS 1 & 5pm**  
18<sup>th</sup> Character Ed. Day Wear Purple for  
Citizenship  
21<sup>st</sup> MLK Day – Schools are in Session

### February

1<sup>st</sup> School Spirit Wear Day  
4<sup>th</sup> Second Grade Trip to Newton Theater  
Superintendent Forum at MAS 10am &  
7pm

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