

# Alpine Elementary School September Newsletter

September 2013

## Principal's Message

September is here and we are off to another great start to the school year. Along with several new additions to our Alpine family, we welcome Mr. Peter Miller, our new Assistant Principal.

As always, our dedicated staff is eager to help your children reach new levels of success. We, at Alpine Elementary School, value collaboration with parents and the community here in Sparta. Your questions, comments, and ideas are always welcomed as we look to continually improving and evolving with the world around us.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming school events. Please see the calendar below.

Mr. Giuseppe Leone, Principal

## Assistant Principal's Message

My name is Mr. Peter Miller and I am excited to be the new Assistant Principal here at Alpine Elementary School! I am eager to start the new school year and even more thrilled to be working with you over the next 180 school days.

For the past six years, I have been the Assistant Principal at the middle school. Previous to that I have also served as the Vice Principal of Cedar Grove High School, as well as taught 5th grade in Montville Township School District for twelve years. Of all grade levels I have served in, the elementary level is my true preference!

I look forward to coming to school every day and being able to help the students grow and learn.

Please do not hesitate to introduce yourselves to me when you are in the school building.

Mr. Peter Miller, Assistant Principal

## Character Education

This month's character education trait is friendship. Friends are vital to school-age children's healthy development. Friendships provide children with more than just fun playmates. Friendships help children develop emotionally and morally. When interacting with friends, children learn a lot of social skills, such as how to communicate, cooperate, and solve problems. Children tend to have better attitudes about school and learning when they have friends there. In short, children benefit greatly by having friends.

Mrs. Heather Yanoff, Guidance Counselor

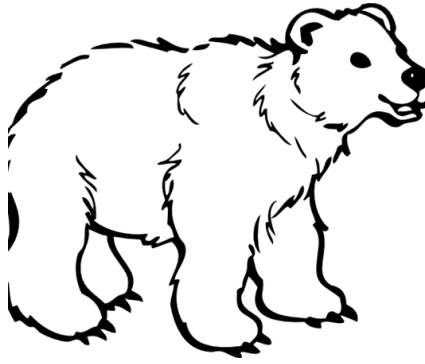
## Upcoming Events

### September

- 16 First Grade Free Lunch
- 16 PTO Kid Stuff Book Sale Begins
- 17 Back-to-School Nights 6:30pm-8:15pm
  - 6:30-7:00pm
    - PTO Meet and Greet
  - 7-7:30pm
    - Special Area Teachers
    - Special Education – Mason, Ellis, Vankirk, Moriarty
  - 7:30-8:15pm
    - Grade 3 –ALL Grade 2: Walsh, Cline, Slavin, Ostrowski, Arnold
- 18 Back-to-School Nights 6:30pm-8:15pm
  - 6:30-7:00pm
    - PTO Meet and Greet
  - 7-7:30pm
    - Special Area Teachers
    - Special Education: Nieradka, Auger, Diklich
  - 7:30-8:15pm
    - Grade 1 – ALL Grade 2: Mattison, Kane, Ryan, Kostenko, Graham, Paiva
- 19 PTO Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Wear Pink for Friendship

### October

- 1 School Picture Day
- 2 School Picture Day



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## Curriculum Corner

Alpine Elementary administrators and teachers are committed to *Academic Excellence*. Throughout the past year, we were dedicated to researching, writing, and producing curricula aligned to the 2009 New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, Common Core Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics, as well as Next Generation Science Standards. Curriculum must be a **living document**—added to, edited, and enhanced at any time. In order to offer our students the most current, rigorous, and researched based instructional and assessment strategies; curriculum revisions were made to English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Technology, and Enrichment.

In all curriculum writing, emphasis was given to providing our students with the foundational framework needed to prepare them to meet the future demands and requirements for college and career. In addition to curriculum revisions, instructional practices and assessment strategies were also areas of focus. Therefore, please understand that grade level content and instruction timelines have been realigned. For any questions, please contact me.

Mrs. Leala Baxter, Alpine Curriculum Supervisor

## Important Reminder

- ❖ Please remember if you drop your child off after 9:00 am, you must drive them up to the main entrance. Instruction begins at 9:00 am and students will be considered tardy if they arrive at after this time.

## Nurse's Message

Welcome back. I am looking forward to a safe and healthy school year.

Should your child require medication to be kept in school (i.e. epi pens, inhalers) the medication is to be brought into school by an adult. All medication must be in the original container and appropriately labeled as dispensed by the pharmacist or health care provider.

All medication (prescribed and over the counter) is required to have a medication administration form completed and signed by both parent and physician.

We would like to keep all our students and staff healthy throughout the year, so if your child should have a fever over 100, is vomiting or having diarrhea, they should be kept home until they are illness/fever free for at least 24 hours.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me.

Christine A. Aloisio, RN

## PTO

Our PTO has been a valuable asset in preparing for the start of 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. Please visit the PTO section of our [website](#) to find out how you can continue to support them and find information about upcoming events.

Join us for our first PTO meeting which will be held on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

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