

Alpine Elementary School May Newsletter

May 2014

Principal's Message

Developing class lists is a complex task based upon each child's academic requirements as well as the child's social and emotional growth. It is a holistic approach, which considers the development of the "total" child. When it comes time to deciding classroom assignment of a student, the professionals who have worked closely with the child for a whole school year are in the best position to make that decision. In addition to continual diagnostic assessment of each child's academic growth, the teachers and administrators observe daily the social interaction of the child. These factors, coupled with the professional expertise in teaching skills and an understanding of instructional goals, produce class lists which enhance the education of each and every child.

School policy stipulates that the final decision regarding student placement is the building principal's responsibility. In the best interest of the total community, and in support of the principal's task, parents/guardians are asked not to submit requests for a specific teacher. If there are **extenuating circumstances** that you would like to bring to our attention regarding your child's placement, **please indicate this to us in writing by May 30, 2014.** The administrative staff will consider this information when placements are made, if it is deemed in the best interests of all students.

Mr. Giuseppe Leone, Principal

Character Education

This month our character education trait is trustworthiness. Trustworthiness is essential to building positive relationships with others. A trustworthy person is honest, keeps promises, and is a good friend.

This month a few students made a video for the school on trustworthiness. They read the story, *Being Trustworthy*.

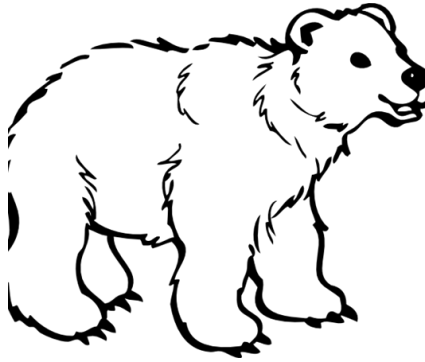
Mrs. Heather Yanoff, Guidance Counselor

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.

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.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15th at 10:00am. Please join us as we vote for new Executive Board members and vote on the budget for the upcoming year.



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Upcoming Events

May

- 15th PTO Meeting 10:00am
16th Wear Blue for Trustworthiness
17th Sparta Day
19th BOE Work Session 7:30pm
23rd Wear Red White and Blue - Memorial Day Ceremony 9:30am
26th Memorial Day – Schools Closed
27th BOE Meeting 7:30pm
28th Third Grade Science Night 6:30pm
30th Third Grade Recorder Concert at SHS at 7pm
31st All Schools in Session – Early Dismissal

June

- 2nd First Grade Trip to the Turtleback Zoo, 9:15am – 3:00pm
3rd Third Grade Waterloo Trip 9:00am – 2:30pm
Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Nademus, Ms. Freda, Mr. Parlapiano, Ms. Ruggiero, Ms. Bruffy
4th Second Grade Trip to Sussex County Fairgrounds 9:30am – 1:15pm
(Mrs. Kostenko, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Arnold)
5th Third Grade Waterloo Trip 9:00am – 2:30pm
Mrs. Stiansen, Mrs. Verhalen, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Lukich, Ms. Telischak, Mrs. Bambara
6th Second Grade Trip to Sussex County Fairgrounds 9:30am – 1:15pm
(Mrs. Slavin, Mrs. Ostrowski)
6th School Spirit Wear Dress Down
9th Second Grade Trip to Sussex County Fairgrounds 9:30am – 1:15pm
(Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Paiva)
10th Second Grade Trip to Sussex County Fairgrounds 9:30am – 1:15pm
(Ms. Kane, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Mattison)
11th First and Second Grade Field Day
12th First and Second Grade Field Day Rain Date
13th Wear Orange for Fairness
13th Character Ed Dress Down wear Orange for Fairness
13th Third Grade Field Day
13th Rocking Recess
16th Third Grade Field Day Rain Date
16th Environmental Assembly – All Classes