



Alpine Elementary School May Newsletter

May 2015

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 the 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 29, 2015.** 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

Assistant Principal's Message

With the warm weather right around the corner, now is a good time to review playground safety with your child(ren). Please remind your child(ren) to: follow the instructions of teachers and adults in charge at recess, tuck in loose clothing or drawstrings, keep hands and feet to themselves, wear shoes that won't slip off (no flip flops or sandals that do not have a back strap).

Mr. Peter Miller, Assistant Principal

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Upcoming Events

May

- 11th Wear Blue for Trustworthiness
13th First Grade Trip to Turtle Back Zoo 9:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
16th Sparta Day at Station Park
17th Sparta Education Foundation Dragon Festival
22nd PTO Meeting 10am
25th Schools Closed - Memorial Day
26th BOE Meeting 7:30pm

June

- 1st HOW Global Donations Due Date
1st Field Day
 1st Grade 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 2nd Grade 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
2nd Rain Date for 1st and 2nd Grade Field Day
3rd PreK and Kindergarten Field Day
 AM 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
 PM 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
4th Rain Date for PreK and Kindergarten Field Day
5th Spirit Wear Day
5th PTO Final Meeting 10:00 a.m.
19th Character Education Dress Down wear Orange for fairness
22nd Early Dismissal – 1:15pm
23rd Early Dismissal – 1:15pm
24th Early Dismissal – 1:15pm
24th Last Day of School