

# Alpine Elementary School November Newsletter

November 2014

## Principal's Message

I would like to wish all Alpine Elementary School families a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful start to the Holiday Season.

November is a busy month at AES and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the major events. On Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> classes will begin to visit our PTO Fall Book Fair during their regularly scheduled STEP periods. The Book Fair will conclude on Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

On Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> parents are encouraged to attend our "Parent Visitation Day." Times for each grade level are listed in the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter. This opportunity will enable you to observe firsthand your child's daily educational experience and the various activities he/she participates in regularly. We kindly ask that younger siblings do not attend this open house.

Beginning Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. Our teachers look forward to taking the time to meet with you to discuss your child's social/academic progress and review their Report Cards that will be posted on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please note on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> students will be **dismissed at 1:15pm**. Below is our Early Dismissal and Delayed Opening Schedules.

*Wishing you and your families a  
Happy Thanksgiving!*

Mr. Giuseppe Leone, Principal

## Character Education

This month our character education trait is responsibility. Responsibility means being dependable and making good choices. Teaching children responsibility does more than just help them become self-reliant. It also may help them avoid problems, such as low self-esteem and poor coping skills.

Mrs. Heather Yanoff, Guidance Counselor

## Upcoming Events

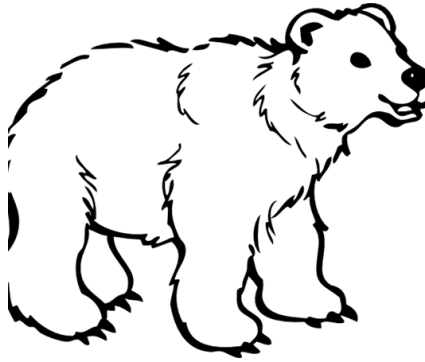
### November

5 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Wear Day
6-7 <sup>th</sup>	Schools Closed
10-14 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Book Fair
10-14 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Food Drive
11 <sup>th</sup>	First Marking Period Closes
17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Visitation <b>10:45–11:45 AM Session, First Grade, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Tiseo, Mrs. Gast, &amp; Mrs. Lenox</b> <b>1:20–2:20 PM Session &amp; Second Grade</b>
18 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Posted
18 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting 10:00 a.m.
20-25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Conferences – Early Dismissal
21 <sup>st</sup>	Wear Green for Responsibility
26 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal–Holiday Recess
27-28 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Recess – Schools Closed

### December

5 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Wear Day
5 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher In-Service – Early Dismissal

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## Delayed Opening Schedule

If we have a delayed opening all Sparta schools will be on a 90 minute delay.

### PreK & Kindergarten - AM Session: 10:40 – 12:40 a.m.

(Students will be picked up approximately 90 minutes later than their regular schedule and return home approximately 1 hour later than their regular schedule.)

### PreK & Kindergarten - PM Session: 1:45 – 3:45 p.m.

(Students will be picked up approximately 30 minutes later than their regular schedule and return home at their regular scheduled time.)

### Grades 1 & 2

### Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Tiseo & Mrs. Gast

Students will be on a delayed opening schedule:  
10:40 - 3:45 p.m.

## Early Dismissal Schedule

### PreK & Kindergarten - AM Session: 9:10 – 11:45 a.m. (Follow Regular Schedule)

### PreK & Kindergarten - PM Session: 10:40 – 1:15 p.m.

(Students will be picked up and dropped off approximately 2.5 hours earlier than their regular schedule. Substitutes will be available to assist during the time both classes are in session.)

### Grades 1 & 2

### Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Tiseo & Mrs. Gast

Students will be on an early dismissal schedule:  
9:10 - 1:15 p.m.

**There will be no lunches served on  
Early Dismissal Days**

## Important Reminders

- ❖ Please remember if you drop off your child after 9:10 am, you must drive them up to the main entrance and come in to the main office to sign them in. Instruction begins at 9:10 am and students will be considered tardy if they arrive after this time.
- ❖ Please remember to call the school when your child is absent. The length of the absence and a reason for the absence should be included in the message.
- ❖ When picking up and dropping off students please remember to utilize the sidewalk and crosswalk. Do not cross in front of busses.
- ❖ Our website includes a link in regards to “How to Voice a Concern.” The link reviews the procedures for effectively communicating with school staff and officials. The most efficient way to communicate would be by email, telephone or conference. Contact information can be found via the schools’ website at [www.sparta.org](http://www.sparta.org).

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