



# Alpine Elementary School March Newsletter

March 2014

## Curriculum Corner

Students at Alpine Elementary School spent February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 7<sup>th</sup> celebrating "Love of Reading Week." The students and staff began by setting a reading goal of reading 10,000 books within a week. All of the students "kicked-off" their Reading Challenge on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> with a visit from author, Debbie Dadey. Each grade level had an opportunity to participate in her presentation and one student from every class was randomly selected to have lunch with her.

On Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> the week began with "Drop Everything and Read"; joining other schools across the country celebrating Read Across America. The students and staff created a living reading train throughout the hallways. The students also participated in a plethora of activities during the week: guest readers from the Sparta Township Town Council, parents and former teacher Roxie Warner surprised students in classrooms. Students also participated in decorating their classroom door with literacy themes, "Seuss Café's", "Pull the Plug" night and dressing in daily "Seusswear." The "Cat in the Hat" even made a special appearance offering a bookmark to every student that read.

As the end of the week approached, students were vigorously reading to be sure to surpass the goal set. The students were apprised of their efforts, surprised and thrilled to hear that they exceeded their goal of 10,000 books. With much anticipation, students looked forward to celebrating their success with a "Seussabration... celebration" with their Principal, Mr. Leone. Mr. Leone, Alpine Elementary Principal, committed to his students that he would color his hair red if they reached their reading goal. A special thank you to Alpine School PTO for funding the events and the Alpine School teachers for fostering a love of reading. In addition, a special thank you to all the parents, and students that participated and supported the events during the week.

Mrs. Baxter, Curriculum Supervisor

## Character Education

This month our Character Education trait is honesty. Teaching children about honesty is an important and ongoing lesson. Honesty is the backbone for having healthy relationships in all facets of life. This month we had a great assembly on honesty where some students read a book on honesty to the school.

Mrs. Heather Yanoff, Guidance Counselor

## How Global

HOW Global is a non-profit organization founded by Rachael Paulson who is a Sparta resident. She is an author who has started a philanthropic endeavor to support the water needs of children in Haiti, Kenya, and Ghana. Last year, Alpine School joined the initiative and we were able to raise over \$5,400 to support HOW Global. With our contributions, Rachael Paulson traveled to Kenya and was able to drill a well which helped 4,000 people. Our goal is to raise enough money this year to assist HOW Global in adding an electric pump so that water can be distributed to the children at an orphanage. In addition, our fundraising will help the organization to purchase life straws for children in need. Each life Straw costs \$20.00 and provides clean drinking water for 1 year.

The goal is to raise awareness about a global issue and assist students in developing an understanding of world issues. Ultimately, inspiring the children of Alpine School to give back to their community and improve the world we live in. The PTO has generously provided each child in our school with a water bottle to be used for the project. The bottles can be filled with coins and bills. Each water bottle filled with pennies is equivalent to \$7.50. Please have your child bring the water bottle back once they have filled it as much as they can. The final date to bring in water bottles with coins is April 1, 2014. Thank you very much for your support with this meaningful school-wide project. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children in need!

Ms. Michelle Telischak, Third Grade Teacher

### March

17 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Registration at MAS
21 <sup>st</sup>	Wear White for Honesty
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Book Fair
24 <sup>th</sup>	BOE Work Session at MAS at 7pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Book Fair Late Night 4-8pm
31 <sup>st</sup>	BOE Regular Meeting at MAS at 7pm

### April

8 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting & Vendor Night
10 <sup>th</sup>	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
11 <sup>th</sup>	School Spirit Day
16 <sup>th</sup>	Autism Walk-a-Thon
16 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Second Grade Art Fair
17 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Posted