

Alpine Elementary School November Newsletter

November 2013

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 11th classes will begin to visit our PTO Fall Book Fair during their regularly scheduled Library periods. The Book Fair will conclude on Friday November 15th and parents will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair on Thursday, November 14th from 5-8pm. Parents will also have the ability to [shop online](#) from November 6th-26th. The PTO Book Fair is always one of our biggest fundraisers and our parent volunteers have gone above and beyond to make it extra special this year.

On Monday, November 18th 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 21st through Tuesday, November 26th 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 Wednesday, November 20th.

Please note on November 21st, 22nd, 25th, 26th and 27th students will be **dismissed at 1:05pm.**

*Wishing you and your family 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. All staff and students are asked to wear green for responsibility on Friday, November 15th.

Mrs. Heather Yanoff, Guidance Counselor

Upcoming Events

November

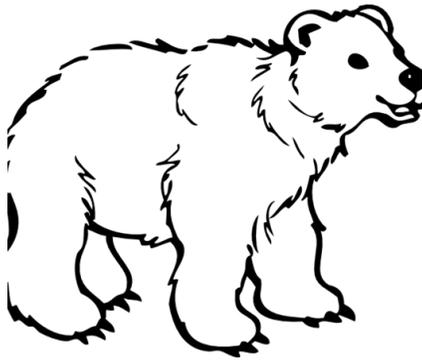
11 th -15 th	PTO Fall Book Fair
12 th	End of First Marking Period
14 th	PTO Book Fair Late Night 5-8pm
15 th	Wear Green for Responsibility
18 th -22 nd	American Education Week
18 th -22 nd	PTO Fall Food Drive
18 th	Parent Visitation Day
	1 st Grade: 9:42 – 10:17am
	2 nd Grade: 10:57 – 11:32am
	3 rd Grade: 12:57 – 1:32 pm
19 th	1 st & 2 nd Grade Trip to Newton Theater
20 th	Report Cards Posted
21 st	PTO Meeting at 10am
21 st -26 th	Parent/Teacher Conferences - 1:05pm Dismissal
27 th	Thanksgiving Recess – 1:05pm Dismissal
28 th -29 th	Thanksgiving Recess – Schools Closed

December

2 nd – 6 th	PTO Holiday Shop
6 th	School Spirit Wear Day
6 th	Teacher In-Service – 1:05pm Dismissal
23 rd -31 st	Holiday Recess – Schools Closed

January

1 st	Holiday Recess – Schools Closed
2 nd	School Reopens



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Curriculum Corner

Alpine's Summer Reading Challenge News

Congratulations to our 198 students who participated in Alpine's Summer Reading Challenge. A special thank you to our families for supporting our students at home throughout the summer. Because of your support and engagement, our students are on the path to be lifelong readers.

Sincere appreciation to Alpine's PTO for their support of the Summer Reading Challenge and their commitment to the education of our students. Thanks to our PTO, 34 students who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge received a \$5.00 gift certificate to the Scholastic Book Fair.



... 20 minutes a day!

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 and come in to the main office to sign them in. Instruction begins at 9:00 am and students will be considered tardy if they arrive at 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.
- ❖ 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.

Nurse's Message

A Few Reminders:

- With the onset of cooler weather please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.
- Hats, scarves and gloves will soon be necessary, please remind your child not to share or wear anyone else's clothing, especially hats and scarves.
- If your child should need medication (prescription or over the counter) a note from both child's physician and parent must accompany the medication. The note must include reason for medication, dosage and time to be given. The medication is to be in its original container and appropriately labeled as dispensed by the pharmacist or health care provider. All medications must be brought to school by an adult.
- If your child has a food allergy, requiring medication at school, and you have not sent in the necessary forms (medication and action plan) please do so as soon as possible.

I would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy Thanksgiving

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 next PTO meeting which will be held on Thursday, November 21st at 10 am.

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