

Diamond Digest

Diamond Valley Elementary School



Important Dates

August 18	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Wednesdays	EARLY RELEASE EACH WEDNESDAY 1:35pm release
September 1	Back to School Night
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September 5	Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
September 8	Board Meeting—4:30pm—Administrative Annex
September 21	Professional Development
September 23	Bingo Night Fundraiser—5:00pm—DVES Gym
October 13	Board Meeting—4:30pm—Administrative Annex
October 14	End of First Quarter
October 17	Grading Day
October 18-19	Parent-Teacher Conferences MINIMUM DAYS 12:15 release
October 24-28	Fall Break—NO SCHOOL

Teaching Assignments

Teacher	Morning	Afternoon
Mrs. Voss	TK/Kindergarten	TK/Kindergarten
Mrs. Romanowitz	1st Grade	1st Grade
Mr. Marks	2nd Grade	2nd Grade
Ms. Trevett	3rd and 4th Grades	3rd and 4th Grades
Ms. Munyan	5th and 6th Grades	5th and 6th Grades
Ms. Coletti	7th and 8th Grades	7th and 8th Grades
Ms. Curry	SPED	Intervention
Ms. Vetter	Intervention	Intervention
Mrs. Donohue	Psychologist	SEL
Ms. Honeycutt	SLP	Early Literacy

BACK TO SCHOOL

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*Lunch Menus and School Calendars may be found online at
alpinestudents.org*

Message from the Principal, Eleanor Moore

Dear **HAWKS** and Families,

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year and getting our students and their schooling back to a sense of normalcy and routine. Students are enjoying the start to their day with a yummy breakfast made by our new 'Chef', Pam Maxwell. Other new staff on campus include Jennifer Munyan, our 5th /6th classroom teacher, Casey Donahue, our school psychologist/counselor, and Maydelin Griffith, our upper grade paraprofessional. When you visit our campus for Back to School Night on September 1st, please welcome these new faces.

HAWKS continues to be our schoolwide behavior expectation acronym:
Hard-working, Actions-matter, Wise, Kind, Safe.

Nicole Aunapu Mann, a Native woman astronaut, is an example of how being Hard-working can reap big rewards!



Nicole Aunapu Mann will be making history as the first Native woman to fly into space this fall!

Mann, enrolled in Wailacki of the Round Valley Indian Tribes in northern California, will be aboard the SpaceX Crew-5 mission to go to the International Space Station no earlier than Sept. 29.

"It's very exciting" she told ICT about being the first Native woman in space. "I think it's important that we communicate this to our community, so that other Native kids, if they thought maybe that this was not a possibility or to realize that some of those barriers that used to be there are really starting to get broken down."

Here's to a great 2021-22 School Year and we are all **HAWKS**!

School Psychologist, Casey Donahue

Dear Students and Families,

Hello from your new school psychologist! I feel so fortunate to be joining this school community. I'm excited to be starting my 19th year as a school psychologist at Diamond Valley!

Next week I will begin facilitating our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons. Students will learn how to understand and manage their emotions, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, set and achieve goals, and make positive choices. Our first lessons will focus on Growth Mindset and Goal-Setting: Students will learn how to pay attention and manage distractions, develop a growth mindset, and apply goal-setting strategies to their social and academic lives.

In addition to providing Social Emotional Learning lessons, I will be available to meet with students for small group and individual counseling.

To receive counseling, a student is referred by their parent, guardian, or teacher. Students can also request to see me. Students may come to my office to talk about things that impact their learning at school, such as friendships, study skills, and self-esteem. In my office, students can feel free to talk about what worries them and to ask questions.

I feel strongly about the importance of working closely with families, teachers and students to ensure that students are receiving the support they need to be successful in school and beyond. Please let me know how I can be a resource for your student. I look forward to hearing from staff, families and community members about your ideas! I can be reached at (530) 694-2238 ext. 201.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Casey Donahue
School Psychologist, MA, NCSP
cdonahue@alpinestudents.org

Introducing Our New Superintendent, Ken Burkhart

Please help to welcome our new district and county Superintendent and Principal for Bear Valley Elementary School.

Mr. Burkhart comes to us from Pope Valley in Napa County where he has served as a teaching Principal/Superintendent for the past seven and a half years. Before that, he served in an identical position for another seven and a half years in the town of Fournoy in Tehama County. Mr. Burkhart has extensive experience with rural education and working with small school districts.

Mr. Burkhart's core philosophy in rural education is that just because a community is rural, that does not mean the children there do not deserve a top-quality education and a variety of opportunities. He has the unique experience of serving as an administrator while also a teacher at the same time and is very familiar with the extensive changes to education in the past two decades.

If you see him around town, introduce yourself. He can be reached at kburkhart@alpinestudents.org or at the District Office (530) 694-2230.



Message from Nurse Ryan

Alpine County School District
Vision Statement

***“Students are
prepared and inspired
citizens making
positive choices.”***

Hello Diamond Valley Families and Staff!

I hope everyone was able to have a fun and healthy summer break!

Our COVID-19 policies are changing as CDPH and the County Health Department works to ensure the safety at school and in our communities. I'll be sure the appropriate notices are sent out when I have more information. Until then the #1 thing to remember is; if you're sick stay home! From the cold to the flu to COVID, we need to all work together and do what's needed to keep our school and community safe.

While the appropriate notices have already gone out to families for this year, now is a great time to contact me about the vaccination schedule and make sure your child(ren) are ready for next year's enrollment. Feel free to come in person during school hours, call my office, or email me any questions you have. More info can be found at: cdph.ca.gov/shotsforschool.

Lastly, this is a reminder to let me know if you're interested in joining our Wellness Committee. We need community involvement but staff are welcome to be on the committee as well. Please send me an email with your contact information if interested.

Let's have a year of great health and mindfulness!
Nurse Ryan

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