

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ALPINE COUNTY SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the first edition of our new online district newsletter! We are excited to bring up-to-date announcements, information, exciting features, in-depth staff profiles, and more. As we publish, watch for upcoming events, ways to connect and engage with our school communities, and resource information.

The Alpine County Unified School District and Office of Education have many wonderful and innovative programs in the works and we can't wait to bring our community together in new and engaging ways.

BEAR VALLEY ROOF / SNOW UPDATE

After a winter with an unprecedented level of snow, Bear Valley Elementary School had to close until emergency snow removal and structure inspections could be conducted. With the help of Alpine County and the Alpine County Sheriff's Office, the district was able to connect with a local contractor and with the California Department of Education and Office of Emergency Services to remove dangerous amounts of accumulated snow from the roof. After a large amount of snow was removed and the inspection was completed, the school reopened on Monday, March 20, after three weeks of closure. The suburban stationed at the school was also unburied and survived.

2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR NEWS

After years of not being able to travel, the board of education has approved attendance at professional development conferences. Teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators have been returning from conferences energized and full of new ideas. We are excited to begin planning for the implementation of these ideas for the next school year. Additionally, thanks to California voters, we are also very excited to implement a new district-wide arts program.

NEW STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Alpine County Unified will be deploying a new student information system, Alma, in the next few weeks to improve attendance tracking, parent communication, and record keeping. Data migration will naturally result in several errors that will need to be corrected. A test notification message will be sent out to all families soon so we can identify errors. More information will be sent home later.

UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN AND CHANGES AT ALPINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER IN 2023-2024

Starting in 2023 - 2024, Alpine County Schools will be implementing Universal PreKindergarten at both Bear Valley and Diamond Valley elementary schools. All students who turn four on or before September 1st have the opportunity to enroll in this program at their home elementary school. Alpine Early Learning Center will continue to provide services for children ages 6 weeks to three years old and for students who turn four after September 1.

More information on how this affects Alpine families can be viewed in the UPK Flyer below.

Information about the California initiative can be found here:

<https://express.adobe.com/page/OZrg3lsP1GE8b/>



UPK flyer.pdf

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838.1 KB

WE ARE HIRING!!

Please follow the link below for information about our open positions:

<https://www.edjoin.org/AlpineCountyUSDCOE>

FEEDBACK SESSIONS FOR THE LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP)

ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Feedback Sessions for the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)



All community members are encouraged to collaborate with school district leaders as we make our annual report to the state on ACUSD progress during the 2022-2023 school year, and amend our goals and action plans for next year. Each feedback session will present current data and information and allow for public comments and input as we write our reports and new plans. These will not be sit-down presentations; please come and go as you are able. If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled sessions but wish to provide feedback, please contact Jamie Phillips by email at jphillips@alpinestudents.org or by phone at (530) 694-2300 ext. 237.

The Current LCAP Review and Feedback	Draft of the 2023-2024 LCAP and Feedback
<ul style="list-style-type: none">3/27 7:30am-9am Alpine Early Learning Center, Gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4/25 10am-1pm Woodfords Indian Education Center, Hung-A-Lel-Ti
<ul style="list-style-type: none">3/27 11am-2pm Zoom Distance Meeting (email jphillips@alpinestudents.org for link)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4/25 2:30 pm-5:30 ACUSD Annex, District Office
<ul style="list-style-type: none">3/28 10am-1pm Alpine County Library, Markleeville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4/26 7:30am-9am Alpine Early Learning Center, Gym
<ul style="list-style-type: none">3/30 10am-1pm Woodfords Indian Education Center, Hung-A-Lel-Ti	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4/26 10am-1pm Zoom Distance Meeting email jphillips@alpinestudents.org for link)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

CALIFORNIA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

WHEN

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH, 3PM

WHERE

**43 HAWKSIDE DRIVE
MARKLEEVILLE, CA**

MORE INFORMATION

ACUSD is hosting a grant writing workshop featuring a representative from CTAs grant writing division. CTA grants are specifically designed to support our certificated and classified staff in the implementation of innovative teaching and programs. However, especially in our small community, it is important to collaborate with our community partners in these efforts. This workshop will have some information about specific grants that are available in which we may be able to team up, as well as just good grant writing practices. Please join us in the ACUSD annex at 3pm on March 24th.

ALPINE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (A-PAC)

WHEN

TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 5:15PM

WHERE

43 HAWKSIDE DRIVE

MARKLEEVILLE, CA

MORE INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://alpinestudents.zoom.us/j/86026298243>

Alpine County Schools is merging the safety, facilities, budget, and parent advisory committee into one super committee. The Alpine Parent Advisory Committee (A-PAC) will meet regularly to collaborate with parents, staff, and community members on safety, facilities, budget, LCAP, and other areas. Each meeting will focus on one to two of the topics. All are invited to attend in your interest area or area of expertise. Zoom link is above - an agenda will be emailed out prior to the meeting. The focus of this meeting will be Safety and Facilities.

The next A-PAC meeting will be scheduled on 4/25/2023 and will cover Budget and LCAP.

ALPINE USD / COE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

WHEN

THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH, 4:30PM

WHERE

43 HAWKSIDE DRIVE

MARKLEEVILLE, CA

MORE INFORMATION

The Alpine County Board of Education meetings will begin at 4:30 pm. The location for Bear Valley will be determined closer to the meeting and will be included on the agendas.

Agendas and minutes can be found here:

https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/SB_MeetingListing.aspx?S=36030509

KUDOS & KINDNESS

Walt & the Maintenance Team

This winter has proven very challenging for everyone in Alpine County. It has been especially difficult for our maintenance and transportation team. Despite the difficulties, our team has shown up storm after storm in order to create a safe space at DVES and AELC. Thank you Walt, Miguel, Rafael, and our newest staff member Eric!

Kaitlin and Jennifer at BVES

Hiring is tough everywhere, but it is especially tough for Bear Valley. Teacher, Kaitlin Murico and paraprofessional, Jennifer Manetta have taken on an enormous amount of work to keep Bear Valley running. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff.

Aubrey Trevett & the Leadership Students

Ms. Trevett is the advisor of leadership and has been working with the team to spread kindness and joy throughout the year. We are all excited about the return of Hawk Breakfast. Thank you for your time and effort.

Madaleine Osborn at AELC

Ms. Jamie Phillips would like to express kudos and kindness to Ms. Osborn at the AELC for her caring mentorship in the infant classroom earlier this month.

*If you would like to nominate someone (student, staff, parent or community member) for the kudos and kindness section please email Lia Story at lstory@alpinestudents.org.



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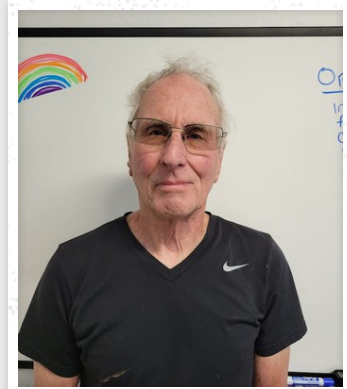
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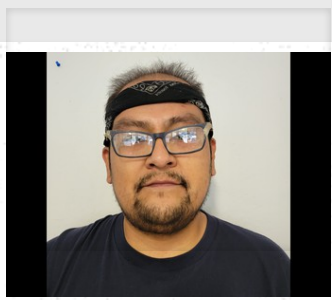
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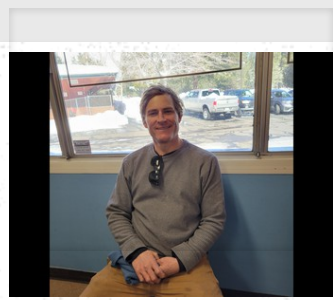
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BOOK NOOK

In this section we will be highlighting books or resources for parents and / or students to enjoy. Book selection will be included in our next newsletter.

SNOWMAGGEDON



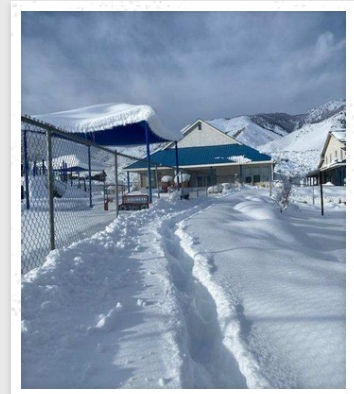
BVES

Photo Credit: J. Manetta



DVES

Photo Credit: W. Gentry



AELC

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IMPORTANT LINKS & INFORMATION

Events Calendar <https://alpinestudents.org/District/events>

Inclement Weather Information <https://alpinestudents.org/District/669-Untitled.html>

Community Information <https://alpinestudents.org/District/Portal/community-information>

Business Services Information <https://alpinestudents.org/District/Department/2-Business-Services>



Girls on the Run are coming to Alpine! Register today!

To learn more visit: girlsontherun.org

What? A fun, life-changing after school program for girls, grades 3-6. No running experience necessary! Through interactive activities such as running, playing games, and discussing important issues, participants learn how to celebrate being girls. The 10-week program focuses on building self-esteem and improving emotional and physical health. The girls are empowered with a greater sense of self-awareness, a sense of achievement and a foundation in team building to help them become strong, content and self-confident women. **When?** Program starts on March 28th with practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4pm. It ends with a 5k celebratory run in June! **Where?** Diamond Valley School. **How to register?** Contact Casey Donahue at (530) 721-9328 or cdonahue@alpinestudents.org



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