

ALL ABOUT ALPINE *Experience Excellence*

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EXCELLENCE QUEST



STUDENT SENATORS

Submitted by Aubri Elder

To wrap up our government unit, fifth graders at Alpine Elementary had the opportunity to participate in a Mock Congress. Students, or senators, represented either Students or Teachers. They created their own bills, sat in committees, and participated in floor debate. Several senators were able to present their bills on the floor and then students debated that bill. Some of the bills that were presented were: better lunch choices, extra recess, higher teacher salary, early out day, and many more. In January, our students will have the opportunity to witness this in action up at the capitol.

“Nothing purchased can come close to the renewed sense of gratitude for having family and friends.”

— Courtland Milloy



MULTI-CULTURAL NIGHT

Submitted by Terri Rigby

Multilingual students and their families at Centennial Elementary celebrated together with food from their countries, presentations, dancing, and education about upcoming WIDA testing.

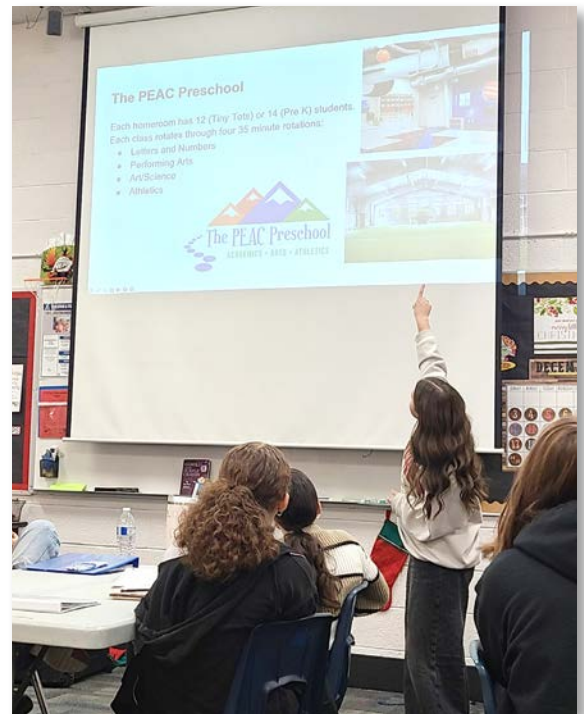




MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY HITS BIG AT OREM

Submitted by Tamara Stuart

Orem High had a live band perform to a standing-room-only crowd in the library on Friday, November 17th. The band's name is Oyshii, meaning tasty in Japanese, and consists of very talented Orem High students. Shion Sonomura is the leader and plays saxophone and piano, with Brooklyn Yardley on vocals, Rebekah Padeken on drums, Tyler Halversen on bass, Jacob Paller on guitar, Sharp Matthews on trumpet, Joseph Chumpitas on trombone, and Nash LeFevre on tech/soundboard. OHS is ready for an encore performance from Oyshii! Special thanks to James Jones and Matt Brown.



IGNITING SUCCESS IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

Submitted by Taffy Lovell

Shout-out to the unstoppable PGHS CTE interns, setting the business world ablaze! Your dedication, innovation, and hard work are making waves and leaving a lasting impact. Big props to the mentors guiding this powerhouse team. Together you're not just interns, you're future business leaders in the making!



BUILDING A HEAT EFFICIENT HOME, A STEM PROJECT

Submitted by Andreia Bevilacqua

Rocky Mountain students from 6th grade Portuguese DLI had an opportunity to present their "House Project" about heat loss to the 5th graders. Throughout the project, they worked on the 6Cs of deep learning. They were able to apply mathematics, comprehend about insulators and conductors with this engaging hands on activity, and put together a slideshow presentation showing the engineering process, their data, and conclusions.



PARADE OF CREATIVITY IN PGHS CTE INTERIOR DESIGN CLASS

Submitted by Taffy Lovell

A standing ovation for the incredible Ms. Hanseen and her Interior Design CTE class! The Parade of Rooms is a testament to boundless creativity and innovation. From cozy nooks to epic chill zones, creativity is off the charts and they're rocking the design game. Together, they're turning the ordinary into the extraordinary, creating a symphony of inspiration.



#BIKELIFE

Submitted by Kristy Tyson

Vista Heights Middle School was given six bicycles that needed to be put together. Principal Tim Thompson wanted to get these bikes to students. He led out by assembling the first bike, and our faculty and staff quickly jumped in to help build the others. A Google form was sent to all VHMS parents/guardians asking about bike needs. After receiving many more than six responses, Shauna Binkerd, PLC Coach, worked tirelessly to gather enough bikes to fill the requests. All bikes were FREE! Catch our students living their best bike lives in Saratoga Springs!



OREM HIGH WELDING STUDENTS SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY

Submitted by Tamara Stuart

Welding teacher Daniel Stevens and a group of his Skills USA students spent the day fixing the stairwell for a member of our community. They sanded off 50 years of rust, and secured and reattached the steps to the handrail. According to the homeowner, Daniel and his students "came to the rescue of a single, full-time working mom" who really needed the help and repairs to her stairs. Kudos to Mr. Stevens and his hardworking students!

2023 JAPANESE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Submitted by Jody Lindsay

American Fork Junior High teacher Marisa Bellini was named the 2023 Japanese Teacher of the Year at the annual ACTFL conference in Chicago in November.

Over the course of her career, Marisa has created the largest Japanese program in the state of Utah: 7 sections of Japanese 1-AP. She teaches more than 90% in the target language, masterfully helping students successfully interpret and comprehend Japanese. Marisa also builds teacher leaders as well. Japanese teachers across Utah attend ASD's summer collaboration and Wednesday evening collaboration via Zoom to be with her team.

Congratulations, Marisa!

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David Beck

Pleasant Grove Junior (Teacher)
Nominated by Nicole Robertson (Parent)

"This year is our first year having a junior high student (terrifying)! Mr. Beck ran an incredible camp over the summer to aide in not only the learning of our daughter's instrument, but also to acclimate her to the craziness that is junior high! She had the absolute best start to any school year and it is in large part due to Mr. Beck. He is motivational, caring, and strives to make each kid feel like they can achieve greatness. I am so grateful for teachers that know what is important in a child's development. "



Kylianne Moe

Mountain Trails Elementary (Teacher)
Nominated by Nicole Rebertisch (Parent)

"Mrs. Moe is consistently upbeat and high energy as she patiently meets her kindergartners where they are. My son comes home happy to share the interesting and engaging ways he's learning and growing. As a parent, it's so important to know that I can trust that my child will feel safe and secure. I love that every morning Mrs. Moe gets down on her knees at the door to greet each child one by one. She's sensitive to their emotional needs as well as their intellectual needs. I'm so grateful for the care she takes to holistically guide and direct her young students. What a star!"



Check out the RISE nominees at alpineschools.org/riseawards.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

21

Minimal Day
(no preK or 1/2 day kindergarten)

22

Teacher Work Day
(no school for students)
Winter Break Begins

JANUARY

1-31

School Board Recognition Month

8

School Resumes
(first day of 2nd semester)

15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
(no school)

30

100th Day of School

WINTER BREAK
DEC 22 – JAN 5



CENTENNIAL'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

Submitted by Terri Rigby

Second graders marched through the halls presenting their balloon "floats" in celebration of Thanksgiving.



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