

Superintendent's Newsletter
"Alpine"
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This time of the school year can be very demanding. Students, staff, and parents are busy with numerous activities, both inside and outside of the school day. As we move into the last six weeks of school, there can be a sense of heightened pressure for performance and the additional demands of finishing up the school year.

As we strive to stay focused on student learning, it is imperative that we, as individuals, remain healthy and vibrant. One of the most important things we can do is appreciate everything that is around us. We live in the most beautiful region in Texas. Our community is a special place where the people are friendly and three cars at a stop sign is considered a traffic jam. Our weather has been wonderful and there is always a friend waiting to visit over a cup of coffee.

At Alpine ISD, we have so many things to be appreciative of that I would be challenged to try to name them all. Our students are amongst the best in the state. We are fortunate that, as a district, we are small enough to know each of our students on an individual level. Our students are courteous and appreciative. On any given day, you can hear them say things like, "yes ma'am" or "no sir". Manners such as these are instilled at home and reinforced at school and in the community.

The staff at Alpine ISD is top notch and their desire for excellence is obvious. On any given day, staff members can be seen putting in extra hours and effort to help our students succeed. I doubt that any staff member goes home at 4:00 p.m. on a regular basis. However, on a regular basis, the staff can be seen building positive relationships with students and mentoring them. Alpine ISD staff members understand that students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Our community is incredibly supportive, be it a school function or a family in need. Many times no one asks for help, it is simply given out of the goodness of the heart. Alpine has so much to offer, every time I travel to other parts of the state, I appreciate our community more and more. We are truly blessed to live in Alpine. The sense of pride in our community, school and home is the foundation of our beautiful town.

In the words of Mandy Hale, "Dance. Smile. Giggle. Marvel. Trust. Hope. Love. Wish. Believe. Most of all, enjoy every moment of the journey, and appreciate where you are at this moment instead of always focusing on how far you have to go."

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