

Dear Alpine School Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! I hope each of you enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with rest, fun, and special time with family and friends.

Happy New Year! In education, we are lucky enough to celebrate the start of a “new year” twice—once in January and once in September. With the opening of this school year, we are given the gift of a fresh start, new goals, and new opportunities for growth. It is a time of excitement, renewal, and promise for our students and our entire school community.

Everyone here at Alpine Public School has been busy preparing for opening day on **Wednesday, September 3rd**. Classrooms, hallways, and shared spaces have been refreshed, and the finishing touches are happening as I write this. We are ready to welcome our students back with energy and enthusiasm!



What’s New This Year

- **Refreshed Spaces:** Our newly refurbished gym is ready to host classes, assemblies, and events.
- **New Faces:** We are thrilled to welcome three new staff members:
 - **Mr. Eric Peralta**, Technology Technician (through Bergen Technical Schools).
 - **Ms. Erin Murphy**, Paraprofessional and Office Assistant.
 - **Mrs. Julie Palazzo**, Instructional Aide.
- **Strong Start:** New opportunities for growth, fresh goals, and exciting events are planned to make this year meaningful for every student.

Please join me in giving our new staff members a warm Alpine welcome!



Important Details and Reminders

Date	Event / Reminder	Details
Tues. Aug. 26	Fifth Grade Locker Set-up	New to middle school come set up your lockers and try your locker combinations.
Wed., Sept. 3	First Day of School	Welcome Assembly in the refurbished gym at 8:25 AM . Students then go to classrooms. AHSA <i>Welcome Breakfast Meeting</i> for parents at 9:00 AM (Auditorium).

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Sept. 3–5	Early Dismissal Days	Dismissal at 12:40 PM . Please send a snack and water.
Mon., Sept. 8	Lunch Program Begins	Bring lunch or order through <i>SchoolPay</i> (orders due by Sept. 1) . Two options: AHSA Lunch (Mon., Wed., Fri.) and 8th Grade Non-Profit Lunch (Tues., Thurs.).
Aug. 22	School Supplies Orders	Order online via school website for on-time delivery. Later orders accepted. Link in this blast.
Thurs., Sept. 18	Back-to- School Night	Details to follow.
Fri., Sept. 19	5th Grade Picnic	Details to follow.

Additional Information:

- Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures are attached in this blast.
- A letter from the Alpine Police Department regarding arrival and dismissal is attached at the bottom of this blast.

We are looking forward to a year filled with meaningful learning, new opportunities, and shared successes. Here's to making 2025–2026 our best school year yet! 🚀 ✨

With warm regards,
Maureen McCann
 Superintendent/Principal