



# Alchesay High School

## FALCON NEWS

### January

**29: BBall @ VSanders**

**30: Saturday School  
ACT Prep**

**BBall vs. Rnd Valley  
Senior Night**

### February

**2: BBall vs. St. Johns**

**4: Parent Teacher  
Conferences  
2-6 in Cafeteria**

**8: Freshmen Credit  
Checks**

**9: Sophomore Credit  
Checks**

**10th & 12th Youth Survey**

**10: Junior Credit  
Checks**

**15: No School  
President's Day**

**22:PAC Meeting 6pm**

**24: D's & F's Report**

### March

**3:Spring Fling Dance**

**11: Career Fair @  
Show Low NPC**

**12: End of Quarter**

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### **Winter**

Falcon Students, Parents, Faculty, and Friends,

There are many more bulletin boards and signs up to keep students, parents and visitors informed about what is going on at Alchesay and in the community. There's also a suggestion box to hear what suggestions and solutions the students have to some of the concerns they have, and to help improve Alchesay.

Both Mr. Orea and Ms. Barney have volunteered to be Ski Club sponsors. If you are itching to hit the slopes (whenever the powers is steady) see one of them to join the club!

Spirit Week is coming up, so it's time to look through your closets, under you beds and in your drawers to dress up for the week. The class with the most spirit will be rewarded!

Monday- Inside Out Day: wear your clothes inside out!

Tuesday- PJ Day: wear your flannel pants, put on your fuzzy slippers, and bring your teddy bears but keep it appropriate!

Wednesday- Stop Light Day: wear Red if you're unavailable,

Yellow if you're undecided,

Green if you're available

Thursday- Black and White Day: wear black and white clothing

Friday- Blue and Gold Day: show your Falcon Pride!

You know the dress up days now so we hope you come out and enjoy the week with us without uniforms!

We will have a Pep Assembly on Wednesday, the 3rd to get the teams pumped up for their final match against Payson.

# A message from Leadership...

The Leadership/Student Council class is working hard to be a voice for the students. We discuss many different issues with administration and help decide what's best for everyone at Alchesay. We have meetings about old and new business, and what funds we have raised, and what we need to use it for, just like a regular council would discuss. With the leadership class we do campus cleanups, school improvements, parent and student notifications, bulletin boards, and dress down days. We oversee all club activity and when something needs to get approved they come to us first. Student Council is a chance for us to meet new friends and work with a lot of people. It's not only about fun; we also improve our reading and writing skills, gain experience in public speaking, and are making a positive impact on school and the community. Our main purpose is to help promote school spirit and gain involvement from the students. We get involved in many community projects such as, campus clean-ups, Blood Drives, Big Brother Big Sisters, Falcon News, and we really do read the comments in the Suggestion Box. The following is just the start of what we are working to improve right now.

One of the issues we have been discussing with administration is lunch. We know that many students would like to have only one lunch. This would mean you could see all of your friends, not be so tempted to miss your 4th hour, and mean more access to areas inside the building. Despite all the benefits, the main reason we can't have just one lunch is the size of our cafeteria. By law, there has to be enough tables for every student to be able to eat at one time, and as you know, we just don't have the room. Administration is working on plans for the high school to be changed to meet the needs of our students now and in the years to come. In the meantime, we are working on making a covered area outside, and over the tables, as well as getting more basketball goals, and opening the computer lab.

Speaking of lunch, we need to remind all students to eat both breakfast and lunch at school everyday. All students eat for free in the Whiteriver School District, but in order to keep that program going, we need to have a high percentage of the students eating each day. The high school is putting the program into jeopardy. If too many students are brought a lunch by family or friends, or choose not to eat, everyone in the district will have to start paying for meals again. Many families simply do not have the means to provide the money for meals for all of their children in school. Help do your part to keep this program going!

This year Alchesay students are really working to give back.

We support **Hats On Day** every early release Friday, where students pay \$1 to wear their hats in the building, and help kids with cancer at the same time.

In November, students payed \$1 a day to wear jeans for the week to help support the family of Sherry Goklish when she was in need of a kidney and liver transplant.

We have also brought awareness to **Breast Cancer** with a Pink basketball game as well as a dress in pink and jeans day back in October.

We are giving to **Pennies for Patients** to fight different types of cancers such as leukemia, for children and the 1st hour class that raises the most by February 5th gets a breakfast party.

Senior, Mykhal Mendoza has initiated the **Teens for Jeans** campaign, so bring in the jeans you no longer wear to give to a homeless teen. The 6th hour with the most will win a pizza party! She is also responsible for the **recycle** bins for your soda cans at the Chief Alchesay Activity Center, so do your part to help protect our environment the next time you're at a game!

FCCLA members are wondering if we will raise \$2,500 to shave Mrs. Elliott's hair, or just \$2,000 to see Ms. Cuzzocreo with a pink Mohawk, and you know that Brent and Caleb need a haircut! Help give real hair wigs to kids who have gone through chemotherapy and are fighting cancer before February 12th, when we will be having the **Locks of Love** assembly and cutting hair for a \$10 donation or for free if you have 10 or more inches of hair to donate.

The National Honor Society is sponsoring a **Red Hearts Day**, where students pay \$1 to wear a red on February 12th, to raise money for the National Heart Association.

We will be hosting a **Blood Drive** from 10-2 in the Activity Center on February 12th. It only takes about an hour (less than 10 to give the blood) and all the donations stay right at the Whiteriver hospital, so you could be saving the life of someone you love.

Do you like to ask lots of questions? Do you only need to be told how to do something once or twice? Do you like to initiate projects? Do you like complexity? Do you feel you are keenly observant? If you answer yes to some of these questions, you may want to be considered for the AHS talented and gifted program. See Dr. Ngo, Dr. Del Rosario, Mrs. Elliott, or Mrs. Patterson to find out more.



## Basketball

Regionals will be held during the 2nd week of February. We have two final home games this season. Come out and support you Falcon players!

## Winter Royalty

On Friday the 29th, we will vote for Senior King & Queen, Prince & Princess, and Lord & Lady Seniors: Emilius Lupe, Jace Lupe & Rasta Nashio  
Bethany Dazen, Samantha Declay, & Makayla Young  
Juniors: Julio Parker & Shuwan Ethelbah  
Sophomores: Kendrick Stover & Makayla Altaha  
Freshmen: Korey Goklish & Shanice Alchesay

**Saturday School** runs from 8:00 to 12:00. You must be here by 8:30 to be admitted. Bring make up work from classes with you. Students have access to computer labs, so alternative students and students who need to complete A+ can come.

Upcoming Dates      Jan-  
 uary 30                      February  
 6 & 20, 27

**Effort Club**  
 With Ms. Lacapa or  
 Ms. Cuzzocreo  
 before school or  
 during lunch at the  
 Alternative Building

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**  
 Grade checks are done every other Wednesday.  
**Consequences of F's: "No Pass, No Play"**  
 \*1<sup>st</sup> F=Coach requires Effort Club tutoring.  
 Ineligible w/o Effort Club  
 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> F in the same course makes the athlete ineligible to compete until the grade is brought to a passing grade. Effort Club required.

## Seniors

**Less than four months until graduation on May 21! This will be the 50th graduating class from Alchesay. Coincidentally, the number of students expected to graduate is approximately 150. All seniors have copies of their transcripts and credit checks. Did you know years before this, the number of graduates was about 85 to 90 students! Last years graduating class was the biggest ever with 130; but this year could have more! Get caught up and take advantage of the A+ program along with other before/after school tutoring to help you stay on track. See a counselor if you have any questions. Take pride in being a Falcon, remember you can make history, and there is no limit to your ability. Let's go class of 2010!**

*Alchesay High School was once known for its excellence in academics and a respectful school but slowly that is all fading away and we have no one to blame but our self. To change our school in a positive way we must treat our school with respect and the administrators. Also we must attend school everyday to improve and become a better school district, continue to strive for perfection in all that you do academically and in athletics. Respect goes a long ways so  
 Take a stand and become drug and alcohol FREE!*

*Alchesay is offering Senior Portraits again on April 15, 2010. Make your appointments now! Pictures taken on this date WILL NOT be included in the yearbook.*

- If the picture was taken in November, they will automatically be in the yearbook. What if my senior isn't getting pictures taken at all?*

*Our yearbook photographers will be sure to take an alternate picture (probably in the hallway or classroom) to include in the senior class pages.*