

What's "News" in Alvord?

A Newsletter for the parents and employees of the Alvord Unified School District

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Local Credit Unions Give Back to Alvord

The following credit unions are offering incentives that donate money back to Alvord for employees who join. Both of these financial institutions have a long history of supporting education. If you are looking for a financial institution, please review these flyers:

My Money Account

Encouraging your students to get the hands-on experience of managing money is one of the best lessons you can teach them. To help you, Altura Credit Union has designed an account just for those ages 12 and under.

Facts about MyMoney

- ▶ Free checking for ages 12 to 17
- ▶ Free savings accounts for ages 0 to 17
- ▶ No monthly fee, no minimum balance
- ▶ Free e-alerts and online banking
- ▶ Visa Debit Card or ATM Card
- ▶ Parent or legal guardian must be a joint account holder
- ▶ Pre-set spending and withdrawal limits. Joint parent or legal guardian can change spending limits.

Financial Literacy

Altura Credit Union offers free online financial courses to help you teach the basics of money management skills.

Topics include:

- ▶ Money Management
- ▶ Credit Matters
- ▶ The Road to Home Ownership
- ▶ Checking Account Management
- ▶ Identity Theft
- ▶ Financial Planning
- ▶ Basics of Investing

Win an iPad!

Take an online course for a chance to win an Apple iPad today. Visit www.Alturacu.com/iPad for details. Offer expires September 30, 2010.

We Support Schools

Altura Credit Union's commitment to helping our schools goes all the way back to our founding more than 52 years ago. Altura became the financial partner for all school employees and this has remained our central mission from the start.

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**Back To School
Back To You**

Help For Your Educational Community

At SchoolsFirst FCU, we have always tailored our products and services to fit the specific needs of school employees and their families. We are aware of the budget cuts and challenges our local school districts are facing and we want to help. In the spirit of our "people helping people" philosophy, we've created the Back To School, Back To You campaign to give Members the opportunity to make a difference in local eligible school districts.

Your Membership Gives Back

For each eligible¹ school employee who joins, we'll donate \$10 to their district of employment. Or, refer an adult family member² and we'll donate \$10 to the eligible school district³ of their choice.

Your Membership Has Benefits

- Low to No Fee⁴ credit cards
- New & used auto loans with great low rates
- A variety of home loans with no hidden fees

All of this equals big savings!

Auto Loans Give Back Too

With every auto loan we fund, including loans refinanced from other lenders, we'll donate \$5 to the eligible school district³ of the Member's choice.

Act now, join today! This offer is only good through October 31!
For complete details, and to track how much districts are earning, visit www.SchoolsFirstfcu.org/backtoyou

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Student of the Month:

La Sierra High School is delighted to honor **James Newton** as the Alvord Unified School District Student of the Month for September 2010.

James is a 12th grade student who has attended La Sierra High School since his freshman year. He stands out as an excellent student and leader. James is a conscientious worker, respected by his peers and adults alike. Currently James is ranked number one in the senior class with a GPA of 4.38! Last year James received the Riverside County Bar Association Scholarship. His goals are to go to college, be successful and make a difference.

It is a great pleasure to honor **James Newton** as the Alvord Unified School District Student of the Month for September 2010.



Certificated Employee of the Month:

La Sierra High School is proud to recognize **Jay Ramaswamy** as the Alvord Unified School District Certificated Employee of the Month for September 2010.



Mr. Ramaswamy is an extremely dedicated and committed teacher at La Sierra High School. He has excellent classroom management skills and an excellent rapport with all of his students. His knowledge of math principles and skills for teaching math are exemplary. These skills consistently get great results from students. After spending a year in Mr. Ramaswamy's class a large majority of the students move up to Proficient or Advanced on the CST's. Mr. Ramaswamy regularly provides after-school tutoring instruction. His commitment to the students has allowed many to make excellent progress academically.

It is a great pleasure to honor **Jay Ramaswamy** as the Alvord Unified School District Certificated Employee of the Month for September 2010.

Classified Management Employee of the Month:

La Sierra High School is proud to recognize **Sandy Robbins** as the Alvord Unified School District Classified Management Employee of the Month for September 2010.

Mrs. Robbins serves as La Sierra High School's School Services Manager. She works tirelessly to ensure that the site runs effectively and smoothly each day. Mrs. Robbins works with teachers to ensure that the students are successful in their programs often by assisting with technology related problems, keeping inventory and whatever else is needed. Mrs. Robbins is always positive and is constantly thinking of ways to make things better around the La Sierra campus.

It is a great pleasure to honor **Sandy Robbins** as the Alvord Unified School District Classified Management Employee of the Month for September 2010.



Volunteer of the Month:

La Sierra High School is proud to recognize **Crescent Villegas** as the Alvord Unified School District Volunteer of the Month for September 2010.

Mrs. Villegas is a vital part of La Sierra High School's PTO, assisting with every PTO event on campus. Currently she serves in the role of Secretary. She is an active member of the Band Booster Club and assists with the Color Guard as a coordinator. Mrs. Villegas does a great job making sure that site fundraisers go well and are effective. Mrs. Villegas is always present on campus and plays a vital role in La Sierra's *Copy Cat* program assisting teachers with their classroom needs. La Sierra's PTO is a great success because of people like Crescent Villegas who give their time and their commitment to La Sierra's students each and everyday.

It is a great pleasure to honor **Crescent Villegas** as the Alvord Unified School District Volunteer of the Month for September 2010.

