

Alpine County Choose Civility Campaign

(An initiative of the Alpine County Superintendent of Schools)



April Focus:

Respect the Environment and Be Gentle to Animals

A wonderful quote credited to both Chief Seattle (1780-1866) and Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) reminds us to care for the world: "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." Thankfully, people all around the world have adopted a very civil approach to the environment by performing innumerable acts of regard toward the environment that would have been inconceivable only a generation ago.

There are some simple, civil behaviors we can all follow to show our respect for this world such as:

- Don't litter
- Take the time to recycle and repurpose items
- Conserve water by waiting for full loads in washing machines and dishwashers
- Conserve electricity by turning off lights when you don't need them.
- Walk or ride a bike when you can (and this is great exercise)

It is also a civil thing to do to remember animals can suffer so we should care for our own pets and not mistreat any of these creatures that depend on us. Children learn a lot about responsibility by remembering to regularly providing food, water and exercise for pets. The way we take care of our environment and innocent animals is a measure of our character.

Remember Earth Day on April 22!