

School Newsletter – Spring 2015
Horizon/A TEC-West

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe we only have one month left before the end of school! I feel it has been a great year and I am excited by how much progress our students have made. It is always sad to see several of them graduate and move on to a new chapter in life, yet I have hope this change brings new experiences and growth in new areas of life. These students will be missed!

For the majority of students who are continuing with Horizon/A TEC-West next year, ongoing learning will continue to be our goal. With this in mind, I would like to make parents/guardians aware of some changes for grades Pre-K – 12. Students in these grades will be moved into classes with a focus more on grade-level grouping as opposed to ability grouping. This means some students may be in different classes with different teachers next year. It is felt that grade-level grouping will help students both socially and academically by having them learn and associate with peers closer to their own age. Please know I will be calling parents of all students who will be experiencing a change in any way regarding this new approach. I welcome calls from any parents/guardians who may have questions and appreciate your continuing support in improving the education of all our students.

I know I speak on behalf of everyone in our school in thanking the team of people it takes to assist each student in reaching his/her potential and becoming as independent as possible, including parents/guardians, teachers, related servers and staff. Thank you, parents/guardian, for allowing Horizon/A TEC-West to be part of your student's lives!

Cathy Matheson, Principal

“TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK” – May 4th – 8th and
“PARA-EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY” – May 13th

Please be aware that May 4th – 8th is “*Teacher Appreciate Week*” and May 13th is “*Para-Educator Appreciation Day*.” *Sincere* appreciation is offered to both our teachers and para-educators for ALL they do in helping our students learn and grow!!! They say it takes a village to raise a child. At Horizon/A TEC-W, our teachers and paras are key players in that village and should be commended for all the effort they put forth in teaching our students and helping them learn and reach their potential! Saying thank you doesn't come close to expressing enough gratitude for all they do, but it needs to be said just the same. Thank you!!!

Teacher and Employee of the Year, 2014-15

Congratulations to Matthew Van Orden, Teacher of the Year, and Pam Walker, Employee of the Year for Horizon/A TEC-West! These individuals are to be commended for their outstanding efforts and contributions as exceptional educators in our school. We so appreciate their service and will honor them at the Employee Celebration to be held at the beginning of next school year. Thank you educators!!

ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT 100-YEAR CELEBRATION
SUMMER PARADE - SARATOGA SPRINGS
Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Parents/Guardians,

This coming year will be the 100-Year Celebration of Alpine School District (ASD). Many of the local cities in the District will be hosting summer parades, and in partnership with ASD, they would like to invite schools to participate. The Saratoga Spring Parade will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The location has yet to be announced, but details will be shared as they come available.

The District will provide an ASD 100-Year Celebration banner to be carried in the parade, and we ask that students/participants try and wear shirts with our school colors – slate blue and white, or an article of clothing or flag identifying the Horizon/ATEC-West name. Please know that parents/guardians will be responsible for providing student transportation and monitoring, as this is not a school event, but we hope everyone can come!

In an effort to organize the event, the District has asked for an approximate number of participants from each school. **Please fill out the form below indicating your student's name, approximate number of participants, and contact info. Then return the form to your student's teacher or the Horizon School office by no later than Friday, May 15th.** We would love to have many people attend to support our school! Thank you!!

SARATOGA SPRINGS PARADE
June 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

STUDENT NAME: _____

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WALKING IN THE PARADE: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

****Deadline to Return this form: Friday, May 15, 2015**