

The Husky Herald

10 Years of Learning!

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Horizon and ATEC West Community,

Happy Friday! I hope this newsletter finds you well! We made it to October!

We just held our school's 10 Year Anniversary Open House yesterday! We had a blast celebrating the school (see pictures down below). We had cake, school shirts throughout the years display, yearbooks from past years, and a slideshow of the construction of the school and fun memories since the beginning. Our school is great because of the wonderful students, staff, and parents/guardians who work together in pursuit of student learning and well-being. Even though I have only been here for a little over a year of those 10 years, I have been amazed at the work that takes place. As we work together as a strong and unified team, we can accomplish our mission and vision. We can create a school where both faculty and students make progress and thrive.

Our school is a special place! It's not just because it is categorized as a "special school". We have a school that only serves students with disabilities. Normally special education classes are just a few of many in a typical school. Every teacher here is a special educator. It's great to be in a place as a teacher where every other teacher around you does what you do. We have committed paraeducators who are critical to student learning and classes functioning. We have top-notch related services who work alongside our teachers in supporting the growth of every student. We have nurses whose dedication and support are exemplary. We have a fantastic custodial staff who keep us clean, orderly, and well (who also go above and beyond to help students). We have office support who love this school and work diligently to keep us running day to day. We have parents and guardians who take such great care of our students at home and provide opportunities for them to have a happy and fulfilling life. The love for our students is what makes our school a special place to be. We have our challenges, but together we can accomplish great things. I look forward to seeing the growth we make in the next 10 years!

Sincerely,

Dan Heaps, Principal

Important Items

Parent Teacher Conferences: Please make sure to contact your son/daughter's teacher to sign up for a time slot. We love being able to celebrate the good we see and counsel together about any challenges. Please make sure to stick to the slot you are given to provide enough time for other parents.

Picture Retakes: If you want retakes of your son or daughter's school picture, please return the order form sent home and let your teacher know.

Halloween: We are still in the planning stages of figuring out how we are going to do Halloween celebrations given covid recommendations. We will send out a communication in the coming weeks. Stay tuned...

****Urgent—Paraeducators Hiring:** We are currently in need of hiring 3 paraeducators for a few of classes that have significant need. If you know anyone who might have interest and would be a great fit to help our students, please send them this link:

<https://www.applitrack.com/alpineschools/onlineapp/JobPostings/view.asp?FromAdmin=true&AppliTrackJobId=1970>

Reminder of Sick Policy: We ask that if your son/daughter is sick with any type of sickness or COVID symptoms that they stay home until they are symptom-free for 48 hours. We will strictly follow this sick policy due to the significant number of high-risk students that attend our school. If a student comes with any illness symptoms, parents will be required to come pick them up from school. If your son/daughter tests positive for Covid-19, please call the school to notify the principal or nurse so we can determine potential spread. This is how we can keep our staff and students safe and well.

Parent Group: We have a parent group who helps out with feeding faculty at parent teacher conferences and gives of their time to help in other ways as well (i.e. appreciation days). If you are interested in volunteering to help out our parent group, please contact Hillary Clark (801-592-3327).

Dropping off or picking up students: If at any time you bring your son/daughter late to school or check them out early during school hours, you must check in at the front desk. At that point, the front desk personnel will notify the classroom staff to come and meet the student to take them to class, or prepare the student to be checked out early. This is important to ensure safety and accurate attendance records.

School Facebook Page: We use social media at our school to post about important dates, highlight what's happening at our school, and more! It's a private page to protect confidentiality. Please consider requesting to be a member of our page! Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/289655102455482>

Dates to Remember

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| October 1 | Custodian Appreciation Day! **Thank you Tyler and Ellie!** |
| October 6 | Parent Teacher Conferences: 4:00-7:30pm |
| October 8 | Picture Retakes |
| October 13 | Minimal Day (No Pre-K or Kindergarten students this day)
ATEC West: 7:45-11:15
Horizon: 9:15-12:45 |
| October 14-18 | Fall Break |
| October 29 | Halloween celebrations (stay tuned for more info) |

Pictures from our 10 Year Anniversary Open House



