

The Husky Herald

10 Years of Learning!

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Horizon and ATEC West Community,

Happy Monday and welcome back from the break! I hope everyone had very Happy Holidays. We are grateful to be back and working with our amazing staff and students as we begin 2022. What a great time to reflect and move forward in positive ways!

Our first value at Horizon/ATEC West is **High Expectations**. Some may think that we need lower expectations for students with disabilities, but I and our team believe our students can learn and make progress. This underlying belief and value drives everything we do at school and at home. I've seen so many students thrive when they have a staff or parent who expects them to learn and grow. If we have that mindset, the way we teach and support is different. We want our students to be happy and well, but we also want them to reach their full potential and grow in all areas of their lives. High expectations can mean something different for each student we serve based on their individual needs. As we get to know them well, we start to see where they are currently and seek opportunities for the future. The hope is that each of our students is empowered through their education at home and school to reach their maximum potential and contribute to their community. Our students may not achieve the same level of mastery or independence as their peers in general education, but they deserve an educational team around them to show them what's possible and work hard to find success. What a privilege we have to serve these students! As we begin the new year, let us reflect on our expectations for these students and recommit to believing in them and supporting the best way possible.

Sincerely,

Dan Heaps, Principal

Important Items

Spirit Fridays: One Friday a month for the rest of the school year we are doing a spirit Friday where students and staff have the opportunity to dress up in a fun way. Please see the graphic below with the details.

Paraeducator Hiring: We are currently in need of hiring **1** paraeducator for ATEC West. If you know anyone who might have interest and would be a great fit to help our ATEC West students, please send them this link:

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

Reminder of Sick Policy: The district has asked that we remind families about the importance of staying healthy in our schools. Please see the attached PDF about if a student should come to school or not depending on their symptoms. In addition, if your son/daughter test positive for COVID-19 please notify the school principal or nurse. That way we can

address potential spread. Because safety is a top priority for us, we want to make sure those who come in our building are well and ready to learn.

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

January 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
January 19	School Community Council Meeting @ 11:30am
January 21	Spirit Friday: Crazy Hair Day
January 26	Horizon Nurses Appreciation Day
February 3	Parent Teacher Conferences @ 4:00-7:30



Spirit Days for Spring 2022

Jan 21: Crazy hair day

Feb 18: Movie/Book character dress up day

March 18: Sports day

April 15: Throwback day (Dress up from any previous decade)

May 20: Dress like your teacher

