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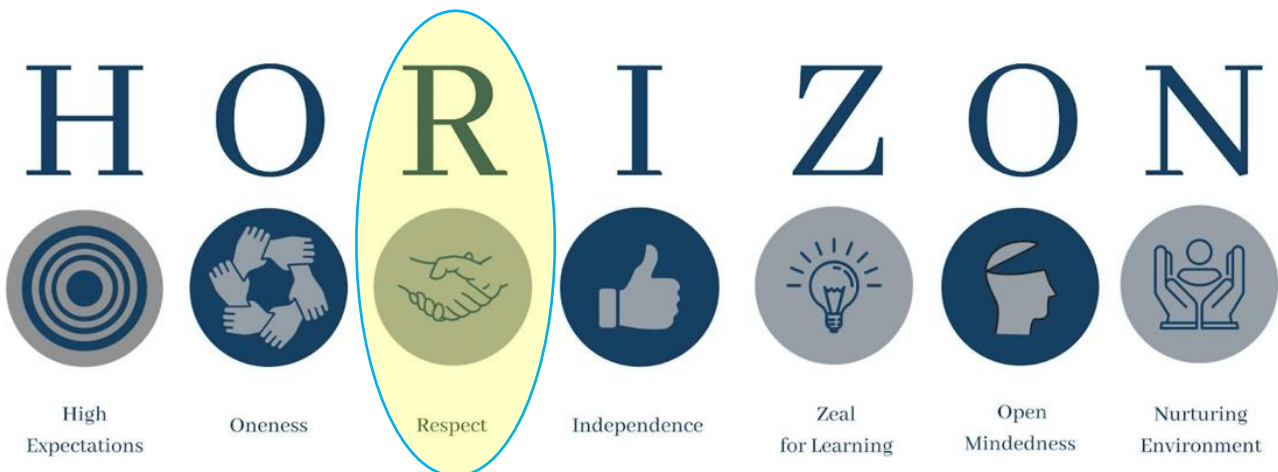
Horizon and ATEC West Community,

Happy Monday! I hope this newsletter finds you doing well! February here we come!

Another one of our school's core values is "Respect". According to dictionary.com respect can be defined as "esteem for or a sense of the worth or excellence of a person, a personal quality or ability." Respect towards one another can be demonstrated in how we view, interact with and treat each other. If we respect school staff, we recognize that they care about their students and are doing their best to meet their various needs (academic, behavioral, functional, social, emotional, and more). We also show understanding for all of the demands placed on them. If we respect parents, we recognize their 24/7 responsibility for these students. We recognize all of the efforts at home to nurture, teach, and help. We recognize that they know their son/daughter the best and strive to work together as a team to bring about optimal learning and progress. If we respect students, we acknowledge their disabilities but also their unique strengths and gifts. We see tricky behavior as a communication of an unmet need. We acknowledge them as people with dreams, likes, dislikes, and emotions.

As we seek to cultivate respect and see the worth of others in our school community, we move our healthy and positive culture forward. As we seek to see through the perspectives and lens of others, we have greater empathy and compassion for one another. This creates connection and relationships of trust which is the foundation of everything we do.

Sincerely,
Dan Heaps, Principal



Important Items

Non-Student Teacher Work Days: The school board approved 3 upcoming teacher work days where students don't attend school. These days are February 4 (this Friday), February 22nd, and April 25th.

Parent-Teacher Conference: Our Parent Teacher Conference is this Thursday evening from 4-7:30. Please contact your son/daughter's teacher if you would like to set up a conference time. We are still holding in-person conferences, but with having the option for virtual (google-meet) or phone conferences as well.

Extended School Year (ESY): We will be making Extended School Year (ESY) phone calls to parents/guardians with teachers (also in consultation with related service providers) next week, February 7-10. The purpose of these phone calls is to collaborate with parents about ESY qualification. Teachers will communicate with you about which day and hour we'll be calling parents of students from their class.

Decisions about ESY qualifications are made on an individual basis. The range of qualification goes from parent consultation and home learning packets to attending in-school 4, 8, or 12 half days.

Purpose of ESY: Maintain student skills on current IEP goals and ensure FAPE. ESY needs and services are determined and documented by the student's IEP team, based on the student's individual needs. For *some* students, having school breaks significantly affects their ability to maintain learned skills and certain levels of progress previously achieved. ESY services are not designed to develop new skills not currently addressed in the IEP. Some students won't qualify for ESY, but that decision is made by the team and are individualized based on student data and other critical factors.

Dates for ESY in summer 2022 are as follows:

June 21-23

June 28-30

July 12-14

July 19-21

Valentine's Day: You're welcome to bring Valentine's for your son/daughter's class. Please make sure any food items are store-bought, and free from treats that contain peanuts. When in doubt, ask your son/daughter's teacher about their Valentine's plans.

HIRING: Paraeducators: We are currently in need of hiring 2 paraeducators (1 for Horizon and 1 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. If your son/daughter tests 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.

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

- February 3 Parent Teacher Conference @ 4:00-7:30
- February 4 Teacher Work Day (No school for students)
- February 7-10 ESY Calls to Parents (Teachers will contact you about which day and hour we'll be reaching out)
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 14-18 Love Your Bus Driver Week (The school is giving them goodies on Monday the 14th)
- February 18 Spirit Friday: Dress like a Movie/Book character
- February 21 President's Day: No School
- February 22 Teacher Work Day (No school for students)
- February 25 End of 2nd Trimester (Progress reports will go home the following week)
- February 28 School Community Council (SCC) Meeting @ 11:30



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

