

# The Husky Herald

## 10 Years of Learning!

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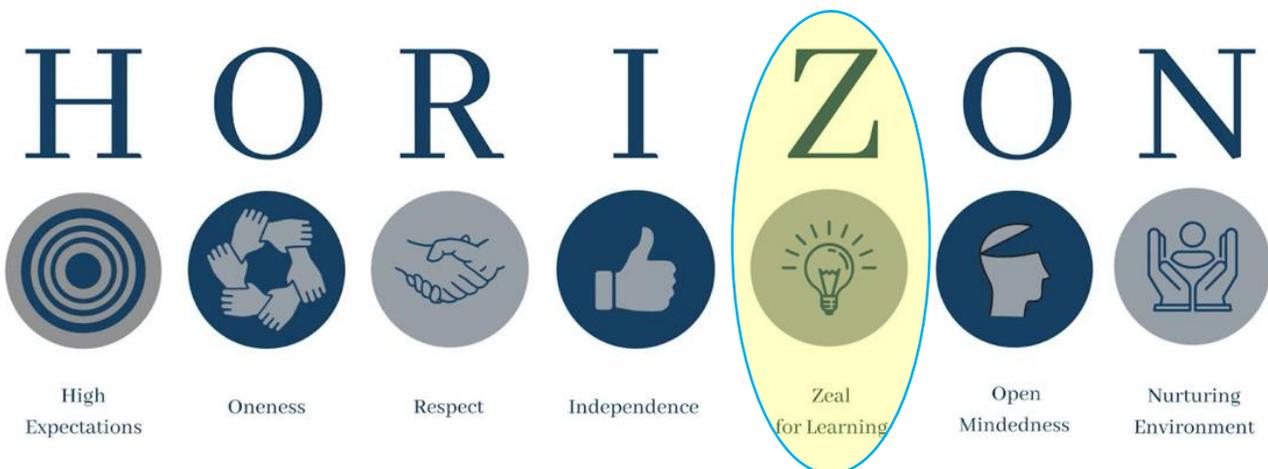
Horizon and ATEC West Community,

Happy Thursday! I hope this newsletter finds you well! We're almost to Spring Break ☺

Another one of our school's core values is "Zeal for Learning". *Zeal* in the Merriam Webster Dictionary is defined as "eagerness and ardent interest in pursuit of something." Even though we have a wide range of disability and learning levels, our team at Horizon and ATEC West are committed to helping every student learn and achieve their maximum potential. We are passionate and have zeal for understanding and supporting students. We bring energy and excitement to learning core subjects like language arts, math, science, as well as life and social skills. We also bring that same zeal as we help our ATEC West interns learn and grow in the areas of transition (Employment, Community, Independent Living, and Education and Training). Our related servers also bring great passion to help our students with their individual needs. We believe that every student, regardless of disability, *can* learn and make progress in their lives. It is this individual learning that we work towards every day of the school year.

I want to thank all of our staff and parents who work so hard at helping every student learn at high levels—based on individual need. As we eagerly pursue student learning and progress, we give our students and interns the best life possible.

Sincerely,  
Dan Heaps, Principal



## *Important Items*

**School Fundraiser:** More information will be coming out about this in the coming weeks, but we wanted to make you aware that we are holding a fundraiser on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm at our school. We will serve dinner, have a running slideshow, student art exhibit, and a silent auction. Tickets will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

**ATEC West Program Moving:** Due to student growth and limited space/facilities at Horizon, the district has decided to move our post-high program, ATEC West, to one of the satellite buildings at Vista Heights Middle School. This move pertains to all post-high students, including those who have and are attending Horizon. This will be a temporary place for ATEC West. We don't have a set timeframe from the district about when construction of a new school for ATEC West will be constructed. Additional and more detailed information will be coming out in April, with additional opportunities for parent feedback and questions. Since the district made the decision, we're figuring out the specifics as we go, but we're confident that things will work out well and that we'll be able to meet all students' needs. The program is excited to have the additional space and all classes being able to be in the same facility.

**ATEC West Prom:** Our ATEC West prom will take place at the American Fork Amphitheater on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8pm. Refreshments will be provided. Tickets are on sale now for \$5 each which can be paid at the front office. The theme this year is "Starry Night." In case of inclement weather, we will move the prom to the ATEC East campus in American Fork.

**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. We also ask that you not use the bus lane to drop off or pick up as we have buses that use that loop throughout the day with half-day students and ATEC West jobsites.

**Extended School Year Reminder (ESY):** For those students that have qualified for some or all of ESY please see the dates below so you are able to plan. We will be sending out individual forms as reminders as well.

Dates for ESY in Summer 2022 are as follows:

June 21-23

June 28-30

July 12-14

July 19-21

On days we have ESY, the hours are 8:30-11:30.

**ESY for ATEC West:** The district is working to have ATEC West ESY at the new satellite building at Vista Heights Middle School. We are still waiting for more updates, but the plan for now is to do ESY there.

**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.

**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*

April 4-8	Spring Break (No School)
April 15	Spirit Friday: Throwback Dress Up Day! (Dress up in clothes from any previous decade)
April 20	Secretaries Day!
April 21	The Great Utah Shakeout: Earthquake and Fire Drill (10 am)
April 22	A TEC West Prom: American Fork Amphitheater from 6-8pm
April 25	Teacher Work Day (No School)
May 2	School Fundraiser: 5:30-7:00pm (Dinner and Silent Auction)



## Spirit Days for Spring 2022

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~~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

