

The Husky Herald

10 Years of Learning!

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November 2021

Horizon and ATEC West Community,

Happy Friday and Happy Halloween this weekend! We look forward to celebrating with our staff and students tomorrow. Just a reminder that our parade will begin at 1:00pm in the gym and main hallway. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend. This year we won't be having a Halloween dance following the parade. It's always such a fun time seeing all of the great costumes that students wear to school. I was surprised and impressed at the creativity last year! We will be taking pictures and posting them on our Facebook page (join our Facebook group if you haven't already!) for you to enjoy.

With Thanksgiving coming up this month, we have the opportunity to reflect on those things we're grateful for. It is so easy to forget all that we have when we get swept up in all of the craziness that is life. We have so much on our plates and it's been a challenging school year for our staff and students. Melody Beattie said, "Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." When we cultivate gratitude in our lives, we feel greater purpose and peace. It gives us an infusion of contentment and hope about our current reality and for the future. In each of our roles as staff or parents/guardians, let us each take time to look at our individual situation and recognize the good we have. This doesn't mean we disregard the challenges we are facing, but we give space for gratitude and thanks. Let us not only reflect on the good we have but also express thanks to others for their support, goodness, and contributions.

I am so grateful for each of you! Thank you for your support at home and at school. We're in the business of helping our students grow, achieve, and contribute. What you do matters. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dan Heaps, Principal

Important Items

Thanksgiving Dinners from Tabitha's Way: If there are any families (either staff or families of students) that may be in need this Thanksgiving season, please reach out to Principal Heaps (dheaps@alpinedistrict.org). Tabitha's Way provides full Thanksgiving meal vouchers each year to families in need. The voucher is good for a bundle of the following meal items: 10-15 Pound Turkey, Stuffing, Cake mix with frosting, Turkey roasting tin, Gravy, Potatoes, Dinner rolls, Cranberry sauce, Corn and green beans, Yams, recipe ideas, Canned Pumpkin, Rice, and Beans. If you notify us and receive a voucher, you will need to take the voucher and pick up the meal supplies on November 22nd. Pickup details will be provided on the voucher. **Principal Dan needs to know who would like a voucher no later than Friday, November 5th.**

Resource Fair on November 3rd at American Fork High School (6-8pm): This fair is for parents/guardians of students with disabilities of all ages. This was previously known as the Transition Fair. This year it is being expanded to include all ages. Come and learn about agencies that can support you and your family.

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 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 29 | Halloween Costume Parade: 1:00pm (Both Horizon and ATEC West) |
| November 3 | Resource Fair: 6-8pm at American Fork High School (See flier-for all parents) |
| November 12 | End of 1 st Trimester (Progress Reports will be coming from teachers in the week following) |
| November 13 | Solutions for Success Conference: 9:30 am at the doTERRA Headquarters in PG (See attached flier) |
| November 22 | School Community Council (SCC): 11:30am in the Conference Room. |
| Nov 24-26 | Thanksgiving Break (No School) |