

The Husky Herald

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Horizon and ATEC West Community,

Happy Wednesday and first day of December! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break. We now have only 2 and a half weeks until the next holiday break! This is a wonderful time of year filled with family time and fun activities at home and school. We're excited to be with your son/daughters during this magical holiday season.

One of our core values at Horizon School and ATEC West is *Oneness*. One of the synonyms of oneness is unity. With the challenges we have faced this year it is as critical as ever to work as one united community. Mattie J. T. Stepanek wrote, "Unity is strength ... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." Wonderful things happen every day at our school in every classroom. We foster unity as we seek to understand each other and help one another. We are unified under the same mission and vision and have the common purpose of supporting our students to empower them to achieve their maximum potential and contribute to the community. We seek for unity and oneness at every level from the classroom to the entire school community. Let us seek to build and encourage one another. We are stronger as we are united as a team in our common commitment to our amazing students. With that strength we can achieve great things. I'm so grateful for each of you and what you give to our school and students. Our strength truly is in our team. Thank you for making our school a great place to learn 😊

Sincerely,

Dan Heaps, Principal

Important Items

Husky Holiday Spirit Week: The week leading up to the December break (December 13-17) we will be having a different holiday clothing day. Please see the graphic below with the details.

Families in Need: We have some limited resources to help out a couple of families with clothing needs for their children (clothing, shoes, and coats). Please reach out to me (dheaps@alpinedistrict.org) or your son/daughter's teacher if you have those needs.

ATEC West Teacher Position: One of our ATEC West teachers, Alex Barber, is moving to Texas. We will miss her and wish her well in her new adventure. This also means we are in the process of hiring a teacher! If you know of anyone with the special education teaching certification needed and the interest, please pass along this posting:

<https://www.applitrack.com/alpineschools/onlineapp/JobPostings/view.asp?FromAdmin=true&AppliTrackJobId=3239>

Paraeducator Hiring: We are currently in need of hiring 2 paraeducators for ATEC West and 1 for Horizon. 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 have had lots of sickness going around the school. 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 and to receive instruction regarding isolation and quarantine. This is how we can keep our staff and students safe and well. We still encourage the use of face masks to prevent spread.

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>

Upcoming Events for Horizon/ATEC West December 2021

- 10 School Shirt day
- 13 Holiday Socks day
- 14 Holiday Hat day
- 15 Holiday Colors day
- 16 Ugly Sweater Day
- 17 Pajama Day
- Minimal Day
(Horizon: no Pre K/K 9:15-12:45 & ATEC W: 7:45-11:15)
- 20-2 Winter Break (no school)

