



The Husky Herald

November 2020

Good Afternoon, Horizon and ATEC West Parents and Guardians!

I hope this email finds all of our families and faculty well! This is such a great time of year! We are looking forward to celebrating Halloween tomorrow—even though it will look different than in previous years. Each class will do their own classroom activities and celebrations. We can't wait to see all of the awesome costumes tomorrow from both students and staff. Pictures will be posted on our Facebook page! We also have been loving the production put on by some of our ATEC interns of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (see pictures below). They performed for our Horizon classes today and it was quite a hit! I'm amazed by their hard work in preparation and the great support of our faculty. They are a great team!

Stephen Hawking said, "However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at." Many of you will know the great physical challenges he faced, but he kept moving forward and found ways to be successful. When we consider the students at our school, it's easy to see the significant amount of support they need. However, I have a firm belief that each of them can learn and grow. Even with their difficulties, there are strengths and talents that they possess that can help them to succeed. Success may look different for every student, but at Horizon and ATEC West we believe at our core that every student can succeed. Part of our journey is to help uncover the genius that exists in the minds and hearts of these wonderful students and work together as a team to help them achieve their goals. These goals will open opportunities for independence and meaningful contribution to our society.

Sincerely,

Dan Heaps

Principal

Upcoming Dates

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| November 6 | Picture Retakes from 8-10am |
| November 11 | Veterans Day |
| November 13 | Minimal Day and last day of 1 st Trimester <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ATEC loads busses at 11:30am• Horizon loads busses at 12:35pm |
| November 18 | Earthquake Drill at 9:45am |
| November 18 | SCC Meeting at 1:15pm |
| November 25-29 | Thanksgiving Break |

Important Items

Holiday Needs: We understand that the holiday season can be hard for families that struggle financially. If you could use some help this holiday season, please reach out to your child's teacher or me directly (dheaps@alpinedistrict.org). We will be doing a week of giving to honor this season of gratitude and help those in need. Details will be coming at a later date.

Sick Students and Quarantine: We want to thank you for your efforts to keep your sons and daughters home when they are showing symptoms of illness. This is a crucial part of keeping our students being able to learn at school and safe from sickness. Unfortunately, even with our best efforts, COVID can continue to affect our school. We want to thank you parents and guardians for your patience and support as we have to make difficult decisions to quarantine students and staff.

Masks: Just a reminder that if your son or daughter doesn't have a disability or medical mask exemption, that it is required that they wear their mask at school. If you have questions about this please contact me or our nursing staff.

Facebook Group: We have a private Facebook group for our school! We encourage any and all parents, guardians, and staff to join. We use this Facebook page to send out reminders, information, upcoming events, faculty spotlights, highlights from classes, and more.

Facebook Link:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/289655102455482/?multi_permaLinks=305455714208754¬if_id=1598468796536556¬if_t=group_activity&ref=notif

Substitutes: The district and our school is always in need of substitute teachers. Feel free to go to or share the following link to get set up for substituting: www.ess.com/alpine. If you know of someone who is specifically interested in subbing at Horizon, please let us know so we can put them on our preferred sub list.

Following Pages: Pictures from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory