



The Husky Herald

April 2021

Good morning, Horizon and ATEC West Community,

We're in the process of looking towards next year. Did you know that next year will be our 10th anniversary of being a school? Our school opened in 2011. We want to do some special things to celebrate 10 years of learning at Horizon School. Part of this celebration will be to unveil a new school logo. We are so grateful for Sara Madigan, our office assistant, for creating the logo that we've used this year on our shirts and other communications. I've heard so much positive feedback about having a unified logo across both Horizon and ATEC West. I'm currently working with a local artist to create a custom Husky logo to both celebrate our 10-year anniversary and to use for the foreseeable future. I'll be sending a Google survey out this month to seek feedback from our whole community. I look forward to working together to re-brand our school's logo! I believe it is something that will continue to unite us in our shared mission as we seek student learning, growth, and a meaningful future in the community. It will motivate and guide us in our pursuit of our shared vision to create the kind of school culture that sets the tone and environment needed for students to thrive and achieve their goals.

Winston Churchill said, "Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking your potential." I'm a firm believer that every one of us and each of our students has a great potential. That potential may look different for every person, but every single one of us *can* learn, grow, and become something more. Our effort we put in to achieving our goals is the key to realizing our potential. As I think about effort in the context of this part of the school year, it motivates me to finish strong! This can be a tough time of year for educators and staff (especially March). However, there is still much effort and success to come at the end of this year. It's also important that we balance effort with self-care and to ensure that we are physically, mentally, and emotionally well. Let us continue forward with meaningful effort as well as time to recharge and reflect, so we can most effectively unlock our potential and help others to do the same.

Spring Break is upon us! I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable break this next week. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, April 12th!

Sincerely,

Dan Heaps, Principal

Upcoming Dates

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| April 5-9 | No School – Spring Break |
| April 12 | School resumes ☺ |
| April 12 | End of year alternate assessment (DLM) testing window begins (just Horizon) |
| April 13 | School Community Council (SCC) @ 10:00 am in the Conference Room |
| April 15 | Support Personnel Day—Luncheon will be provided for entire faculty |
| April 21 | Secretaries Day—We love Sue and Sara! |
| April 23 | Silly Socks Day—Wear your silliest/craziest/wildest socks this day! |
| April 27 | Nurses Day—We're grateful for JaNae and Cassidy! |
| April 30 | Principal's Day |
| May 3-7 | Teacher Appreciation Week! |

Important Items

Extended School Year (ESY): If your son/daughter qualified for any amount of in-person ESY services, please make sure to notify their teacher if they will be attending.

2021 ESY Weeks: June 22-25, June 29-July 1, July 6-8, July 13-15

ATEC West Graduation: Mark your calendars that our ATEC West graduation ceremony will be held at the Vista Heights Middle School Auditorium on Friday, May 21st at 4:00pm. Invitations and announcements for graduation will be forthcoming.

Utah Parent Center: The Utah Parent Center is a great resource for families! Here is a little bit about them:

The Utah Parent Center has partnered with Alpine School District to provide free assistance to families of children with special education needs. The Parent Consultant serving families in Alpine School District offers:

- training
- information
- referral
- assistance

Services are offered to parents and professionals through the provision of one-on-one consultations. Maria can help you by:

- Providing a private consultation in-person, by e-mail or over the phone regarding questions or concerns about the special education process.
- Providing information about what supports and services that may be available to help your struggling student.
- Providing information on the IEP process and your rights and responsibilities under IDEA.
- Helping you prepare for IEP meetings and providing support during IEP meetings.
- Connecting you to resources and supports in your community.
- Providing information about upcoming events in the district and statewide.

***All services provided are free and confidential. No information will be released without your consent.*

Link: <https://utahparentcenter.org/projects/districts/alpine-school-district/>

Contact info for Maria Wiscombe (our district liaison with the center):

Email: maria@utahparentcenter.org

Phone: [\(801\) 318-1959](tel:(801)318-1959)

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_permalink=305455714208754¬if_id=1598468796536556¬if_t=group_activity&ref=notif

Substitutes: The district is 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.

Our Mission (Our Purpose)

United as a team, we are committed to the growth of our students, empowering them to be contributing members of the community.

Our Vision (Our Ideal Future)

We envision a positive, engaging, and collaborative school culture, which prepares and inspires our students to achieve their maximum potential.