

# The Husky Herald

The Monthly Newsletter for Horizon School and ATEC West

2022-2023



## September 2022

Good morning, Horizon and ATEC West Community!

It has been amazing to have our Horizon students and ATEC West interns in school these first few weeks! It's been a great start to the year!

We wanted to highlight our school-wide priorities so everyone in our community understands what we are working towards. These priorities will support our efforts to pursue our district's Vision for Learning. We have set priorities in the following 3 areas: School-wide Achievement, Student-Group Achievement, and Student Connection. In coordination with our leadership and collaborative teams we have set the following goals:

**School-Wide Achievement:** Students will make sufficient progress on their IEP goals in academic, functional, or transition areas.

- We focus on progressing with IEP goals because every student in our school has an IEP. We teach specific goals for every student and track data to monitor progress.

**Student Group:** Students with Behavior Intervention Plans will make adequate progress in their behavior and other IEP goals as determined by each IEP team.

- Behavior can be a significant barrier for a student to learn. By focusing on our students who have formal behavioral supports, we seek to improve behavior which in turn will improve learning.

**Student Connection:** Every staff member in Horizon and ATEC West will learn all student names in their respective campuses.

- When someone knows our name, we feel connected to them. It's critical that every student has a team of adults in the building who know who they are and can help them feel seen. There is power in knowing a name and we will learn names schoolwide to facilitate connection and belonging. This is just the first step in striving for deeper student connection.

We have a great team and look forward to deliberately chasing these priorities this year! Thank you for your support as we live our mission, vision, core values and goals and achieve high levels of wellbeing and learning for *every* student.

Sincerely,

Dan Heaps, Principal

Suzanne Palmer, ATEC West Transition Program Administrator

## *Important Items*

**School Community Council (SCC):** Our School Community Council (SCC) is made up of parents and staff. We will continue with one SCC even with ATEC West having moved locations. The SCC works together to determine how to use Trust Land funds to benefit student learning in our school. They meet once a month (excluding December and April) at 1:00pm at Horizon School. **If you are interested in serving as a parent member of the SCC, please let Principal Heaps know no later than Friday, September 9th.** If there is abundant interest, we will hold SCC elections to determine who would serve on the council the week of September 12-16. It's a great opportunity to be involved with the school and be a part of the great work we do!

**Horizon and ATEC West Parent Groups:** We will have two parent groups this year (one for Horizon and one for ATEC West). They help out with feeding faculty at parent teacher conferences and give of their time to help in other ways as well (i.e., appreciation days). If you are interested in volunteering with our parent group, please contact your respective group leader:

Horizon: Hillary Clark (801-592-3327)

ATEC West: Elise Bean (801-636-2062)

**Parent Group Fundraiser:** Our parent group is doing a clothing drive fundraiser to help fund their activities this year! We've partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah to collect gently used clothing as a no cost fundraiser. In years past, we've asked for donations for the parent group - and you've been wonderful! Our goal is that this will raise enough money so we don't have to ask for financial donations this year for staff appreciation or parent conference dinners!

We already have almost 300 bags and hope to get as many as we can (our initial goal was 200)! All donations are due at the school no later than September 9<sup>th</sup>! Please share the info from the flyer below and this project with any family, friends or neighbors! Thanks for your help in making this successful!

**HIRING: ATEC West Job Coaches:** We are currently in need of hiring **1** job coach for ATEC West. If you know anyone who might have interest and would be a great fit to help our ATEC West interns, please send them this link:

<https://www.applitrack.com/alpineschools/onlineapp/JobPostings/view.asp?FromAdmin=true&AppliTrackJobId=5406>

**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*

- September 5** Labor Day (No School)
- September 7** Dental Hygiene Presentations for Horizon classes
- September 9** Picture Day (Please let us know if you haven't received a picture packet)
- September 20** Parent Teacher Conferences @ 4:00-7:30pm (for both Horizon and ATEC West)
- September 26** School Community Council Meeting @ 1:00 pm at Horizon School
- September 30** Custodial Appreciation Day!  
-Horizon: Our lead custodian is **Tyler** and sweeper is **Ellie**.  
-ATEC West: Our custodian is **CJ** and sweeper is **Brigder**.



**Donation Info**

Our school will get \$\$\$ for your gently used clothing.

We are accepting:

- Clothing, all seasons/sizes
- Paired shoes
- Linens
- Stuffed animals
- Blankets

Goal: 200 tall kitchen type garbage bags

**CLOTHING**  
*Drive*

Donations Accepted thru  
**Friday Sept 9th**

during school hours



@ Horizon & ATEC-West  
in tall kitchen type garbage bags

For more information, call/text Hillary

**(801) 592-3327**