



The Husky Herald

May 2021

Good afternoon, Horizon and ATEC West Community,

We did it! We made it to the last month of the 2020-2021 school year! It's been a year full of ups and downs and curve balls, but I'm so grateful we've been able to achieve what we have and to stay open the entire school year. Let's finish this year strong!

With finishing my first year as principal of Horizon School and ATEC West, I've been able to reflect upon all of the amazing things that happen at our school. I've seen teachers and related servers who are dedicated to the success of every student. I see the countless hours they spend writing IEPs, teaching students, supporting students with personal care, coaching and working with their classroom staff, collaborating with their teams, and making sure our students have a positive learning environment. I've noticed paraeducators who provide vital support to enable teachers to run their classrooms and provide individualized instruction to our students. I've seen related servers who intentionally collaborate closely with teachers to ensure we're working together as unified IEP teams. I've seen our front office staff who keep our school running smoothly. They are such an amazing support to me and the rest of the school. I've seen our nurses constantly addressing the health and medical needs of many students—whether it's helping with feeding, medication, assessing concerns that arise, etc. I've seen our custodian go above and beyond his job description to innovatively meet needs of students as well as keeping our school in amazing shape (inside and out). I've seen the members of our School Community Council (SCC) and parent group who coordinate Land Trust resources to support our goals and provide meals for our teachers and staff to show appreciation. I've seen our students working hard and learning to the best of their abilities. I've seen our two programs working together to create unity and purpose. I've seen parents and faculty working well together to create the very best programs for our students. I am so grateful for each of you. Thank you for your support this year! I'm so proud of what we've done this year and have great hopes and aspirations for the future of our school community. We have a bright future ahead!

Sincerely,

Dan Heaps, Principal

Upcoming Dates

May 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week! Send some love to our teachers and related servers!
May 9	Mother's Day
May 18	Water Day for Horizon students
May 20	Fire Drill at 9:45 am
May 21	ATEC West Graduation at Vista Heights Middle School Auditorium @ 4:00 pm
May 21	Dress Like Your Favorite Movie Character Day!
May 26	Last day for all preschool and kindergarten students
May 26	Canyon Service Project and BBQ for ATEC West
May 27	Last Day of School (Short Day—students are only here for 1 hour and 30 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedules:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ATEC West: 8:00-9:30○ Horizon: 9:00-10:35

Important Items

COVID-19 Vaccines: We have been asked by the Utah County Health Department to keep track of the students who have been vaccinated so we know if your student needs to be quarantined in case of a future exposure. To do this we have a google form for you to fill out for our records.

Link to Google Survey: <https://forms.gle/TyiBuz5BqfHYDTs37>

If you are interested in signing up for the COVID-19 vaccine (either for your family or child), please go to the following website: health.utahcounty.gov/covid-19-vaccine

If you have any questions you can contact JaNae Simper or Cassidy Adamson at Horizon School via the school phone (801-610-8728)

Vaccine Exemptions: If any parent wants information on seeking a vaccine exemption they can go to the following website for more information: immunize.utah.gov

Last Day of School: Remember that the last day of school is the traditional *very* short day. Bussing is still provided. Please plan accordingly for students to get dropped off back at home much earlier than normal. Kindergarten and preschool students won't attend the last day of school.

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. ESY will run from 8:30 am-11:30 am on the dates listed below:

2021 ESY Dates: 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. We look forward to celebrating our graduating class of 2021 on the big stage!

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_permaLinks=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.