

# The Husky Herald

The Monthly Newsletter for Horizon School and ATEC West

2022-2023



## August 2022

Greetings, Horizon and ATEC West Community!

It is our honor to welcome each of you back for the 2022-2023 school year! If you are new to our school, we are glad you're with us and look forward to our time together! We hope that your summers were full of fun, family time, rejuvenation, and more (and hopefully some sleeping in!). Our new school year is rapidly approaching and our team is excited to have our students and interns (what we call students for ATEC West) back at school. They are the reason we invest in our school and are working towards making this the best year yet.

This is our first year of having Horizon and ATEC West in separate campuses! Even though we are working and learning in two different locations, we move forward as **one school** with a unified team of professionals. We have strong teams who deeply care about our students and who are caring, engaged, and focused. With ATEC West moving to Vista Heights Middle School, there was a need to have a site administrator to provide daily support to that program. We are excited to introduce you all to Suzanne Palmer who will work with me to support ATEC West. Her intro is included with this newsletter. She is a wonderful advocate for our school and will be an incredible asset to the work that we do!

We love this school! We love our faculty, students, parents, community members, and more. We have a wonderful school with some of the very best staff and students around. What a privilege it is to strive for great learning and progress for each of these students and interns.

We hope to see many of you at our Open Houses on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm!

Here's to a great school year! ☺

Go Huskies!

Sincerely,

Dan Heaps, Principal  
Suzanne Palmer, ATEC West Transition Program Administrator

P.s. Keep reading below for important announcements and dates to remember...

## *Important Items*

### ***School Schedules:***

- Horizon classes: 9:15-3:30 (Monday-Friday)
- ATEC West classes: 7:45-1:45 (Monday-Friday)

***Class/Teacher Assignments:*** Students who have been enrolled have been assigned to a teacher for the upcoming school year. Please check Skyward to see their teacher and class assignments.

***Open Houses:*** We will hold our annual open house on **Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm**. Open houses will be going on at both Horizon School and ATEC West. ATEC West parents: please see the ATEC West section below for instructions on where to find the new building. Feel free to come and meet your teacher for a few minutes and see the school!

***School Community Council (SCC):*** Our school community council 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). **If you are interested in serving as a parent member of the SCC, please let Principal Heaps know within the first 2 weeks of school.** 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 teacher appreciation, aide appreciation or parent conference dinners!

We already have more than 90 bags and hope to get to 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!

***ATEC West Campus:*** It is now located in the **white satellite building on the west side of the Vista Heights Middle School** campus by the tennis courts. It has a sign with our name on the end. Here are some items to be aware of:

- The phone number for ATEC West is (801) 610-8738.
- Drop off and pick up will happen at the satellite building. We have an office there to help you.
- All postal mail will still be coming to Horizon. We ask that you not mail anything addressed to Vista Height Middle School.
- We have a conference room at the satellite. IEP meetings will be held at the new campus.

***Cost of School Meals:*** School meals will be going back to being charged this year. Free/reduced meals will only be provided to students whose parents have submitted the application and been approved.

***ATEC West Parents:*** Please help your intern fill out the following form to help us get an idea of what job sites they would be interested in participating in. <https://forms.gle/PsGZhDCNwUKgBcZo7>

**HIRING: Job Coaches:** We are currently in need of hiring **4 job coaches 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*

- August 16      Open House @ 2-4pm
- August 17      First Day of School** for students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> (and ATEC-West young adult students)
- August 24      First Day of School for Pre-K and Kindergarten students
- August 24      Dental Hygiene Presentations for ATEC West classes
- August 25      Fire and Evacuation Drill @ 10am (Horizon)
- September 7      Dental Hygiene Presentations for Horizon classes
- September 5      Labor Day (No School)
- September 9      Picture Day (Picture packets will come home in your student's bag in the first weeks of school)



**CLOTHING Drive**

**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

**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**

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