



# The Husky Herald

December 2020

Good morning, Horizon and ATEC West Community!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break! It's hard to believe that in three short weeks that we will be into our next break! Remembering what we're thankful for creates great emotional uplift and benefit.

What am I grateful for?

I am grateful for our school *community*. I thank all of our wonderful **parents and guardians** who work so hard to support these students in the home. You are vital and valued members of each and every IEP team and our school community as a whole. I thank our **SCC** and parent group for supporting our school so diligently. I thank our **teachers** for developing meaningful learning experiences for our students and helping create classrooms where student can be safe, connected, and confident. I thank all of our **paraeducators, interveners, 1:1 nurses and signing aides** who work their guts out to support teachers in helping students to achieve their goals. We couldn't do our work without you! I thank all of our **related service providers** for their wonderful support. I have been amazed at how well you support teachers and work in close coordination. I thank our **office staff** who keep our school running every day! They are amazing! I thank our **school nurses** for helping us stay healthy and to meet student medical needs. I thank our **school psychologist** for her help with making sure every student maintains eligibility in special education and supporting student behavior. I thank our **custodial staff** as they maintain a beautiful facility. They go above and beyond! I thank our **computer tech** for helping us with our technological needs (we love being able to print!). I thank our **district coordinator and directors** for all of the support they've provided to our school to make sure we have had all of the training, personnel, materials and supplies we need to be successful. We are a great community and I *love* being part of what we do!

As 2020 comes to a close this month, let's reflect upon those things that we've learned from a crazy year. I've seen some insanely creative thinking as we have adjusted to life in the time of COVID-19. We have learned new skills that will benefit us not only during this pandemic but for years to come. We have banded together more and created a closer community. Even though there have been really hard things, we have learned more about ourselves and have found new ways to connect with and support one another. I am hopeful for 2021! We will continue to work together to fulfill our purpose and commitment to student growth and helping them gain the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to be contributing members of the community.

Sincerely,

Dan Heaps, Principal

## Upcoming Events

December 9	Lockdown drill at 9:45am
December 16	SCC Meeting @ 1:15pm
December 18	Sports dress up day <i>and</i> Minimal Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ATEC students loads busses at 11:30am</li><li>• Horizon students loads busses at 12:35pm</li><li>• No Preschool or Kindergarten students</li></ul>
Dec 21- Jan 1	Christmas Break
January 4	School resumes!

## Important Items

**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](mailto:maria@utahparentcenter.org)

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

**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 at [dheaps@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:dheaps@alpinedistrict.org).

**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&notif\\_id=1598468796536556&notif\\_t=group\\_activity&ref=notif](https://www.facebook.com/groups/289655102455482/?multi_permalinks=305455714208754&notif_id=1598468796536556&notif_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](http://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.