

April is filled with fun activities for our students. There will be no school April 6-10 for Spring Break. April 20th through the 24th will be ATEC's spirit week. Monday the 20th is the time to show off your craziest hair. Tuesday is tiedyed day. Wednesday will be funny hat day. Thursday will be changed to "Nerdsday" so don't forget your pocket protectors. Friday will be ATEC day so wear your ATEC shirt or something black.

Friday will also be our Prom, which will be held at ATEC West – Horizon School 682 West

210 North, Saratoga Springs (On the East side of Thunder Ridge Elementary) – see the map on page 5. Dinner will start at 6PM, dancing at 7:15, crowning of Prom royalty at 8:30 and the dance will end at 9:45.

On Tuesday April 28 at 6PM we will hold our annual Information Meeting for new and transferring students and their parents. That evening at 7PM we will also hold our School Community Council (SCC) Elections for chair and vice chair. Come support the SCC and the wonderful work they do for our students!

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Staff of the Month for March:

Ta'Merra Phillips Para-Educator in Mrs. Coleman's class

Ta'Merra has taken the reigns of the cheerleaders and has done a fantastic job of increasing the spirit of the spirit squad! She also spends the day helping our students in the class and in employment training. The other staff reports that Ta'Merra "relates well with the students," and "is so good with (our students) to help them accomplish their goals, class assignments, and is truly concerned about them." "Ta'Merra helps anywhere she can and is very friendly with everyone." Congratulations Ta'Merra!

Staff of the Month for April:

Tawni Otero

Para-Educator in Mrs. Ruesch's Class

Tawni has been a great help to our students at ATEC for a number of years. She is active in securing job sites for our Outreach and Access students. She is "cheerful. organized, & on-task." She is "bright, and the students love her." She is helpful and she "gives clear directions and praises (students) when they accomplish their tasks." Thanks Tawni for your service and congratulations!

ATEC April Calendar

- Apr. 6-10th Spring Break (No School)
- Apr. 20-24th Spirit Week
 - Monday Crazy Hair Day
 - Tuesday Tie Dye Day
 - Wednesday Funny Hat Day
 - Thursday Dress Up Like a Nerd Day
 - Friday ATEC Day wear your ATEC or black shirt.
- Apr. 24th **Prom**
 - At: Horizon School 682 West 210 North. Saratoga Springs (On the East side of Thunder Ridge Elementary) – see map on pg. 5
 - 6:00 Dinner
 - 7:15 Dance
 - o 8:30 Crowning of Royalty
 - 9:45 Prom Ends
- Apr. 28th 6:00 PM at ATEC - Information Night for **Incoming/Transferring Parents and Students**
- Apr. 28th 7:00 PM at ATEC - School Community **Council Elections**
 - Chair & Vice Chair voted for (Secretary voted on in Fall)



Sandwich, Chips, & Rice Krispy Treat

Apr. 14 – Haystacks & Cookies.

Apr. 16 - Deli Sandwich, Fruit, & Chips

Apr. 28 – Pancakes, Sausage, &

Apr. 30 – Lasagna, Vegetables, & Pudding Cup.

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March Spotlight

Students of the Month for December:

Seth P.

(Outreach - Mrs. Ruesch)

Seth has the best attitude and an amazing smile! He is beloved by his peers in the Outreach and Access class. He is a good listener and a great friend. He follows directions in the job site and is always working hard to get his goals done.

Taylor M. (Access – Mrs. Coleman)

Taylor has worked so hard this year to improve her skills in the community. She can get around the community on UTA without any help. She is one of the best workers at her job training sight. She is always friendly in class and is a great friend to many students. Thank you Taylor for all your hard work.

Nathan S. (Independent Living – Mr. Östhed)

Nate has done really well lately in improving his ability to be independent and live on his own. He planned changes to his school schedule and signed up for a couple of Institute classes at UVU, as well as their choir. This has

also given him more opportunities to learn how to ride UTA. At school he has been very helpful with his classmates that need assistance at lunchtime and in the classroom. Keep up the great work Nate!

<u>Nathan H.</u> (Independent Living – Mr. Hunsaker)

Nathan is quick to do what is asked of him, and works hard on all of his goals. Nathan is kind to others and likes to be funny and have fun with friends. He works hard both in the classroom and at his job site - that is why he is Mr. Hunsaker's Student of the Month.

McKenna P. (Independent Living – Mrs. Caffee)

McKenna has been chosen for student of the month because she has gone out of her comfort zone to take on Peer Tutoring other students in the classroom. She has gained more confidence in tackling the shredder and presenting things in class. She has learned to be brave in different circumstances and speaking up.



(The Following Students have left their mark in one of the 4 areas of Transition)

Jobs

- McKenna P.
- Abby M.
- Ty H.
- Josh H.
- McKay W.

Education & Training

- Cory B.
- Bradon H.
- Nathan H.
- Anthony C.
- Alex V.

Personal Life

- Jordi P.
- Taylor M.
- Taylon T.
- Casandra G.
- Seth P.

Living on Your Own

- Cyd C.
- Alex P.
- Ona B.
- Nate S.
- Wesley H.

April Spotlight

Students of the Month for January:

Allie R.

(Outreach - Mrs. Ruesch)

Allie has been the BRAVEST of the BRAVE this month for riding the Trax and Frontrunner in the same month. For years, Allie has been terrified of riding them and would stay back from activities whenever the outing involved either the Trax or Frontrunner. We are so proud of her and will miss her when she graduates.

Abby M. (Access – Mrs. Coleman)

Abby has shown determination and hard work this month. I am so proud of how well she is communicating with staff and other students. Thank you Abby for trying so hard even when changes are happening.

<u>Dinora P.</u> (Independent Living – Mr. Östhed)

Dinora has been brave in many of the transition areas this month, but especially in the area of Jobs. Dinora is a very hard worker and is a great example to the other students of staying on task and working independently. Two different

substitutes for her regular job coach complimented Dinora on how great she does at getting right to work and doing a great job. Way to go Dinora!

Zach G-P. (Independent Living – Mr. Hunsaker)

Zach likes to help other students both at work and in the classroom. Zach loves to talk to people, especially about minecraft. Zach works hard in the classroom and at his work site at Smith's. Because of his helpful nature and hard work Zach is the student of the month from Mr. Hunsaker's class.

<u>Jordi P.</u> (Independent Living – Mrs. Caffee)

Jordi is always willing to help others in need - either to assist them with their job or share a starburst with them to cheer them up. He has done exceptionally well with his jobs around the school and in the community to do quality work and to clean up after the task is completed. You can't help but love his "happy" dance and Michael Jackson moves. He sure entertains those around him.



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Jobs

- Jordi P.
- Matt J.
- Zach G-P.
- Dinora P.
- Brandi R.

Education & Training

- Emily B.
- Campbell J.
- James H.
- James G.
- Jennifer L.

Personal Life

- Kurt B.
- Abby M.
- Rachel G.
- Zeth M.
- Rebekah G.

Living on Your Own

- Jared H.
- Ernesto D.
- Brittany H.
- Joey R.
- Allie R.

School News March/April 2015

Utah Parent Center

Summer Activities!

Thursday, April 23 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Legacy Elementary Gym, 28 East 1340 North, American Fork

Not sure what to do with your kids this summer? Come get ideas for summer including:

- -Fine and gross-motor activities
- -Fun and educational apps
- -Speech and language ideas
- -List of summer programs and activities.



Annual Balloon Launch and Activities

Saturday, April 18th 2015 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

UCCU Events Center Lawn, UVU Campus

Join us for: Games, Activities, Music, Food and T-Shirts!

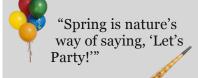
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Eagle Vision



-Robin Williams



