

# ATEC

∞ Eagle Newsletter ∞



## Happy Thanksgiving!

This month we turn our thoughts to what we are thankful for. On Tuesday November 18 we remember those that are paramount in our students lives: you, their parents! Please come and join us for our annual Parent Appreciation Night from 6:00 – 8:00 PM that night. Your students will practice their serving skills with a Hawaiian Luau Dinner.

We will also celebrate our students with a double helping of Thanksgiving dinner a week

later on Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup>. The dinner is free, but food donations are welcome. (Please contact your student’s teacher or the front desk if you are interested in donating).

There will be no school during the week of Thanksgiving on Nov. 26, 27, and 28.

Please also remember our school community council meeting on Nov. 12 from 6:00 to 8:00.

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**Staff of the Month:**

**Michelle Muhlestein**

Michelle is a para-educator in Mr. Östher's class. Michelle has always been very dedicated to the students of ATEC since she started here a few years ago. She is often early to work, ready to go. She will take extra learning materials to the work training site she job coaches at to help keep the students engaged if there happens to be some down time. Michelle often volunteers her time to help out at the many ATEC after school activities. Her love for the students is easily seen in the way she goes about every day at ATEC. You're awesome Michelle!

**School Community Council**

The following are members of ATEC's school community council this year:

- Debbie Kirk (Chair)  
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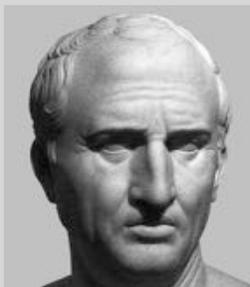
**ATEC November Calendar**

- **Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**      **School Community Council Meeting**
  - 6:30PM (ATEC)
- **Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**      **Parent Appreciation Night**
  - 6:00 – 7:30PM (ATEC)
- **Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Student Thanksgiving Dinner**
  - Will be held during school
- **Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup>** **Thanksgiving Break (No School)**

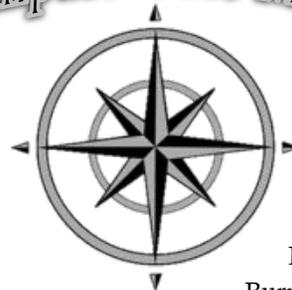
**Eagle Vision**

“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others”

- Cicero



**Compass Café Menu**



**Nov. 4** – Taco Salad & Brownie

**Nov. 6** – Deli Sandwich, Fruit, & Chips

**Nov. 11** – Belgian Waffles, Eggs, & Fruit

**Nov. 13** – Chicken Pillows, Mashed Potatoes, & Corn

**Nov. 18** – Spaghetti &

Meatballs, Green Beans, & Garlic Bread

**Nov. 20** – Sweet Pork

Burritos, Salad, Chips & Salsa

**Nov. 25** – Thanksgiving Dinner Potluck

**Nov. 27** – Thanksgiving Break (No School)

## November Spotlight

### October Students of the Month

#### Shelby C.

(Outreach - Mrs. Ruesch)

Shelby is a wonderful friend to those around her. This quarter Shelby has made tremendous progress on the UTA and being brave! We are very proud of her.

#### Emily K.

(Access – Mrs. Coleman)

Emily has been taking on new changes in her life. She choose to learn how to ride the UTA bus to and from ATEC. I am so proud of Emily for taking charge of her life and advocating for herself.

#### Joey R.

(Independent Living – Mr. Östhed)

Joey has done exceptionally well lately. Staff in the classroom and at the jobsite have mentioned on multiple occasions how great Joey is. In addition to fulfilling his assignments, he often looks for additional tasks that he can complete after he is done. He also offers to help other students, without being asked, if he sees their need.

#### Kam U.

(Independent Living – Mr. Hunsaker)

Kam has worked hard on listening to his job coach and teacher. He helps other students, and loves to have fun with his friends. He really wants to show how independent he can be.

#### Justin L.

(Independent Living – Mrs. Caffee)

Justin has made a lot of progress with expressing his needs and wants verbally and using his communication wallet. He is meticulous at vacuuming at his jobsite and is a good worker.



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

#### Jobs

- Justin L.
- Ernesto D.
- Kam U.
- Zeth M.
- Alex V.

#### Education & Training

- Sammy G.
- Matt J.
- Rachel G.
- Dinora P.
- Spencer L.

#### Personal Life

- Kalisha N.
- Rebbby D.
- Zach G.
- Joey R.
- Shelby C.

#### Living on Your Own

- Madelyn B.
- Emily K.
- Nathan H.
- James G.
- Ephraim M.



## Community News



### Attention: Parents

Do you have a child with disabilities ages 12 – 26 on an IEP, Section 504 Plan, Special Health Care Need Plan or now navigating the adult system?  
***If So, Then This Transition Mini-Conference Is For YOU!***

The Utah Parent Center will hold this training on:

**Thursday, Nov 13, 2014**

**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Training will be held at:

**ScenicView Academy**  
5455 N River Run Dr  
Provo, UT 84604

*Pre-registration is required for this event.*

**Cost: \$10.00 includes lunch.**

Please pre-register no later than:

**Monday, November 10, 2014**

Register online at: <http://conta.cc/1vdUd7J>

Register by phone: 801.272.1051

*This training will be provided by staff of the Utah Parent Center and the COURIER Project of the Utah Parent Center. COURIER is a partnership between the Utah Parent Center, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, and Utah State Office of Education.*

#### Topics That Will be Covered Include:

##### From “No Where to Know Where: The IEP and Transition Plan

The transition to adult life can leave you feeling you are “NO Where” – totally lost! Get to “KNOW Where” by learning about planning for transition to adulthood. UPC will go into detail about the process the IEP team follows to help students have a successful transition.

##### Self-Determination: Whose Decision Is It Anyway?

Self-Advocacy and self-determination are important skills that students with disabilities need to develop. This workshop will help parents and educators teach self-advocacy skills to students with disabilities.

##### State Services Presentation and Agency Fair

What services are available? Representatives will be present to discuss: Accessibility services at UVU, Division of Services for People with Disabilities, Guardianship Associates of Utah, Utah Work Incentive Planning Services and Vocational Rehabilitation.

##### Plan for the Future

The Utah Parent Center will help parents students begin to forge and discover new areas while planning for the future. This workshop will help parents to understand (1) vocational rehabilitation (VR) programs and services including how VR can be involved in the IEP; (2) supported employment provided by the Division of Services for People with Disabilities and; (3) how to access college and university support services.

**Thank you to Alpine School District, Provo School District and Nebo School District Special Education and 504 Programs for their partnership in making this event possible.**

## Guardianship Questions and Answers Parent Meeting

Date: November 11, 2014

Place: The Kauri Sue Hamilton School -  
2827 W 13400 S, Riverton, UT 84065

Time: 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**This free presentation will answer the following questions:**

- Do I need to get guardianship for my child as he/she enters adulthood?
- When should I seek guardianship?
- How do I maneuver through the legal

process of gaining guardianship?

- What are the costs of gaining guardianship?
- Can I act as my own Attorney (Pro-Se)?

Who should attend?

- Parents of students age 14-22
- Teachers of transition-aged students.

Presentation provided by: Guardianship Associates of Utah ([guardianshiputah.org](http://guardianshiputah.org))