



Nebo News



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NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 32,500 students 2016-2017.
- Nebo District has over 3,600 employees.
- Nebo District is the 6th largest district in Utah.
- Nebo District is the 5th largest employer in Utah County.

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Superintendent's Message: Choose2Matter — Board of Education

A Happy New Year to everyone! Hopefully everyone enjoyed their white Christmas and had an enjoyable holiday break.

In last month's Nebo News, we recognized Kay L. Tischner for his many years of service on our School Board; and this month, we are pleased to introduce Lisa Rowley as a new member of the Board. What a blessing it is for our district to be led by people of such high integrity who support public education to the fullest.

Our Board will soon be receiving the Utah School Board Association Master Boards Award for the fifth consecutive year. This award recognizes Boards for their leadership in five areas: 1) paying attention to the quality of what is done to ensure student learning, 2) advocating for public education, 3) building collaborative relationships, 4) accountability for student performance and financial security, and 5)

providing leadership that creates conditions for excellent student achievement.

While it is an honor for them to receive this award, I believe that our Board would say that the most significant reward they receive for their service is the knowledge that they are making a positive difference for the students, families, and employees of the District. In every conversation, every discussion, every decision, they consistently ask themselves, "What is best for students? How will this affect our employees?"

I sincerely hope that every employee in Nebo District has deep appreciation, respect, and gratitude for our Board of Education. They "Choose2Matter" for each of us; and, as the leaders of our District, are genuinely committed to our happiness and success.

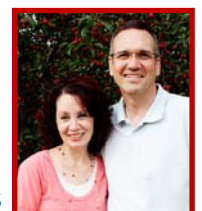
Lisa Rowley — New Nebo School Board Member

Lisa and her husband, Chad, have had many opportunities to volunteer and serve in public schools. Lisa was involved in the PTA on a school and district level, Room Mother, School Community Councils at the elementary, junior high, and high school levels. She also served on the Nebo Education Foundation Board as vice president. Lisa enjoyed working at Santaquin Elementary in the ESL program for 12 years.

"I believe that our children need the input and support of parents in conjunction with teachers and administration in order for students to succeed. The board has the responsibility to support the good things that are happening within our district - support the outstanding educators and administrators and also look for ways to continually improve the quality of education in our schools. Our community and businesses can be a great resource, we need to encourage their support and input," said Lisa. "I am very supportive of public education. I know it's not a perfect institution,

but Nebo has served our community well in the past. I expect it to continue to go forward in a positive way. Public Education has the responsibility to prepare students with skills they will need to succeed in life. It's a rather daunting task! For our public education to be successful, it requires a team effort of educators, families, and the community. I look forward to being a part of the Nebo School Board."

Lisa is married to Chad; and they raised six children on the family fruit farm in Santaquin. Lisa loves music, reading, and spending time with her family and 10 grandchildren. They all enjoy hiking and running together. Chad and Lisa recently returned from a three-year mission in Piura, Peru serving as mission president and wife.



Nebo School District's Sterling Scholars

Dates to Celebrate:

- Jan. 1-31**
National Mentoring Month
Recognizing the need for every child to have a caring adult in his or her life
- Jan. 1**
New Year's Day
- Jan. 2-6**
New Year's Resolution Week
- Jan. 4**
World Braille Day
Celebrating the birthday of Louis Braille (1809)
- Jan. 16**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
National Day of Service
- Jan. 23**
National Handwriting Day
Recognizing the art and value of legible handwriting
- Jan. 23-27**
Clean Out Your Inbox Week
- Jan. 24**
Compliment Day
Offer sincere compliments to five different people
- Jan. 27**
Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Jan. 28**
Christa McAuliffe Day
Commemorating teacher Christa McAuliffe and the other six astronauts killed in the Challenger tragedy (Jan. 28, 1986)



Salem Hills High
 Business & Marketing: James Ebert
 Computer Technology: Hayden Henrie
 Dance: Carly Adamson
 English: Reagan Fausett
 Family & Consumer Science: Dayna Knuteson
 Instrumental Music: Benjamin Cardoza
 Mathematics: Brevan Ellefson
 Science: Benjamin Preece
 Skilled & Technical Science Ed.: Nathan Vance
 Social Science: Conner Campbell
 Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Joshua Kitchen
 Visual Arts: Audrey Miller
 Vocal Performance: Thomas Flinders
 World Languages: Joshua Bauer

Springville High
 Business & Marketing: Chloe Wilson
 Computer Technology: Connor Widfeldt
 Dance: Emme Franks
 English: Selendra Lewis
 Family & Consumer Science: Erin Caswell
 Instrumental Music: Abi Maccabee
 Mathematics: Brian Udall
 Science: Tessa Larsen
 Skilled & Technical Science Ed.: Steven Bartholomew
 Social Science: Zoe Dalley
 Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Rebecca Hammond
 Visual Arts: Abigail Holman
 Vocal Performance: Emily Mason
 World Languages: Samantha Sorensen

Payson High
 Business & Marketing: Rebecca Blazzard
 Computer Technology: Alex Christensen
 Dance: Remington Headman
 English: Dariel DeMille
 Family & Consumer Science: Paige Davis
 Instrumental Music: Nicholas Montoya
 Mathematics: Devin Broadhead
 Science: Madilyn Liston
 Skilled & Technical Science Ed.: Ivan Webber
 Social Science: Alyssa Sutton
 Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Kailee Broderick
 Visual Arts: Jessalyn Ethridge
 Vocal Performance: Alyssa Behrend
 World Languages: Benjamin Phillips

Spanish Fork High
 Business & Marketing: Lizzy Cerenzie
 Computer Technology: Andrea Hansen
 Dance: Brynn Lewis
 English: Will Paxton
 Family & Consumer Science: Camilla Cahill
 Instrumental Music: Joseph Buck
 Mathematics: Dillon Muirbrook
 Science: Austin Harris
 Skilled & Technical Science Ed.: Bailee Argyle
 Social Science: Justin Blake
 Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Amanda Gould
 Visual Arts: Mariah Burnham
 Vocal Performance: Rachel Hicken
 World Languages: Emmeline Bowman

Maple Mountain High
 Business & Marketing: Savannah Marker
 Computer Technology: Toshihiro Davis
 Dance: Addison Black
 English: Julie Carlson
 Family & Consumer Science: Cheyenne Davies
 Instrumental Music: Allison Ellis
 Mathematics: Joseph Delacruz
 Science: Adam Syndergaard
 Skilled & Technical Science Ed.: Benjamin Warnick
 Social Science: Mason Evans
 Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Corban Radford
 Visual Arts: Maile Smith
 Vocal Performance: Sarah Foutz
 World Languages: Annie Weight

UHSAA Alignment for 2017-19

There will be six classifications starting 2017. Nebo high schools will be in the following:

<u>Region 8 5A</u>	<u>Region 10 4A</u>
Maple Mountain	Lehi
Provo	Mountain View
Skyridge	Orem
Springville	Payson
Timpanogos	Salem Hills
Wasatch	Spanish Fork
	Utah

Retiring at the end of 2016-17?

Nebo is offering an Early Retirement Notice Incentive to those who have their retirement approved by the Board of Education before mid-February. The details are as follows:

- ◆ Any employee who is eligible for and retires from Utah Retirement System (URS) by June 30, 2017, can submit the final paperwork to the District by:
 - ◇ January 6, 2017, to receive \$1,000 in their January 31 paycheck, or
 - ◇ February 3, 2017, to receive \$500 in their February 28 paycheck.
 - ◆ The final application deadline for this Early Retirement Notice Incentive is February 3, 2017.
- This incentive is a one-time option for those who will retire at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Acts of Giving and Service

**Road to Wellness Compliance
Due by: February 1, 2017**

Barnett: organized a canned food drive through the Student Light-house group.

Park: partnered with SFHS to decorate, visit, and serve the Payson Veterans' home.

Rees: served through a food drive, "You've been Elf-ed", tied quilts, and 12 Days of Service.

Diamond Fork Jr.: organized a food drive of over 30,000 items and \$3,000 cash.

Mt. Nebo Jr.: served others with tied quilts, 50 food kits, and Sub-for-Santa.

Springville Jr.: made over 200 fleece blankets for cancer patients.

Landmark: served Thanksgiving dinner for faculty and staff and prepared packages of food and gifts for needy families.

PHS: served through a Giving Tree to Christmas Box House, and Sub-for-Santa for 10 families.

SHHS: organized another Make-A-Wish campaign to serve those with critical health needs.

SHS: DECA/FBLA read letters and responded as Santa. FFA provided Sub-for-Santa, Key Club organized

food drive, Latinos Club prepared hygiene items.

ALC: created and provided a light show through robots for senior citizens.

Nebo District Office Staff: Provided Christmas to numerous families in our district as well as donated coats, clothing, toys, and critical supplies for our students in need.

Spanish Fork Rotary: Organized giving trees in businesses to help Sub-for-Santa and the Dragon Food Pantry for all our Nebo students.

Nebo Education Foundation: partnered with KSL Quarters for Christmas and served approximately 150 students in our district with Christmas wishes.

Also, various Foundation Board members paid for rent, bought entire families Christmas, and donated a car for a family in need.

Nebo Communities & Businesses: Donated many, many items for the Dragon Food Pantry, Sub-for-Santa, a car, and necessary items for all our students.

December PEAK Awards



To read the nomination submissions, go to:

December 2016 PEAK Awards:

<http://www.nebo.edu/news/2034>

To submit a PEAK Award nomination, go to employee

page and scroll down, or go to: www.nebo.edu/PEAK



Nominated by: Nebo School District
PEAK Award: Kay L. Tischner, School Board Member
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Sara Matis
PEAK Award: Teresa Jordan, Facilitator, Maple Ridge Elem.
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Claudia Shaffer, Pamela Tippetts, Brenda Burr
PEAK Award: Lisa Schuring, ESL Tech., Sage Creek Elem.
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Kim Lee & Kathy Thacker
PEAK Award: Jan Hunsaker, Teacher, Salem Hills High
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Marcey Humpherys
PEAK Award: Jesse Sorenson, Assistant Principal, PHS
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Kim Lee & Kathy Thacker
PEAK Award: Andy Hunsaker, Teacher, Spanish Fork High
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



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If your successes are not listed above, please get awards to lane.hiskey@nebo.edu with Award Nebo News in the subject line.



Nebo District's Celebrations

Student Celebrations

Travis Gervais, Art City, selected as the Daily Herald Student of the Week.

Kylee Ewell, Mt. Nebo Jr., was honored by Payson Mayor Moore.

Allie Dorman, Meadow Brook, **Jon Ferrin**, Art City, and **Dakota Pace**, SJH, were honored by Springville Mayor Clyde.

Employee/Program Celebrations

Kate Elliott, Foothills, selected as the Daily Herald Educator of the Week.

Lori Cunningham, MMHS, honored with the School Leadership Award by BYU.

Heather Balli, Westside, honored with the School Leadership Award by BYU.

Kathy Treanor, SHHS, selected as Utah Volleyball Coach of the Year 2016

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Andy Wiley, Custodian, Sierra Bonita, "Andy exceeds his job and goes above and beyond. He makes everyone feel like they are top priority. He knows each student." Recognized by Janna Slye.

Angie Craig, Special Education Teacher, Santaquin Elementary, "She goes above and beyond. She is passionate about her job. She takes time each day to make each child feel special and loved." Recognized by Jenny Luke.

Dave Hansen, History Teacher, Springville Jr., "My son broke his arm at wrestling which required surgery. Dave, his wrestling coach, took the time to come to our house with a giant card made by the wrestling team, which let my son know how much he meant to the team." Recognized by Adrienne Ottley, parent.

Laurie Nielson, Secretary, Mt. Nebo Jr., "She is so kind and helps everyone. She is helpful and made me feel welcome on my first day." Recognized by Aspyn Bagley, Mia Kirton-Hogue, Kiera Andrews, students.

Lucas Isley, Photography Teacher, SFHS, "Lucas is positive and shows love to all his students and mine. He helped with two musicals and demonstrated team work." Recognized by Andrew Hunsaker.

Kevin Mecham, Assist. Principal, Salem Jr., "He was so kind to me my first year of teaching. He helped me find solutions to my problems. He's awesome!" Recognized by Nikki Mendenhall.

Sharla Thomas, Sixth-Grade Teacher, Riverview, "Sharla goes above and beyond. She makes learning fun and each child feel like they are her favorite." Recognized by Susan Anderson.

Justin Brooks, Math & English, SaJHS, SFJHS, Landmark, "He is a star that out shines the rest. He does his job with passion, determination, and joy!" Recognized by Erika Campbell.

Jess Babcock, Fifth-Grade Teacher, Spanish Oaks, "She is happy and a thoughtful gal. My child has learned so much from her and has thrived in her classroom. As a mother, I appreciate her positive attitude." Recognized by Sarah Ogwin, parent.

Tyson Barlow, Routing, Transportation, "I had a concern with my children's bus stop. Tyson was kind, honest and proactive in finding a solution. He is professional." Recognized by Sarah Blackhurst.

If you have noticed any wonderful people or experiences that need to be recognized, please email them to lane.hiskey@nebo.edu.