

NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 33,000 students 2017-2018.
- Nebo District has over 3,800 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:

Heroes Help People... With NO STRINGS ATTACHED

Each year over Christmas break, I find myself devouring as many books as possible in a few short days. This year was no different, and I was blessed to read The Rent Collector, by Camron Wright.

The Rent Collector is a fictional story, but is placed in the very real setting of Stung Meanchey, a "monstrous municipal waste dump" in Cambodia, and based on the lives of the very real people who live there eking out a living by picking through the trash (see www.riverofvictory.com for photos).

Mr. Wright notes that he "tried to write a novel that accurately reflected the setting, conditions, character traits, and important historical facts. Then . . . imagine[d] what might happen if the gift of literacy were given to a family in those circumstances." (p. 271).

It is in this context that the story's teacher and learner

have a brief discussion about heroes. The learner, Sang Ly, has asked a neighbor what she thinks about heroes: "She chuckled and told me to look around at where I lived. She said to let her know when I saw a hero walking past, but that I'd grow old waiting."

The teacher replies, "Perhaps she is looking for the wrong kind of hero. Heroes come in many varieties – some are reluctant, others are willing; sometimes heroes act alone, other times they represent a group. Seldom are heroes perfect."

"Then what makes them heroes?" the learner asks.

"Most teachers will agree that the true mark of a hero, what sets him apart from everyone else, is sacrifice. A hero gives something up, sometimes even his own life, for the good of others." (p. 133).



**Road to
Wellness Compliance
Due by: February 1, 2018**



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. 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
National Day of Service

Jan. 23

National Handwriting Day
Recognizing the art and value of legible handwriting

Jan. 22-26

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)



Maple Mountain High

Business & Marketing: Kallin Harrison
Computer Technology: Philip Richey
Dance: Emily Bates
English: Sydney Beal
Family & Consumer Science: Kiana Barker
Instrumental Music: Jessica Jensen
Mathematics: Logan Marks
Science: Joshua Moody
Skilled & Technical Science Ed.: Leah Farnsworth
Social Science: Kaden Call
Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Anastacia Kadomstev
Visual Arts: Cadence Peterson
Vocal Performance: Cristina Villalobos
World Languages: Camille Stephens

Spanish Fork High

Business & Marketing: Bennett Brinton
Computer Technology: Ryan Berger
Dance: Dexonna Talbot
English: Megan Kay
Family & Consumer Science: Ashlee Allan
Instrumental Music: Cameron Smith
Mathematics: Emily Colton
Science: Brendan Bakker
Skilled & Technical Science Ed.: Kacie Jones
Social Science: Sarah Heaps
Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Tori Crane
Visual Arts: Audrey Hill
Vocal Performance: Nicole Cook
World Languages: Natalie Pendleton

Payson High

Business & Marketing: Harlee Huff
Computer Technology: Cody Ostler
Dance: Kobbi Pyne
English: Abbie Jensen
Family & Consumer Science: Brylee Shirley
Instrumental Music: Jolyn Paddock
Mathematics: Brendon Earl
Science: Ciara Ford
Skilled & Technical Science Ed.: Madison Houston
Social Science: Gavin Scholl
Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Jose Valle
Visual Arts: Micah Toelupe
Vocal Performance: Brandon Harris
World Languages: Jaycee Wilson

Springville High

Business & Marketing: Kaylee Middlebrook
Computer Technology: Trevor Jeppson
Dance: Allison Hawks
English: Rachel Hatch
Family & Consumer Science: Larissa Chappell
Instrumental Music: Jonathan Young
Mathematics: Rachel Buhler
Science: Taylor Wallentine
Skilled & Technical Science Ed.: Cole Monson
Social Science: Emmaline Ferrin
Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Addie Provost
Visual Arts: Lilly Sentz
Vocal Performance: Miriam Hall
World Languages: Taylor Christensen

Salem Hills High

Business & Marketing: Mason Lindstrom
Computer Technology: Spencer Crow
Dance: Vanessa Sable
English: Brayden Cook
Family & Consumer Science: Jenna Moulton
Instrumental Music: Logan Flint
Mathematics: Jesse Clark
Science: Riley Lewis
Skilled & Technical Science Ed.: Ryan Wilding
Social Science: Whitney Wagner
Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Seth Christensen
Visual Arts: Addie Brower
Vocal Performance: Emerald Mayfield
World Languages: Elise Bauer



Retiring at the end of 2017-18?

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 the Utah Retirement System (URS) by June 30, 2018, can submit the final paperwork to the District by:
 - ◇ January 5, 2018, to receive \$1,000 in their January 31 paycheck, or
 - ◇ February 2, 2018, to receive \$500 in their February 28 paycheck.
- ◆ The final application deadline for this Early Retirement Notice Incentive is February 2, 2018.

This incentive is a one-time option for those who will retire at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Nebo School District App

Nebo School District is pleased to announce our new mobile app designed specifically to keep our families better informed and connected to what's going on in our schools. The new Nebo School District mobile app is available for both Apple and Android devices.

The app will deliver real time school news to a smart-device for fast, up-to-date access. The app will feature:

- ◆ The latest district and school news
- ◆ Push notifications about breaking news, closures, weather, events, and more
- ◆ Photos from school events
- ◆ Maps with school locations, phone numbers, and staff information



The app is FREE and available for download today:

1. From a smart-device, go to the iTunes App Store® or Google Play®
2. Search Nebo District
3. Then select the "Nebo District" app for free download



The new Nebo District mobile app is just a few taps away.

Please join us and download it today!

<https://nebo.parentlink.net/smartlink/>

December 2017 PEAK Awards

To read the nomination submissions, go to December 2017 PEAK Awards: <http://www.nebo.edu/news/2343>. To submit a PEAK Award nomination, go to employee page and scroll down, or go to: www.nebo.edu/PEAK.



Nominated by: Angela Stoddard
 PEAK Award: Gwen Spencer, Teacher, Barnett Elem.
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Frank Daybell
 PEAK Award: Heidi ODell, Bus Driver, Transportation
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Shauna Shepherd
 PEAK Award: Todd Jackson, Counselor, Springville Junior
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Cami Thomas & Karalee Beckstead
 PEAK Award: Teresa Beebe, Secretary, Larsen Elementary
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Selene Carlson, Suzanne Kimball, Lynne Lowe
 PEAK Award: Mary Lynn Lewis, Instructional Coach,
 Maple Ridge, Art City, Mapleton, & Summit
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Jim Welburn, Bob Stutz, Chris Vest, Jaden Hill, Deana Coates, Glen Thorpe, & Lee Gillie
 PEAK Award: Nora Estrella, Custodian, Salem Elementary
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



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

Nebo Hero

Nebo District's Celebrations

Student Celebrations

Jacob Sorenson, Payson Junior, selected the Daily Herald **Student of the Week**.

Employee/Program Celebrations

Jennelle Youngs, Foothills, spotlighted by the Nebo EdTech.

John Plaisted, Payson Junior, selected the Daily Herald **Educator of the Week**.

BE A Nebo Hero

Trudy McGuire, Secretary, Barnett, "Trudy is a ROCK STAR!!! She was left to cover the front office all alone this past summer (even registration) while I was out. She did her job plus mine without complaint. She is so friendly and outgoing; and without her at Barnett, we would be lost. I appreciate her willingness to help out in my time of need." Recognized by Bobbi Diamond.

Adam Rees, Teacher, Mt. Nebo Jr., "He is always helping students and teachers. Adam is constantly seen helping students with lockers and any concern. He has a quiet way about him and is never seeking praise. That is a powerful thing." Recognized by Kirk Wright.

Jonathan Miramontes, Tech. Services, Rees, "He is amazingly quick to address problems and get our equipment working. He is pleasant when he comes and is always positive and happy to help. He never makes us feel like any problem is dumb." Recognized by Amy Darrington.

Shauna Shepherd, Assist. Principal, Springville Jr., "Shauna greets anyone with a smile and 'What can I do for you?' She listens to the issue and clarifies before offering an answer. Shauna is an amazing lady with class, humor and professionalism." Recognized by Shellie Anderson.

Sheila Robison, Office Assistant, Goshen, "Sheila is one of a kind! Each student's day is made brighter when she wishes them a good day. She is a standby sub for every grade and planning time. Her whistle is one the students all know. Life at Goshen wouldn't be the same without her." Recognized by Brenda Oberg.

Sandy Caceres, Counselor, Diamond Fork Jr., "She spent countless (unpaid) hours working to implement advisory periods. Sandy's work on our master schedule is phenomenal! Her Spanish speaking gets her pulled into many IEP's where she does a tremendous job. She has a wonderful sense of humor that makes working with her a joy." Recognized by Mike Sorensen.

Caitlyn Dahl, Teacher, MMHS, "She loves her students and develops great relationships with them which helps them be excited and positive as well. I hear laughter, authentic discussion and enthusiasm." Recognized by Karlee Powell.

Dana Beckert, Principal, Brookside, "Dana is a kind, patient leader to faculty, staff, students and parents as we transition principals. Dana puts student artwork on the walls, implemented a reward system for students' acts of kindness and spent large amounts of time in classrooms observing and providing feedback. She is a true Nebo Hero!" Recognized by Mijken Hall.

Mandy Peters, Teacher, Diamond Fork Jr., "She is new to the district this year and has really hit the ground running. Because of her efforts and personality, our team is one of the best. She helps with anything needed for lessons, stays late most nights, and really puts herself out there for the kids." Recognized by Nathan Mohler.

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