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NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 32,000 students 2014-2015.
- 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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BE THE MAGIC

LESSONS FROM THE MOUSE: CHRISTMAS EDITION

The Christmas season is a favorite time of the year for almost everyone. There is something magical about the music, traditions, decorations, generosity, and good will that envelop our hearts, homes, and community during this special season.

The Christmas spirit carries us out into cold weather and crowded stores, happy to be thoughtful of others. Hours and days of shopping may lead to a little bit of shopping irritability and exhaustion as we finally arrive at checkout counters to make our purchases. Whether our Christmas spirits soar or sink is surprisingly affected by the attitude of this one employee.

Thankfully, we are greeted by someone who “treats each [individual] customer as the only one and as an interesting, dignified person.” This employee “views each interaction as a chance to connect with another person” and has “mastered the art of making the routine appear fresh and spontaneous” by being “animated, not automated.” Their warm smile, engaging conversation, and parting “Merry Christmas!” have us leaving the store with an added measure of good will and generosity, grateful to have had such a wonderful experience. We drive away humming a tune about Christmas being “the most wonderful time of the year.” Not every experience you have as a customer this holiday season will be

like the one described above. Hopefully most will. When some are not, perhaps that will be a gentle reminder of our own commitment to shift our focus “from a task mentality to a people mentality” and give our “customers” a great experience every day by being “fully present and never simply going through the motions.”

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU!

(Quotes from Lessons From the Mouse: Don't Be a Customer Service Robot)

Jack

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Nebo School District

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LITTLE WOWS ADD UP
IT'S IN THE DETAILS

BACKSTAGE STAYS BACKSTAGE
 Never ever say 'That's not my job'

HAVE FUN!!!

*"It's not the magic that makes it work;
 it's the way we work that makes it magic."*

Dates to Celebrate:

December 1-31

December 1

Rosa Parks Day
Recognizing an important event in the civil rights movement

December 3

International Day for Persons with Disabilities

December 4

World Wildlife Conservation Day

December 8—12

Computer Science Education Week

December 10

Human Rights Day
Anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948

December 15

Bill of Rights Day
The first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution were ratified on this day in 1791.

December 17

Anniversary of the Wright Brothers' flight

December 21

First Day of Winter

Crossword Puzzle Day

December 25

Christmas Day

Energy Program Incentive

We want to thank you for your support and efforts over the past 18 months in making the energy program a priority in your buildings. Over the last year we have applied for rebate money through Questar Gas and Rocky Mountain Power. These rebates are a result of materials and equipment that have been installed that exceed the minimum requirement for energy code. Not only will the materials and equipment give us a rebate, but they will increase the efficiency of our buildings.

One of the biggest energy issues that we still face as a district is getting computer labs shutdown on a daily basis. There are over 10,000 computers in our school district; currently approximately 50% of these are being shutdown daily. With the support of the district administration, we have put together a challenge in hopes of getting students and teachers more involved in turning off computer labs.

Starting December 1 for an 11 week period (ending February 14th), we will be auditing computer labs and classrooms on a weekly basis. For each week your building achieves a 90% shutdown you will receive credit for that week. At the end of the 11 week period, if your school was compliant, you will receive the full amount of money.

School	Amount Per Audit (If compliant)	Total After 10 Audits
Elementary*	\$100	\$1,000
Junior High	\$150	\$1,500
High School	\$200	\$2,000

Rules for Passing an Audit:

-90% of computer labs shutdown. We will randomly audit 10% of the classrooms in each building.

-Our goal is not to have this assignment placed on the custodial staff, but to get students and teachers in the habit of turning labs off daily.

-We will leave an audit form or send you an email after each audit letting you and your staff know how they performed for the week.

-This will take place over an 11 week period starting December 1st. With Christmas Break being a two week holiday, there will only be one audit performed for a total of 10 audits over 11 weeks.

*Landmark, Legacy, and ALC fall in this category.

STEM Grant Announced

Nebo District received a three-year Science, Technology Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Grant. These funds will support K-12 students in science, technology engineering, and mathematics.

Before you



THINK

T = Is It True?

H = Is It Helpful?

I = Is It Inspiring?

N = Is It Necessary?

K = Is It Kind?

November PEAK Awards

To submit a PEAK Award nomination, go to employee page and scroll down or go to: www.nebo.edu/PEAK



Nominated by Adam Gull
PEAK Award Venice Kimball, Teacher, Park Elementary
School Board President Rick Ainge, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by Larry Webster
PEAK Award Travis Young, Teacher, Payson Junior
School Board President Rick Ainge, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by Charlene Hall
PEAK Award Michele Whatcott, Skill Building, Westside Elementary
School Board President Rick Ainge, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by Brenda Gillies
PEAK Award JoAnna Hall, Secretary, Payson High
School Board President Rick Ainge, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by Brad Jex & Melissa Laing
PEAK Award Troy Peterson, Principal, Diamond Fork Junior
School Board President Rick Ainge, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by Michelle Pulido
PEAK Award Nikki Argyle, Software Support, Technology
School Board President Rick Ainge, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



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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. (I may pull items off your school website if time permits.)

Nebo District's Celebrations

2014-15 Academic All-State Teams Employee/Program Celebrations:

Boys Golf

Zachary Roylance – MMHS

Brayden Hiatt – PHS

Boys Cross Country

Brandon Coffman – MMHS

Joshua Evans – PHS

Girls Tennis

McKenzi Hancock – SHHS

Hayden Nicole Hullinger – SHHS

Emily Nicole Paulson – SHHS

Alyssa Cable – SFHS

Baylee Park – SHS

Brenna Menlove – PHS

Olivia Fordiani – PHS

Girls Cross Country

Kiera Barton – MMHS

Sarina Van Orman – MMHS

Janae Warren – MMHS

Alyssa Beehler – SFHS

Girls Soccer

Bethany Wride – SHHS

Lindsay Johnson – SHS

Volleyball

Julia Jensen - MMHS

Celine Christensen - SHHS

Stacy Stapel – SHS

Tariah Brown – PHS

Alexandria Ford – PHS

Football

Jason Blanthorn – MMHS

Jared Flake – MMHS

Chad Peterson – SHHS

Jason Money – SFHS

Student Celebrations:

Samuel Dallon, MMHS, earned a perfect ACT score of 36. Congratulations.

Jacob Reeves, Diamond Fork Jr., honored as Daily Herald Student of the Week.

Christmas Card

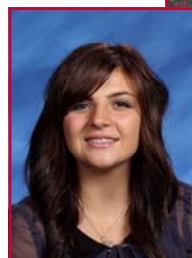
Winners 2014



First Place: Elizabeth Mitchell, Acrylic Paint, 12th Grade, SHHS, Teacher: Mrs. Shuler. Cover District Christmas card for 2014



Second Place: Haley Johnston, Oil, 11th grade, SHHS, Teacher: Mrs. Shuler. Cover Nebo Education Foundation Christmas card for 2014



Third Place: Taylor Jones, 11th grade, SFHS, Teacher: Kathryn Roberts.