



Nebo News



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NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 32,000 students 2015-2016.
- 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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"X Marks the SPOT for Service" Superintendent Rick Nielsen

I love the Christmas Season! One reason is the spirit of service that prevails during this time of year.

Several days ago, my college son asked me to help him fix a wireless connection problem with his computer. After quickly exhausting my limited technical service know-how, I called the company tech support hotline. That call ended exactly 2:54 later. That's two hours and fifty-four minutes!!!

There are only two things that saved the reputation of the company that night:

- 1) We were watching a football game, so the endless carousel of listening to "hold" music followed by yet another "live voice" passing us on to "hold", to forward to someone else, didn't feel like a colossal waste of time; and
- 2) Sherwin.

Sherwin was the technician who finally took our call seriously, kept us on the line while he diagnosed the problem, talked us through the steps to fix the issue, and ran multiple tests to make sure that the problem was truly fixed. He is a gem for his company and their customers!



Shortly after the computer experience, we took our teenage-driver-car – that old car that you aren't sure how it still runs, but you keep it for teenage drivers – in for repairs. The repairs were more expensive than hoped for but were necessary for continued use.

The very next day another problem surfaced with the old car, and we took it back to our trusted repair shop. After diagnosing the new problem, the shop owner, Todd, called to tell us that he felt the new problem was the result of his technicians missing something earlier and that this new repair would be done free of charge. He stated that he

valued us as long-time customers who have always trusted them to do a job right and with integrity. What a treasured relationship!

Nebo District is filled with people just like Sherwin and Todd – those who are committed to exceptional service each time they work

with a student, colleague, or parent – and this spirit of service is demonstrated in our district all throughout the year, not just at Christmastime.

Thank you for your outstanding service and have a Merry Christmas!!!

Retiring 2015-2016

Any employee who is eligible for and retires from Utah Retirement System (URS) by June 30, 2016, can Submit final paperwork to the District by January 8, 2016, to receive \$1,000 in their January 29 paycheck. The final application deadline for this Early Retirement Notice Incentive is January 8, 2016.

This incentive is a one-time option for those who will retire at the end of this school year. Those employees interested may schedule an appointment with Ken Van Ausdal or Sandra Jarvis at 801-354-7400. Employees that are retirement eligible will be given first priority.

Dates to Celebrate:

- Dec. 1
Rosa Parks Day
Recognizing an important event in the civil rights movement
- Dec. 3
International Day for People with Disabilities
- Dec. 4
World Wildlife Conservation Day
- Dec. 7
International Civil Aviation Day
- Dec. 7-11
Computer Science Education Week
- Dec. 10
Human Rights Day
Anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948
- Dec. 15
Bill of Rights
The first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution were ratified on this day in 1791.
- Dec. 17
Anniversary of the Wright Brothers' Flight
- Dec. 22
First Day of Winter
- Dec. 25
Christmas Day



“Right Time, Right Place, Right Care”

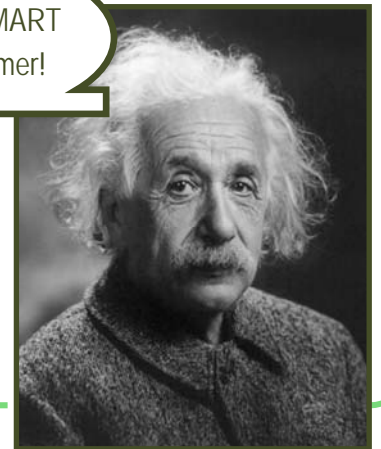
Nebo employees enrolled in Nebo District health insurance are automatically enrolled in a Canvas course called “Right Time, Right Place, Right Care” This course is an option to complete the Road to Wellness and teaches how to be wise with your health care dollars. Here is what you will learn:

- 20 reasons why your primary care provider is the best choice for initial care.
- 14 scenarios to visit an Urgent Care facility.
- 15 scenarios to visit the Emergency Room.
- Information about local, extended-hour clinics and Urgent Care facilities that are available, including one that is open until 10 p.m., 7 days a week.
- Free mental health care is available!

- How to cut your imaging/radiology and out-patient costs significantly.
- How to find the best value for your prescriptions and understand your options.

Do the “Right Thing” and take the course. Go to the www.nebo.edu, Employees, and then Canvas. The course will take less than an hour.

Be a SMART consumer!



4A Academic All-State Teams

Girls’ Soccer GPA 4.0

- Heather McKinzie Asay, MMHS
- Taylor Elaine DeGroff, PHS
- Megan Joann Hazelet, PHS
- Sophie Lucille Carter, SHHS
- Adrene Emily Harding, SHHS
- Sophia Marie Hartline, SHHS
- Mariah Julie Sainsbury, SHHS
- Paige Lynn Simmons, SHHS
- Alexis Marie Monson, SHS
- Meagan Morrill, SHS
- Alyssa Oman, SHS

Girls’ Tennis GPA (Not Listed)

- Katie Elizabeth Gomez, MMHS
- Caroline Lillian Hickey, MMHS
- Alexi Lauren Olson, SHHS

Boys’ Golf GPA 3.994

- Carter John Sites, MMHS
- Creed Lewis Sermersheim, SFHS

Boys’ Cross Country GPA 4.0

- Mason Brent Baxter, SHHS
- Landon Garrett Loss, SHHS
- Austin Bruce Galbraith, SHS

Girls’ Cross Country GPA 4.0

- Britney Nikol Lund, MMHS
- Savannah Nelson, MMHS
- Kailey Ritchie, SHHS

Football GPA 4.0

- Jaret Austin Boyer, MMHS
- Robert C. Reynolds, MMHS
- Kolby Gerrit Smith, MMHS
- Samuel S. Callister, SHHS
- Ryan C. Stones, SHHS
- Devin Argyle, SFHS
- Isacc B. Pendleton, SFHS
- Stetson Lee Smith, SFHS

Volleyball GPA 4.0

- Kaitlyn Marie Davis, PHS
- Amy Lynn Pouliot, PHS
- Corie K. Bornholdt, SHHS
- Elise Wilson, SFHS
- Analyse J. Fischio, SHS
- Carmen R. Payne, SHS
- Amanda E. Schultz, SHS



Christmas Card Winners



First Place: Ruby Campbell, Ninth Grade, Spanish Fork Junior
Teacher: Mr. David Hughes-Millman
Cover for 2015 Nebo School District Christmas card



Second Place: Jane Wilson, Seventh Grade, Springville Junior
Teacher: Mrs. Taneya Elison
Cover for 2015 Nebo Education Foundation Christmas card



Third Place: Shelbee Reid,
Seventh Grade, Salem Junior
Teacher: Lisa Magnusson

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: Jeri Carter & Brenda Gillie
PEAK Award: Ashleigh Redman, Librarian, Payson High
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Lisa Muirbrook
PEAK Award: Cynthia Porter, Facilitator, Riverview
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Stacie Conrad
PEAK Award: Barbara Spainhower, Bus Driver, Transportation
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Jessica Root & Jamie Hamblin
PEAK Award: Sarah Blackhurst, Facilitator, Canyon
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Maria Ruiz, Christine Beardall, & Anne Cook
PEAK Award: Adam Roberts, Custodian, Salem Junior
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Erin Whiting
PEAK Award: Sarah Sumsion, Teacher, Cherry Creek Elem.
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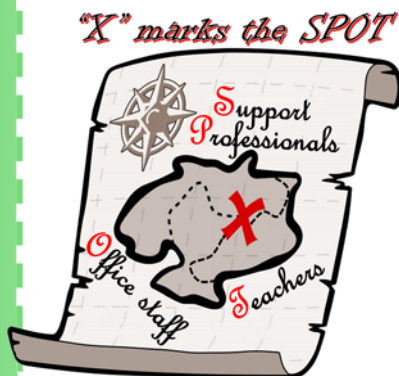
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If your successes are not listed above, please get awards to iana.hiskey@nebo.edu with Award Nebo News in the subject line.



Nebo District's Celebrations

Student Celebrations

Libby Anderson, Hobble Creek Elementary, was honored as the Daily Herald Student of the Week.

Madi Ellis, Makenna Ellis, & Emily Kessinger, MMHS, honored on the 4A All-State Drill Team.

Heidi Jacobson, Taggart Bird, Logan Marks, & Chris Wyllie, MMHS, honored on the 4A All-State Band.

Lydia Lunell, Mt. Nebo Jr.; Justice Wilkey, Payson Jr.; & Hadley Bringham, Payson High were honored as Payson's Mayor Outstanding Students Awards.

Student Celebrations Cont.

Alek Hajdo, Sage Creek Elementary; Kenlee Hone, Cherry Creek; & Abigail Rowe, Mapleton Junior; were honored by Springville's Mayor.

Program/Employee Celebrations

PHS Band won the 1A State Championship.

Travis Proctor, Goshen Elementary, was honored as the Daily Herald Educator of the Week.

"X" Marks the SPOT

Chelsie Bergera, Teacher, Cherry Creek, "You can tell she loves what she does by her upbeat personality. My kindergartner said Mrs. Bergera is her best friend." Recognized by Anna Olson.

Sheila Robbins, Teacher, Sage Creek, "I appreciate her positive feedback and constant compliments towards my daughter. She is quick to respond and listens." Recognized by Lamecia Ewing.

Carol Tanner, Coordinator, Transportation, "Carol goes above and beyond when working with parents, drivers, & attendants for the safety and needs of students." Recognized by Nicci Forbush.

Teresa Chang, Teacher, Cherry Creek, "She has wonderful teaching skills. My son went from saying 'I can't' in reading to 'I can'. My son's attitude truly changed." Recognized by Vanessa Scott.

Carolyn Aagard, Teacher, Spanish Oaks, "She has the most positive attitude and years ago made our son feel so knowledgeable. Her kindness reaches all." Recognized by Kelly Burtenshaw.

Sheryl DeNaughel, Office Tech., Barnett, "She is an extra miler and offers help before it's needed. She always has a smile on her face. She is in tune and is ready to help the next student. Students love her and cannot wait to have her come and help in the class." Recognized by Gwen Spencer.

Janet Johnson, Secretary, Westside, "We moved from Sandy to Westside years ago. Mrs. Johnson was always so nice. Mrs. Johnson stayed late because our car broke down. I could not believe she would offer her own time. She is always supportive." Recognized by Marye Jane.

Scott Earl, Teacher, Cherry Creek, "Mr. Earl is kind. I can tell he really loves his job. He has a calming influence with the students. He is a great teacher." Recognized by Bethlyn Robison.

Michelle Porter, Teacher, Sage Creek, "She is amazing. My daughter comes home every day happy and excited about life. They do fun activities and learn so much." Recognized by BryAnn Hunter.

Ronda Slater, Secretary, Foothills, "Rhonda amazes me with her positive attitude and willingness to help. She is the 'mom' at Foothills." Recognized by Patricia Richins.

Terri Jensen, Counselor, Brockbank, "She is always looking out for kids. She is kind and funny and makes things work for kids." Recognized by Teresa Spanheimer.

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