



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 — Love is Christmas

A few years ago, I was touched by a beautiful little Christmas song titled "Love is Christmas", sung by Sara Bareilles. The lyrics are a wonderful reminder of the love we feel at Christmastime and the blessings that we enjoy:

I don't care if the house is packed,
Or the strings of light are broken.
I don't care if the gifts are wrapped,
Or there's nothing here to open.

Love is not a toy, and no paper will conceal it.
Love is simply joy that I'm home.

I don't care if the carpet's stained;
we've got food upon our table.
I don't care if it's gonna rain,
our little room is warm and stable.

Love is who we are, and no season can contain it.
Love would never fall for that.

Let love lead us, love is Christmas.

As I reflect upon the feelings of this season, I'm reminded that love is the essence of choosing to matter. Without love it is impossible for us to know how much we matter or for us to make a difference for others.

My hope is that we will feel an increase of love during this special time of year and that this love will carry us forward throughout the year as we "Choose2Matter."



Lead Singer, Brandon Flowers, & Ned Hansen

The Killers band released their 11th annual Christmas single this month — a rendition of Bing Crosby's, "I'll Be Home for Christmas". This is a duet between lead singer, Brandon Flowers, from Payson, Utah, and his fourth-grade teacher in Nebo School District, Ned Humphrey Hansen.

Brandon said, "That year, one teacher stood out from the rest. He didn't just stand out from

the rest, he sung out... On a frosty December morning, he explained to us the story of the old standard, 'I'll Be Home for Christmas'..."

This is just another testament on how educators and staff can truly make a difference in a big way.

You can buy the single for \$1.99 from the album, "Don't Waste Your Wishes"—The Killers.

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. 9
Lost and Found Day
- 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



Kay L. Tischner – 12 Years of Service to Nebo

Kay L. Tischner has served on the Nebo School Board of Education for the past 12 years. He decided not to run again, and Nebo will miss him greatly. However, his legacy will not be forgotten. Kay L. loves the communities of Santaquin, Goshen, Genola, Spring Lake, West Mountain, and Payson. He is always willing to serve in a humble way. Kay L. gives of his time selflessly and has served on the Nebo Education Foundation for the past nine years.



Kay L. mentored other school board members and is known for being frugal and careful with tax dollars, while promoting the best education possible for the students of Nebo School District.

Kristen Betts, Board President, said, "Right before I was elected to the school board, my dad passed away. Kay was a mentor to me on how to be an effective board member; but more importantly, he taught how to be a good person. He was the first person to reach out. He does have a big heart!"

Kay L. graduated from Payson High in 1958. He and his beautiful wife Louise have been married for 51 years and have 8 children and 29 grandchildren—most will also graduate from Payson High.

Thank you for your service, Kay L., to the employees and children of Nebo School District. You will forever be in our hearts.

“Where Are We Wednesday?” Challenge

Join in the fun and answer the “Where Are We Wednesday?” Challenge each week on the Nebo District website under News and Events, sponsored by Wiggy Wash. Name the place and event that happened in Nebo School District. Photos from around the district will be posted on Wednesdays. The first person to email the correct name and place will receive a gift. Email your response to wherearewewednesday@nebo.edu (link in story sends email). After the correct response, the rest of the story will be published on our website. Remember to check in often on Wednesdays to see the latest happenings in our amazing school district.

4A Academic All-State Teams

Girls' Soccer GPA 4.0

Brinley Nelson, MMHS
Bronte Hendron, MMHS
Morgan Blaney, MMHS
Amanda Rowley, PHS
Madeleine White, PHS
Rebecca Blazzard, PHS
Alexis Proctor, SFHS
Talynda Dinehart, SFHS
Ashley Hughes, SHHS
Erin Parker, SHHS
Ally Brunson, SHS

Girls' Tennis GPA 4.0

Abigail Crandall, MMHS
Sarah Thompson, SFHS

Volleyball GPA 3.99

MaKell Hyatt, MMHS
Hannah Lee, SHHS

Boys' Golf GPA 3.99

Gavin McMullin, PHS
Parker Hannifin, PHS
Haden Loveridge, SHHS
Steve Barton, SHHS

Boys' Cross Country GPA 4.0

Eric Vorkink, MMHS
Garret Griffin, MMHS
Jeremy Lewis, MMHS
Koleton Murray, MMHS
Landon Evans, MMHS
Mason Evans, MMHS
Matthew Stone, MMHS
Spencer Foulger, MMHS
Haydon Cooper, MMHS
Heston Andersen, SFHS

Girls' Cross Country GPA 4.0

Abigail Jackman, MMHS
Allison Eils, MMHS
Megan Wasden, MMHS
Alyssa Sutton, PHS
Tiana Argyle, PHS
Abbigale Walker, SFHS
Madelyn Beehler, SFHS
Julia Critchfield, SHHS
Julie Sumsion, SHS
Samantha Gutierrez, SHS

Football GPA 4.0

Cameron Asay, MMHS
Garred Blanthorn, MMHS
Taggart Durrant, MMHS
Wesley Bastian, MMHS
Jaxon Adams, PHS
Nathaniel Matis, SFHS
Braxton Geary, SHS

Christmas Card Winners



First Place: Jordan Jeppsen, Twelfth Grade, Payson High
Teacher: Brenda Burdick
Cover for 2016 Nebo School District Christmas card



Second Place: Erin Bridenbaugh, Twelfth Grade, Salem Hills High
Teacher: Sarah Shuler
Cover for 2016 Nebo Education Foundation Christmas card



Third Place: Aislynn Patchett, Eleventh Grade, Maple Mountain High
Teacher: Jethro Gillespie



November PEAK Awards



To read the nomination submissions, go to:

[November 2016 PEAK Award Winners](http://www.nebo.edu/news/1997)
<http://www.nebo.edu/news/1997>

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



Nominated by: Clint Peery
PEAK Award: Sharilee McMullin, Teacher, Orchard Hills Elem.
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Corinne Briggs
PEAK Award: Clint Cornwall, Teacher, Cherry Creek Elem.
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Jamie Hamblin
PEAK Award: Jeanette Maughan, Teacher, Canyon Elem.
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Trent Mikesell
PEAK Award: Everett Kelepolo, Principal, Springville High
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Billi Robbins & Ryan Pitcher
PEAK Award: An'Jalee Burningham, Counselor, Taylor & Meadow Brook Elementary Schools
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Dana Beckert, Mike Larsen, Angela Stoddard, Camie Simpson
PEAK Award: Stephanie Galt, Inst. Coach, Sierra Bonita & Barnett Elementary Schools
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

Sophie Beck, East Meadows, selected as the Daily Herald Student of the Week.

Cole Carter, Goshen, selected as the Daily Herald Student of the Week.

Madeline Riding, SFHS, earns spot in the National Orchestra.

Nike Cross Nationals NXN Southwest Cross Country Championship Race

Springville Boys 3rd Place—go to Portland

Julie Sumsion, SHS, 13th individually

Open Race

Spanish Fork Boys 1st Place

Maple Mountain Girls 1st Place

Springville Girls 3rd Place

Maple Mountain Boys 16th Place

Employee/Program Celebrations

SHHS Debate Program wins 4A State Championship.

MaryJenn Bradford, Brookside, selected as the Daily Herald Educator of the Week.

MMHS, won the UIAAA Director's Cup for 2016-2017.

SHHS honored by UVU with the Largest Concurrent Enrollment increase of Concurrent Enrollment classes in the state.

SFHS honored by UVU with the highest percentage of students taking Concurrent Enrollment classes in the state.

Lena Bird, Meadow Brook, selected as the Daily Herald Educator of the Week.

Doug Welton, SHHS, selected as Utah Speech Educator of the Year.

SHHS Debate Program wins Region Championship for seven years in a row.

Choose2Matter

Mapleton Junior, "Several teachers, counselors, and administrators showed up to help me move. They were so gracious and cheerful with their time. When I thanked them, they said, 'This is what families do for each other. We are family!'" Recognized by Melissa Heaton.

Veronica Solorzano, ESL Teacher, Mt. Nebo Jr., "Veronica is always a ray of sunshine in our school. She is one of the most caring and dedicated teachers I know." Recognized by Heather Alvey.

Marie Mitchell, Speech, District Wide, "Two of my children have attended her preschool program. I'm amazed at her level of expertise and enthusiasm. Her lessons are full of energy and inspiring." Recognized by Jessica Jones, parent.

Linda Walter, Science Teacher, Payson High, "Mrs. Walter is positive and loves her students. She is kind and generous. She makes students feel important and that they have worth." Recognized by Alyssa Behrend, student.

Debbie Sperry, Kindergarten Teacher, Orchard Hills, "She is so kind. She would take time at night to email me about my son. She shares with other classrooms. My children love her outgoing personality." Recognized by Amber Harris, parent.

Mitzi Rawson, Secretary, Riverview, "Mitzi has a genuine smile and gives gentle care to our little ones. Mitzi is quick to help any teacher or parent. She has true kindness." Recognized by Christy Nielson.

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